

Holy Name of Jesus

National Catholic Church – P.N.C.C.

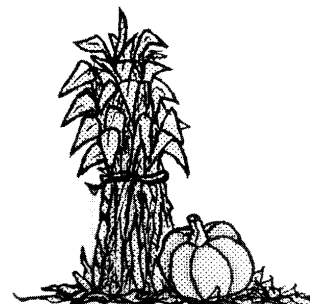
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May we give Thanks
in proportion
to the Blessings received.

NOVEMBER 2009

All Saints / All Souls observed this month ...

On Sunday,
November 1st, we shall meet
at the parish church to
conduct our worship re-
membering our beloved
saints during our regular
Sunday Mass schedule.

On the 2nd, we shall
meet at 7 pm to hear the
“Rote of the Dearly
Departed”. Please plan
your participation, and add
your prayers.

An English professor wrote
the words, “Woman without
her man is a savage,” on the
black-board and directed
his students to punctuate it
correctly.

The men wrote:
“Woman, without her man,
is a savage.”

The women wrote:
“Woman: without her, man
is a savage.”

Perception is everything.

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Parish Rummage and Bake Sale A Success ...

Thanks to all of you bringing items for the Sale this year.
Also, many thanks to those of our family coming and making sure
that the week of preparation and the Sale hours were maintained
well. **Bóg zapłać / May God reward you!**

Be strong and courageous! Don't tremble or be
terrified, because the Lord your God is with you
wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

As far as possibilities go, everything is possible for the
person who believes. Jesus (Mark 9:23)

Parish “Spaghetti Dinner” a epicurean memory

Thanks to the Dominy Family for once again providing
us with a wonderful opportunity to fellowship and to feast.
Thanks also to those who had come to support this effort and
to add to the success of the time and sacrifice.

Youth activities underway: Rehearsals for the
Nativity Play will continue this month leading to a
presentation on 12/13. These and a class with the
non-sacramental preparing students is being led
by Deborah Bilinski.

Two (2!!) catechetical programs are underway:
Father Stan is leading a class in the formation for
the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation;
Deacon Jim is preparing our younger brethren to
receive the forgiveness of our God and the gift of
Jesus in the Sacrament of the altar. The
celebration of these sacraments will be in 2010.

Let's reach all of our parish youth !!!

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1 Ordinary 31

31a Niedziela Zwykła

Solemnity of All Saints

Święto Wszystkich Świętych

Lessons Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
1 John 3:1-3

GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

Lector: Larry Panfil

**Intention sp. Ludwik Jakubiak and Howard Lewis, ofr
by the family**

- Coffee Hour provided for by Emily Ruchalski
- Monthly meeting of the Womens' Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Society
- Sunday School rehearsal. Following the class, the students are asked to stay a while to prepare their well-anticipated gift to the parishioners for the Nativity holidays.
- Capital Area Council of Churches Musical Celebration, 3 pm, First Lutheran Church, Western avenue, Albany.

8 – Ordinary 32

32a Niedziela Zwykła

Lessons 1 Kings 17:10-16
Hebrews 9:24-28

GOSPEL Mark 12:38-44

Lector: Marilyn Hietala

**Intention sp. Leanne Osterhout, ofr by the Houser
Family**

- Coffee Hour, hosted by Chris D'Amico
- Sunday School rehearsal
- Catechetical classes held.
- Sunday School class conducted.
- Parish Committee meets.

15 – Ordinary 33

33a Niedziela Zwykła

Lessons Daniel 12:1-3
Hebrews 10:11-14

GOSPEL Mark 13:24-32

Lector: Claudia Bertasso

- Coffee hour will be served by Shirley Maliszewski
- Catechetical classes held.
- Sunday School class conducted.
- **BAKE SALE** conducted by our parish youth to support the NUYA Project of assisting Heifer International.

