

Holy Family Parish  
National Catholic Church  
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**EASTER 6**  
**May 14, 2023**  
**Mother's Day**

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](mailto:bsleczkowski@aol.com)

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**Christ Has Risen; Christ has Risen Indeed!**

## This Week

**Sunday, May 14, 2023**

Holy Mass

**Easter 6**

9:00 A.M.

*special prayers for all living and deceased mothers*

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

**Monday, May 15, 2023**

Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30 P.M.

**Wednesday , May 17, 2023**

Rosary and Litany of the BVM

7:00 P.M.

**Thursday, May 18, 2023**

Holy Mass

**Ascension Day**

10:00A.M.

Frederic Chopin Choir Rehearsal

6:00 P.M.

Parish Council Meeting

7:00 P.M.

**Sunday, May 21, 2023**

Holy Mass

**Easter 7**

9:00 A.M.

+**Jon Adamek** Int. Cathi Gianz; +**Laura Adamek** Int. Janet Ghetian.

50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary blessing upon Thomas and Virginia Popovic

SOCL Classes

10:15 A.M.

Holy Mass

11:00 A.M.

+**Helen Balawajder** Int. Bob & Janet Yonek

### 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.

### 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](http://www.campharmony.org)) Deadline to register is June 25<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### Parish Votes on Mass Schedule

The votes have been counted and the majority of our parish membership voting 2 to 1 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 Ascension of Jesus Christ

commemorates the bodily Ascension of Jesus into Heaven. Following the account of Acts 1:3 that the risen Jesus appeared for 40 days prior to his Ascension, thus ending His earthly mission but giving final instructions to his disciples in preparation of Pentecost 10 days later. Special Novenas are prayed between these two important events for the reception on the Holy Spirit to work within the Church.



### A Mother's Love

There are times when only a mother's love

Can understand our tears,  
Can soothe our disappoints  
And calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a mother's love

Can share the joy we feel

When something we've dreamed about  
 Quite suddenly is real.  
 There are times when only a mother's faith  
 Can help us on life's way  
 And inspire in us the confidence  
 We need from day to day.  
 For a mother's heart and a mother's faith  
 And a mother's steadfast love  
 Were fashioned by the angels  
 And sent from God above.

--Author Unknown

## Mother's Day Word Search

R	G	O	O	D	A	V	W	R	N
C	A	R	I	N	G	C	A	X	C
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S	H	E	L	P	F	U	L	U	S
A	C	T	H	T	H	X	L	L	N
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D	Y	E	T	H	E	N	S	M	T
P	O	H	U	G	S	O	E	O	E
N	C	X	O	J	R	L	O	V	E

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helpful  
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family  
mom

sweet  
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good  
kisses

## The Word This Week

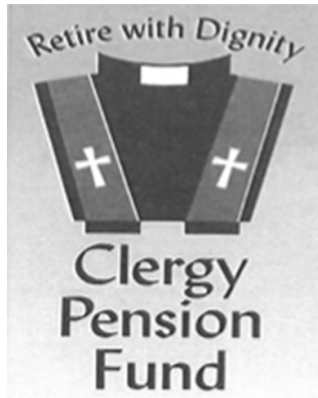
We continue to proclaim the growth of the Church through the ministry of the Apostles, on whom the Spirit had been sent; this ministry reveals the meaning of the death and resurrection of the Lord: that all might be saved. By now we are some distance away from Easter, but the season is still permeated with the Easter message:

Christ is risen, we are baptised in him. But today a new dimension of the story comes out: Easter is not complete until the risen Lord has returned to the Father and sent the Holy Spirit. So, in the Gospel today we begin two weeks of looking forward to the coming of that Spirit of truth which sets us apart from the world. This is a Spirit of power, which flows through the life of the Church, enabling its members to proclaim Christ dwelling in our hearts, to live in the midst of the world's slander and accusations. Peter answers a question in our second reading, how should we explain our way of life? This question is expressed in the first sentence always have your answer ready for people who ask you, the reason for the hope that you all have. Peter wrote this letter in a context not of friendly questions, but of threatening inquisitions by the Jewish authorities and the authorities of the Roman Empire - which sometimes led to persecution. This is why Peter makes such a point of the possibility of suffering "for doing right". If we are attacked, then we are like Christ, and we remember that his death opened the way to our life. The last line is a simple link between the two great feasts of Easter and Pentecost: In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

We do not face such persecutions today, but attacks on our faith still exist, in more subtle ways - such as indifference or ridicule. Recently I saw a bumper sticker saying, "Religion is the original fake news." So, we can take Peter's message to heart as we learn what it is to be part of the Body of Christ.

Our first reading from the Apostles can be very powerful: it begins in an almost business-like way, relating Philip's message and the welcome he receives. But at the end of the first paragraph comes a very important line: As a result, there was great rejoicing in that town. How often do we rejoice greatly that we have received the message of Jesus Christ? The second paragraph will turn our thoughts immediately to the coming feast of Pentecost, and the sacrament of Confirmation, which seals the gift of baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus.

# 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

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





# Honor Your Father on Father's Day

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

I wish to remember/honor (please circle) my Pastor, Father, Grandfather, or Other

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Remembered by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

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