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Getting to Know You...

How well do you know your own church?

Over the next few hundred words, I am going to paint a picture for you of the church in which many of you have spent countless hours worshipping our Lord.

As Pastor, my viewpoint is, of course, almost always the opposite of everyone else's. I get to stand behind the altar and proclaim those mysteries of faith within the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, or 10 feet to the left or right, proclaiming the Word of God.



As Polish National Catholic Churches were not subjected to the sweeping changes in the 1960's and 70's that the Roman Catholic Church had for the interiors of church, ours remains true to the original. This includes the "altar rail", which rarely exists anymore. The correct word for this often-decorative piece of furniture that extends and separates the sanctuary from the rest of the church? A



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balustrade.

But, before you ever get to the balustrade, you have to enter the church right? And

there, upon each of our three main entrances to our church we have areas where you can dip your hand in

Holy Water and bless yourself upon entering, the reminder of Baptism. No, these aren't mini "fonts" as many say – they are Holy Water Stoups.

Being a Eucharist-centered denomination, we often reverence the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration, be it at the end of Mass or during May Devotions, etc. You'll notice that I will have a folded white veil placed over my shoulder that covers my hands before I



touch the monstrance that has had the Blessed Sacrament enthroned within it. This is called a Humeral Veil. Why? Because it entirely covers the humerus, those arm bones from the shoulder to the elbow.

Looking up to where the celebrant stands during Mass and during Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, we must know it simply isn't called, "the top step". The official name of this area where Mass is celebrated is the Predella.

And though many probably don't see them, we do have a couple of fans on the altar. No, these don't have special names, but there is some history to fans on the altar. Before window screens and, well, pesticides, there would be acolytes assigned to gigantic fans to keep the celebrant cool and keep flies away from the wine/Blood of Christ. This gigantic, ornate fan was called a flabellum. They are still used by the pope, if you should ever catch a Mass of his on tv.

We are blessed to have an impressive crucifix adorning the wall above our

Fr. Jason's Article (continued)

main altar. Any religious painting or sculpture can be placed here, provided it meets a theme or an association with the parish or denomination. Any picture or sculpture behind an altar is called a Dossal. Our other dossals are statues of St. Mary and St. Joseph.

For those who attend services from Good Friday through Holy Saturday, you must have noticed how solemnly these services begin. Not with the traditional bells, but with....hammers? Indeed, they are a



liturgical device to emulate the hammering of Jesus' hands to the cross. Though they always seem to be called

"clackers", for the sound they make...they have a decidedly less formidable name. Yes, they are officially....rattles. Their tradition extends beyond their current use, to when before bells were ever used and, simply, an organized noise would signal the beginning of worship.

Hope you enjoyed the quick tour of the church! I've always been a big fan of putting names to faces...hope you are too!
Fr. Jason

Trunk Sale

Our first-ever "Trunk Sale" took place on Saturday, July 13 from 10am-4pm on our parish grounds.

The idea was brought up by Susan Boehnlein at our monthly Parish Committee meeting, and it was agreed to give it a try, with her leading the way.

The concept is simple: to hold a community garage sale on our property, renting two parking places at a time to each seller. The sellers would then keep whatever they sold. The parish would have minimal overhead, and members of our community could by-pass getting a permit for a garage sale while also having everything out in the open on a busy Parma road.

Thank you to all who participated and supported...and it looks like we will try it again in the spring. Hooray!



Fundraiser at Texas RoadHouse

On Tuesday, July 16, from 4-8pm, the Texas Roadhouse at Ridge Park Square played host to our 3rd of 4 quarterly restaurant fundraisers.

Flyers were shared online and from our parish, and parishioners flocked for dinner, with 10% of the bill coming back to St. Mary's.

We were allowed to have a mini basket raffle as well as a bake sale. Who knew people wanted so many baked goods after eating a steak dinner?!

Many thanks to Elaine, Susan, and Mary Ann for being the friendly faces our parishioners and friends met as soon as they walked in. Special thanks to our bakers and basket-fillers. This was a very successful evening, enjoyed by all who stopped by.



Baptism of Elliana

On Sunday, July 28 at the 9am Holy Mass, young Elliana Elise was baptized into the faith, surrounded by her parents Vicente & Allison, her godparents Brian & Ellen, and other family and friends.

It was a hot, hot morning, but Elliana was really, really, REALLY happy to have her big day in front of everyone.

She flashed her million dollar smile to anyone who met her eyes, then laughed her way through the baptismal rite. The jury is still out if this baby has ever even cried before!

Congratulations again to Elliana Elise, Vicente, and Allison, and God's continued blessings upon your family.



Pierogi Making

Our first summer pierogi making event took place on Saturday, July 27, beginning around 9am.

Turnout was surprisingly good, which means things got rolling right away. We were making "All Three Flavors", which means kraut, sweet cheese,



and potato/cheese.

A delicious lunch was served, replete with choice cold cuts, various breads, delicately cut vegetables, and even some tortellini soup.

