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SO JESUS SAID TO THEM, "TRULY, TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, UNLESS YOU EAT THE FLESH OF THE SON OF MAN AND DRINK HIS BLOOD, YOU HAVE NO LIFE IN YOU; HE WHO EATS MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD HAS ETERNAL LIFE, AND I WILL RAISE HIM UP AT THE LAST DAY.

Hard words: When Jesus was speaking to His followers at Capernaum He spoke very bluntly. He told them that they must eat His flesh and drink His blood. Jesus was not being figurative, nor was He speaking in analogy. The Greek interpretation of the word Jesus used is "trogon" meaning "eats." It literally means to "chew on" or "gnaw on."

Too hard for some: Jesus had attracted a following. Thousands were with Him - in part why He was feared by the political and religious leaders. Those who followed Him interpreted many of His words to meet their needs. Jesus spoke of true freedom - the revolutionaries loved that because they thought He would overthrow the Roman oppressors. Jesus spoke of justice for the poor and hungry - the poor and hungry loved that because they thought He was going to make them rich and full. All that worked until He made things really clear - He wouldn't accept their crown and they would have to gnaw on His

flesh and drink His blood. Most left, including Judas, who gave up inwardly: *After this many of his disciples drew back and no longer went about with him.*

Who stayed: Jesus addressed the few who remained behind: *"Do you also wish to go away?"* Those who stayed, excepting Judas, went on to be great saints. They stayed even though the path was hard and their earthly wants would be denied.

We are ready to be saints, but...: We are on the path to becoming saints. We have accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. We work diligently at living our faith. We accept Jesus' body and blood for our salvation. But, we are called to do more. In our day we too are called to stand by Jesus on the hard path. We are called show the world that the hard path found in denying oneself, sometimes having to suffer, saying no to the things we may want, is the way of the saints. With that commitment we will have true life in us - Jesus' life for the saints.

Month of All Souls

The Holy Church sets aside the month of November to commemorate those who have preceded us in holy death.

As Christians we recognize that death is not an ending, but rather a change. We pass through death into everlasting life. We remain joined with all those who have died. We rely on them for their intercession on our behalf. They rely on our prayers and intercession to ease their transition, their journey into the glory of heaven.

We will remember our dearly departed all month according to age old Catholic custom of commemoration and prayer...a custom known as "wypominki."

We will remember all those entrusted to our prayer prior to every service in November.

Pampered Chef Party



We will be holding a Pampered Chef Fundraiser Party just in time to get your orders in for Christmas, Sunday, November 2nd after services. Breakfast we be served as well. You can pre-order on-line at www.pamperedchef.biz/barbaraporter... Click on shop online

... click option 1 and type in Holy Name of Jesus for the organization. We thank you for your support!!!

Constant Thanksgiving

To all who planned, helped, baked for, organized, and supported our successful Craft Fair and Rummage Sale especially Stephanie Dominy and Donna Panfil.

To Bob Dominy for seeing to new lights in the kitchen.

To Bob and Stephanie Dominy for continuing the Free Food on Sunday ministry.

To all who continue to pray, sacrifice, and serve in Christian love and charity on behalf of our parish.

To the members of our Parish Committee for their hard work and sacrifice!!!!

To our wonderful altar servers, our organist and choir director Liz Battaglia, and to Ed Bertasso for his ministry of hospitality.

To every parishioner, visitor, and member -- you are a blessing and a treasure.

God bless you and reward you! Bóg zapłać! Grazie mille! Thank you!!!

Milestones to Celebrate:

Birthdays

3 Tiffany Martucci, Andrew DeCocco

4 Elizabeth, Gary, and Walter Węglinski

9 Robert Dominy

12 Kayla Boyland, Ariel Dopp

14 Scott Bard, Tom Caulfield
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

Wishing you all many years! Sto
Lat!

Craft Fair and Rummage Sale Report

Our craft fair and rummage sale were both extremely successful. We also added a new feature to both - serving Polish food which was a big hit. Special thanks to Stephanie, Bob, Rebecca, Kelly, Marilyn, Larry, and Donna and the many others who pitched in. We made over \$3,200 in total. Thank you to all the vendors who joined us, those who donated baked goods, and all who supported us by visiting.

Coffee Hour

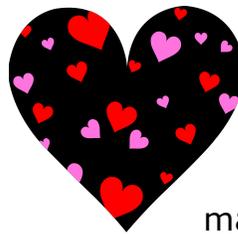
Coffee hours continue after services each week. Come and share worship and wonderful treats with fellowship every week.

Outrageous Valentine's Raffle

This coming year, 2015, we will once again hold our Outrageous Valentine's raffle to support the youth of our Church and our parish.

including support for the annual KURS summer encampment and to begin saving for CONVO 2016.

We need your support to give our young people a great beginning. Each Outrageous Valentine's Raffle ticket gives the purchaser a chance to win up to \$1,180. The Outrageous Valentine's Raffle will include drawings for \$40 daily prizes and a \$100 daily prize on Valentine's Day. The raffle is drawn each day of the month, giving the ticket holder 28 chances to win. Winners are returned to the raffle bucket, making them eligible to win again and again.



Each family is being asked to sell a total of 20 tickets.

Tickets cost only \$10 each. They also

make a great gift for Christmas - add one to a card for that special person.

Kindly do your best in selling as many tickets as you possibly can. Your effort is truly appreciated and is very important to our young people. Feel free to contact Deacon Jim at 518-372-1992 or 518-522-0944 or Stephanie Dominy at 518-369-1346 with any questions or concerns.

We thank you for your support and wish you good luck!

