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Parish News



Bishop Jaroslaw (Jerry) Rafalko

On September 14, 2020, at St. Stanislaus Cathedral, in Scranton, Pennsylvania, the Solemnity of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the Polish National Catholic Church gathered in a joyous celebration as one of its priests was elevated to the order of bishop within the Holy Catholic Church. Although this was certainly a joyous celebration for the Church, the realities of the Covid-19 pandemic were also evident in the size of the congregation as the concern for social distancing and mask wearing were observed.

All of the P.N.C.C. Bishops in attendance surrounded the one to be consecrated. The Book of Gospels was placed upon his head and shoulders, the bishops all lay hands upon the one to be consecrated and together pronounce the words: "Receive the Holy Spirit." Due to the fact that the bishops had to be in close proximity to accomplish this holy action, face shields were worn. The Prime Bishop, as Consecrator, next prayed the Consecratory Preface and then the Hymn to the Holy Spirit, "Come, Thou Creator"

was sung. During the singing of this hymn, the head of the newly consecrated bishop was anointed.

The Hymn of the Polish National Catholic Church, "Through the Years" was next sung. Following this hymn the hands of the new bishop were anointed and bound, the pectoral cross was blessed and given to the new bishop and the bishop's ring was blessed and placed on his finger. The pastoral staff, the crozier, was also blessed and placed between his bound hands. Lastly the Book of Gospels was handed to the newly consecrated Bishop with the words: "Go forth, proclaim the Word of God to the faithful with zeal and without fear." The hands of the new bishop were then cleansed and Holy Mass continued with the Alleluia Verse and the Proclamation of the Gospel.



Towards the end of Mass, the final act of the consecration was the blessing of the mitre, when it was placed upon the head of the new bishop. The present bishops of the P.N.C.C. then gave their solemn episcopal blessing, followed by the solemn episcopal blessing of the newly consecrated Bishop Jaroslaw Rafalko.

Bishop Jerry Rafalko has now taken his position as the Diocesan Bishop of the Western Diocese of the Polish National Catholic Church and pastor of All Saints Cathedral in Chicago, Illinois.

Bishops of the Polish National Catholic Church (l-r): Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki, Diocesan Bishop of the Central Diocese; Rt. Rev. John Mack, Diocesan Bishop of the Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese; Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky, Prime Bishop of the P.N.C.C.; newly-consecrated Rt. Rev. Jaroslaw Rafalko, Diocesan Bishop of the Western Diocese; Rt. Rev. Paul Sobiechowski, Diocesan Bishop of the Eastern Diocese and Most Rev. John Swantek, Prime Bishop Emeritus.

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YMS of R Men's Group

YMS of R meetings are cancelled until further notice.



Here at St. Paul Parish we try to keep you up to date on church activities. In addition to our newsletter we also have emails. Our email address is:

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If you have a change of address, phone number or a new email address please email Debbie Niznik at the above email address. Thank you.

St. Paul Choir

Choir practice has been cancelled until further notice..



Ladies Adoration Society

Let us thank the Lord for his many blessings on our Society.

On behalf of the Adoration Society I wish you all a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.



In His service,
Dori Canfield, President
The Adoration Society





Father Mark's bible study class has been cancelled until further notice.

Golf League



Our church golf league has been cancelled until further notice.



Birthdays

- 2nd Al Becker
- 3rd Mary Klein
Donna Sauer
- 4th Shelley Murphy
- 5th Rita Carbone
- 6th Peggy Mushea
- 8th Helen Grimes
- 12th Esther Charney-Irvine
- 15th Father Mark Niznik
Vera Pitel
- 17th Barbara Yunker
- 19th Cindy Kloiber
Butch Maces
- 23rd Ray Dwyer
- 24th Terry Stuck
- 26th John Kirby
- 29th Karl Sarnowski



Anniversaries

- 8th Robert & Janet Casavant
Fernando & Susan Varela
- 13th Ray & Lynn Kubacki
- 22nd Tom & Mary Jeffery
- 30th Charley & Charlotte Stoykovich

* Members: if your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please inform Debbie Niznik.

Spaghetti Dinners



Our Friday Night Spaghetti Dinners are now cancelled until further notice.



Words for Thought

I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought, and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.

G. K. Chesterton



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