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# NEWSLETTER

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FOR YOU KNOW THAT THE TESTING OF YOUR FAITH PRODUCES  
STEADFASTNESS.

Jesus said many things that people loved to hear. They were reaffirming and hope-filled. He also said many things people could not understand or did not like. When Jesus brought up particularly hard sayings those who were following Him walked away. They could not accept the new life or joy He was offering exactly because it was hard. Over the past few months, concentrating on the Gospel according to St. Luke, we heard many difficult sayings: *Even the servant who was ignorant of his master's will but acted in a way deserving of a severe beating shall be beaten. Or, Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. Or, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.*

We might say to ourselves, I sure wish Jesus hadn't said those things. My life is hard enough as it is. I'm really trying, how much can God expect of me? We started this year with a focus on finding joy in our our faith. How can we be joyful

hearing all this?

It may seem a simple analogy, but think of it this way: God is our Father and wants only what is best for us. As our parents do good for us so God constantly does good for us. He tells us the things we need to hear. Things that will bring real and everlasting joy.

What we most need to hear in our time is that we must give up preconceptions, prejudices, and anything that might block us from finding true joy. Instead of imagining Jesus' sayings as hard, we should take a different approach. Perhaps it is to say: If I let go, if I give up, if I surrender to God's way of life, I will be truly free. Nothing will hold me down. No one, no matter what they say or do, can wipe joy from my life. My life is in Jesus!

Each of us tries to rearrange Jesus' phrases to make ourselves more comfortable. But comfort is not the great gift Jesus came to bring. That gift is a joy-filled life lasting forever.

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## Craft Fair October 1st!!!

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This newsletter is being written as the tables are being set up for our annual seasonal/holiday craft fair on Saturday, October 1st from 10am till 5pm at Blessed Virgin Mary of Częstochowa Parish Hall, 250 Maxwell Rd., Latham, NY. Food prep was finished on Thursday so that our Polish Kitchen can offer great homemade Polish food like pierogi, golumbki, and kielbasa. Our SOCL students created crafts that will be sold in support of the SOCL program.

Please be sure to stop by and check it out. Thank you to Stephanie Dominy for leading this effort and to her entire team of volunteers for their many hours of hard work.

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## Blessing of Pets

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**Feel free to bring your pets to church on Sunday, October 2nd at 9:30am or 11:30am to participate in Holy Mass and**

**to receive a special blessing in commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi.**

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## Followed by our Rummage Sale

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We will be holding our annual rummage and bake sale on Saturday, October 15th from 9am till 3pm. Please sign up to help and donate those items that others might find helpful, useful, or fun. This is not just a fundraiser - it is an important ministry through which those in need can find items at great prices. See Donna Panfil for details.

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### Coffee Hour

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Coffee hours continue after Holy Mass each week. Come and join in for food and fellowship. Volunteer to sponsor a Sunday.

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### SOCL Classes

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Parents are reminded that when they had their child baptized, they vowed to have the child educated in the Christian Faith. All youth of the parish should be enrolled and attend School of Christian Living classes every Sunday. Sign up sheets are on the back table of the church. We have a good number of participants and have arrayed a younger children's class, a first communion class, and a confirmation class.

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### Healing Holy Masses Continue

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We hold a monthly healing Holy Mass. Check out our schedule in your weekly bulletin. The next is

scheduled for Monday, October 17th at 6:15pm.

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## Solemnity of the Christian Family

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At the Church's Holy Synod of 1914 the people of the Church established the Solemnity of the Christian

Family. We are the only Church to specifically honor the dignity and beauty of the Christian family in such away. This unique Solemnity reminds us of the gift that is the Christian family.

We live in a world that pulls us in a hundred directions simultaneously. Families take different forms. Families struggle to find time to share together. We barely eat together, watch the same television programs, 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 for our families. And since these are prayers for the Christian Family, not only our individual families, we pray that all families make time for Christ and His Holy Church.

Please join together for worship on this special Solemnity and extend an invitation to the more reluctant members of your family.

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## Watch YouTube on October 5th

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Prime Bishop Mikovsky's presentation on the Solemnity of the Christian

Family is just a few days away. The presentation will be available on the PNCC Future Direction YouTube page on Wednesday evening - October 5th at 7 pm. Go to [www.Youtube.com](http://www.Youtube.com) and then in the search box type in "PNCC Future Direction". Then click on PNCC Future Direction and then click on: "A Presentation on The Solemnity of the Christian Family".