22 – Feast of Christ the King

Ostatnia Niedziela Zwykła

Lessons Daniel 7:13-14
Revelation 1:5-8

GOSPEL John 18:33-37

Lector and Worship Leader: Deacon Jim

- Coffee Hour (host: the DonVito family)
- Sunday School rehearsal
- Catechetical classes held. (NOTE: THE CONFIRMATION CLASS HAS THE WEEK OFF.)
- Sunday School class conducted.
- **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Services. 4 pm. for the Schenectady area; and at 7 pm. for the North Colonie area. let us join our interfaith neighbors in a united sign of worship and thanksgiving!!!**

29 – Advent 1

1a Niedziela Adwentu

Lessons Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

GOSPEL Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

- Coffee Hour (Marilyn Hietala hosts)
- "Oplatki" and the Advent Wreath will be blessed.
- Catechetical classes held.
- Sunday School class conducted.

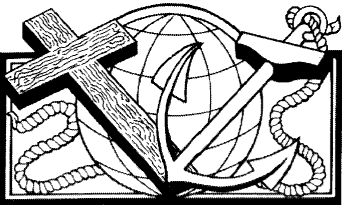
Prayer as it comes from the
 saint
 is weak and languid;
 but when the arrow of a
 saint's prayer
 is put into the bow
 of Christ's intercession,
 it pierces the throne of grace.
 - Thomas Watson -

he learned that the priest doesn't say,
 "Be quiet until you get to your seat."
 [forwarded by David Garcia]



Fill your heart with Thanksgiving

Take nothing for granted, for whenever you do
 The "joy of enjoying" is lessened for you –



Share Your Faith

For we rob our lives
 much more than we
 know

When we fail to
 respond or in any
 way show

Our thanks for the
 blessings that daily
 are ours

The warmth of the sun, fragrance of flowers
 The beauty of twilight, the freshness of dawn
 The coolness of dew on a green velvet lawn,
 The kinds little deeds so thoughtfully done,
 The favors of friends, the love that someone
 Unselfishly gives in a myriad of ways,

Expecting no payment and no words of praise
 Oh, great is our loss when we no longer find
 A thankful response to things of this kind,
 For the joy of enjoying and the fullness of living
 Are found in the heart that is filled with
 thanksgiving. - Helen Steiner Rice

~ When my older brother was very young,
 he always walked up to the church altar
 with my mother when she took
 communion.

On one occasion, he tugged at her
 arm and asked, "What does the priest say
 when he gives you the bread?"

Mom whispered something in his
 ear.

Imagine his shock years later when

- 3 - Tiffany Martucci
- Andrew DeCocco
- 4 - Elizabeth Węglinski
- Gary Węglinski
- Walter Węglinski
- 9 - Robert Dominy
- 12 - Kayla Boyland
- 14 - Scott Bard
- 19 - Victoria Konicki
- 20 - Anthony Heins
- 21 - Tania Boniecki
- 23 - Jan Shufelt
- Oswald Martucci
- 24 - Michael Dominy
- 26 - Julie Slezak
- 28 - Alice Houser
- 30 - Deacon Jim Konicki

Remember November

goNe are the beautiful fall colors, another
 Opportunity for giving thanks, busy
 oVens with pleasing aromas, families
 gathEring to strengthen bonds,
 reMembering hardships of our days,
 gratitude for Blessings coming our way, good
 fortunE to share with others,
 pRaising God for all good things.



ALL SOULS DAY ... is a day whereupon we remember our faithful departed in prayer. The Church calls us to keep those who have fought the good fight of faith in our remembrance. The names will be read during a Service on

Monday (the 2nd) at 7 pm at the parish church.

IN PREPARATION FOR ADVENT

We will once again collect food items during the upcoming Advent season. Over the past years, this has become a very blessed form of outreach. This is a ministry that has need all year 'round, but especially now in the colder months. People we will probably never meet, but are known by the Lord, will benefit from our sacrifice. Freely give as you have been freely given.

As an advance notice, the date for the Advent Penitentials is here given: Sunday, **December 13th!** We shall meet together as our parish family at the to spiritually prepare ourselves for the holydays to be upon us. {On this Sunday also, our parish will hold a traditional Vigil Dinner at the parish hall.}

This Service will also include the administration of the Sacrament of Anointing. The healing portion of the service will be available to all persons who seek the healing of God through this Sacrament. If you or anyone you know who need to avail themselves of the Lord's healing, please put this date in your plans.