After word of a pierogi-pinchers union arose and was gaining momentum, a few people grew cold feet in fear of cement boots and sleeping with the fishes!

We look forward to our next venture, 9am on August 24, prepping for the PolishFest.



Various Announcements

10th DINNER AND A CAR SHOW

Took place Saturday, August 4th. We pray that those who attended enjoyed their time meeting up with old friends, seeing the classic cars on display, and eating our delicious food.

PIEROGI MAKING

Thank you to all who attended pierogi making on Saturday, July 27. We will be holding another Saturday pierogi day on August 24th in preparation for our September PolishFest.

INFO WANTED

The PNCC National Archives has very little information on the local Cleveland-area PNCC parishes. If you have old bulletins, programs, newsletters, anniversary books or anything representing the parish that you are willing to part with, please

bring the items to Fr. Jason over the next couple of weeks.

YMSOFR GOLF TOURNEY

Is Saturday August 17 in the Scranton, PA area. It looks like we will be having a team competing!

ITEMS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

As some of you have seen, we have a number of kitchen items available in the Fellowship Hall. They are open to be taken home by anyone – please just offer a small donation where noted as you take your new, lovingly-used items home.

BIBLE STUDY

A new section of Bible Study will be starting in a couple of weeks on Wednesday, August 14 at 6pm. We begin with some homemade soup and dessert, and then spend about an

hour studying a book or theme of scripture. Join us! It is open to any and everyone.

NEEDED

We are about 4 weeks from the PolishFest! Time to start collecting items – we are in need of bottles of wine and liquor for the big raffle prize baskets that we have been doing. Also, unique themed baskets are needed as well as any random NEW items to include in a basket are welcomed. We are also especially interested in instant lottery tickets - \$5 and over only please. Please start planning!

WANTED

We got a great collection of dish towels for the upstairs kitchen, but now are looking to refresh our dish towels downstairs. Same idea: please bring to the parish your new dish towels for use in our kitchen!

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St. Mary's 6th Annual PolishFest Sponsorship Plan

July 1, 2019

St. Mary's Annual PolishFest September 6-8, 2019. Please consider one of the following sponsorship plans to assist us in our endeavors.

Tier 1:	\$25.00	Listing name on rotating videoboard Audio acknowledgment Paper ad on "The Big Board"
Tier 2:	\$75.00	Tier 1 acknowledgements Tree-lawn sign along Broadview Road
Tier 3:	\$150.00	Tier 1 & 2 acknowledgements Sign on our 20x40 tent
Patron:	\$10.00	Listing name on rotating videoboard

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Address: _____

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If you wish to advertise with more than the information provided above, please include a printed copy of your ad or email it to stmarypncc@sbcglobal.net. Formatting will be adjusted to fit advertising needs.

Please return this completed form, your ad and your check made payable to St. Mary's PNCC by **August 15, 2019**.

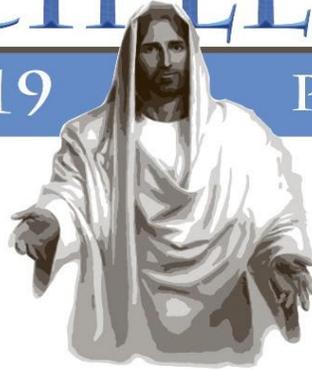
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Dear Bishops, Very Rev. and Rev. Fathers, Deacons and Faithful of our Holy Church,

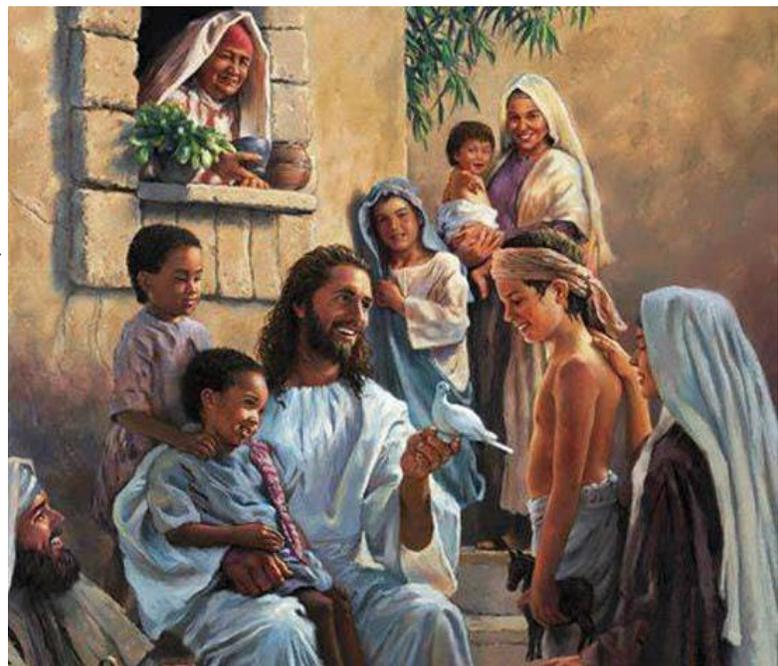
During the month of August our Holy Church focuses on our youth. Thanks to Karen Sobiechowski for this meaningful and succinct reflection: Future Direction has given us the theme for August - "Let the Children Come to Me - Discipleship of and with our Youth." Let us reflect on Jesus' own words to His disciples found in Matthew 19:13-15

One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could lay his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him. But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children." And he placed his hands on their heads and blessed them before he left.

