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2010

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Michael Alcaraz	05/10	Drake Ch. Aldrich	05/12
Stella Ptasnik	05/14	Trevor Alexander	05/16
Carol Jennings	05/26	Troy Anderson	05/26
Leslie Sundberg	05/27	Dawn Alcaraz	05/28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR SPONSORS

Jerry Rux	05/16	Willie Burford	05/25
Jeff Arch	05/28		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Frances & Edward Kubinsky	05/08/1948 – 62 nd Anniversary
Susan & Richard Phelps	05/08/1972 – 38 th Anniversary
Debra & Richard Sundberg	05/28/1983 - 27 th Anniversary
Stella & Michael Ptasnik	05/16/1998 - 12 th Anniversary

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL ON YOUR VERY SPECIAL DAY!



SCHEDULE OF OUR REGULAR ACTIVITIES

/Unless otherwise announced/

- **Sunday, May 2nd** Parishioners Meeting after the Holy Mass
If you want to add some subjects to the agenda, please call the parish office during the week before the meeting.
- **Wednesday, May 5th @ 7:00pm** Ladies Mission Soc. Meeting
- **Saturday, May 9th** Mother's Day Celebration
Special honor for all Mothers present in the church on this day.

SUNDAY, MAY 2nd

Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary statue before the Holy Mass.



May crowning became popular in the United States in late 50's. This practice continues in many parishes today. A statue of Mary is honored with a wreath of blossoms to indicate Mary's virtues, virtues that were to be imitated by the faithful. **The Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary every Sunday in May, after the Holy Mass.**

FIRST COMMUNION - MAY 2nd

Trevor Alexander
 Madison Duytschaver

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY IN MAY



Kaylee Jo Klimkewicz and Troy Allen Anderson will exchange marriage vows on Saturday, May 8th 2010 at three o'clock in the afternoon at the Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church. Wedding reception immediately following the church ceremony at Elks Lodge # 724 in Kewanee. Relatives and friend are invited to attend the wedding and reception.

Please keep these two young members of our parish in your prayers.

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION



We will have special celebration on Mother's Day in our parish. Please come and be part of it. Mark your calendar: Sunday, May 9th Mother's Day.



MEMORIAL DAY 2010

A poem for Memorial Day, May 31st

Down, down, down into the darkness of the grave.
Gently they go, the beautiful, the tender, the kind;
Quietly they go, the intelligent, the witty, the brave.
I know. But I do not approve. And I am not resigned.

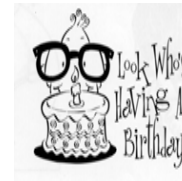
Edna St. Vincent Millay, "Dirge Without Music"



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June Klimkewicz	06/01
Jersie Duytschaver	06/05
John D. Draminski	06/10
Angie Dennison	06/15
Gwen Murphy	06/24



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June and Ed Klimkewicz 06/05/1954 – 56th Anniversary

Fr. Jerry Rafalko – Ordained to the Holy Priesthood:

June 8th 1980 – 30th Anniversary of Ordination

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WESTERN DIOCESE CLERGY CONFERENCE



Western Diocese Clergy Conference –
May 10th, 11th & 12th
Techny Towers Retreat Center, Techny, IL

MASSES INTENTIONS IN MAY

Sunday, May 2nd - 5th Sunday of Easter

9:00am Holy Mass + Raymond Dende by Helen Rafalko-Dende

Saturday, May 8th @ 3:00pm - Holy Matrimony

Kaylee Jo Klimkewicz and Troy Allen Anderson

Sunday, May 9th - 6th Sunday of Easter

9:00am Holy Mass + Linda Prusator by her family
(1st anniversary of her death)

Thursday, May 13th - Solemnity-

The Ascension of our Lord

6:00pm Holy Mass + Janina Serwin by Helen Dende

Sunday, May 16th - 7th Sunday of Easter

9:00am Holy Mass + Amelia Wysowski-Loughe by Mary E. Harrison

Sunday, May 23rd - Solemnity of Pentecost

9:00am Holy Mass + David Cathelyn by Carolyn Cathelyn

Sunday, May 30th - The Most Holy Trinity Sunday

9:00am Holy Mass + Josephine Slowik by Leslie Rafalko
Josephine was mother of Kenneth Ryan

SCHEDULE OF OUR REGULAR ACTIVITIES

/Unless otherwise announced/

- **Sunday, June 6th** Parishioners Meeting after the H. Mass.
- **Wednesday, June 2nd @ 7:0pm** Ladies Mission Soc. Meeting
- **June 18th & 19th** Father's Day Weekend-More on 34 Polish Food Stand
- **Sunday, June 20th** Father's Day Celebration
- **Sunday, June 20th** Special Collection for the Clergy Pension Plan –Please use your special envelope for this collection.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY IN JUNE



Kelly Lynn Peed and Matthew Aeron Duytschaver will exchange marriage vows on Saturday, June 12th 2010 at three o'clock in the afternoon at the Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church.

