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PENTECOST
May 28, 2023

Change of address or phone number, for parish registration, hospital visitations and sacramental needs, baptism and wedding arrangements (six months in advance), please contact the Parish Office by calling 412.276.5562 or 412.678. 0566. Office **Hours:** Fridays 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Evenings by appointment. **Bulletin announcements** should be received by Wednesday for Sunday publication either by phone or E-mail at bsleczkowski@aol.com

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Come Holy Spirit

Marian Devotions

This Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. we will be closing our May devotions by praying the Rosary followed by the Litany to the Holy Mother. Please make every effort to participate.

This Week

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Holy Mass

+**George Jugan** Int. Bonita Zaucha; +**Irene Jugan** Int. Carol Davelli;
50th Wedding Anniversary Blessing upon Edward and Joan Nock

SOCL Classes

Holy Mass

+**Joseph & Marion Sanetsky** Int. Sharon & David Kish

Pentecost

9:00 A.M.

10:15 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

Monday, May 29, 2023

Holy Mass

Memorial Day

10:00 A.M.

Holy Family Parish Cemetery

(if rain, Mass will be held in Church at 10:30 A.M)

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

Rosary and Litany of the BVM

Closing of May Devotions

7:00 P.M.

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Holy Mass

+**Mildred Kotulsky** (1st Ann.) Int. Kotulsky Family; +**Raymond Kostovny** Int. Dolores Zoretich; +**Matthew Gazdich** (5th Ann.) Int. Dagmar Ogelsby

Trinity Sunday

10:00 A.M.

50th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Edward and Joan Nock as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at Mass with an anniversary blessing. May there be many more anniversaries.

Acknowledgement forms can be found on the Nathex Table.

Honor Your Father



We pray for all fathers, both lay and clergy, past and present, to express our gratitude, remembrance and love for all they have done for our families and for our Church.

For continued support of our Clergy Pension Fund and to acknowledge ALL FATHERS, we will publish in the June issue of God's Field — Rola Boza your name and the name of the father you wish to acknowledge or remember.

For each acknowledgement or remembrance, we are requesting a minimum donation of \$25.00, payable to the Clergy Pension Fund P.N.C.C.

We feel that this will have a two-fold affect, by acknowledging or remembering OUR FATHERS, LAY OR CLERGY, for all they have done for us and also to bolster our Clergy Pension Fund in order to show our continued support for our Clergy/our Church Fathers who make so many sacrifices each day in service to our Church.

All donations received go toward the Clergy Pension Fund of the Polish National Catholic Church.

Please complete the form on the opposite page and submit it prior to June 1, 2023, along with your minimum donation of \$25.00 per name, to the

Clergy Pension Fund
1006 Pittston Avenue
Scranton, PA 18505

Please make checks payable to the "Clergy Pension Fund P.N.C.C."

Thank you for your support.

P.N.C.C. Clergy Pension Fund Committee

Memorial Day

Everyone should make a sacrifice to be in attendance to honor those who made the ultimate sacrificed so that we live in free country. There will be enough time after Mass to prepare for picnics or take advantage of the Memorial Day sales but first honor the fallen heroes.



God Bless America

PNU News

The Polish National Union (Spojnia) and the Polish National Alliance are engaging in talks



concerning a future merger. If a merger takes place, no existing PNU policies will be affected. The merger will bring more choices of insurance and the PNU will continue selling policies. The PNU brings to the table the Spojnia Credit Union since the PNA does not have a credit union which they are very interested in. It will be a win, win for both organizations. The PNU is pushing for more associate memberships and will focus on fraternal activities and charities. The merger hopefully will be completed by the end of the year.

Looking Ahead for PNU Events



The next PNU District 5 meeting is scheduled for July 15th at Holy Trinity Parish, McKees Rocks at 1:00 P.M. All PNU members are invited to attend.

District 5 Family Day

Sunday, August 20th

Washington Wild Things Babeball Game

Toys and Games Night

All you can eat buffett 4:30 P.M.

Game time 5:30 P.M.

Adults \$23.00; PNU children Free; Non-PNU
Children \$10.00



June is Sacred Vocations Month



For many years now the Polish National Catholic Church has celebrated the month of June as Sacred Vocations Month. The need for priests to serve the Church is always a concern and it is up to all of us to encourage young men to consider a Sacred Vocation. As faithful members of God's Holy Church, we all depend on the ministries of our parish priests. It is therefore the responsibility of all to bring men to the altar. All Polish National Catholics are encouraged to pray daily for the increase of Vocations.