Jesus' desire is the same today as it was so many centuries ago. He wants to bless our children, and it's up to us to bring them to Him. This includes attending Mass as a family, providing instruction in the faith (both in our churches and in our homes), and living Gospel values daily. This is discipleship. Do our children see a true picture of Jesus in us? Let's pray this month to be led and guided by the Holy Spirit, that our lives would reflect Jesus and draw others - especially our young people - to Him. Blessings to all!

Prayer for our Youth (2010 PNCC Prayer Book)

Loving and kind Father, because You created us in Your image and likeness and determined that one generation should follow another in order to continue life, keep in Your tender and steadfast care the youth of the Church. May they come to know and understand that true happiness can be attained when they live in harmony with Your teaching. May they, like our Lord and Savior in His youth, grow "in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor." Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



August Days of Note



August Birthdays

- 1st – Johanna Markiewicz
- 2nd – Kyrsten LeMessena
- 4th – Blake Colwell
- 5th – Bob Samelson
- 6th – John Spilka
- 12th – Clarence Sobocinski
- 14th – Sarah Ploskonka
- 15th – Tom Petrie
- 16th – Bruno Tracy
- 18th – Steve Fesz
- 19th – Len Pryer
- 20th – Claudia Toburen
- 24th – Matt Spilka
- 28th – Cherie Kugler
- 28th – Julie Alberino



August Anniversaries

- 1st — Chuck & Elaine Repede
- 5th — George & Roseanne Ziefle
- 17th — Bruce & Claudia Toburen



"Take up Thy Cross"

Take up thy cross, the Savior said,
If thou wouldst My disciple be;
Deny thyself, the world forsake,
And humbly follow after Me.

Take up thy cross; let not its weight
Fill thy weak soul with vain alarm;
His strength shall bear thy spirit up,
And brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
Nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
The Lord for thee the cross endured
To save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross, then, in His strength,
And calmly every danger brave;
'Twill guide thee to a better home,
And lead to victory o'er the grave.

Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down;
For only he who bears the cross
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

—Charles William Everest



Our Prayer List

Please pray for these St. Mary's parishioners:

Bill & Pat Glatzer	Barbara Baranowski
Bill & Joan Kastak	Anna Dawidziuk
Craig Atherton	John Spilka
Johanna Markiewicz	Mary Ann Loschelder
Ralph & June Zaun	Len Pryer
Marty Bengela	Tom Putynski
Polly Gajda	Millie Dominik
Kathleen Beres	Louise Cygan
Helen Budney	Bruno Tracy
Chester & Ann Warzala	Tom Petrie
Amy Dreger	Patti Dotson
Elizabeth Starnawski	Jack Spilka
Elaine Repede	

Please pray for our family and friends:

Wanda Clark	Beth Chihill
Michael Cosevin	Helen Cummings
Laina Dachtal	Sharon Seitz
Jay Grabowsky	Pam Chesar
Cecelia Hall	Caroline Kunes
Mark & Kim Andreas	Thomas Lill
John & Anne Nemetz	Rhonda Smith
Rose Neyman	Carol Boesch
Joanie True	Daniel Rinella
Fr. Tom Sheha	Tom Slomka
Geri S.	Ben Soltesy
Pam Tropiano	Linda Vect
Dennis and Sue Vect	Marcus Vaughn, Jr.
Bryson Dzurhoff	Fr. Sr. Joseph Soltysiak
Cherise Pacanovsky	Jane Hunter
Dennis Thome	The Finnie Family
Carlene Fliss	Jim Fliss Jr.
John Michalczyk	Bill Hinton
Nan Cramer	Rose Petrosky
Bp. John Mack	David Vaden
Bp. John Swantek	Mary Cawley
Richard & Edna Samelson	Jim Giles
Wanda Heffner	Loretta Baldwin
Donna Kidd	Paulette Lilli
Muffie B.	Azriel G.
Marilyn Girard	Courtney Austin
Stephanie Milla	Rich Dombrowski
Shannon Alberino	Jayden Pieciak
Jeremy Steinbrick	Katie Stallbaum
Marcia Klein	Julia Badarzynski
George & Linda Makovicka	Julie L.
Kelly B	Barbara B.
Michael McGivern	Sylvia Kowalski
Daniel Morgan	Emma Freshwater

WE ALSO REMEMBER

ALL ACTIVE & RETIRED CLERGY
ALL SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN
Bless them, O Lord.

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