Wedding reception immediately following the church ceremony at Flemish American Club in Kewanee

Relatives and friend are invited to attend the wedding and reception.

Please keep these two young members of our parish in your prayers.

MASSES INTENTIONS IN JUNE

Thursday, June 3rd - Solemnity of the Corpus Christi
+ Dorothy Winski by her husband

Sunday, June 6th - Corpus Christi Sunday
Eucharistic Procession to the four altars

9:00am Holy Mass + Linda Prusator by Shorty Peed

Friday, June 11th - Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
+ Catherine Ward by Linda Gardner

Saturday, June 12th @ 3:00pm - Holy Matrimony
Kelly Lynn Peed and Matthew Aeron Duytschaver

Sunday, June 13th - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am Holy Mass + Abby Dana by Leslie Rafalko

Sunday, June 20th - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Father's Day- Family Sunday
9:00am Holy Mass for the intention of all the families in our parish

Sunday, June 27th - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 A.M. Holy Mass + Bernice Hoste (2nd Anniversary of her death)
by Irene Dir and Regina Saigh

FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY JUNE 20th FAMILY SUNDAY

The family is a universal and irreplaceable community, rooted in human nature, which is the basis for all societies at all times. As the cradle of life and love for each new generation, the family is the primary source of personal identity, self-esteem, and support for children. It is also the first and foremost school of life, uniquely suited to teach children integrity, character, morals, responsibility, service, and wisdom. The family provides:

the natural framework for the emotional, financial, and material support essential to the growth and development of its members, particularly infants and children. . . . The family remains a vital means of preserving and transmitting cultural values.

All of us, families and individuals need special blessing and help from God. Therefore I want to have Father's Day Sunday as the Family Sunday. Holy Mass will be celebrated for the intention of our families. At the end of the Mass all will receive special blessing. Refreshment following the church services.

SPECIAL COLLECTION ON FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY

On Father's Day we will have a special collection for the Clergy Pension Fund. Our Bishop wants to remind all of us that this collection is very important for the benefit of the clergy. If you do not have a Special Collection envelope, you can find one in the church vestibule, or you can make your contribution together with your Sunday offering. If you use your Offering Envelope, remember to mark how much is designated for the Clergy Pension Fund.

Upcoming Events in the Polish National Catholic Church

On Friday, April 30, 2010 Bishop Anthony Kopka and the faithful of All Saints Cathedral Parish in Chicago will be welcoming the 10th Annual Mission & Evangelism workshop of the Polish National Catholic Church. The Opening Mass will take place at 5:00 pm (CDT)

It is with great excitement, that we announce that the Opening Mass will be broadcast-live streaming via the internet. A link to the streaming video can be found on the home page of All Saints Cathedral's website. This link will be placed onto the website early next week. The website address is www.ascncc.org.

The Closing Mass on Sunday, May 2nd 2010 at 8:30 am (CDT) will also be broadcasted-live streaming via the internet. Bishop Kopka understands that many of you are not able to join us that weekend in person, so we invite you to join us for Holy Mass on Friday and Sunday.

It is through the use of this media we are able to unite the entire Polish National Catholic Church in Holy Mass and demonstrate to all, the purpose of this workshop.

Western Diocesan Council Teleconference May 27th @ 6:30pm

WD United Circle Choirs Convention & Concert

The Cleveland Circle is hosting the 58th Convention and the Concert of the Western Diocese United Choirs.

June -25th-27th 2010

More information at: 216-901-9973

or email chris.paulus@ymail.com

Western Diocese Youth Gathering

Dear Clergy, Faithful and Friends of the Western Diocese of the Polish National Catholic Church,

This year Western Diocesan Youth Gathering will be held

August 9th – 12th 2010 at Camp Selah in Reading, Michigan.

We would like to make this the best Youth Gathering ever and we need your help! Please consider attending this annual event with your family and friends, it is guaranteed to be a great time!

Speak Up Praise and Prayer *2010 Western Diocese Youth Gathering*

August 9th -12th 2010

Open to all youth ages 8-20 & adults

Camp Selah located in Reading, Michigan

(www.campselah.org)

BE SURE TO REGISTER EARLY TO SAVE \$\$\$!

Fees:

Early Bird (May 1st - June 18th 2010)

Early Bird Registration Fee: \$175 per person (1st family member)

Early Bird Registration Fee: \$135 per person (additional family members)

Late Registration Fee (Registrations postmarked after June 18, 2010)

Late Registration Fee: \$210 per person (1st family member)

Late Registration Fee: \$170 per person (additional family members)

National Youth Convocation

Convo 2010 will be held July 26-30, 2010. Cost will be \$285.

