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NEWSLETTER

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Now he was riding on the ass, and his two servants were with him. And the ass saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road, with a drawn sword in his hand; and the ass turned aside out of the road, and went into the field; and Balaam struck the ass, to turn her into the road.

Be an ass

The story of Balaam and his ass is one of the most interesting in the Book of Numbers and a paradigm for our times. Balaam was a gentile prophet called to bless Israel as they were about to enter the promised land. He did speak God's words but was also duplicitous, greedy, and eventually counted as wicked. He did God's will sometimes but eventually turned from God, selling out the Israelites. His key failing was his pursuit of greed. The ruler of one of Israel's enemies sent him gifts so he would come over to his side. Riding on the road to the ruler he was stopped by the Angel of the Lord. Balaam didn't see the Angel, but his ass did, and prevented Balaam from going further.

For stopping, Balaam beat his ass severely. God gave the ass the gift of speech and he asked Balaam: "*What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?*"

Eventually Balaam's eyes were opened and he saw the Angel with a drawn sword. The Angel said: "*Why have you struck your ass these three times? Behold, I have come forth to withstand you, because your way is perverse before me; and the ass saw me, and turned aside before me these three times. If she had not turned aside from me, surely just now I would have slain you and let her live.*"

Our job as Christians is to return to the community of faith, to live according to God's will -- and to be Balaam's ass, stopping in the road - causing people to think before they proceed into sin. It is up to us to offer the opportunity of salvation to our brothers and sisters. Sometimes we will get beat because many do not want to stop, do not want to pause or think. They do not want to hear. They want what they want. We are not called to be rude or mean asses, but the kind of ass that will stop, bring awareness, and save people from death in sin.

Back to Church Sunday

Join us on Sunday, September 15th for National Back to Church Sunday.

- Not been in a while - **here's an opportunity to come back.**
- Never been - **you're invited.**
- Looking to help - **here's a chance to join in doing good for each other and our community.**

Did you know that 82% of the unchurched are at least somewhat likely to attend church if invited. We invite you! In turn, invite someone. We can and will do wonderful things together - at our little church.

Milestones to Celebrate:

Birthdays

- 1 Joan Kaminski
- 3 Cindy Houser, Melissa Horton, Chris Zostant, Eric Esner
- 12 Robbie Heins
- 15 Beverly Limmer
- 16 JoAnne Houser
- 24 Lynn Maliszewski
- 26 Edward Panfil, Donna Panfil, Nicholas DeMidio, Chad Smith
- 28 Angela Jorczak

Anniversaries

- 3 Robert & Stephanie Dominy
- 4 Jason & Christine Lennon Thomas & Kathleen Caulfield
- 21 Timothy & Christine DeCocco

Wishing you all many years! Sto Lat!

With Thanks

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!!!

Look around the parish - more improvements

The trim on the church has been painted. The rear door replaced. A new safety light installed outside the sacristy, and a new copier has been obtained.

The new copier will immediately save the parish \$720 over the next two years and is more economical beyond that.

Our thanks to Stephanie Dominy for her expert negotiation skills and Pete Battaglia for his work on the parish grounds. Members of the parish also did some extra cleanup work at the cemetery.

Our grounds look great and we are being good neighbors to those around us. Continue to hold our community up in prayer, that God bless our neighborhood.

Coffee Hour Returns

Our weekly coffee resume September 15th. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and God bless him for his continuing ministry of hospitality in providing for this time to gather after services every week. Ed truly helps to build the family of God as we gather for physical substance on Sunday morning.

Music Scholarships

Congratulations to Victoria Konicki and Christina Supinski who received National United Choirs (NUC) Music Scholarships this year. The awards were announced at the annual NUC convention and workshop held in Parma, Ohio in July.

Victoria was award the Bishop Eugeniusz Magyar Scholarship, which will be used to support her piano lessons. The award committee looks forward to hearing her continued improvement in piano as well as in flute and voice. Christina was awarded a Youth Incentive Award as a first time applicant. The funds will be used to support her continued advancement in music.

First Communion - September 8th

Sunday, September 8th we will celebrate Holy Mass at 9am and will celebrate the First Holy Communion of Christina Supinski and Nick Badovinac. A celebratory breakfast will follow.

Christina will make her First Confession on Saturday, September 7th at noon. Nick made his previously at his home parish. All are invited to attend for private confession and the Sacrament of Penance and/or for anointing of the sick on September 7th

Please pray for Christiana, Nick, and their families.

Annual Track & Field Meet

We were blessed to participate in the annual YMSofR Zlot/Track and Field Tournament in Scranton, PA. We met old and new friends, shared in the Holy Eucharist, ate great food, and participated in various events. Congratulations Victoria on 4 awards.

Church Fathers for the Month

St. Polycarp, Epistle to the Philippians, Chapter X.—Exhortation to the practice of virtue

Stand fast, therefore, in these things, and follow the example of the Lord, being firm and unchangeable in the faith, loving the brotherhood, and being attached to one another, joined together in the truth, exhibiting the meekness of the Lord in your intercourse with one another, and despising no one. When you can do good, defer it not, because "alms delivers from death." Be all of you subject one to another "having your conduct blameless among the Gentiles," that ye may both receive praise for your good

works, and the Lord may not be blasphemed through you. But woe to him by whom the name of the Lord is blasphemed! Teach, therefore, sobriety to all, and manifest it also in your own conduct.

