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# NEWSLETTER

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*But God has so composed the body, that there may be no discord in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. Now you are the body of Christ...*

## Family is forever

*Waiting for Forever* is a movie in which a young man named Willie returns to his hometown in Pennsylvania to finally tell Emma, the woman he loves, his feelings. Willie was traumatized by the death of his parents when he was a child. At the time, Emma comforted him, telling Willie that his parents will always be there for him, even though they are in Heaven. Now, Emma is an actress in Hollywood. She has returned home to visit her father, who is dying.

Willie's brother and his best friends still live in the town. They know all about Willie's feelings for Emma. They also know he has never been able to tell Emma, so they frown on Willie's continuing obsession with her.

Unable to confront Emma directly, Willie arranges an accidental meeting with Emma. He convinces her to talk with him for a while, to

catch up on old times. Will Willie be able to tell Emma the truth? How will she react? The movie ends on a very uplifting, hopeful, joyful note. The key to the movie is its story of family and redemption. Willie is not a perfect person, but he lives in relationship with other people. He actually listens to others and serves their needs in thoughtful ways.

Willie transforms the people around him. Emma goes from being self-centered to learning what love and compassion really mean. Willie's brother finally realizes the purity of Willie's soul and reconciles with his brother.

This story of Willie is the story of being Christ-like and transforming others in the context of a community of love - family. This month our Holy Church celebrates the Christian family. We too are called to be Christ-like and to transform the world into one family in Him. One family forever.

## **Celebrate your heritage**

On Sunday, October 21st 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, celebrations, and way of life.

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 today and always in celebrating your heritage.

## **Month of All Souls**

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 28th. 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 Thursday, November 1st at 7:30pm followed by the the reading of the names of all the faithful departed.

## **New Ministry of Charity - Soup Kitchen - Volunteers Needed**

We look forward to beginning a new ministry of charity within our parish. On a monthly basis, likely starting in December, we will open a soup kitchen for those in need of a hot meal in a safe and secure environment. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Bob Dominy or Deacon Jim.

## **Pampered Chef Party**



We will be holding a Pampered Chef Fundraiser Party just in time to get your orders in for Christmas. You can pre-order on-line at [www.pamperedchef.biz/barbaraporter...](http://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!!!

### **Milestones to Celebrate:**

#### 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 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! Bóg zapłać! Grazie mille! Thank you!!!

### **Rummage Sale Report and Thanks**

Our annual parish rummage sale was held on Saturday, October 20th. Thank you to all who worked so hard to set up and carry out this wonderful ministry to those in our parish neighborhood and beyond.

Thank you to Donna Panfil for coordinating everything. Thank you to all who donated items. Thank you to our visitors who found great items at excellently affordable prices.

We had many inquiries about our faith life and parish family. Our visitors found an excellent expression of faith, service, and charity as well as an open invitation to join the family of faith. We raised nearly \$1,200 and donated remaining items to local charities.

### **Holy Synod Report and Thanks**

Elected delegates from every parish, all clergy, as well as diocesan and national organizations gathered for

the 11th Holy Synod of the Central Diocese from October 11th through the 13th. What a wonderful (very well organized and on-time) event. We received traditional greetings, reviewed reports, and most importantly were able to engage in collective brainstorming for the future of the Church. Issues such as growth in the Church, vocations, the use of technology, and other essential needs were considered.

We worshiped, prayed, met many new friends, ate well, and were moved to set out as branches in the vine of Christ. We move forward offering our fruit to God the Father, the vine grower. He will take the fruits of the Spirit we produce in Jesus, and will use it to feed, nourish and save many.

Thank you to Bob Dominy who represented our parish so well. Please pray for our Diocese so that the journey, begun this past week, may bear much fruit.

### **Your Generosity**

Because of your generosity in September, Bob and Cyndi Williams were able to deliver 110lbs of food to the Schenectady Inner City Mission. Thank you Bob and Cyndi! Thank you to all!!!

### **Coffee Hour**

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

### **Poetry for the Month**

Before me by Władysław Graban

*Before me spring stalwarts  
stand like young men  
scared  
wild rose  
elderberry  
the old apple  
grandmother remembers.*

*This is my home  
no new windows or walls  
sweet silence  
heritage  
your own like breath*

Translated by Dcn. Jim

*Przede mną jesiony rosłe  
stoją jak chłopcy  
załękniona  
dzika róża  
bez czarny  
jabłoń stara  
która babunię pamięta*

*Oto dom mój  
nowy bez okien i ścian  
ulepiony z ciszy  
na ojcowiznie  
własny jak oddech*

### **Planning For:**

- October 7: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Solemnity – Holy Mother of the Rosary/Pulpit Freedom Sunday
- October 11-13: Diocesan Synod
- October 14: Solemnity of the Christian Family
- October 18: Feast – St. Luke
- October 20: Rummage Sale
- October 21: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Heritage Sunday
- October 24: Feast – St. Raphael

the Archangel

- October 28: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Feast Ss. Simon & Jude
- October 28: Confirmation at B.V.M. of Częstochowa at 9 a.m.
- October 31: Vigil of All Saints
- November 1: Solemnity of All Saints, Service at 7:30pm
- November 2: Commemoration of All Souls
- November 4: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time/Daylight Savings Ends
- November 6: Election Day

### **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 Deacon Jim.

### **You can get a guaranteed 3% return on your money**

The PNUA - our Fraternal Insurance Company offers several programs that help to meet your financial planning needs. If you set up a plan before December 31st you will

lock in a 3% rate of return. Try to get that at any bank. 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 including Twenty-Year Endowments and Tax Deferred Annuities.

The PNUA also offers a Credit Union for members, college stipends for youth, and support in times of trouble.

For more information on any of these policies, or if you have any questions that are not answered contact Deacon Jim or call the offices of the Polish National Union of America toll-free at 1-800-724-6352.

FAMILY



# October 2012

| Sunday   | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday                                  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
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|  | 1      | 2       | 3  | 4   | 5   | 6<br>Track & Field Meet –<br>Scranton, PA       |
| 7<br>27th Sunday in Ordinary<br>Time<br>Service of Worship and<br>Holy Communion, 9:30am<br>Lector: Larry Panfil<br>Holy Mass, 11am<br>Lector: Marilyn Heitala | 8      | 9       | 10   | 11<br>11th Holy Synod of the<br>Central Diocese | 12<br>11th Holy Synod of the<br>Central Diocese | 13<br>11th Holy Synod of the<br>Central Diocese |
| 14<br>Solemnity of the Christian<br>Family<br>Service of Worship and<br>Holy Communion, 9:30am<br>Lector: Marilyn Heitala<br>Parish Committee Meets            | 15     | 16      | 17   | 18<br>Feast – St. Luke                          | 19  | 20<br>Parish Rummage Sale,<br>9am-3pm           |
| 21<br>29th Sunday in Ordinary<br>Time/Heritage Sunday<br>Service of Worship and<br>Holy Communion, 9:30am<br>Lector: Claudia Bertasso                          | 22     | 23      | 24<br>Feast – St. Raphael the<br>Archangel | 25  | 26  | 27  |
| 28<br>30th Sunday in Ordinary<br>Time, Feast Ss. Simon &<br>Jude<br>Service of Worship and<br>Holy Communion, 9:30am<br>Lector: Larry Panfil                   | 29     | 30      | 31<br>Vigil of All Saints                  |   |   |   |
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## EVENTS

### November Upcoming

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

- 4th - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time/Daylight Savings Ends
- 6th - Election Day
- 11th – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time/Veterans Day/Polish Independence Day