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HE WILL WIPE AWAY EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES, AND DEATH SHALL BE NO MORE, NEITHER SHALL THERE BE MOURNING, NOR CRYING, NOR PAIN ANYMORE, FOR THE FORMER THINGS HAVE PASSED AWAY.

The Church dedicates the month of November to the memory of the faithful departed. This is a wonderful tradition through which the prayers of the faithful living help to guide those that have passed on to eternal life into heaven.

The words above, from Revelation 21:4, give us a glimpse of what is in store for those already journeying to heaven after death, and for us - the faithful living. Frankly, it will be beyond wonderful, exhilarating, and amazing. Pure, eternal, constant joy and glory for the faithful.

Reflecting on all these things should cause us to consider our faithfulness more fully. The rewards for faithfulness are great, yet sometimes it can seem so hard to remain so, especially in the face of significant challenges.

These challenges are like small 'deaths' in our lives. It can range from sickness to breakups, economic challenges to interpersonal conflicts.

Sometimes, these small 'deaths'

make us feel alone - and that is the enemy's work. The enemy wishes to separate us, to accuse us (I'm not good enough; No one will understand; No one will like me now; I am unworthy of God; I can't possibly go to church; It's better if I stay away).

A funny thing happens when we let faithfulness - born out of prayer and perseverance - overcome our fears, overcome the enemy, the accuser. When faithfulness prevails, when we step back into church, we find the start of healing and the comfort of fellowship. The sacraments bring us the special graces we need for strength and renewal. The key to faithfulness is to not allow small 'deaths' to separate us from God's house and family.

This month, as we commemorate and look to the example of the faithful departed, let us redouble our faithfulness so that we too will be prepared to enter that place where small 'deaths' end and where there is no more mourning, crying, or pain.

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.

Seniorate Thanksgiving Celebration



The parishes to the of the Mohawk Valley Seniorate will join together at Holy Cross

parish, 3690 Armstrong Rd., Syracuse, NY on Saturday, November 18th for a Thanksgiving Holy Mass followed by a free Luncheon. Join us, bring the whole family! The Holy Mass intention is Thanksgiving For Blessings Received. A special collection will be taken up to assist a local charity. Stay tuned to the weekly bulletin for details.

GIFTS NEEDED



Since the beginning of 2012, we have taken on twenty-two major infrastructure projects.

We just replaced the entire sidewalk along the side of the church and made major repairs to the church hall floor. The entire hall floor has been replaced.

These were expensive projects and we would very much appreciate your additional donations offered to offset

the cost of these projects.

Drop your donation in the collection basket, mail it, or you can donate online at the parish website. Make your donation for “projects.”

Constant Thanksgiving

To all who planned, helped, baked for, organized, and supported our Craft Fair.

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!!!

Speaking of Thanksgiving - Get Your Pies Here

Joanne Bauer and Helen Spencer are selling Thanksgiving pies. flavors include:

Apple,
Apple Crumb,
Blueberry,
Cherry,
Chocolate Cream,

Lemon Meringue, and
Pumpkin.

All pies are 9 inches. Pies are \$15 each or 2 for \$25. Orders will be taken November 1st through 17th. Orders may be picked up between November 20th and 22nd. **To order, call 518-377-1806.**

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!

Spaghetti Dinner - Date Change

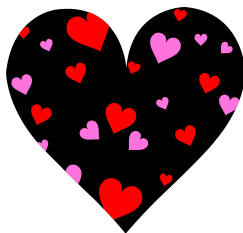
Join us for our 2nd annual spaghetti dinner which has been moved to Saturday, January 20th from 4pm till 7pm hosted by Joanne Bauer, her three daughters, and three granddaughters. This is a traditional truly homemade spaghetti dinner which includes spaghetti, 2 meatballs, salad, Italian bread,

drinks, and Italian cookies. Eat in or take home. Dinners are \$10 per person, \$5 for children under 10. Children 5 and under are free. Extra meatballs - \$1 each. An order of a dozen meatballs - \$10.

Coffee Hour

Coffee hours continue after services each week. Can you help by volunteering to sponsor a week? Sign up sheets are in the hall. Come and share worship and wonderful treats with fellowship every week.

Outrageous Valentine's Raffle



This coming year, 2018, 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 Convo.

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.

Tickets will be mailed out this month. Each family is being asked to sell a total of 10 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!