Our Youth will be holding their Advent Penitential Service on Saturday, the 12th, which will also most probably hold a final rehearsal for the nativity play to be offered the following day.

This prayer time allows us some aid in our spiritual preparation for the holy season that will follow. In our busy lives, we can use this special time to feed our souls. The Church calls us specifically twice during the liturgical year for this reflection. Let's keep the date open to share our prayer and our reconciliation. We will have a youth service on the week after. This time allows our younger members to reflect on what this period of preparation means for them. Please keep this date free of worldly concerns, and allow yourself the help of community prayer and spiritual fellowship.

Christmas Wafers / Oplatki will be blessed on the First Sunday of Advent (11/29) and will be available from this day.

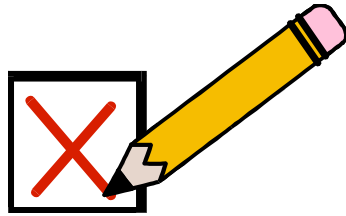
Thanksgiving Thought

We ask for the big things and forget to give thanks for the ordinary, small (and yet really not small) gifts. How can God entrust great things to one who will not thankfully receive from him the little things?

If we do not give thanks daily for the Christian fellowship in which we have been placed, even where there is no great experience, no discoverable riches, but much weakness, small faith and difficulty; if on the contrary, we only keep complaining to God that everything is too paltry and petty, so far from what we expected, then we hinder God from letting our fellowship grow according to the measure and riches which are there for us all in Christ Jesus.

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Remember to vote on Tuesday, November 3rd !



How much is one vote worth?

- In 1645, one vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England,
- In 1649, one vote caused Charles I of England to be executed,
- In 1776, one vote gave America the English language instead of German,
- In 1845, one vote brought Texas into the Union.
- In 1868, one vote saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment.
- In 1876, one vote changed France from a monarchy to a republic,
- In 1876, one vote gave Rutherford B. Hayes the Presidency of the United States,
- In 1933, one vote gave Adolph Hitler leadership of the Nazi Party,
- In 1960, one vote change in each precinct in Illinois would have denied John F. Kennedy the Presidency.

Our necessary fund-raiser will be up for re-subscription this month:

- 1) Serendipity Calendar – These are on sale for \$20/calendar. It's the stocking-stuffer gift that gives all year. You pick a three-digit number and if that number is picked, you win the prize for that day. Only 1000 calendars can be sold. So plan your holiday giving while helping out the parish. Sample calendars are always available for you to examine.

For those subscribing in 2009, make sure your re-subscription is in soon if you want the same number for 2010.

This effort helped us take care of some expenditures without taxing the parish treasury.

Please talk this up among your family, friends, and co-workers. It is a small help that can go a long way!

December Happenings:

13 - Advent Penitential Devotions - to be conducted in our Parish. This service shall begin prior to our Sunday Mass. Our youth shall be meeting on the day before for their spiritual preparation. Please leave this date open to meet with our sisters and brothers to prepare ourselves for the holy season to come.

13 - We will feast on both spiritual and natural food - the students of our SOCL program will perform some scenes to teach us about the Lord's Nativity. Following the presentation we shall meet for the annual Christmas Vigil Supper in the parish hall. All meatless entrées will be served along with side dishes provided by all of us to share. Come to share in nutrition for our souls and bodies.

20 - We ask all able-bodied parishioners to stay and help decorate the parish church for the holydays ahead. With many hands, we could be done quickly and effectively.

24-31 - the Nativity holydays and end-of-the-year schedule will be printed with next month's newsletter.

Just to be a bit more explicit in this new dues structure. For 2010, every adult in our parish 18 years and older shall contribute \$50/year to the General Church.

