



Christ Has Come

Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky, Prime Bishop

At the end of the preparation and joyful expectation that is the Advent season we know that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, has come to His people. We hear the words of Saint Luke's Gospel as we gather for the first Mass of the Christmas season.

"In those days Caesar Augustus published a decree ordering a census of the whole world. This first census took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria. Everyone went to register, each to his own town. And so Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to David's town of Bethlehem – because he was of the house and lineage of David – to register with Mary, his espoused wife, who was with Child."

"While they were there the days of her confinement were completed. She gave birth to her first-born Son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the place where travelers lodged."

"There were shepherds in the locality, living in the fields and keeping night watch by turns over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them, as the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were very much afraid. The angel said to them: 'You have nothing to fear! I come to proclaim good news to you – tidings of great joy to be shared by the whole people. This day in David's city a Savior has been born to you, the Messiah and Lord. Let this be a sign to you: in a manger you will find an Infant wrapped in swaddling clothes.' Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in high heaven, peace on

earth to those on whom His favor rests.'" (Luke 2:1-14)

This reading begins with a lot of grandeur and even an expression of the political realities of the day. Caesar Augustus, the ruler of the Roman Empire, is mentioned as well as the local governor of Syria, Quirinius. The reason for the travel of the Holy Family is to register for a census, which was a part of the Roman taxation system, and therefore not very popular among the average people. Among the Jewish people, actions like a census were the cause of riots and even much bloodshed. They knew that this census was only used as a measure of control by the occupying Roman armies. A census was needed by the Romans so that they knew the maximum amount of money that they could get out of a local area in taxes, and also where they should deploy their troops to control the populace. Neither of these things was very popular with the average Jewish person or even the Jewish leaders.

But in and through all of it, Luke's Gospel states that Jesus, the Messiah and Lord, the Savior, was born. He came to us in a humble way. He was laid in a manger, because there was no room for the Holy Family in any place where travelers lodged, or even in the home of a kind stranger. The Lord did not sleep His first night on a royal bed, but was rather laid in the hay where the animals ate. His parents, Joseph and Mary, were not surrounded by supportive family and friends, but were rather left as strangers, with no one to help. But still, through it all, the Savior of the World was born: Jesus Christ, came to us.

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I think that it is important that we reflect on this as we experience life today. I am sure that each of us probably has a rather hectic life. And they are made even more harried because of the expectation of the season. We also live within the reality of a very polarized political climate. It would seem that almost every day there is some sort of political battle that is taking place within our country, and with the 24-hour news cycle that we are subjected to, we can be bombarded with it almost every moment of every day. I have also noticed that just like the political actions of the Roman empire then, right now the political actions found within our communities sometimes lead to the unfortunate responses of anger or even violence.

But again just as it was over 2000 years ago, Jesus breaks through all of this and comes to us. He is once again born into our world. In the Gospel of St. Luke, the shepherds are told to go to the manger and see for themselves. While this message comes to them, a host from heavens proclaims, "Glory to God...Peace on earth." This message is also still true for today as well.

The invitation to come and see for ourselves is still given. Each of us is encouraged, is called, to come to Church to witness the saving action of God within our lives and within our world. We are called to encounter the living Christ, Who is within our churches, within our lives this Christmas. We are also called to hear the words of the multitude of angels "Glory to God...Peace on earth." And just as it was for the faithful of long ago, these words are not only a proclamation about the birth of Jesus the Savior, the Messiah and Lord, they are also a call to have us strive to make them a reality around us. If there is to be glory to God, it is up to us to give it. If there is to be peace on earth then we must make it a reality, and we do this through our committing to follow Jesus ever more strongly and making Him the true Lord and Savior of each of our lives.

One of the passages of Scripture that has always struck me strongly is one which occurs immediately after the passage given above for the Mass of the Shepherds. It is spoken concerning the Humble Shepherds after they have gone to the Manger to be in the presence of the Child Jesus. Again Saint Luke

tells us concerning the shepherds, "Once they saw, they understood what had been told them concerning this child." (Luke 2:17) This understanding comes to the shepherds not through the message of the angel, but rather in and through the encounter with the Christ Child. We too are called today to encounter Jesus. We are to hear His words to us in the Holy Scripture and then explained to us through homilies. We are called to encounter Him in the working together of the Body of Christ that is our parish community and we are especially called to receive Him in the reception of Holy Communion. In and through these encounters with Jesus, we then are better able to understand and know His desire for our lives and for our world.

And finally the Gospel of Luke tells us in this passage, "The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, in accord with what had been told them." (Luke 2:20) Here we see that we cannot just allow the message of Christ, the words of Christ, the encounter with Christ to remain as something only within our parish churches. It is rather to be carried with us. Just like the shepherds who returned to their work in the field and to the shepherding of their flocks, we too must go about all of the regular aspects of our daily lives in a changed manner. We are changed like the shepherds because we have Jesus anew within our hearts and within our lives.

This is the reality of the Christmas Season. It is an opportunity to allow Jesus to once again fill our lives and the lives of those dear to us with His presence. Let us follow the lead of the shepherds, go to the manger, come to the church and encounter the Christ Who loves us and came to earth for us. Then will we be strengthened to make "Glory to God and peace on earth" a reality.

I wish to my brother bishops, to all of the priests and deacons and to all of the faithful of our Holy Church my prayers for a joyous Christmas, filled with much love and peace. Let us again witness the good news that Jesus Christ is with His people, and that He loves each and every one.