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## Month of All Souls

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As October passes 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.

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

every Holy Mass throughout November, please send the names of these loved ones to Fr. Jim by Sunday, October 30th. Alternately, you can E-mail the names of those you wish commemorated to Fr. Jim at [frjim@holynamencc.org](mailto:frjim@holynamencc.org).

We will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints on Tuesday, November 1st with Holy Mass at 7pm along with the reading of the names of all the faithful departed.

Fr. Jim will also celebrate the memory of the faithful departed interred at Good Shepherd cemetery on Sunday, November 6th at 2pm.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### Cemeteries

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Our parish is blessed to serve two beautiful cemeteries. These are peaceful final resting places for our loved ones, and perhaps may be our resting place when the Lord calls us home.



One of the Church's Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy is to bury and pray for the dead. Those Works of Mercy include maintaining grave sites.

Further, this is a legal obligation imposed on the parish. This cannot happen if we fail to contribute toward the care of our parish and our cemeteries. To make

all this happen it is essential that rules be obeyed.

All parishioners and those who believe they will be buried in these cemeteries are reminded:

- Only faithful members of the Polish National Catholic Church will be buried in these cemeteries. To be a faithful member one must: *contribute offerings, labor and life to fulfill the goals of his Parish and the entire Church; believe and receive the holy Sacraments, believe in the ideals, principles and aims of this Church; comply with the Constitution and Laws thereof; and by personal charity and active cooperation with the Bishops, Pastor and lay members of the Parish help realize the aims and mission of this Church. Members of the Church have a twofold duty: spiritual and material.* (Excerpt from the Constitution and Laws of the PNCC, Article III)
- Failure to pay dues for two years allows the parish to re-possess and resell grave sites.
- If dues are not paid, five (5) years of dues must be paid-in-full before any burial takes place. This will amount to at least \$960 which includes \$400 in parish fees.
- Current dues are \$137 per year for adult members, \$112 for seniors 65 and over.

No burial at Holy Name of Jesus or Good Shepherd cemeteries will be allowed to those who do not adhere to these precepts and rules.

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# Celebrate with Thanksgiving to God

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November is near and we look forward to thanking God for His many blessings and particularly for each other - the gift of Christian friendship and family.

Our Seniorate has selected our parish to host the annual Seniorate Thanksgiving celebration. A Seniorate Thanksgiving Holy Mass and Dinner will be held in our parish on Saturday, November 19th. Holy Mass will be at 11am. A special collection will be taken up during Holy Mass to help those in need in our community. Following Holy Mass we will gather in the parish hall for a Thanksgiving feast.

Please RSVP your attendance to the parish at 518-372-1992 or to Stephanie Dominy at 518-369-1346 so that enough food may be prepared.

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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  
13 Michelle Dee  
16 Pamela Funicello  
19 Daniel McDermott, Brian  
Dunham

21 Robert Maliszewski, Michelle  
Zawistowski  
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 all who welcomed visitors on  
Back to Church Sunday and to all  
those who are considering following  
the Lord with us.

To all who supported parishes in the  
Mohawk Valley Seniorate.

To Bob and Stephanie Dominy and  
Joann Bauer for their Free Brunch  
on Sunday ministry.

To Marilyn Hietala and all who help  
in the ministry of hospitality 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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## Prayer for Families

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God, our Heavenly Father, You have blessed each of us with the gift of family that through our family life we may learn to love and care for others. Open our eyes to recognize in all people the bonds of kinship. May we unselfishly serve them who with us have been made co-heirs with Christ. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ. Amen. Prayer for Families (PNCC 2010 Prayer Book)

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### Planning For:

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- October 1: **Craft Fair & Polish Food Sale**, BVMC Parish Hall, 10am - 5pm
- October 2: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Blessing of Pets/Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- October 3: Feast of the Guardian Angels (translated).
- October 4: Commemoration of St. Francis.
- October 6-8: **12th Holy Synod of the Central Diocese of the PNCC**, Wallington, NJ.
- October 7: Solemnity – Holy Mother of the Rosary.
- October 9: **Solemnity of the Christian Family**/Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- October 10: Columbus Day (observed).
- October 15: **Rummage and Bake Sale** - Parish Hall 9am - 3pm.

