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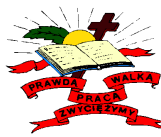
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Never jump
into a pile of leaves
with a wet lollipop

OCTOBER 2009

October Happenings

3rd – Traditional Blessing of the Animals in honor of St Francis of Assisi.

17th – “Spaghetti Dinner” – Dinners prepared for eating in or taking out between the hours of 4 – 7 pm. Please extend an invitation to your family and friends to join us for supper this day. Thanks!

18th – “Music Scholarship Recipients” Sunday – Please use this Sunday to acknowledge those of our parish who have had conferred upon them 2009 National United Choirs Music Scholarships. There will be an extended Coffee Hour this morning.

24th – Annual “Rummage and Bake Sale”. Rummaged Articles may be brought on Sundays. Sale hours will be 9 am – 3 pm, with a “bag” sale beginning at 2 pm. Baked items may be brought in the day of the Sale.

25th – All Hallows Eve (Hallowe’en) Party for the School of Christian Living.

Students who are enrolled in the School of Christian Living program for 2009-2010 will begin their studies this month. Rehearsals for the “jaselka”/Nativity play will also begin during this month.



November Happenings

1st – Feast of All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation) - Holy Mass at our regular Sunday time (Don’t forget to turn your clocks back one hour.

[Spring forward, fall back])

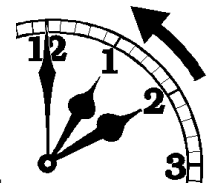
- The Capital Area Council of Churches will be holding its annual **MUSICAL CELEBRATION**. (Check weekly bulletins for site info.)

2nd - The Observance of All Souls - Service of Remembrance and the reading of the “Wypominki / Rote of the Departed” at 7 pm.

22nd – The Schenectady Council of Churches will hold its Ecumenical Thanksgiving service at 5 pm.
– The North Colonie Churches will hold its Annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service, 7 pm.

26th - Feasting and Thanksgiving.

29th – First Sunday of the New Church Year – First Sunday in Advent.



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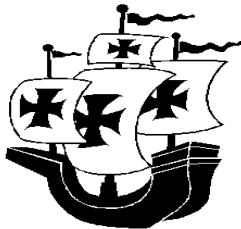
4 – Ordinary 27
27a Niedziela Zwyczajna

Lessons Genesis 2:18-24
Hebrews 2:9-11
GOSPEL Mark 10:2-16

Lector: Larry Panfil

Intention śp. Jean Martino, ofr by Stacia Roicki and Janet Spurck

- Coffee Hour, hosted by Pete & Liz Battaglia
- Meeting for our Women's Blessed Sacrament Society.
- Confirmation class meets after Holy Mass.



11 Solemnity of the Christian Family
Święto Chrzescijan Rodziny

Lessons Genesis 1:26-28, 31a
Ephesians 6:1-9
GOSPEL Luke 2:42-52

Lector: Deacon Jim

Intention prayers for our recipients and for the members of our parish family.

- Marianne Węglinski has reserved this Sunday for Coffee Hour hosting.
- Confirmation class meets after Holy Mass.
- **Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee follows Coffee Hour.**

Please remember that our SOCL classes will begin this month.

Please make sure your students are enrolled in these important faith steps.

18 Ordinary 29
29a Niedziela Zwyczajna

„Music scholarship recipient Sunday”

Lessons Isaiah 53:10-11
Hebrews 4:14-16
GOSPEL Mark 10:35-45

Lector: Marilyn Hietala

Intention śp. Helen Palette, Edward Fitzner, Jr., Bessie Pidgeon, Armond Martiniano, ofr by the family.

- Sunday School begins its scheduled classes.
- Coffee hour provided by Father Stan
- Confirmation class meets
- St Adalbert's Annual "Dożynki" at the Polish Community Center, Albany. Our Parish has been extended an invitation to join the festivities.

25 – Ordinary 30
30a Niedziela Zwyczajna

Lessons Jeremiah 31:7-9
Hebrews 5:1-6
GOSPEL Mark 10:46-52

Lector: Claudia Bertasso

- Sunday School classes.
- Coffee hour reserved by Deb Bilinski
- Confirmation class meets

We extend congratulations to Kate and Eric Hoefler who were married in

Geneva, NY on the 3rd of this month. Father Stan was honored and privileged to be conduct the ritual and celebration of this new union made with Jesus.

May Kate and Eric always have the grace of the Lord in every day of their married life.