“You Shall See the Face of God and Live”

Rt. Rev. John Mack, Bishop Ordinary, Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese

By the time this article gets to print and received by you in your home or on a computer screen, Christmas 2018 will be just a memory. I feel that many people get so caught up in the trappings and preparations for their Christmas celebration, they feel as if it is a victory just to have “survived another Christmas.” Christians can hopefully combat this feeling by trying to stay centered on the spiritual aspects of the celebration for ourselves and also for those around us. It does take a great amount of discipline and faithfulness to do so. Just this past weekend, I conducted a one-day retreat for the Cathedral Parish. Participation wasn’t what I had hoped for, but nonetheless I convinced myself that I wasn’t offering this only for the flock, but for myself as well. I chose an Advent series by the well-known Christian author, Max Lucado, and I borrow some snippets from his text. The series is entitled, “Because of Bethlehem” and the first segment has the theme: God has a Face.

Having been involved with music and choirs and singing most of my life, I chose the opening line of this article from the lyrics of a song entitled: “Be Not Afraid” by John Michael Talbot. It is oftentimes sung at funeral masses of resurrection, because the refrain says: “Be not afraid, I go before you always, come follow me and I will give you rest.” The line I chose, “You shall see the face of God and live” goes hand in hand with Max Lucado’s first offering, *God has a face*. From Old Testament times, it was believed that no one could gaze upon the face of God and live. In the book of Exodus, chapter three, Moses ascends Mount Horeb to see the remarkable sight, the burning bush. There, “Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.” We must realize what a remarkable shift in understanding that occurs when God chose to send His Only Son down to earth in human form. It is a complete paradigm shift from the image of an austere, far-away deity in the heavens, to a God who came to earth; walked with us, talked with us, healed, taught and fed us with living bread and the living words of the Father.

Many people may question: “What’s the big deal about this baby in the manger? Who is He? What does His birth have to do with me?” People from many walks of life have numerous questions about Christmas and they are looking for answers. The an-

swers are many and as varied as the questions. One response is: God knows what it is like to be a human. When I talk to Him about deadlines, or long lines or tough times, He understands. He’s been there. He’s been here. Because of Bethlehem, I have a friend in heaven. Because of Bethlehem, I have a Savior in heaven. God is always near us, always for us, always in us. We may forget Him, but God will never forget us. He called Himself, Emmanuel – which means ‘God with us.’

There is a cute story about a young lad who played the part of the angel messenger in the Christmas pageant. His one big line was, “It is I, don’t be afraid” which his mother rehearsed with him over and over. Finally, on the day of the pageant he walked onto the stage and froze in fright. After what seemed to be an eternity, he finally uttered: “It is me and I’m scared.”

Although we may not admit it, there are so many of us that are genuinely scared in these troubling times. When will the next deranged individual shoot up the local school or mall or workplace? Where will the next hurricane or tornado or wildfire wreak its havoc? What about our finances and investments? Will the market eventually crash? The shepherds stayed awake, watching their flocks by night. We’ve been sleeping with our eyes open trying to keep watch over our stocks by night. No institution is safe from corruption within, even Christ’s Holy Bride, the Church. Yet Christmas still brings hope. We celebrate the anniversary of the first coming of Christ at Christmas, yet there is still a repeat performance to come. You might call it “Act 2.” This time there will be no silent night. The skies will open, trumpets will blast, and a new kingdom will begin. He will empty the tombs and melt the winter of death. Be gone, sorrow, wheelchairs, and cancer! Enough of you, screams of fear and night of horror! The manger invites, even dares us to believe the best is yet to be. And it all could begin today. If it doesn’t happen for you, there is a reason. No day is accidental or incidental. No acts are random or wasted. Look at the details of the Bethlehem birth. Hollywood couldn’t have scripted a more haphazard story line. Yet amidst the confusion, the chaos and the hassle, hope was born. It still is. I’m sure none of us like hassles

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God is born! *Dios a nacido!* Bóg się Rodzi!

Rt. Rev. Bernard J. Nowicki, Bishop Ordinary, Central Diocese

My dear Brothers and Sisters in the Household of Faith,

A nuestros fieles en la Casa de Fe,

Do całej naszej Rodziny Wierzących,

Who can possibly comprehend much less find words to describe adequately so great a mystery as Christmas wherein the timeless Word becomes flesh within time in order to live here with us?

This essential truth of our faith is a great paradox; it is, in fact, to our minds, a contradiction, an inconsistency, an impossibility, an absurdity, an oxymoron, which the Polish Christmas carol *Bóg Się Rodzi* (*God is Born, PNCC Hymnal, #37*) reflects with stunning clarity. This elegant carol, set in the musical form of the Polonaise, offers the reaction that in the face so profound a mystery as the Incarnation, all of nature reels topsy-turvy where fire is experienced as ice and where brilliance and luster are utter blackness and void (“Ogień krzepnie, blask ciemnieje...”). Here the poet endeavors to reflect our astonishment as the Eternal and Timeless One enters time; and as the Uncontainable One is contained within the wrappings of an infant’s swaddling clothes and an animal’s feeding trough; and as the Inaccessible One is cuddled and clasped in the arms of His All-Pure Mother. Indeed according to our faith, the Creator of the Universe becomes a creature fashioned from the primordial clay of the earth.

And what’s more, this mystery reveals that the Creator deigns to become a creature out of love for the very creature who rebelled against Him! Our Divine Savior became man in order to save us from our sins. “He has entered with compassion man’s domain, His aid to render” (*from God is Born, verse 2*).

Such is the superabundance of Our Lord’s divine love which gives human love its very definition and meaning.