- October 16: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Heritage Sunday/Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- October 17: **Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm**. Parish Committee Meeting.
- October 18: Feast – St. Luke.
- October 23: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- October 24: Feast – St. Raphael the Archangel
- October 28: Feast Ss. Simon & Jude
- October 30: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time/Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- October 31: Vigil of All Saints
- November 1: **Solemnity of All Saints**/Holy Mass at 7pm.
- November 2: Observance of All Souls.

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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. We need your help. We also need altar servers and lectors. Please see Fr. Jim.

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### Celebrate heritage

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On Sunday, October 16th our Holy Church celebrates Heritage Sunday. We set this Sunday aside to

remember the rich heritage of each of our members.

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.



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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. **You can also get a social membership.** At least seven excellent programs are offered. For more information call toll-free at 1-800-724-6352.

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### Getting God's Field

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## Election Season

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As Christ followers we are not bound to any ideology, party or even form of government. We are above those things and are citizens of His kingdom. During these days of political tension and conflict let us practice forgiveness and remember where our true home is.

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### Sacrament of the Sick - Holy Unction

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Whenever people see a Catholic Priest in the hospital they automatically think the priest is there because someone is close to dying. However, the Sacrament of Holy Unction is a Sacrament specifically designed for those who are ill.

In Holy Scripture, We read: *"Is anyone sick among you? Let them bring the priests of the Church and let them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord."* (James 5:14).

From the earliest days of the Church, this Sacrament of the Sick

has been administered by the priests of the Church to those who are ill. The effect of the Sacrament is to absolutely restore health to the soul and possibly restore health to the body or mind.

The priest should be asked to administer this Sacrament whenever there is a chronic or serious (not necessarily fatal) illness.

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## Keep Holy the Sabbath Day

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24/7 culture brings change for traditional day of rest.

Once, within living memory, Sunday was a day set apart in many places; a 24 hour stretch of family time when liquor was not available, church was the rule, shopping was impossible and weekend staples like tending the lawn met with disapproval.

But America changed, and it dragged Sunday along.

Though Sunday still means worship and family time for millions of Americans, today it also means other things - 12 pack of beer, the NFL on TV, catching up with errands.

"Today, for a lot of Americans,

Sunday's just another day when many people have to work," says a labor historian at Lebanon Valley College.

In a land where the pursuit of happiness is a part of the national charter, evolution attests to Americans' both haired lives and determination to wring every drop out of every day.

The Protestant notion of Sunday began to change in the 1800s with immigrant laborers. Many were devoted to "a Sunday that took a very different shape - church in the morning and leisure in the afternoon," says Alexis McCrossan,

author of "Holy Day, Holiday: The American Sunday."

The 21st century brought pushes toward a shorter work week. At the same time commercial culture really took hold.

These days, it's unimaginable to many Americans: A mall closed on Sunday? The

supermarket unavailable?

The words - "Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it Holy" - Exodus 20:8 it has some merit.

Article by Ted Anthony

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**KEEP  
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AND  
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SUNDAY HOLY**

# October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					72nd United YMSofR Convention	1 Craft Fair & Polish Food Sale, 10am-5pm, BVMC Hall, 250 Maxell Rd, Latham.
2 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Blessing of Pets/Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lector: Marilyn Hietala/Claudia Bertasso	3 Feast of the Guardian Angels (translated)	4 Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi	5	6 12th Holy Synod of the Central Diocese	7 12th Holy Synod of the Central Diocese  Solemnity – Holy Mother of the Rosary	8 12th Holy Synod of the Central Diocese
9 Solemnity of the Christian Family, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lector: Larry Panfil/Claudia Bertasso	10 Columbus Day (observed)	11	12	13	14	15 Rummage Sale – Parish Hall from 9am till 3pm
16 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Heritage Sunday Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lector: Derek Westcott/Claudia Bertasso	17 Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm.  Parish Committee Meeting	18 Feast – St. Luke	19	20	21	22
23 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lector: Marilyn Hietala/Claudia Bertasso  Ladies Tea & Fashion Show at BVMC Parish	24 Feast – St. Raphael the Archangel	25	26	27	28 Feast Ss. Simon & Jude	29
30 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lector: Marilyn Hietala/Claudia Bertasso	31 Vigil of All Saints					

## EVENTS

### November Upcoming

- 1st – Solemnity of All Saints. Holy Mass at 7pm

- 2nd - Commemoration of All Souls
- 8th – Election Day
- 11th - Veterans Day/Polish Independence Day

- 19th Seniorate Thanksgiving Holy Mass and Dinner
- 24th – Thanksgiving Day