***The only fight which is lost
is that which we give up.
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer -***

- 2 - Jennifer Brown
- Bob Williams
- Charles Kusek
- 3 - Rachel Kopec
- 7 - Deborah Kopec
- 8 - Deborah Bilinski
- William James
- 11 - Eugene Maliszewski
- Marie Maliszewski
- Tom Supinski
- 16 - Pamela Funicello
- 19 - Daniel McDermott
- Brian Dunham
- 21 - Robert Maliszewski
- 29 - Michael DonVito

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING, 2009-2010 SEMESTER

We will begin our sessions for this new semester of the School of Christian Living this month. We are blessed to have a few individuals offering their ministry. We continue to have the invaluable assistance of our music minister, Liz, as we look toward the "jaselka" / Christmas play to be offered in December.

We are in need of more teachers and a few substitutes. Currently, Father Stan will be meeting with candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation; and, Deacon Jim will be working with those in the First Communion class. If you have a desire to work with our kids and offer some of yourself in this education endeavor, please speak with Father Stan.

We have a great group of kids and we look forward to having another great year of learning, sharing and fellowship.

We are considering a "road trip" again this year. If you have any suggestions, please get in touch with Father Stan.

In all things, we seek your prayerful support and your understanding in our meeting the needs of our parochial experience.

**OCTOBER IS
"POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH"**
The Polish American community will officially celebrate this observance in October thanks to the efforts of Congressman Robert Borski and Senator Paul Simon. The Bill designates October as the month in which activities are sponsored by the Polish American Congress. As others have helped us to express our beautiful heritage, let us not turn away from expressing with joy what is ours to share.

OCTOBER 11th IS THE "FEAST OF THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY"

This Feast was instituted in our Church at the third Synod in 1914, and is set aside to reflect on the basic unit of Christianity today, the family. Make it a point to bring your entire family to Holy Mass this day, so that the entire family of God in our parish may rejoice with one another the beauty of being part of the great family of God.

Can I increase my pledge?

A young Christian stockbroker in New York City, Mary Ebi, recently told her fellow church members that each year she asks herself, "Can I increase my pledge this year? Can I dare to do that?" She went on to say that a small voice comes to her and says, "Go ahead, do it. Give it. The strength you need will be there. It's already inside you." So she says she increases her giving each year as an act of faith, and she has always been able to meet her commitment. Her giving is a positive demonstration of her faith, and her faith illumines her whole life.

Will it really matter five years down the road? That's a good question to ask when you're bothered by a traffic jam or an argument. Don't allow minor setbacks or concerns to get in the way of your concentrating on what's important. Set your hearts (and minds) on things above!

The observance of **All Saints and All Souls** occurs at the beginning of next month. The Feast of All Saints happens to fall on a Sunday this year, with Holy Mass scheduled at its regular Sunday schedule (**this is a Catholic Christian holy Day of Obligation**). All Souls Day, when we will mark the observance of praying for our dearly departed, falls the next day, November 2nd. Forms to place the names of those souls you wish remembered will be made available with both this "Newsletter" and the *Sunday Bulletin*. May these days of prayer and reflection cause us to ever more be mindful of the grace and peace of the Lord, both in service and in eternal rest.

ATTEMPT SOMETHING SO GREAT FOR GOD THAT IT IS DOOMED TO FAILURE UNLESS GOD BE IN IT.

Planning ahead:

Saturday, October 3rd - Traditional blessing of animals, 10 am.

Saturday, October 10th - Confessions heard for adults and youth, 10-11 am.

Saturday, October 17th - "Spaghetti Dinner", served from 4 -7 pm.

Sunday, October 18th - "Music Scholarship Awards Sunday" - Special "coffee and cake" hour to be served.

Saturday, October 24th - Annual Rummage and Bake Sale. Hours 9-3, with "bag sale" at 2 pm.

Sunday, October 25th - Hallowe'en Party for the SOCL students.

Sunday, November 29th - First Sunday of Advent - marking the beginning of a new Church year!!!

Sunday, December 13th - Parish Advent Penitential Devotions. AND

- Wigilia (Parish Christmas Vigil Dinner) and SOCL presentation.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Christian Family this month, as Christian parents, we need to give our youngsters a high concept of themselves. The more they respect themselves, the more they will want to live godly, productive lives, and the happier they'll be. You will find the following suggestions helpful in creating as strong sense of self-worth in your children.

1. ASSURE THEM OF GOD'S LOVE. When children are taught about God's abiding, sacrificial love, they'll sense how important they are to God. When they realize that Christ died for them, they'll feel they must be worth something after all.

2. MAKE REALISTIC DEMANDS. Some parents expect more of their children than any child could ever live up to. This causes the children to have almost constant feelings of failure and frustration. Be reasonable, but not too easy, in your expectations.

3. SPEND TIME WITH YOUR CHILDREN. This lets them know they are important to you. Your personal attention will build up their view of themselves.