Priestly Vocation Prayer

Almighty and Eternal God, in Your plan for our salvation You provide priests as shepherds for Your people. Inspire men to answer Your call to become priests, because “the harvest is great but the laborers are few.” Grant Your Church an increase of priests and keep them faithful in their love and service to You and the people entrusted to their care. Through their faith and ministry may Your light shine in the world and Your kingdom be built among us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our High Priest. Amen.



Mass Time

A reminder that Sunday Mass will now be celebrated at 10:00 A.M. beginning next Sunday, June 4th. SOCL classes will end for summer that week.

Change

What Is Pentecost and Where Did It Come From?

If we go back and read the Old Testament, we will discover that Pentecost was one of the Jewish feast days. Only they didn't call it Pentecost. That's the Greek name. The Jews called it the Feast of Harvest or the Feast of Weeks. It is mentioned in five places in the first five books — in Exodus 23, Exodus 24, Leviticus 16, Numbers 28, and Deuteronomy 16.

What is the Origin of Pentecost?

Pentecost was the celebration of the beginning of the early weeks of harvest. In Palestine, there were two harvests each year. The early harvest came during the months of May and June; the final harvest came in the Fall. Pentecost was the celebration of the beginning of the early wheat harvest, which meant that Pentecost always fell sometime during the middle of the month of May or sometimes in early June. There were several festivals, celebrations, or observances that took place before Pentecost. There was Passover, there was Unleavened Bread, and there was the Feast of FirstFruits. The Feast of FirstFruits was the celebration of the beginning of the barley harvest. According to the Old Testament, you would go to the day of the celebration of Firstfruits, and beginning with that day, you would

count off 50 days. The fiftieth day would be the Day of Pentecost. So Firstfruits is the beginning of the barley harvest and Pentecost is the celebration of the beginning of the wheat harvest. Since it was always 50 days after Firstfruits, and since 50 days equals seven weeks, it always came a "week of weeks" later. Therefore, they either called it the Feast of Harvest or the Feast of Weeks.

Why Is Pentecost Important to Christianity?

Modern Christians observe Pentecost as a holiday, not to celebrate a wheat harvest, but to remember when the Holy Spirit invaded the Church in Acts 2. On Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit filled the Church with power and added 3,000 new believers. The account in Act 2 reports that, after Jesus ascended into heaven, Jesus' followers were gathered for the Feast of Harvest (aka Pentecost), and the Holy Spirit "filled the whole house where they were sitting" "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." This strange occurrence drew a large crowd, and Peter stood up to speak to them about repentance and the gospel of Christ. By the end of the day that the Holy Spirit came, the Church grew by 3,000 people. This is why Christians still celebrate Pentecost. Through this baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, the apostles became more knowing, and had a greater understanding of the mysteries of the Gospel and were more qualified to preach it to people of all nations and languages. The Holy Spirit was prophesied in the Old Testament and promised by Jesus. Jesus promised the Holy Spirit in John 14:26, who would be the Helper for His people "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you." This New Testament event is also significant because it fulfills an Old Testament prophecy in Joel 2:28-29: "And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days." The significance of Pentecost to the church is something that we need to walk through carefully, and we shouldn't ignore, because Pentecost was a Jewish celebration. And so in our modern day of the New Testament church, we don't celebrate Pentecost in the way that the Old Testament Hebrews did. But Pentecost was the moment in history after Christ had ascended. And He had promised during the gospel narratives, during His earthly ministry, that He would leave, but that He would send the Comforter,

He would send the holy spirit. And it was at that moment in Pentecost where the Spirit came, and empowered the early believers, specifically the apostles that were left, and Peter, who is almost a comedic personality in the gospel narratives. Peter is the one who constantly puts his foot in his mouth, constantly is having to be corrected by Jesus, but is in the inner circle. And because of grace and mercy, he is chosen to be the one who stands up in front of this throng, probably thousands, maybe tens of thousands of people to proclaim the gospel, there during a Hebrew celebration that was intended to remind the Hebrews of how God had always protected them. And here Peter stands up and says, "And let me tell you about the Messiah, who is the eternal protection for all of humanity. Let me tell you who He is." And so, Pentecost becomes this marker in history to really what many people would say, "And that's the moment the Church is born." That is when thousands come into the faith. And it goes from this little group of believers who followed a Jewish rabbi from Nazareth who died and rose again, and suddenly the church breaks forth into the culture. Suddenly it is that unstoppable force that no one can really deny any longer. Pentecost has taken on a new significance for us. It, at one point, is just a historical memory. Now it is the living reality of the moment that the Spirit of God seemingly burst forth.

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As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit