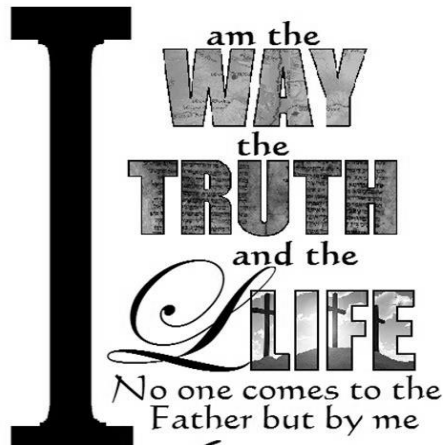


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EASTER 5
May 7, 2023

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Christ Has Risen; Christ has Risen Indeed!

Marian Devotions

Every Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. we will be praying the rosary followed by the Litany to the Holy Mother. Please make every effort to participate. Holy Mother pray for us

Mother's Day Breakfast

The YMSR Branch 70 will host a continental breakfast for all the women on Mother's Day. There will be only one Mass celebrated so everyone can be present and celebrate together as a Church Family.

Tree of Life

Two stones have been added under the Tree of Life in the parish narthex. One in memory of +Joseph and +Sophie Ferenac for the generous bequest to the Holy Family Parish and the other in appreciation to Frank Pociask for his 25 years as director of the Holy Family sponsored Lajkoniki Polish Dance group.

This Week

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Holy Mass

+**Thomas Muse** (5th Ann.) Int. wife Karyn Muse;

+**Phillip Kotulsky** Int. Kotulsky Family

SOCL

10:15 A.M.

SAMBS Meeting

10:15 A.M.

YMSR Meeting

Holy Mass

+**Stella Godlewski** Int. daughter Rosalie Clark

Easter 5

9:00 A.M.



10:15 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

Monday, May 8, 2023

Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Rosary and Litany of the BVM

7:00 P.M.



Thursday, May 11, 2023

Frederic Chopin Choir Rehearsal

6:00 P.M.



Sunday, May 14, 2023
Easter 6

Mission Collection
Mother's Day

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M.

special prayers for all living and deceased mothers

Mother's Day Breakfast following Holy Mass in parish hall.

The 2023 Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocesan Youth Retreat

The diocese would like to reestablish our annual youth retreats and a call is going out to all youth and young adults, ages 8 -20. Parents should consider sending their child. Holy Family parish helps to subsidize the costs. The retreat will be held Sunday, July 30-August 2, 2023 at the Camp Harmony in Hooverville, PA (check out the website www.campharmony.org) Deadline to register is June 25th. Don't let your child or grandchild miss out on this opportunity.

YMSR Annual Men's Retreat June 14-17, 2023

Theme "Christ the Same"

Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever"!

All parish men should consider attending, so mark your calendars. Registration forms are available in the Narthex or contact Frank Pociask.

Thank You

Frank Pociask would like to thank our Holy Family parish members and our Lajkoniki dance group for the surprise presentation honoring his 25 years as director of the dance group last Sunday and for the fellowship hour in the parish hall after Mass.

Parish Votes on Mass Schedule

The votes have been counted and the majority of our parish membership have chosen to have one Mass on Sundays. Beginning in June, Mass will be celebrated at 10 A.M., a compromise between the

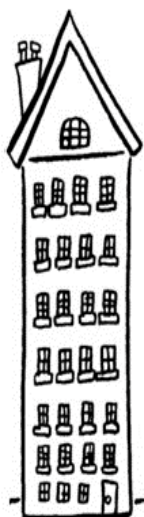
9 A.M. and 11 A.M. time schedules. It will be somewhat a sacrifice on some of our parts, changing our usual Sunday schedules, but it will enhance Sunday worship having more people filling our pews which would be a more encouraging sign to anyone who may be interested in becoming a part of our parish family by seeing a fuller Church attendance. Thank you to all who participated in the balloting and hopefully all can understand the reasoning behind the change.

The Word This Week

We continue to explore the meaning of baptism, of membership of the Church, of living a life which has been immersed in the life and death of Jesus Christ: in other words, we continue our “Mystagogy.” Mystagogy is a lifelong journey of growing closer to God, deepening our faith through the Sacraments and teaching. We hear more about who Jesus is, with another I am statement: “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life”. We are baptised into his way, his truth and his life. We hear about the earliest community struggling with the life they are called to by baptism, and Peter again reminds us that baptism builds us into a spiritual house with Jesus as our cornerstone. The mystery of the Church is clearly before us today: the Church is the community of those baptised in Christ, the pilgrim people walking with Christ (who has shown us the Father) to the place he has prepared for us. Today’s reading can perhaps make us think a little about how we form part of our Holy Family Parish as we journey to the Father.

Mary our Holy Mother

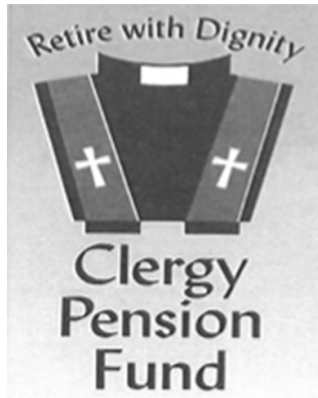
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- HEARTS
- TROUBLED
- TRUST
- ROOMS
- HOUSE
- TRUTH
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- REASON
- PERFORM

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf. Why does Mary have a special role in helping us? As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us. Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. Attend Marian Devotions every Wednesday to honor her.

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 Boża 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

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Thank you for your support.

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





Honor Your Father on Father's Day

(Limit of one name per minimum \$25.00 donation)

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