For the purpose of diocesan dues, \$12/ADULT/year is asked, and our parish dues structure is \$25/single, and \$50/family. Remember that those of our elder brethren (65 and older) are exempt from parish dues, but the General and Diocesan dues still need to be remitted. Remember also, that the parish will have to remit the dues to the General Church and the diocese for those parishioners who do not offer any. So we encourage all of our parishioners to take care of their financial obligations as soon as they are able. We do have an envelope in the packet to help you.

Adult (18-65 yrs, single, widow, widower)

\$	50	General Church	
	12	Diocese	
	25	Parish	Total \$ 87/year

Adults (18-65 yrs, husband and wife)

\$	100	General Church	
	24	Diocese	
	50	Parish	Total \$ 174/year

Adult (65+ yrs, single, widow, widower)

\$	50	General Church	
	12	Diocese	
			Total \$ 62/year

parish concerns

The discussion begun in last month's newsletter is taken up again this month. Your input into these important areas of concern is greatly encouraged and appreciated. The first major question is: are we doing enough for our parish family? Are we doing enough for the community in which we live? Are we doing enough for the world?

Father Stan is greatly concerned

about directing his efforts in the areas that are most needed by our parish family. He would like to continue adult study groups, additional prayer times, and areas of outreach into our current parish family where the needs are most great. But what are those needs? Should we be doing something we are not currently doing? Please share your comments along these lines with him.

There is a portion of our congregation, namely the young people, that are in need of a program. To what depth? In what direction? To what end?

Is there more we could do with our music program? Are there additional choral and liturgical pieces that we could incorporate into our weekly experience together?

The parish history is replete with stories of the organizations that were formed by the parishioners: The Young Men's Society of the Resurrection; two organized choirs; a Spójnia Branch. Are these important organizations needed today? How would we best serve our congregation by re-forming these groups?

Included in this discussion should also be an assessment of our weekly efforts in the bingo program. A cursory examination of the years 1994-2003 will immediately show that approximately 85% of the yearly income had come from this effort. We do know, however, that the last five years have contributed only about 22% of what was previously realized. We need to take a harder look at our efforts here as well. There are those who currently give of themselves weekly that would like to "pass on the reins" or, at least, be given some respite from their weekly involvement. But for that to happen, there has to be someone to step forward and lend a hand. We have such a wonderful reputation in our community

for we have been good stewards of the revenue this program produces. And now we desperately need additional help in this project. If you have a few hours that you can lend on a Saturday evening, please know that it will be appreciated beyond your knowing. Your commitment would be for as many hours as are available to you; but please consider offering some.

Father Stan would like to open a dialogue concerning all the points presented here. We could do it in a public forum, or over coffee one evening, or on an individual basis. But do it we must! Please offer your comments and suggestions on how we could initiate this planning process so we can come up with these important decisions. And may God bless us in our efforts.

Our immediate efforts should also be mingled with a renewed effort to weekly giving to the parish. As a parish, we must offer to the diocese and to the General Church our apportionment of dues, whether they are given to the treasury or not. The church treasurer knows how many parishioners we have, and that's the number we must offer apportionment for. Please make sure your giving covers the dues structure (as noted elsewhere) as well as helping the parish function throughout the year with the funds that we can retain for our use.

It will be up to our parishioners to step up their giving to return the parish treasury to a healthy state. Please prayerfully give to the benefit of our parish and its programs. Our long-range financial future is in your hands. Help!!!

*To see hope at its strongest,
we must look where there seems
to be no grounds for hope at all.
- J. Barrie Shepherd -*

THE WAY

THE WAY IS LONG.....LET US GO TOGETHER.
THE WAY IS DIFFICULT.....LET US HELP OTHERS.
THE WAY IS JOYFUL.....LET US SHARE IT.
THE WAY IS OURS ALONE.....LET US GO IN LOVE.
THE WAY IS OPEN BEFORE US.....LET US BEGIN.

Thanksgiving cures covetousness.

It magnifies little things till we fail to wish for the great things of others.

It is the quintessence of contentment; and contentment joined to pure practical goodness is the acme of all life.

And just such an acme of life is within the reach of every lowly heart that will trust God fully.

With many thanks and great appreciation, we would like to acknowledge the great amount of effort put forth in the annual Rummage and Bake Sale on the 24th of last month.