This event of the holy Incarnation stands as the turning point of human history. This wonderful mystery is itself the Light of Truth that shines with brilliance upon the human generations that dwell in darkness. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it (John 1:4-5). Yet, the powers of

darkness continue in vain to extinguish the Light. In our day, the enemies of God plot to “rid” the world of all mention of Christ’s sublime and saving truth through secularism, which is as powerful and deadly a weapon as any sword King Herod wielded in his attempt to eliminate the toddler Messiah.

In light of this, then, do not approach Christmas as a quaint and fanciful remembrance of a two thousand year old phenomenon. Instead, approach this Birth Event reverently as a sublime reality which you participate in by faith, because Christ is being born into the world even this very day. This awesome mystery of Love Himself becoming man is occurring now in our age, at this present moment, through all His baptized people, through all his faithful disciples and committed believers.

Each one of you, my dear faithful ones, is called to live the reality of Christmas each day in a world that both hungers for the reality of Christmas and is hostile to it. His Birth gives life itself a new meaning. Jesus came down from Heaven that [we] might have life and have it to the full (John 10:10). The reality of Christmas brings to you the gift of the fullness of life filled with profound joy, confident hope, and abiding peace. These are the medicines our ailing world requires today.

I wish for you and your family and friends all the blessings Christ’s Holy Nativity affords. May you all experience every day of your lives the same joy that once flooded the earth on the day of His birth.

To the one God in whom we live and move and have our being,
be glory and honor forever and ever. Amen.

“For the Word was made incarnate;
And in truth has dwelt among us.”
(*from God is Born, refrain, all verses*)

“*La Palabra se hizo hombre
y habitó entre nosotros.*”

“A Słowo ciałem się stało
I mieszkało między nami.”



You Are Witnesses of These Things

Rt. Rev. Paul Sobiechowski, Bishop Ordinary, Eastern Diocese

In the Book of Isaiah the Prophet we read: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'" (*Isaiah 52:7*).

A little further in the chapter we read, "The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God." (*Isaiah 52:10*).

Isaiah was speaking to the Hebrew people announcing that their Babylonian captivity was coming to an end. In an eternal sense, these prophetic words speak of the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, Who would bring to the world the redemption and the salvation of all humankind. We find a myriad of references to Jesus' birth and the redemption and regeneration of humankind.

What is interesting about the previous verse from Isaiah is that it says "all nations...shall see the salvation of our God." It is heard again in the ninety-eighth psalm, verse 3: "All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God" This is quite a testimony since the common understanding of the Jewish nation was that God, Yahweh, was their God and that He would place them over other nations and would provide in a singular way for them, "They shall be my people and I will be their God." (*Jeremiah 32:38*) But this was missing a real part of the salvation story. God was not simply a God of the Hebrews, but he indeed was God of all creation. "I am the Lord your God, there is no other."

From the first, even before God entered into covenant with Abraham we hear God's words, "...in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." (*Genesis 12:3*) And again, "...by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice." (*Genesis 22:18*) and please remember the phrase "you have obeyed my voice."

It was Isaiah's mission to proclaim this promise of God to redeem his people. But the hearts of the Jewish people were hardened. In the Exodus story the hearts of the people were hardened as well. In fact, an entire Hebrew generation would have to be born in the desert and then formed by God that they might

enter the Promised Land. And so too were the people of Isaiah's time. In Isaiah chapter six verses nine and ten: God tells Isaiah: "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend: keep looking but do not understand...so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.'

Jesus references this portion of Isaiah chapter six and then adds: "But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it." (*Matthew 13:16-17*). God's desire to save a people was not limited to just one nation, but rather to all nations. Jesus said, "Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come as a light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness." (*John 12:44-46*)

Today we see, once again a world where hearts are hardened and where a darkness covers the soul of the human race. Many people have chosen to celebrate a Christmas that ignores the Incarnation (God taking human form). They ignore the salvation of humanity that would begin in a stable in Bethlehem. They are deaf to the proclamation of God's angel, "...I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah the Lord." (*Luke 2:10-11*). The first verse of St. John's Gospel describes Jesus as God Himself. (*John 1:1*) Who came into the world in the form of a man. He became a light shining in the world to illumine the paths of men and women. Jesus sanctified and shared in our humanity that we might share in His divinity. John continues, "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it." (*John 1:5*).

This Christmas I challenge all those who read this to become lights in darkness. I challenge you to become an Isaiah for the hard-hearted of today's generation. Share with all you meet this Christmas season not only the message that a baby was born in a Bethlehem stable, but that this birth was the fulfillment of a promise made by God to the Patriarch Abraham. That

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No Christmas without Christ

Most Rev. John F. Swantek, Prime Bishop Emeritus

When the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that God had chosen her to be the mother of His Son, He was announcing to the people of all time this event which will affect all who will live. His Son would be named Jesus and He would save all people from their sins. God's Son would also be Mary's. It was this event that God in the person of Jesus would enter into space and time. It is this cosmic event which Christians commemorate on December 25th, Christmas Day. For believers this is a holy day.

Many centuries earlier, the Prophet Isaiah wrote that this Child of Bethlehem would be “called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” This Prince of Peace came to bring peace to individuals, peace among individuals, peace among nations, and peace to the world. His principal teaching is about love—love for God and love for all people. This is something which too many do not practice, but at this time of year we see many expressing love in various ways.

During these days before Christmas many will take out their CDs, tapes or records to listen to the traditional carols proclaiming the true meaning of Christmas and the hope which the birth of Christ brings to the world. Many parishes and local groups collect monetary donations, food, toys, clothing which will be distributed to the needy in the community, so that all will have a happy and merry Christmas. After more than two thousand years it is remarkable how the birth of Christ still moves people. It would be wonderful if this concern could be extended throughout the year.