All payments must be postmarked no later than June 1st. After June 1st, \$25 late fee will be required to be paid in addition to the initial \$285. All late payments must be in by June 25th.

No payments may be made after June 25th, 2010

Spaces are filling up!!! Make your reservation before all rooms are gone!!! For more information go to: www.convo2010.org

"My Mother's Garden"

A mother is a gardener,
Planting the seeds
Of faith, truth and love
That develop into the fairest flowers
Of character, virtue and happiness
In the lives of her children.

—J. Harold Gwynne

Seven things you'll never regret

1. Feeling reverence for your Maker.
2. Showing kindness to an aged person.
3. Destroying a letter-or not sending an e-mail -written in anger.
4. Offering an apology that saves a friendship.
5. Stopping gossip that could wreck a reputation.
6. Taking time to show loved ones consideration.
7. Accepting the judgment of God on any question.

Assurance of the Ascension

After the Resurrection, the risen Lord instructed his followers not to leave Jerusalem. It was there, Jesus said, that they would receive "the promise of the Father" (Acts 1:4, NRSV). What was that promise? It was that they would be baptized not with water but with the Holy Spirit. Shortly after that utterance, Jesus was "lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight" (v. 9).

The Ascension reminds us that even though Jesus isn't physically present on earth, as the living Christ, he is as near as we allow him to be. Jesus' Ascension offers us the assurance that God is now available to all people all the time. He lives as a guiding, loving Spirit in our midst.

A Fresh Look at Pentecost

Fifty days after Jesus' resurrection, on a day called Pente-cost, the Christian church was born. Because Pentecost was a holiday celebrating the harvest (a bit like our Thanksgiving), the apostles and a large crowd had gathered to celebrate in Jerusalem.

Many people had assembled near Peter and the other followers of Christ when "[F]rom heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind ... " (Acts 2:2 ff, NRSV). Then tongues of fire descended on everyone in the crowd.

After the wind and fire descended, all sorts of languages, known and

unknown came out of the crowd. Each person spoke "about God's deeds of power" (verse 11). No wonder Luke wrote, "All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'" The whole affair was mind-boggling and life-changing. The Holy Spirit had come upon many people; they knew God was powerfully at work in their midst.

On Pentecost many years ago, some 3,000 people came to believe in Christ. That's why today Christians remember this powerful event as the birthday of the church. Pentecost occurs on May 23 this year.

Thoughts on Memorial Day

"There never was a good war or a bad peace."

—Benjamin Franklin

"Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants. We know more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we know about living. We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount."

—General Omar Bradley

Are you listening?

A father asked his 7-year-old son to say the mealtime prayer. "All right," the boy said. "Let's pray."

When every head was bowed, the boy prayed, "Lord, we thank you for the pancakes we're going to eat tonight. Amen."

"Jimmy," his mother said. "I think you should know we're having chicken, not pancakes, tonight."

"I know," Jimmy answered. "I just wanted to see if God was paying attention."

TIME

Time is:

Too slow for those who Wait,
Too swift for those who Fear,
Too long for those who Grieve,
Too short for those who Rejoice,
But for those who Love,
Time is Eternity.

—Henry Van Dyke

Do you need a Christian tune-up?

If so, here are five tune-up-specials for you:

1. Adjust your lights so others may see your good works.
2. Set your timing so as to be at the meeting on time.
3. Adjust the brakes on your tongue.
4. Align your direction so that you may stay on the straight and narrow.
5. Anti-freeze your heart and be fervent in spirit. Above all things, love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind.

Christian parental guidance

- Begin each day with prayer. We all need divine guidance as we take on the challenges each day brings. Let children know you'll be praying for them while they're away from home. Then do so, several times throughout the day.
- Teach children that each new day is a gift from God. Be grateful for it. Wake children with humor. Caress them lovingly. Tell them God wants the best for them, and encourage them to get ready for whatever surprises the day might hold.
- Make children's daily homecoming a cheerful occasion. Listen carefully to their experiences. Affirm that you're proud of them and pleased to be their parent.
- Make home life joyful and memorable. Play games, tell funny stories, take walks and eat together. Build pleasant memories that kids will remember for a lifetime. Tell children you love them.

The Grace of God

A man was met at the gates of heaven by St. Peter, who said, "It will take 1,000 points for you to be admitted. The way you lived your life will determine your points."

The man said, "Unless I was sick, I attended worship every Sunday and sang in the choir."

"That's 50 points," said St. Peter. "What else?"

"I gave liberally to the church," the man said.

"Twenty-five points," replied St. Peter. "Anything else?"

Realizing he had only 75 points, the man began to get desperate. "I taught Sunday school for several years."

"That's great work for God, but it's worth only 25 points," noted St. Peter.

The man became frantic. "You know," he said, "at this rate the only way I'll get into heaven is by the grace of God!"

Peter smiled as he said, "That's worth 900 points! Come on in!"