Church Father for the Month

St. Polycarp - The Martyrdom of Polycarp, or The Letter of the

Smyrnaeans:

The church of God which sojourns at Smyrna to the Church of God which sojourns in Philomelium and to all the brotherhoods of the holy and universal Church sojourning in every place; mercy and peace and love from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ be multiplied.

We write unto you, brethren, an account of what befell those that suffered martyrdom and especially the blessed Polycarp, who stayed the persecution, having as it were set his seal upon it by his martyrdom. For nearly all the foregoing events came to pass that the Lord might show us once more an example of martyrdom which is conformable to the Gospel.

For he lingered that he might be delivered up, even as the Lord did, to the end that we too might be imitators of him, not looking only to that which concerns ourselves, but also to that which concerns our neighbors. For it is the office of true and steadfast love, not only to desire that oneself be saved, but all the brethren also.

Blessed therefore and noble are all the martyrdoms which have taken place according to the will of God (for it behooves us to be very scrupulous and to assign to God the power over all things).

For who could fail to admire their

nobility and patient endurance and loyalty to the Master? Seeing that when they were so torn by lashes that even as far as the veins and arteries and inward mechanism of their flesh were visible, they endured patiently, so that the very bystanders had pity and wept; while they themselves reached such a pitch of bravery that none of them uttered a cry or a groan, thus showing to us all that at that hour the martyrs of Christ being tortured were absent from the flesh, or rather that the Lord was standing by and conversing with them.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Collection

We will be collecting dry and canned goods throughout November and December for donation to those in need in our local



community. Please make a prayerful donation in thankfulness for the bounty God has provided in your life. Please place your donation by the Mary altar in the church and bless you for your love.

Planning For:

- November 1: Solemnity of All Saints - Service and All Souls Remembrance at 5pm
- November 2: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time/Daylight Savings Ends. Pampered Chef Party and Breakfast

- November 3: Commemoration of All Souls (translated)
- November 4: Election Day
- November 7: Commemoration – St. Willibrord of Utrecht
- November 9: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- November 11: Veteran’s Day/ Remembrance Day/Polish Independence Day
- November 16: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time/Free Lunch on Sunday
- November 21: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- November 23: Solemnity of Christ the King
- November 27: Thanksgiving
- November 30: 1st Sunday of Advent
- December 1: Feast – St. Andrew the Apostle (translated)

Stay tuned for:

- Our Parish Vigil Dinner/Wigilia and Youth Performance
- Greening of the Church
- Christmas
- St. Stephen’s Day
- 2015 - wow!!!!

Special Generosity

A very special thank you to Stanley Podkulski who has generously donated a new intention set in memory of his beloved wife Marilyn.

A very special thank you to Larry Panfil and Linda DePaula for the refinishing of a chalice donated in memory of their grandparents.

Parish Organizations and Ministries

Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you? God calls us to work together for the good of our community, in support of each other, and for the needs of the Church. The YMSofR – Men’s Society of the Resurrection Branch 56, ANS – Women’s Adoration Society, Choir, Parish Committee, and a hopefully reconstituted branch of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. We also need altar servers and lectors. Please see Deacon Jim.

Invest and Protect Your Future

The PNUA (aka Spójnia) - our Fraternal Insurance Company - offers several programs that help you meet your financial planning needs. The PNUA is also a great way to build equity for our young people in preparation for college. The PNUA offers regular college stipends for members. PNUA policies also make a great Christmas gift. At least seven excellent programs are

offered.

For more information call toll-free at 1-800-724-6352.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Yes - there is such a thing as a free lunch!!! Our next event is November 16th. Please be sure to continue to invite friends, family, and everyone you know to partake on the last Sunday of every month. There is no cost or charge for this meal. This service opens our home to all in need of a little company, a warm meal, and the love of Christ.

Hall For Rent

Know anyone who would like to rent the parish hall for an event? Let them know they can contact us at 518-372-1992. It is a great venue for small parties and business or organizational meetings - all at a reasonable price.

Thanksgiving Prayers

O God, when I have food,
help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work,
help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a home,
help me to remember those who
have no home at all;
When I am without pain,
help me to remember those who
suffer,
And remembering,
help me to destroy my
complacency;

bestir my compassion,
and help me be concerned enough
to help;
By word and deed,
those who cry out for what we take
for granted.
Amen.

Thanksgiving Dinner Prayer

Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving
Day
We bow our hearts to You and pray.
We give You thanks for all You've
done
Especially for the gift of Jesus, Your
Son.
For beauty in nature, Your glory we
see
For joy and health, friends and
family,
For daily provision, Your mercy and
care
These are the blessings You
graciously share.
So today we offer this response of
praise
With a promise to follow You all of
our days.



*give*thanks

November 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 All Saints Day Service of Worship and Holy Communion, Remembrance of the Faithful Departed at 5pm
2 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Larry Panfil Breakfast and Pampered Chef Party	3 All Souls Day (translated)	4 Election Day – please vote	5	6	7 Commemoration – St. Willibrord of Utrecht	8
9 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Claudia Bertasso	10	11 Veteran's Day Narodowe Święto Niepodległości	12	13	14	15
16 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Marilyn Heitola Free Lunch on Sunday	17	18	19	20	21 Solemnity - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	22
23 Solemnity of Christ the King Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Larry Panfil	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
30 1st Sunday of Advent Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Claudia Bertasso						

EVENTS

December Upcoming

- 6th – St. Nicholas/Św. Mikołaj
- 7th – 2nd Sunday of Advent
- 8th – Conception of the B.V.M.
- Vigil Dinner
- Greening of the Church
- Wigilia and Christmas