Thanks again to all who helped in any way to ensure the success of this project! Bóg zaplac! May God reward you!

**Maturity begins
when we are content to feel
we are right about something,
without feeling the necessity
to prove someone else wrong.**

The Parish Committee has contracted with the couple living in the parish house for perhaps the final term. Tim and Valerie have been looking at other houses that they would like to move into. We hope that their time with us would be extended, but understand that their life plans may take them in another direction. We have been truly blessed with our "neighbors" and wish them good health and happiness while they are still here and may our wishes go with them should they decide to move on.

Parish Cemetery News

The water service will be shut off for the winter season following the observance of All Saints on the 1st.

Late fall clearing of brush and overgrowth will be accomplished throughout this month.

Monthly Confessions
... will be heard for adults and youth, Saturday, the 7th, 10 – 11 am.

We haven't realized the full potential of our efforts so far in this fall season; and it's hard to understand why. We know that expendable funds are not readily available in our parishioners' households; but if fund-raising is not preferable, then Sunday giving has to increase. We are not in a position to make our monthly

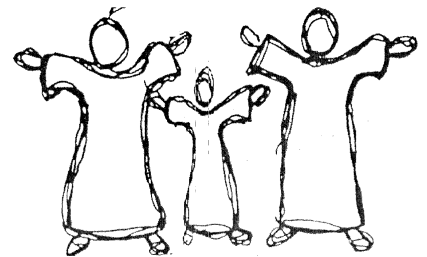
financial responsibilities without a more concerted effort by our congregation.

Please take these important issues to your heart and to your prayer. If you come up with any suggestions that could ease our financial situation, please share them with the parish committee.

SOCL Craft Day

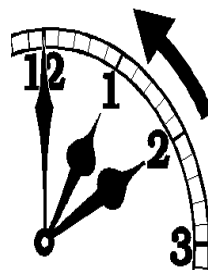
Sunday, November 1st will be a day where our students will be assembling the 2009 edition of the Christmas gift they have treated us to over the past years.

Following class and rehearsal on this day, the students will be sharing lunch as they assemble these gifts. Two dollars (\$2) is asked from each student to defray the cost of materials.



Parents: we certainly appeal to you for your patience while your student(s) participate in this annual project.

This year, the third in an experiment, Daylight Saving Time ends one week later. Make sure you turn your clocks **BACK** one hour on the evening of October 31st!



November Dates of Note:

- 1 - All Saints Day Mass.
 - CACC "Musical Celebration" 3 pm, Albany
- 2 - All Souls Service @ 7 pm.
- 22 - Deacon's Communion Service
- 26 - Thanksgiving Day
- 29 - First Sunday in Advent

Heifer International

We had made such a concerted effort when this project was presented to us in 2008. We, along with only two other of our diocesan parishes, contributed towards this effort.

The National United Youth Association Board has now taken this effort into this year, and hopes to be able to complete it - with our help once again, and, hopefully, with a wider participation among our dioceses. We are hoping to reach the goal of \$5,000 across the Church for this year. The funds collected last year amounted to \$2,800, so we need the final \$2,200.

The drive will end this November. We are planning a "bake sale" on Sunday, the 15th, with the proceeds from this "sale" going towards our 2009 contribution.

Please remember to support our youth in this push to help the National Youth Association complete this project for this year.

Thanks in advance for whatever help you are able to give towards this end! May God reward you! Bóg zaplac!!!

Dates to consider in 2010:

- 1/24 - Sunday within the Octave of Prayer for Christian unity
- 1/31 - Music Scholarship Sunday
Annual Parish Gathering
- 2/17 - Ash Wednesday
- 2/28 - Annual Financial Meeting
- 3/21 - Annual "Basket Social"
- 4/04 - Easter Sunday
- 4/30-5/2 - Mission and Evangelism Seminar
- 5/14-16 - PNCC Bowling
Tourney
- 7/26-30 - Convo 2010
- 8/1 - Annual Parish Picnic
- 9/4 - Track and Field Meet
- 10/11 - Seniorate Meeting