Youth Commission Raffle

The PNU is hosting a raffle to benefit its College Stipend Program. Donations for tickets are \$5 each or 3 tickets for \$10. The First Prize is \$400 cash; Second Prize is a Beats Pill Plus Bluetooth Speaker; and Third Prize is an Apple TV. Tickets are on the back table of the church.

Events in Neighboring Parishes



Harvest Dinner

at Holy Spirit Parish, 618 Gansevoort Street, Little Falls, NY on

November 5th starting at noon. Featuring Roast Pork and Ham. Tickets at \$10 for adults and \$5 for

teens. Children 12 and under are free. Take out available.

Home-Made Pot Roast Dinner at Holy Cross Parish, Lakeland, NY on November 11th. Holy Mass at 3pm. Dinner follows and runs from 4 until 6:30pm. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$6 for children 5-12 and children under 5 are Free. Take out is available.

Holiday Bazar at Holy Cross Parish, Lakeland, NY on Saturday, December 2nd from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. Admission is free. Get your Christmas Shopping started early with unique gifts with a personal touch and stocking stuffers for everyone. Bring your children to find special gifts for mom, dad, brother, sister, aunt, uncle or grandparents. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Please call coordinator, Sue Kot at 315-627-0592 if you have any questions or need directions.

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 community. Please make a prayerful donation in thankfulness. Please place your donation by the Mary altar in the church. Bless you!

Planning For:

- November 1: Solemnity of All

Saints - Special Holy Mass at 7pm with a reading of the names of our dearly departed.

- November 2: Observance of All Souls.
- November 5: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Cemetery Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery in Amsterdam at 2pm. Daylight Savings Ends.
- November 7: Commemoration – St. Willibrord of Utrecht. Election Day.
- November 11: Veteran's Day/ Remembrance Day/Polish Independence Day.
- November 12: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Breakfast
- November 18: Seniorate Thanksgiving Holy Mass followed by a free Luncheon.
- November 19: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- November 20: Holy Mass for Healing with Anointing at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting, 7pm.
- November 21: Solemnity of the Presentation of the B.V.M.
- November 23: Thanksgiving
- November 26: Solemnity of Christ the King. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- November 30: Feast - St. Andrew the Apostle
- December 3: 1st Sunday of

Advent/Cycle B Begins. Holy Mass
at 9:30 and 11:30am.

Stay tuned for:

- St. Nicholas Day
- Our Parish Vigil Dinner/Wigilia and Youth Performance
- Greening of the Church
- Christmas
- St. Stephen's Day
- 2018!!!!

The Liturgy

A thought on the Liturgy (Eucharist) which might give us a deeper perspective of its profound place in the life of the Christian.

"The Eucharist is that same place of atonement, then, that Christ is: the chiasmus (reversal of word order) where eternity and time are poured out into one another, where eternity empties itself and time is raised into the eternal, and where we lose ourselves in the abyss of divine beauty to find ourselves restored in the utterly humble adoration of divine love."

From "Thine Own of Thine Own," in "The Hidden and the Manifest" by David Bentley Hart

Thanksgiving Prayer

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 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			¹ Solemnity of All Saints Holy Mass at 7pm with the reading of the names of our dearly departed	² Commemoration of All Souls	³	⁴
⁵ 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Joe Kaczynski, Claudia Bertasso. Cemetery Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery in Amsterdam at 2pm.	⁶	⁷ Commemoration – St. Willibrord of Utrecht Election Day – please vote	⁸	⁹	¹⁰	¹¹ Veteran's Day Narodowe Święto Niepodległości
¹² 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Daniel Dilanne, Claudia Bertasso. Breakfast	¹³	¹⁴	¹⁵	¹⁶	¹⁷	¹⁸ Seniorate Thanksgiving Holy Mass and Luncheon
¹⁹ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - - Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Larry Panfil, Claudia Bertasso.	²⁰ Holy Mass and Anointing for Healing at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting, 7pm	²¹ Solemnity - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	²²	²³ Thanksgiving	²⁴	²⁵
²⁶ Solemnity of Christ the King - Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Derek Westcott, Claudia Bertasso.	²⁷	²⁸	²⁹	³⁰ Feast – St. Andrew the Apostle		

EVENTS

December Upcoming

- 3rd – 1st Sunday of Advent.
- 6th - St. Nicholas/Św. Mikołaj
- 8th – Conception of the B.V.M.
- Vigil Dinner
- Greening of the Church
- Wigilia and Christmas