Unfortunately during this time in which secularism is making inroads among Christians, we find that there are some who celebrate Christmas as perhaps an annual secular holiday. This means that it is a time for partying, putting colored lights on the exterior of the house and decorating the inside with a beautiful tree, bells, snowmen, Santa Claus and other non-religious symbols. It seems that for this group Santa Claus has replaced the Christ Child. Likewise this is also a time for shopping and the exchanging of gifts, for this is an annual custom. Attending church services is not part of this holiday for these individuals. On Christmas Day many will simply enjoy a delicious meal with relatives and friends.

Those, however, who celebrate Christmas as a holy day will also have decorations inside and outside, and among them we will find angels, choir singers and a crèche with Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The crèche reminds us that this is the reason why we celebrate Christmas.

For many Catholic Christians the Vigil Supper is prepared for Christmas Eve. It is a traditional meal and family gathering, during which all who are present break the Christmas wafer, *opłatek*, with each other, wishing Christmas blessings for now and the forthcoming year. The breaking of this holy wafer is a sign of love and good will, which should exist among all who are present. In some cases it may also be a time of bridge building and reestablishing past relationships.

After this traditional Christmas Vigil meal many who have enjoyed the evening will attend the Mass of the Shepherds during which the Church will draw our attention to the miraculous birth in Bethlehem. Adding to the solemnity of this night the parish choir will sing a number of traditional Christmas Carols which our relatives brought to America from Poland, Lithuania, Slovakia, Mexico, England and other countries. It is a pleasure to hear the choir proclaim the Bethlehem event, which is the reason why we celebrate Christmas and the hope which the Christ Child brought to this world on that most holy night, which caused angels to announce to shepherds His Birth, which caused shepherds to go and seek the newborn Savior and then to announce to others what they had experienced.

During Holy Mass, we will have the same opportunity to adore the Christ Child as did the shepherds, because Christ will be born on the altar under the signs of bread and wine. And we will be in the presence of God's Son born of the Virgin Mary. At the time for Holy Communion, we have the privilege of receiving the Christ Child and inviting Him into our lives.

“From among nights the most blessed, the most happy is the holy night when Jesus Christ came to earth.”

Bishop Francis Hodur



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or confrontations or arguments or division. I love Christmas because it reminds us of St. Paul's words. "And we know that God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28) I received a small stone memento with those very words at a Convo session a number of years ago. I still have it. Most days it travels with me in my pocket; in my daily walk; helping me to remember the presence of God. Not just "God with us" but "God with me." Still not convinced? Still wondering if God really cares for you? He does. Still have questions such as? **Q:** Does God care if I'm sad? **A:** Look at His tear-streaked face as He stands near Lazarus's tomb. **Q:** Does God notice when I'm afraid? **A:** Note the resolve in His eyes as he marches through the storm to rescue His friends. **Q:** Does God know if I am ignored or rejected? **A:** Find the answer in the compassionate eyes of Christ as He stands to defend the

adulterous woman. All we have to do is have faith and believe. All we need to do is to embrace this little baby, for Christmas is the story of a baby. Embracing Christ means more than a quick hug and give Him back to His mother. It means living a life worthy of the calling that we've received. Not for a *day*, but for *eternity*. I close with a very poignant passage from *Because of Bethlehem* that describes God's miracle we call *Christmas*:

Heaven's seed enwombed in Mary.

Miniscule, yet mighty.

A fetus, yet a force.

God descends the birth canal.

Born

Creator cradled in a Bethlehem barn.

Infant, yet infinite. Asleep, yet a King.

God gurgles in Mama's arms.

BABY!

May this child of love be yours this Christmastide and throughout the coming year.

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salvation came into the world for all humankind some 2,000 years ago. The birth of salvation is what we celebrate. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." (*John 3:16*).

God calls us to be Isaiahs for the present age. Therefore let us follow the command of Christ given to His disciples after His resurrection and share the message with all people from today forward: "Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms

must be fulfilled.'" Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things." (*Luke 24:44-48*).

On behalf of all the clergy and faithful of the Eastern Diocese, my family and myself, I wish to all of you a most blessed and joyful Christmas. *Wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia. Feliz Navidad !*

Our Pride - Spójnia Farm and Home for the Aged, 1929-1979

This 32-page booklet was written by Laurence Orzell. It was written for the 50th Anniversary of Spójnia Farm and Home For The Aged. It is a record of its development and the successes and failures during those 50 years.

Both the Polish National Catholic Church (P.N.C.C.) and the Polish National Union (PNU) have been interested in the welfare of their own elderly since their beginnings. The PNU's *"first Constitution pledged to seek the unity of the Polish people in America through bonds of brotherly love and concord and to promote the elevation of immigrant Poles in moral, social and political spheres."* The discussion for the welfare of elderly and infirm members began at a meeting of the PNU Supreme Management in October 1908. Bishop Hodur was in agreement with the idea of the construction of a place for the elderly and spoke of it at the second PNU Sejm (Convention) which met in Bayonne, New Jersey in 1911. This convention authorized Bishop Hodur to preside over and convene a committee of three laymen and three priests to coordinate the collection of funds for the construction of the Home For The Aged and Disabled.

