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# NEWSLETTER

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*"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the LORD your God gives you."*

## Family honor

Jesus stayed behind in the temple, and His parents went back searching for Him frantically. They found Him and it is said: *...he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them... And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.* Jesus didn't appear on earth as an adult. He lived a fully human life. He gave us the perfect example of how we are to live from the day we are born through our entry into eternal life.

Jesus fulfilled His Father's will perfectly. His life and sacrifice and resurrection was not just for us as adults, but for the entire family.

Jesus knew that His Father's commandment to honor father and mother was the only one which carried with it a specific promise - do this and you will live a long life that will be filled with goodness. *Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and*

*man* because He did as the Father commanded. He honored His earthly family and His heavenly Father.

This month our Holy Church calls us to honor family in a special way on the Solemnity of the Christian Family (Sunday, October 13th)

The prophet Zachariah gives us a vision of God's future for us. He tells us that God will be with us, His faithful people. Old men and old women shall sit in the streets of the kingdom. The streets will be full of boys and girls playing. He will bring us to dwell in the midst of kingdom; and we shall be His people and He will be our God, in faithfulness and in righteousness.

See God's vision of life as family - family that is union with Him in His Church. If we fall short of God's vision for family, return to honoring His plan. Seek His power and aid in becoming the family He would have us be. One family in Jesus forever with a long life filled with goodness.

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## Solemnity of the Christian Family

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The year was 1914. Our Church was meeting in Synod. We were a mainly immigrant Church at the time. Most all of

our members had parents and close relatives and friends still in Europe. Keeping in touch with them was a near impossibility. When our ancestors left, they bid their parents, their family goodbye, possibly for the last time.

In 1914 World War I was just beginning its ravenous charge across that continent. No one at Synod could separate their war anxiety and thoughts of their families from the work at hand. It was from this emotional turmoil that the Solemnity of the Christian Family was born.

As we discussed last month, The Solemnity of Brotherly Love was the Church's response to the internal and external attacks that threatened to tear apart our young Church in 1906. Eight years later it was the Solemnity of the Christian Family that emerged as the ember of hope amid the mass destruction and inhumanity of World War I. When the too often taken for granted gift of family was threatened by separation and war, the Synod delegates realized again its

irreplaceable importance. They created this unique Solemnity to remind us all of the gift that is family and of the moral charge that is the Christian family.

We live in a world that pulls us in a hundred directions simultaneously. Families struggle to find time to share together. We barely eat together, watch the same television programs together, or even worship together. We have lost touch with the concept of a day of rest - a day on which we used to reconnect as family and community.

On the Solemnity of the Christian Family, we offer our prayers to God that with so much on our plates we do not allow it to become too much. And since these are prayers for the Christian Family, not only our individual families, we pray that families make time for Christ and His Holy Church.

I hope all of our families will accept the Church's and my invitation to join us for worship on this special Solemnity in their entirety. Please extend our invitation to the more reluctant members of your family. Invite them to join with you and with the family of God as we celebrate the often overlooked gift that is family. And, if you know families who are not worshipping anywhere, please extend an invitation to them to come join us for worship on this special day.

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## Celebrate heritage

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*Heritage*

On Sunday, October 20th our Holy Church

commemorates

Heritage Sunday. We set this Sunday aside to remember the rich heritage of each of our members.

Our Church believes that God created the world's nations and peoples endowing each with unique gifts that add to the fabric of humanity.

Wherever our ancestors came from, they brought with them the unique blessings and gifts of their culture, traditions, and heritage. They have enriched our country with their languages, foods, and celebrations.

Our Holy Church was organized by emigrants who sought self-determination, freedom, recognition of their humanity, the equality promised by our country, and respect for their heritage.

Our Church stands with you as we celebrate our personal heritage.

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## Month of All Souls

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As the days of October pass the days grow shorter, the colors of autumn take hold, and our thoughts turn to the Commemoration 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 during the month of November according to age old Catholic custom of commemoration and prayer..a custom known as "wypominki."

If you would like the souls of loved ones to be remembered during the Commemoration of All Souls and at all services throughout the entire month of November, please send the names of these loved ones to Deacon Jim by Sunday, October 27th. Alternately, you can E-mail the names of those you wish commemorated to Deacon Jim at [deaconjim@me.com](mailto:deaconjim@me.com).

We will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints on Friday, November 1st at 7:30pm followed by the the reading of the names of all the faithful departed.

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## **Milestones to Celebrate:**

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### Birthdays

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

### Anniversaries

3 Eric & Kate Hoefler

Wishing you all many years! Sto  
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## **With Thanks**

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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 Victoria Konicki for her ministry  
of music while Liz was away on  
vacation.