4. MAKE ASSIGNMENTS. Give your children regular responsibilities that are not beyond them, and expect them to be completed. Add extra duties on occasion. Nothing improves a person's self-concept like doing a job successfully - especially if it's fairly difficult.

5. SHOW INTEREST in what your children are doing. Ask them about the events of the day; listen carefully when they tell you. If they are giving a recital or playing on the school basket-ball team, make sure you are among the spectators.

6. SAY NO WHEN NECESSARY. Your children may be upset if you deny them something they want to do, but they'll know you really are concerned about their welfare. And they'll be grateful in the long run.

7. PRAY FOR YOUR CHILDREN in their presence. This will show them that you think they're important enough to talk to God about.

**Keep praying,
but be thankful
that God's answers
are wiser
than your prayers.**

As our parish cemetery will be closed for the winter season, please be advised that the time for trimming shrubbery has passed. It will be the last order of cemetery business this fall to take care of this necessity. All shrubs over the mandated size have been trimmed or removed. Faded flower arrangements will be removed.

parish concerns

As the fall is now upon us, there is a need to assess our parish life and program. 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 begin adult study groups, additional prayer times, and areas of outreach into our current parish family where the needs are most great. But does the congregation want to move into these areas? 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?

We have been splendidly blessed in the sharing of musical talents here in our parish – through the SOCL program and with those who lend their voices for the liturgies. 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 reforming these groups?

Forcing this discussion should also be an assessment of our weekly efforts in the bingo program. We have recovered from July of 2003 when this program first failed to turn over any revenue to the parish. This recovery now takes care of one-half of the Administrator's monthly stipend and is able to take care of other monthly needs. Other funds from the Bingo Program also take care of the quarterly assessments to the National and Diocesan Church.

In example, in 2009 to date, the parish has realized \$32,311.55 from the Bingo programs for necessary expenses such as parish assessments, copier lease, SOCL needs, service repairs, and other smaller expenses. The question needs to be asked, where would this \$32,000 come from if it not were for the bingo program? If this effort were to conclude, where would the revenue be received to cover all these expenses now taken care of? Here is an area that needs some extended discussion and, from that discussion, some serious planning.

July and August figures:

Income - \$ 6,670.50

Expense - \$ 6,039.04

Deficit - \$ + 631.46

Checkbook bal. \$ 12,717.50

We need to take a harder look at our efforts here as well. Many of those giving of themselves weekly have been doing so for at least 12 years with a few dating back to a time of its inception. 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. We have extended our hand and helped almost everyone who has sought our help.

It should be gratefully noted that through the grace of God, He has been faithful since we offered to Him these very petitions. He has allowed our efforts to produce monthly revenues of a somewhat remembered past. We pray that His grace will continue to be ours.

Concerning your helping here: if you have a few hours that you can lend on a Saturday evening, please know that it will be appreciated beyond your knowing. A few hours at the beginning of our time to sell the packets and/or tickets; or a few hours during the time to call back the games or to help with the bell jar sales. Your commitment would be for as many hours as are available to you; but please consider offering some.

For those of you looking for other means of helping we have arranged a few projects in the immediate future:

👉 **Spaghetti Dinner** – Saturday, October 17th – Tickets are available! Invite many!

👉 **Rummage Sale** – Saturday, October 24th – Please begin to assemble your rummage;

👉 **Serendipity Calendar** – although not realizing its full potential, we were able to take care of sundry expenses through the proceeds of this effort. We will be planning another effort for 2010. Letters to current subscribers will be going out next month. You will also have a chance to enter into this effort to allow the parish some extra funds to meet its financial needs.

👉 **Seated Yoga Class** - A Seated Yoga class has progressed through half of its second semester. There are plenty of places available to fit into this first semester with the second eight-week class to begin shortly. Please consider taking this class for your fitness; it will also help out our parish treasury as well.

In all, we continue this crucial financial time in our parish history; we have to look to the future and plan for it; we have to look at what we are currently doing; we have to decide just where we are going, and how are we going to get there?

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.

WEEKLY COFFEE HOURS ARE BEING PLANNED

Remember that your weekly commitment involves checking is there is enough coffee for the week you choose; milk and some “goodies” to share. The parish will always supply paper products. We can usually plan on 40–50 partakers (including our SOCL students). Reimbursement is available if you so choose. We are, however, due to our current financial questions, an offering basket will be present for any free-will donations that may be given.

We thank Ed Bertasso for heading this ministry effort. You may speak to Ed and then place your name of our sign-up sheet. Thanks for your gracious consideration.

A Special Word about our Observance of the Feastday of St Francis of Assisi and the Blessing of Animals this year:

Saturday, October 3rd, 10 am. Deacon Jim will be celebrating this service.