The first task was to investigate farms in the area for a suitable location for the Home For The Aged and Disabled. At the third PNU Sejm, held in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, *"The committee reported that the probable costs of purchase and maintenance would preclude erection of a home, and recommended that the Sejm consider the establishment of such an institution on property owned by the P.N.C.C.'s Plymouth parish."* The Sejm did not concur, but the PNU Development Committee reaffirmed support for the construction of the Home For The Aged and Disabled. For some time, the P.N.C.C. and PNU planned to set up the Bartowicz Głowacki Home For The Aged and Orphaned. This proposal received little attention at the 1915 Sejm held in Passaic, New Jersey. Lack of funds did not see this idea go anywhere.

The 1917 Sejm held in Scranton, Pennsylvania found a discouraged Home Committee and its report to the Sejm recommended that the idea for a home be abandoned. Bishop Hodur proposed that some funds be used to assist the aged, but that an account for the development of a home be continued. The Sejm accepted Bishop Hodur's recommendation. The search

for a suitable location continued. None was found to be suitable and affordable by the time of the 1920 Sejm in Buffalo, New York. *"In 1923, during the Sejm which convened in Cleveland, Ohio, the Home Committee admonished the delegates and told them that, 'A refuge for the veterans of the struggle for the holy idea of the Polish National (Catholic) Church and ... development of the Polish National Union is absolutely necessary and sooner or later must be established'"* The response of the Sejm was the establishment of a monthly one cent assessment on each member. By the time of the 1927 Sejm in Brooklyn, New York, this increased the Home For The Aged fund to \$7,370. The Home Committee continued to search for a suitable, affordable location. At the Brooklyn Sejm, it recommended that the assessment be increased to two cents per member per month and proposed that each PNU member give a one dollar offering to the fund. Bishop Hodur supported the proposal and the Sejm agreed.

The Home Committee found a 420-acre farm in Waymart, Pennsylvania in 1929, only 23 miles from Scranton. The price was \$30,000. The P.N.C.C. provided contributions and the PNU loaned \$29,000 to a group comprised of P.N.C.C. and PNU members, named Spójnia Home For The Aged and Disabled Incorporated.

The management (farm) committee was comprised of five members, two P.N.C.C. Clergy and three PNU representatives. It is responsible to the Supreme Management of the PNU and to the Supreme Council of the P.N.C.C.. There were four houses to be used for residents. These were to be used only by members of the P.N.C.C. or the PNU and those able to work were expected to perform chores at the farm.

The formal opening was on July 4, 1929 with the dedication ceremonies starting at 11:00 am near a triumphal arch put up for the purpose. Several thousand people from PA, OH, CT, NY, NJ and MD came to the opening. Most came to Scranton and were taken to Carbondale by chartered trolley cars which left every few minutes after 7:30 am. Their journey to Spójnia Farm was then completed by truck and automobile. The farm was blessed by Bishop Hodur. Speeches were made by Bishop Hodur, PNU President Wiktor Kosiorek and Attorney Alphonse C.

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F. Kenowski. Also participating were the Boy Scouts and the Frederyk Chopin choir from St. Stanislaus Cathedral.

The first two residents were Wawrzyniec Mendel and Szczepan Sroka. By July 1930 the Farm had eight men and five women. The PNU provided several loans to purchase cattle and other essential livestock. All of the residents worked for their support insofar as their health allowed. *"Those who helped with the cattle arose at 5:00 am; the rest awoke one hour and fifteen minutes later and breakfasted at 6:30 am. Most labor on the farm commenced at 7:00 am and continued until about noon. Following lunch, work resumed until 6:00 pm. Supper at 7:30 pm, followed by rest, prayers and hymns, formed a prelude to lights out at 9:15 pm."* Bishop Hodur occasionally retired to Ustronie to meditate and to write; the book *Apokalipsa Dwudziestego Wieku* (Apocalypse of the Twentieth Century) was one result.

At the 1931 Sejm held in Scranton, Father Padewski, the Farm Committee chairman, gave a report where he noted that the property needed many improvements and he appealed for more funds. The Farm Committee spent approximately \$6,300 for horses, cattle, swine and chickens by this Sejm. He also recommended that a chapel be built. The Sejm did not grant a substantial increase in funding but did recommend an assessment on PNU members to pay down the mortgage.

The Depression affected the Farm as well as the general populace. During the early thirties there were many encampments by young people at the Farm. In 1933, a recreational facility for children, *Schronisko Polskiego Dziecka* (Polish Child's Shelter) was built with the help of *Towarzystwo Przyjaciół Polskiego Narodowej Szkoły* (Society of Friends of Polish National Schools). At the 1935 Sejm in Albany, NY, the Farm Committee recommended a renewed appeal for collection of funds from all P.N.C.C. parishes on the Feast of Brotherly Love (second Sunday in September) in accordance with the P.N.C.C. Special Synod held in Chicago in 1935. On All Souls Day in 1936, Bishop Hodur, assisted by Bishop Misiaszek and Father Thaddeus Zielinski, blessed a new tabernacle and bell (donated by the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Company) for the existing chapel. Construction of a laundry and baths occurred in 1937.

In July 1943, there were 26 men and 18 women residing at the Home. Because their average age was

75, they were not able to do much farm work. There were 66 cattle, 28 swine and 2,000 chickens. At the 1943 Sejm in Philadelphia, there was a call for expansion of the Home for the Aged. However, there was not enough money to do it; the remaining mortgage of \$28,000 had not been paid.

In March of 1945, Mrs. Josephine Walentynowich donated a tract of several hundred acres in Thornhurst, PA, which contained seven cottages and a large stone house, for the use by retired P.N.C.C. clergymen. This was named *Osada Warszawa* (Warsaw Village) at the dedication of the property on July 4, 1948.

