

St. Mary's

Polish National Catholic Church

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The 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time



January 16, 2022

SUNDAY, January 16th- The 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

9am Mass: Open Intention

Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-12

Greeters – Rose Kronen & Katie Repede

Lector – TBA

Collectors – Gene Stepanik & Bob Samelson

- Coffee Hour and SOCL takes place after 9am Mass

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, January 17th

9am – Holy Mass of the Day

TUESDAY, January 18th

WEDNESDAY, January 19th

Holy Mass of the Day

4pm – Weekly Food Ministry provided

THURSDAY, January 20th

6-8pm – Women's AA meets in Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, January 21st

9am – Holy Mass of the Day

SATURDAY, January 22nd

8pm – Saturday AA Meets

SUNDAY, January 23rd – The 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

9am Mass: Bruno Tracy of. by son Randy Tracy

Readings: Nehemiah 8:2-4,5-6,8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30, Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21

Greeters – Gail Perz & Claire Hunek

Lector – TBA

Collectors – John Kasperczyk & Pete O'Connor

- Parish Officers installed during 9am Mass

- Coffee Hour takes place after 9am Mass

- Parish Committee Meets after 9am Mass

Announcements

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER – Today, and for all the month of January, we use the 3rd Eucharistic Prayer, the Canon of St. Basil, on p. 84.

UPDATES –we have made the decision to postpone a few meetings and events. The installation of our parish committee and parish officers is bumped from January 9 to January 23. Our Annual Parish Meeting is bumped from January 23 to February 6. A reminder that parish reports for individual organizations are due Jan. 23.

STILL? Our Christmas celebration hasn't ended yet, as we highlight our liturgy with Christmas Hymns for the entirety of the 40 days of the

Christmas Season. Though the world has moved on, the Church continues with joy the celebration of the Savior's birth.

PARISH EMAILS- Has anyone not been receiving emails from the parish on a periodic basis that would like to? Or, if you used to and do not anymore? Please let him know so our email lists can be appropriately updated.

NEWSLETTERS – For the month of January have been printed, emailed, and placed in your parish mailboxes.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP – Info for scholarships from the National United Choirs is available by talking to Chris Paulus or Deacon Jim. Information is also posted on the bulletin boards near the mailboxes.

PICK-A-NUMBER – This fundraiser returns in quite the reimagined way! You've surely noticed the fancy tree in the foyer of the Fellowship Hall- instead of numbered envelopes \$1-\$50, the envelopes are marked \$1-\$20 and there are four sets of them. And while each envelope purchased is a contribution to the church, each envelope has a chance to return a prize, be it a bottle of wine, gift card, or more.

+MOST REV. JOHN SWANTEK –*In place of the sick list for a week, we include the obituary of our 5th Prime Bishop.* Prime Bishop Emeritus John F. Swantek, 88, of Scranton, passed away Jan. 7 at home surrounded by his family after an illness. He leaves behind his wife of 55 years, Arlene (Miskiavitch) Swantek. Born in Cheshire, Conn., on May 15, 1933, he was the son of the late Felix Swantek and Elsie (Simmons) Swantek.

Bishop John graduated from Wilbur Cross High School in New Haven, Conn. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy from Clark University, Worcester, Mass., and a Master of Arts degree in philosophy from the University of Connecticut, Storrs, Conn. He attended Savonarola Theological Seminary in Scranton, and was ordained to the priesthood in the Polish National Catholic Church on Sept. 1, 1958.

His first parish was at Holy Trinity Church in Webster, Mass., where he met his wife, Arlene. Ten years later, he was assigned to St. Joseph's parish in Westfield, Mass., and was a member of the Diocesan Council, the National Commission on Liturgy, the Theological Commission and the School of Christian Living Commission. While serving his pastorates in both Webster and Westfield, Fr. John was a member of the local Clergy Association, serving as secretary and president. During his tenure in Westfield, he was involved with the Clergy Association in the establishment of the Westfield Drug Council, where he sat many evenings on the drug hotline. He also taught various courses at Savonarola Theological Seminary in Scranton.

UPCOMING

Jan 23-Parish Reports due
Jan 23 – Next Board Mtg.
Jan 26 – Healing Mass
Jan 26-Next Bible Study
Jan 30-Music Scholarship Sun.
Feb 2 – Candlemas
Feb 6 – Annual Meeting

On Sept. 29, 1975, Father John was elevated to the rank of Senior Priest in the church and on Nov. 30, 1978, he was consecrated Bishop. He moved to Buffalo, N.Y. and served as diocesan bishop of the Buffalo-Pittsburg Diocese at Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral. Bishop John was elected Prime Bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church in the fall of 1986. He relocated to Scranton and was installed as the fifth Prime Bishop on Nov. 23, 1986, at St. Stanislaus Cathedral.

During his tenure as Prime Bishop, he had the opportunity to travel to various countries and in his travels, he met with Pope John Paul II, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Queen Elizabeth II and Mother Theresa. He also had the opportunity to travel to the Holy Land and celebrated Mass in Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

After serving two consecutive eight-year terms as Prime Bishop, he retired from his position and continued to serve the church for more than a decade.

Prime Bishop John was an avid sports fan and enjoyed watching tennis, golf and soccer on TV. He was a huge New England Patriots fan and thought Tom Brady could do no wrong. He also loved the Boston Red Sox and got the chance to celebrate World Series victories with his children and grandchildren. He spent much of his time reading in the evenings in his favorite chair. He read the Bible daily, but also enjoyed reading biographies, non-fiction and fictional stories.

Prime Bishop John enjoyed spending time with his family and attended numerous baseball games, dance recitals, violin concerts and various school events. He enjoyed Sunday dinners with his wife, children and grandchildren and loved the spontaneous visits from his grandchildren throughout the week. He looked forward to receiving his Sunday phone calls from his son so they could discuss sports and updates with the family. We spent many days together laughing and sharing stories about the past and present. His sense of humor was with him until the end of his life. His contagious laugh will always be remembered.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Felix Swantek; a brother-in-law, David Burke; a brother-in-law, Richard Fecteau; and a sister-in-law, Kim Swantek.

He is survived by wife, Arlene; a daughter, Lynn & husband, Kevin Pfohl; a son, John & wife, Wendy Swantek; a daughter, Leslie and husband, William Doyle; and a daughter, Melissa Swantek; grandchildren, Nicholas, Elizabeth, Matthew & Olivia Pfohl, Cameron and Casey Swantek, Abigail and Andrew Doyle, Kaitlyn and Celeste Gingerlowski; siblings, Robert Swantek; Gerald Swantek and companion, Ronald Salka; Glen & wife, Amy Swantek; Nancy Burke & Alice Fecteau; nieces & nephews.

The family would like to thank Dr. Liptock and all the staff at Hematology & Oncology Associates of NEPA, Hospice of the Sacred Heart and Dr. Michael Rogan for their kindness and compassion. In addition, the family would like to thank everyone who visited, called and sent cards.