If you feel so inclined, to bring along some items to donate: dry or canned pet food, cat litter, leashes, or other items (no perishable food) you would like to donate. Some early contact with some local agencies has been made to accept our donations.

Our prayer again this year had special import since there are a number of animals we asked St Francis to intercede for and asked God to protect and re-unite with their caregivers. Please add your donation. In advance,

THANKS!

A "heads -up" for the Sundays of October:

- On Sunday, the 11th, we will observe the Solemnity of the Christian Family, as we are directed through our Church calendar.
- Sunday, October 18th will have the announcement of the 2009 Music Scholarship recipients from our parish. A "coffee and cake" hour will be shared following Holy Mass. Annual "Dozynki" sponsored by St Adalbert's RC Church will be held at the Polish Community Center, Albany.
- Sunday, the 25th, our annual party with the students of the SOCL.

The call goes out to add additional ministers in three important areas of our parish life:

SOCL teachers - as stated above we would like to be able to offer the best educational program to our young people. Please come forward and offer your time in the soul shaping of our younger members.

Acolytes - there are a few training manuals still out there that haven't yet been quizzed on. Additionally, if there are those of our younger members who would like to give of their in service to the Lord at the altar, please see Father Stan.

Lectors - traditionally this office was reserved for the laity. We would like to add to the number that currently serves the parish in this ministry. There is a short training period, and after that a licensing from the bishop. If you'd like to add your voice to the liturgy in praise of God, please give your name to Father Stan.



SPAGHETTI DINNER Saturday, the 17th!!!

We can once again plan to enjoy wonderfully delicious dinner fare prepared and served by the Dominy Family. Tickets are available now. Please consider purchasing a ticket so that an estimate of food amounts might be determined.

Adult dinners are \$9, and child's portions are \$5.

Let us take some time and share a meal together!

RUMMAGE SALE Saturday, the 24th

With the "Annual Rummage Sale" coming up on the 24th of this month, there is a sign-up sheet to indicate your help during the week prior as to placing, cataloging and pricing the items. There will be someone in the hall on Tuesday-Friday evening for these aspects. Please stop by to lend a hand. And then, of course, on Saturday for the Sale.

Items are currently being collected in the parish hall and may continue to be until the 18th. It would be better if all the items were in by then so that placing and pricing may proceed quickly as per the schedule described above.

The Bake Sale portion of the day is being headed up by our Women's ANS. There is an invitation extended to all bakers in the parish to offer a baked good for the Sale. All baked goods sold on Saturday would go to the revenue from the Rummage Sale. Any left over items sold on Sunday would revert to the Womens' treasury.

Thanks very much for your consideration!

THANK YOU ... THANK YOU ... THANK YOU...THANK YOU

... May we take this time to thank sincerely those of you who had come to lend a hand at our second "CAR WASH" of the year last month. Although the traffic was not as busy as in the spring, we nonetheless had a few customers. We had washed close to 24 cars (a bit lower than the 1000 anticipated) even in the "iffy" weather that week.

We would also like to thank those of our parish family who lent their cars for washing; and for those who had invited family, friends and neighbors to support our effort!

... Also, many thanks are extended to those of our parishioners who supported the "Pampered Chef" demonstration. We had a chance to share in the prepared foods highlighting the use of some of the utensils, as well have a chance to purchase those we would find useful in our own kitchens.

It was not yet evident at the time of this writing as to what level of financial help came from the effort, but the fellowship, good eating, and time together was priceless.

Thanks for your wonderful support in our fund-raising efforts!

We are currently joining with the rest of our beloved Church in supporting the National campaign to



purchase the National Church Center in Scranton. If you've been reading the Church media, the campaign has approached the two-thirds level of needed

funding.

Many of our parish family have already met the challenge by offering a pledge or a donation early on in the project.

The effort will continue until May of 2010 when the campaign will close. Any funds collected over and above those needs will, of course, go towards maintenance charges to keep the building running smoothly.

Given the support our Church has shown in the past years in other big requests, this effort has its success ensured as well. Thank you for your part in this needed purchase

and support of our Church's programs!

We have also been asked by the national united Youth Associate to help them complete a project from last year. A little over half of what was needed to be collected last year has resulted in a push to complete the purchase of an "ark" in support of Heifer International.

It is not yet determined what our fund-raiser will look like to add our funds towards the \$5,000 goal. Please keep your eyes and ears open to the announcement so that we might again join with our Church, but the "Ark" and set it sailing for a needy village somewhere in the world.

Thanks for your kind consideration and support in this endeavor as well.

Confirmation classes have resumed!

We have a lively class of young people who will be striving to prepare their studies towards the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Although half of those invited have not yet responded to Father Stan's letter, we have begun our trek and look forward to an exciting journey!