By the 1947 Sejm held in Chicago, IL, there were 31 men and 16 women residents; they were from PA, NY, NJ, MA, CT, IN, and MO. By 1951, there were over 50 residents, 20 of which lived at Warsaw Village.

The youth activities at Spójnia Farm were enhanced by the donation of a structure by Mrs. Robertson of Waverly, PA, which helped make possible encampments by larger youth groups

In 1951, there was a formal opening of a dairy business. By July of 1959, the eighty cows supplied milk to 850 customers. At the 1959 Sejm in Scranton, it was announced that Spójnia Farm is completely free of debt.

A fund raising campaign for the building of a new residence began in 1959 with a goal of \$350,000. Bishop Grochowski agreed, despite the Home now having only twenty residents. Fundraising was slow; only \$50,000 was raised by 1963. It wasn't until 1972, when Crusade '72 was formed, that progress in fundraising commenced in earnest. Ground breaking ceremonies were held on July 4, 1974 and dedication and blessing of the Home was held on July 4, 1976 by Prime Bishop Thaddeus Zielinski. The total cost was \$1.2 million. It had accommodations for 50 people, but there were only 16 residents at Spójnia Farm's 50th Anniversary.

The booklet contains the following nine photographs: (1) Most Rev. Franciszek Hodur 1866-1953, Founder of Spójnia Home For The Aged. (2) Dedication ceremonies at Spójnia Farm, July 4, 1929. Bishop Franciszek Hodur (center, left) address the faithful. (3) The blessing of the new Spójnia Home For The Aged, July 4, 1976. Participating bishops include

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Spójnia Farm – 90 for 90 Campaign

Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky
Spójnia, Inc. President

In 1929 a joint venture of the Polish National Catholic Church and the Polish National Union saw the purchase of a large tract of land in Waymart, PA which was to become for us, Spójnia Farm. In this coming New Year, we will celebrate 90 years of the mission for that property in supporting the spiritual and physical well-being of the Youth of the Church and the Union.

In the publication, “Our Pride” written by Laurence Orzell we read, “In the early 1930’s the Committee made the Farm available for numerous encampments by young people, and 1933 witnessed the construction of “Schronisko Polskiego Dziecka” (Polish Children’s Shelter), a recreational facility, with the cooperation of Towarzystwo Przyjaciół Polskiego Narodowej Szkoły (Society of Friends of the Polish National Schools). Bishop Hodur himself not infrequently made contributions from his private funds towards the Farm’s upkeep.” (Orzell, “Our Pride,” p. 17)

Since this first beginning in 1933, the activities of the youth have been a vital part of the working of Spójnia Farm. In 1990 a new facility, primarily but not exclusively, for the youth was constructed. This is known as the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center. This Retreat Center is the site of the yearly Y.M.S. of R.’s Kurs Encampment. It is also where a number of other parishes and groups within the Church hold encampments or weekends away. But now of course, after 28 years, this facility too is in need of some upgrading and repair.

It is for this reason that the United Young Men’s Societies of Resurrection inaugurated this “90 for 90 Campaign” to reach out to those who have benefitted from facilities of Spójnia Farm in the past, to those who have camped at the Schronisko or the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, to make sure that the facilities are the best they can be for many years into the future. We also encourage any and all who desire to support this important work of Spójnia, Inc. to join in the campaign.

The “90 for 90” campaign is striving to raise funds especially for two important projects which are presently in the works. The pool at the Farm, which was originally installed in 1979, is in dire need of substantial work. The Retreat Center is also presently having an upgraded heating and air conditioning system installed. Along with these most important items, the Spójnia, Inc. Board would also like to begin to make a series of additions to the Farm property so that even more campers, from the Kurs and our parishes, can enjoy all that we have to offer.

As Spójnia Farm was originally the work of the entire Church and the entire Polish National Union, we encourage all, parishes, organizations, groups and individuals, to help us reach our goal of \$90,000 to make sure that the facilities of Spójnia Farm will be enjoyed by ever more youth in the years to come.

For more information please click on “90 for 90 Campaign” by going to “Events” found under the “Organizations/Commissions” button on the “pncc.org” website.

Donations can also be mailed to: **“United Y.M.S. of R. 90 for 90 Campaign”** at either **National Church Center, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, PA 18505** or at the address of the United Y.M.S. of R. Chairman, Nick Kazinetz at **207 Grassy Island Avenue, Jessup, PA 18434**.

Donations can also be made using PayPal via: <https://bit.ly/2BOXWoA>

If there are any questions concerning this campaign, you are encouraged to contact the Office of the Prime Bishop at 570-346-9131 – pbmikovsky@pncc.org, the Y.M.S. of R. Chairman, Nick Kazinetz at Nkaz20@aol.com or Spójnia , Inc. Board member, Stacy Strive at Scrip83@aol.com.

Y.M.S. of R. – Spójnia Farm “90 for 90 Campaign”

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Annual Christmas and New Year Greetings

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!
Prime Bishop Emeritus Robert and Florence Nemkovich
Cape Coral, FL

May Christ's love fill our hearts and homes!
Bishop Paul & Karen Sobiechowski
Manchester, NH

May the Christ Child bless you with faith, love, and health!
Bishop John, Arlene, and Family

Merry Christmas!
Happy New Year!
Very Rev. Fr. Chromey

Merry Christmas!
Michael R. & Mary A. Gorgol Mietlicki
Scotch Plains, NJ

Koło Kapłanów/Clergy Circle, Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese
Rt. Rev. John E. Mack, Bishop Ordinary
Our clergy wish you a most blessed Christmas.