Solemnity of Brotherly Love

In 1906 when our Holy Church was not even through her first decade since being organized, a Special Synod needed to be convened. The First Synod was held in 1904 and the Second Synod was planned for 1909. Events would not prove as orderly, however. The very young church was threatened by external and internal opponents. A democratic Catholic Church agitated many around her and they worked to discredit our denomination. Some of our own clergy proved disloyal as well and tried to subvert the Church from within. These events necessitated the calling of a Special Synod in 1906.

This Synod convened to counteract acts of sabotage against the Church resulted not in declarations of war, counter-plots, or counter-attacks, but rather a declaration of love. The Holy Synod's lay members and clergy created the Solemnity of Brotherly Love so that each year all of our parishes would celebrate and reinforce the Christian commandment to love one another. Continuing in the spirit of this holy day, we will accept a special collection on the Solemnity (using

your to Brotherly Love envelopes) to benefit Safe Inc. of Schenectady.

The purpose of Safe is to serve youth and young adults who are at risk of sexual exploitation or have been sexually exploited. Safe also serves youth and young adults who are runaways, "throwaways," and homeless. The agency is designed for the betterment of youth and young adults to become self-sufficient and productive with the attention to good citizenship. The agency provides quality outreach, case management, and therapeutic programs both residential and non-residential with the aim of instilling the importance of self dignity and enduring relationships.

By helping our neighbors here in Schenectady we put into action the lesson of the Good Samaritan who offered his help to a complete stranger for no other reason than brotherly love. Please be generous as the basket is extended.

SOCL News and Confirmation

We have a wonderful group of students who continue their preparations for their confirmation. SOCL classes for all parish youth begin on September 29th.

Planning For:

- September 1: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- September 2: Labor Day
- September 7: First Confession as

well as Private Confession for all at Noon

- September 8: Solemnity of Brotherly Love, First Holy Communion, **Holy Mass at 9AM**
- September 9: Solemnity of the Nativity of the B.V.M. (translated)
- September 11: 12th Anniversary of 9/11/2001. Prayer Service at 7:30pm
- September 14: Solemnity of the Finding of the Holy Cross
- September 15: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Back to Church Sunday
- September 16: Solemnity - Holy Mother of Sorrows (translated)
- September 21: Feast - St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
- September 22: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Spójnia Sunday
- September 29: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time/SOCL Classes begin
- September 30: Feast - St. Michael the Archangel (translated)
- October 2: Feast - Guardian Angels
- October 4: Commemoration - St. Francis of Assisi
- October 6: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Blessing of Pets

SPÓJNIA SUNDAY

The fourth Sunday of September is designated by our Church as Spójnia Sunday. Spójnia - the Polish National Union - is the Church's

fraternal organization that was founded in 1908 by Bp. Hodur and our first generation of parishioners. 105 years ago many first generation Americans did their banking and insurance business with fraternal organizations. When many of our parishioners were rejected by established fraternal organizations due to their membership in our Church, many of them suffered a great deal of financial hardship. Our Church responded with the creation of our own fraternal insurance company and eventually credit union. We saw it as part of our Christian and Church obligation to nurture the spiritual person and also to care for the practical needs of our members as well.

Since 1908 Spójnia has stood right beside our Church. It is the largest contributor to the National Catholic Church. It has assisted the youth of the church, the clergy and the elderly, not to mention the financial and insurance services it provides at a competitive price to our families.

This is why on the fourth Sunday of September we pray for our fraternal each year. We also encourage our members to look into Spójnia's insurance and financial offerings. For more information, please call them at 1- 800-724-6352 or visit www.pnu.org.

The Polish National Union offers You...

Five, Ten, or Twenty-Pay Life

Single Premium Life

Paid-Up at Age 85 Life

Twenty-Year Endowment

Tax Deferred Annuities

For more information call the offices
of the PNUA at 800-724-6352.

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. Want to help or join in? Please see Deacon Jim.



"Closing averages on the human scene were mixed today. Brotherly love was down two points, while enlightened self-interest gained a half. Vanity showed no movement, and guarded optimism slipped a point in sluggish trading. Over all, the status quo remained unchanged."

September 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Marilyn Heitala	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7 First Confession and Private Confession for all - Noon
8 Solemnity of Brotherly Love/First Holy Communion Holy Mass, 9am Lector: Larry Panfil	9 Solemnity – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (trans.)	10	11 12th Anniversary Of 9/11/2001 Prayer Service at 7:30pm	12	13	14 Solemnity – Exaltation of the Holy Cross.
15 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time/ BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Claudia Bertasso Welcome Breakfast	16 Solemnity – Holy Mother of Sorrows (trans.)	17	18	19	20	21 Feast - St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
22 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Spójnia Sunday, Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Marilyn Heitala SOCL Classes begin	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Larry Panfil	30 Feast - St. Michael the Archangel (trans.)					

EVENTS

October Upcoming

- 2nd – Guardian Angels
- 4th – St. Francis

- 6th – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Blessing of Pets
- 13th – Solemnity – Christian Family

- 20th – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Heritage Sunday