To Pete Battaglia for arranging and  
overseeing the painting of the  
church, installation of a new door,  
repairs to our front door, new

outdoor lighting, and other vital  
work.

To Ed Bertasso for his ministry of  
hospitality and to all who assist by  
providing for our Sunday coffee  
hour.

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

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

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## **SOCL Classes have begun**

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We have begun our School of  
Christian Living (SOCL) classes once  
again. Please ensure your children's  
attendance in these classes where  
we will learn about Jesus and all he  
does for us. Confirmation classes  
also continue. Never been  
confirmed, check it out.

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## **Welcome to the Family of Christ**

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We welcome  
Emjai Rose  
Dominy and  
Derek  
Westcott  
who were  
baptized  
during the  
month of  
September.

In baptism you have been  
regenerated, have entered the  
family of Christ, and committed  
your lives to carrying out His will in  
the family of faith. May our Lord  
and Savior, Jesus Christ, continue to  
bless you as you strive ever forward

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## Craft Fair this month!!!

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We will be holding a seasonal/holiday craft fair on Saturday, October 12th from 9am till 4:30pm at the Rotterdam Senior Citizens Center, 2639 Hamburg St., Schenectady. Our SOCL student are creating crafts that we will be able to sell at the fair in support of the SOCL program.

Please be sure to stop by and check it out. If you can volunteer to assist, we could really use the help. Signup sheets are on the church hall bulletin board.

If you know any crafters please invite them; room is still available. Tables are \$25/\$30 or \$10 extra with electric. We will be serving food too.

Thank you to Stephanie Dominy, Gayle Clas, and Kelly Supinski are leading this effort.

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### Coffee Hour

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

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### First Holy Communion

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God bless of Christina Supinski and Nick Badovinac who made their First Holy Communion on September 8th.

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## Church Father for the Month - St. Ignatius of Antioch

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Be established in faith and unity

*Study, therefore, to be established in the doctrines of the Lord and the apostles, that so all things, whatsoever you do, may prosper both in the flesh and spirit; in faith and love; in the Son, and in the Father, and in the Spirit; in the beginning and in the end; with your most admirable bishop, and the well-compacted spiritual crown of your presbytery, and the deacons who are according to God. Be subject to the bishop, and to one another, as Jesus Christ to the Father, according to the flesh, and the apostles to Christ, and to the Father, and to the Spirit; that so there may be a union both fleshly and spiritual.*

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### Planning For:

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- October 2: Feast of the Guardian Angels
- October 4: Commemoration of St. Francis
- October 6: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Blessing of Pets
- October 7: Solemnity – Holy Mother of the Rosary
- October 13: Solemnity of the Christian Family
- October 14: Columbus Day (observed)
- October 18: Feast – St. Luke

- October 20: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Heritage Sunday
- October 24: Feast – St. Raphael the Archangel
- October 27: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- October 28: Feast Ss. Simon & Jude
- October 31: Vigil of All Saints
- November 1: Solemnity of All Saints, Service at 7:30pm
- November 2: Observance of All Souls
- November 3: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time/Daylight Savings Ends
- November 5: Election Day

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## FREE LUNCH on Sunday

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Yes - there is such a thing as a free lunch!!! Our next event is October 27th. 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.

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### Parish Organizations and Ministries

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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.

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## YOUTH WORSHIP AND HALLOWEEN PARTY

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On Sunday, October 27th we will hold a special Worship Service for our youth at 11am followed by a Halloween Party with snacks, games, and plenty of fun! Thank you to the Clas family for arranging this. Helpers are needed too. See Gayle or Becky.

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### Go Spójnia

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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. PNUA policies make a great Christmas gift. At least seven excellent programs are offered.

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



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Feast of the Guardian Angels	3	4 Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi	5
6 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Blessing of Pets Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Marilyn Heitala	7	8	9	10	11	12 Craft Fair, 9am-4:30pm Rotterdam Senior Citizens Center, 2639 Hamburg St., Schenectady
13 Solemnity of the Christian Family Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Claudia Bertasso	14 Columbus Day (observed)	15	16	17	18 Feast - St. Luke	19
20 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Heritage Sunday Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Larry Panfil Parish Committee Meets	21	22	23	24 Feast - St. Raphael the Archangel	25	26
27 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Marilyn Heitala  Youth Worship, 11am Halloween Party, Noon Free Lunch on Sunday till 1:30pm	28 Feast Ss. Simon & Jude	29	30	31 Vigil of All Saints		

## EVENTS

### November Upcoming

- 1st - Solemnity of All Saints
- 2nd - Commemoration of All Souls

- 3rd - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time/Daylight Savings Ends
- 5th - Election Day
- 10th - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 11th - Veterans Day/Polish Independence Day