Wishing you blessings of the Christmas season!
Clergy Circle of the Western Diocese—in blessed memory of †sp. Bishop Stanley Bilinski
Prime Bishop Anthony, Priests and Deacons

Eastern Diocese
Bp. Paul Sobiechowski — Ordinary
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

The Adoration Society of Holy Trinity Cathedral, Manchester, NH
Susan Bodner, President
Christmas Blessings and a Happy New Year

The Adoration Society of St. Valentine's Parish
127 King St., Northampton, MA 01060
May the birth of Christ bring blessings to us all!

Eastern Diocese United Women's Societies
Rt. Rev. Paul Sobiechowski, Diocesan Bishop
Very Rev. Joseph Soltysiak, Chaplain

"Hark the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn king!"
Merry Christmas and best wishes in the New Year!
The United Young Men's Society of Resurrection

All Saints Cathedral Parish
In loving memory of our pastor
†sp. Rt. Rev. Stanley M. Bilinski

Blessed Trinity Parish, Fall River, MA
Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich, Jr., Pastor
Wishing you a blessed Christmas and joyous New Year!



*Christmas blessings and a joyful New Year!
Church of Resurrection, Greenpoint, Brooklyn, NY
Parish Committee and Fr. Andrew Koterba*



*The Church of Our Saviour, Lawrenceville, NJ
Rev. Donald E. Wunderlich
May you have a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year!*

*Christmas Blessings
Divine Providence Parish, Norwich, CT
Fr. Christopher Rogalski, Pastor*

*Guardian Angel Parish, Los Angeles
Fr. Andrew Machowski
May you have a blessed Christmas!*

*Holy Cross Parish, Central Falls, RI
Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich, Jr., Pastor
May the light of the Christ child guide you always!*

*Holy Cross Parish, Hamtramck, Michigan
Very Rev. Jaroslaw A Nowak
Wesołych Swiqt! Merry Christmas!*

*As you celebrate the glory of this season may your home be filled with love, peace and joy
Father Paul Zomerfeld; Pamela Fish, Chair; Leo Fronczek, Vice-chair; Linda Ringler, Secretary/Treasurer
Holy Cross Parish, Johnstown, PA*

*Holy Family Parish
1921 Eden Park Boulevard, McKeesport, PA 15133
Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!*

*Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral
Rt. Rev. John E. Mack - Pastor
Parish Committee, Clergy and Laity*

*Merry Christmas!
From Fr. Sr. Zbigniew Dawid
and the congregation of Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish, Dupont, PA*

*Holy Name of Jesus Parish, South Deerfield, MA
Rev. Robert M. Koerber - Administrator
May the gift of Christ bring peace on earth!*

*Holy Trinity Cathedral, 166 Pearl Street, Manchester, NH 03104
Pastor, Bishop Paul Sobiechowski; Chair, Raymond J. Pieczarka; Vice-chair, Stefan Swiadask;
Rec. Sec., Jo-Ann O'Connell; Fin. Sec., Nancy Reilly; Treasurer, Frances C. Dobosz*

*Holy Trinity Parish, Kewanee, IL
Very Rev. Jerry Rafalko - Pastor
May you have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!*

*Holy Trinity Parish
Very Rev. John Rencewicz, II, Pastor
May you have a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year!*



Annual Christmas and New Year Greetings continued



Holy Trinity P.N.C.C., Plantsville, CT
Very Reverend Joseph Krusienski, Pastor
May the blessings of Christmas be with you throughout the coming year!

Rejoice, Christ is born!
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Lilly, PA
Rev. Scott J. Lill, Pastor

Merry Christmas!
P.N.C.C. of Holy Trinity & St. Joseph
Linden, NJ

St. Adalbert's P.N.C.C.
Very Rev. William Chromey, Pastor
Wishes for a Blessed & Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

St. Casimir's P.N.C.C.
Lowell, MA
Rev. Andrzej Tenus, Pastor

St. John the Baptist P.N.C.C., Frackville, PA
Rev. Robert Plichta and Congregation
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

St. Joseph's Mission Parish, Fairhope, PA
*God's blessings at Christmas — *Wesołych Świąt!**
Father Felix Pyzowski and Parish Members

Wishing you a blessed Christmas!
St. Mary Parish - South Bend, Indiana
www.stmarypncc.org [FB@stmaryschurchsb](https://www.facebook.com/stmaryschurchsb)

May the Christ Child bring you joy and peace!
Fr. Jason Soltysiak and the Congregation of
St. Mary's Parish - Parma, OH

St. Mary's Parish, 200 Stephenson Street, Duryea, PA
Rev. Fr. Carmen G. Bolock, Pastor
Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Christmas Greetings!
St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Cedar Lake, IN
Rev. John Kowalczyk, Jr.

Cathedral Parish of St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr
Scranton, Pennsylvania
A Blessed Christmas and Healthy New Year to all!

St. Stephens Parish, Reading, PA
Very Rev. Edward D. Ratajack
May you have a blessed Christmas!



*Parish Committee, Members & Friends of
Sts. Cyril & Methodius P.N.C.C., Chicago, IL
Have a blessed Christmas and happy New Year!*



*Our Savior Chapel - Tripp Park, Scranton, PA
The Right Rev. Bernard J. Nowicki, Pastor
May the love of our Lord and Savior fill your holidays with joy!*

*Our Saviour's Parish
Woonsocket, RI
Rev. Henryk Wos, Pastor*

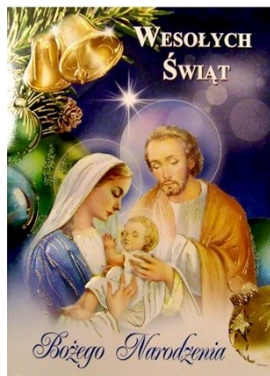
*Joyous Christmas greetings are wished one and all in the P.N.C.C. as the
Christ Child and His Holy Family bestow choice blessings on us in the New Year.
Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish, Mt. Pleasant, PA*

*Polish National Union District Six
Christine Wachna, District Director, Officers and Members
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

*Wishing you a happy holiday
and a joyful New Year!
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God's Blessings on the Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord.

