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NEWSLETTER

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THE LORD IS NOT SLOW TO FULFILL HIS PROMISE AS SOME COUNT SLOWNESS, BUT IS PATIENT TOWARD YOU, NOT WISHING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH, BUT THAT ALL SHOULD REACH REPENTANCE.

Why do we pray for the dead? This is an interesting and intriguing question.

Each November we offer up prayers for the deceased among our family and friends. In December and January we decorate our parish Christmas trees with Memory Crosses in honor of and prayer for our dearly departed. Throughout the year parishioners and friends offer Holy Masses for the departed. Why bother with all these prayers - don't most people go straight to heaven anyway?

It makes absolutely no sense to pray for the dead unless, for some reason, they need our prayer. Someone going straight to heaven needs no prayer. If, however, their journey goes on, prayer is necessary.

The necessity of praying for the dead comes from both scripture and tradition. In Sirach 7:33 we read: *Give graciously to all the living, and withhold not kindness from the dead.* In 2 Maccabees 12:39-45 we

find Judas Maccabee gathering the bodies of the dead. Having found they had sinned, Judas prays and beseeches *that the sin which had been committed might be wholly blotted out.* In Matthew 12:31-32 Jesus talks about forgiveness of sins and notes that certain sins against the Spirit will not be forgiven either in this life or the life to come.

It comes down to our self opinion. Are we perfect? No! If we indeed fall short of the glory of God, then God's justice must be satisfied. As such, those who have died must go through a period of purification. Our Holy Church doesn't really put a label on this process as some Churches do. However, as Bishop Hodur wrote on eternal life - God's justice demands some form of punishment in relationship to the degree of sin in our lives.

This month we turn to God's mercy. We pray for our beloved dead so that the journey to their heavenly home may be shortened - for even a moment away from God is too long.

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 Holy Mass 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 1st after Holy Mass. 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!!!

Seniorate Thanksgiving Celebration



The parishes to the of the Mohawk Valley Seniorate will join together at Blessed Virgin Mary of Czestochowa

Parish in Latham, NY on Saturday, November 14th at 11:00 am for a Thanksgiving Holy Mass followed by a free Luncheon. The Holy Mass intention is Thanksgiving For Blessings Received. The Choir Lutnia invites all singers from Seniorate parishes to sing together. Please let Fr. Jim know if you would like to attend so we can provide a count for the lunch. So far we have about 15 going.

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 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.

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!!!

UH OH - THE ROOF NEEDS REPLACING



After a mid-October wind storm we found many shingles on the Main Street side of the parish were blown off. Water was leaking into the

church. We found that the roof is over 35 years old and is now in need of replacement. The Parish Committee sought four bids and, with the permission of our Bishop, entered into a contract with SJR Enterprises of Troy, NY to replace the roofing for \$12,400.

The parish is borrowing funds from its long-term savings for this purpose and those funds must be

repaid. We ask your generosity in making special contributions toward the replacement of the roof. God bless your generosity.

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 Fr. Jim

Wishing you all many years! Sto Lat!

Craft Fair and Rummage Sale Report

Our craft fair and rummage sale were both extremely successful. As last year we also served 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 about \$2,920 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.

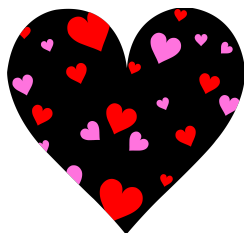
Outrageous Valentine's Raffle

This coming year, 2016, 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 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 \$1,220. 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 29 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 Fr. Jim at 518-372-1992 or 518-522-0944 with any questions or concerns.

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

Ecumenical Bible Study

We continue our ecumenical Bible Study once a month on the last Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. We are inviting pastors and faith leaders from other Churches to join in and to take the lead in presenting. This will be a great way to build up our community in faith and to understand each other's perspectives. Please join us and study the Word at the parish hall. The next studies will be November 25th, and December 30th.

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.



Ś+P Theodore T. Zebrowski

śp. Theodore T. Zebrowski, 96, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Monday, October 19, 2015, at Baptist Health Nursing and Rehab Center. Born in Schenectady, he was the son of śp. Lawrence and śp. Mary Zebrowski. Ted was the beloved husband of śp. Helen Koza Zebrowski for 70 years; loving father of Judy DiSorbo of Latham, and James (Janice) Zebrowski, of Guilderland; brother of the late Chester and Casmier Zebrowski, Mary Carbone, Regina Wieczorek, and Pauline Zebrowski. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and may the Perpetual Light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Planning For:

- November 1: Solemnity of All Saints - Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Pampered Chef Party. Cemetery Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery in Amsterdam at 2pm.
- November 2: Commemoration of All Souls
- November 3: Election Day
- November 7: Commemoration – St. Willibrord of Utrecht
- November 8: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- November 11: Veteran's Day/ Remembrance Day/Polish Independence Day

- November 14: Seniorate Thanksgiving Holy Mass at 11:00 am followed by a free Luncheon.
- November 15: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Free Lunch on Sunday
- November 16: Holy Mass and Anointing of the Sick, 6:15pm.
- November 21: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- November 23: Solemnity of Christ the King. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- November 25: Bible Study at 7:30pm
- November 26: Thanksgiving
- November 29: 1st Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- November 30: Feast - St. Andrew the Apostle

Stay tuned for:

- Our Parish Vigil Dinner/Wigilia and Youth Performance
 - Greening of the Church
 - Christmas
 - St. Stephen's Day
 - 2016 - wow!!!!
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Cemetery Update

Our landscaping contractor, Red Maple Land Services, LLC has trimmed the shrubbery along the cemetery fences. It looks great. Check it out.

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 Fr. 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 15th. Please be sure to continue to invite friends, family, and everyone you know to partake on the last Sunday of every month.

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.



November 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
¹ Solemnity of All Saints - Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Derek Westcott, Claudia Bertasso. Pampered Chef Party. Cemetery Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery in Amsterdam at 2pm.	² All Souls Day	³ Election Day – please vote	⁴	⁵	⁶	⁷ Commemoration – St. Willibrord of Utrecht
⁸ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Marilyn Hietala, Claudia Bertasso.	⁹	¹⁰	¹¹ Veteran's Day Narodowe Święto Niepodległości	¹²	¹³	¹⁴ Seniorate Thanksgiving Holy Mass and Luncheon at BVMC Parish, Latham, 11am
¹⁵ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Larry Panfil Claudia Bertasso. Free Lunch on Sunday	¹⁶ Holy Mass and Anointing for Healing at 6:15pm	¹⁷	¹⁸	¹⁹	²⁰	²¹ Solemnity - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
²² Solemnity of Christ the King - Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Derek Westcott, Claudia Bertasso.	²³	²⁴	²⁵ Bible Study, 7:30pm	²⁶ Thanksgiving	²⁷	²⁸
²⁹ 1st Sunday of Advent - Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Marilyn Hietala, Claudia Bertasso.	³⁰ Feast – St. Andrew the Apostle					

EVENTS

December Upcoming

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