Peace and Blessings in the New Year 2018



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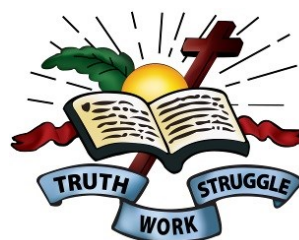
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Blessings and Best Wishes for a Joyous Christmas
and a Happy New Year!

Supreme Council, Polish National Catholic Church



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The Solemnity of Humble Shepherds Pamphlets Available to Parishes

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(left to right) Rt. Rev. Joseph I. Nieminski, Rt. Rev. Francis C. Rowinski, and the Most Rev. Thaddeus F. Zielinski. (4) The main residence on Spójnia Farm served as the Home For The Aged from 1929 to the time of the new Home's completion. Its interior structure changed relatively little over the years. (5) The new Spójnia Home For The Aged, with its Holy Cross Chapel (center), contains modern facilities for the fulfillment of the resident's spiritual and physical requirements. (6) Residents of the old Home For The Aged worshiped in this unpretentious chapel for many years. (7) The simple yet spiritually uplifting interior of the new Home's Holy Cross Chapel provides a quiet place for prayer and meditation. (8) Bishop Hodur stands before *Ustronie*, his retreat on Spójnia Farm. (9) Bishop Leon Grochowski (center, right) officiates at the blessing of a monument to Bishop Hodur near *Ustronie*, July 4, 1961.

I hope that you read this fine pamphlet to get a better understanding of the P.N.C.C.'s and PNU's charitable concern for its members. Please support the "90 for 90 Campaign" that the Y.M.S. of R. is conducting for renovations at Spójnia Farm.

Joseph Francis Seliga
Chair, P.N.C.C. Commission on History and Archives

Central Diocese**Lector Commissioning****St. Mary's Parish, Duryea, PA**

On Sunday, October 11, 2018, Attorney Andrew J. Lentowski was commissioned as a lector by St. Mary's Parish pastor, Father Carmen G. Bolock.

Atty. Lentowski and Rev. Bolock are pictured, below.



To my Secret Prayer Pal,

I thank you for the beautiful cards you have sent to me, telling me that you are praying for me and my family. This is very thoughtful. I want you to know that I am also praying for you. During this Christmas season, I pray that the Christ Child of Bethlehem will bless you and your loved ones with His love, peace, health, faith and happiness this year and always.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, my dear Secret Prayer Pal.

With loving Christ, your friend,

Bishop John Swantek

Eastern Diocese**Eastern Diocese Clergy Retreat, November 14, 2018****Mercy Center, Madison, CT.**

The Eastern Diocese Clergy Retreat focused on vocation to holiness, to follow Jesus, on the priesthood and the Holy Spirit.



Autumn Activities at Blessed Trinity Parish

Fall River, Massachusetts

Blessed Trinity Parish in Fall River opened their doors to sponsor some important events in an effort to make a difference in our community. On October 27, 2018 our parish hosted the National Expired Prescription Drug Take Back Day. Many pounds of unneeded and expired prescription medications were dropped off during the second day of our 2018 Polish Food Fest. The person responsible for this national drive, Tom Pasternak, joined us as well.



Members from BOLD and SSTAR with Fr. Sr. Rob and Fall River Board of Health Chairman, Tom Cory at the National Expired Prescription Drug Take Back Day at Blessed Trinity.

Thanksgiving Day saw our sixth annual Community Dinner prepared for those in need and those alone on Thanksgiving. This was our largest crowd to date with over 100 meals served. Thanks to Kathy Nemkovich for coordinating this wonderful undertaking. Also, numerous hand-knitted scarves and hats were taken by those who needed them – thanks to some dedicated ladies of our parish for this great undertaking. Our Leave a Dollar – Take a Dollar board was out and gave even a bit more help to those who needed it. For more information about these and other parish events please see our Facebook page: Blessed Trinity P.N.C.C.

We sponsored a Children's Toy Drive with our Fall River Police Department and local Neighborhood Associations and held a wrapping party on December 17th. These toys will be given to children in need across our city by our local police officers.

"Guns for Groceries" in conjunction with the Special Operations department of the Fall River Police Department, students from Durfee high school, UMASS Dartmouth and other local agencies, was held on November 17, 2018. Ninety-nine unused and unwanted guns were turned in making the streets of our city safer. This event and our parish received significant coverage by the Providence TV stations, local paper (the parish made the front page three times in one week) and social media accounts of local elected officials.



State Rep Alan Silva, Fr. Sr. Rob, members of the FRPD and leaders from other local agencies



Some of our volunteers at Blessed Trinity's Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner

2019 Home Liturgical Calendars

The Polish National Catholic Church still has a *limited* number of full color 2019 home liturgical calendars for sale on a first-come, first-served basis. This calendar with original photographs for each month includes information concerning P.N.C.C. holy days.

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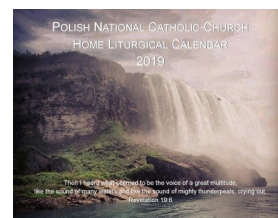
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