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NEWSLETTER

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FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, DECLARES
THE LORD, PLANS FOR WELFARE AND NOT FOR EVIL,
TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE AND A HOPE.

As I write this column I am preparing to pack for our trip to Erie, Pennsylvania and our Church's XXIV Holy Synod. Also, I am preparing for my canonical examination and (if I pass) ordination to the Holy Priesthood. I am thinking about the just concluded first month of school, the coming of autumn, rooms that need painting and rearranging at home, elections, and new beginning for so many of our youngest children at church who are about to be baptized or receive their first penance and communion. Changes!

Jeremiah heard the word of God and was to speak them to Israel in the face of major changes. Jeremiah already told them that change was coming and they were to face seventy years of exile in Babylon. Their lives would be turned upside-down, ruined in the short term. Yet a message of hope was to be spoken as well. God's plan was to bring about the people's welfare, to give them a future filled with hope

via the changes they were to face.

We live in a world that is in constant flux. All the changes we experience whether self-imposed or placed upon us make us feel less sure, less safe, and less stable. We often think - this isn't what I signed up for. I liked things the way they were...

There is nothing wrong with feeling that way! People have different tolerances for change, and at some level we all get uncomfortable. When we do, let us reflect on God's word spoken through Jeremiah: *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

I remain confident that we own God's promise - that all changes and challenges will work for our good and the good of our Church. The days, months, and years ahead - filled with change - will achieve good in our lives - for all changes is in God's hands and He loves us.

Blessing of Pets



Feel free to
**bring your pets
to church on
Sunday,
October 5th at
9:30am to
participate in
our regular
worship and to
receive a special**

**blessing in commemoration of St.
Francis of Assisi.**

Craft Fair this month!!!

We will be holding a seasonal/holiday craft fair on Saturday, October 4th from 10am till 5pm at the Rotterdam Senior Citizens Center, 2639 Hamburg St., Schenectady. We will also have our Polish Kitchen open - serving homemade Polish food like pierogi, golumbki, and kielbasa. Our SOCL students are creating crafts that we will sell in support of the SOCL program.

Please be sure to stop by and check it out. If you can, volunteer to assist, we could really use the help. Signup sheets are on the church hall bulletin board.

Thank you to Stephanie Dominy, Kelly Supinski, Becky Martineau, and Gayle Clas for leading this effort.

Followed by our Rummage Sale

We will be holding our annual rummage sale on Saturday, October 18th 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.

Coffee Hour



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

First Holy Communion



God bless of Skyler Dee and Gabby Martineau who made their First Holy Communion on September 28th.

Remember always this day on which you received Jesus into your hearts in this very special way. He is always available to you. Everything around you may change - but Jesus will never leave you.

Welcome to the Family of Christ

We welcome Traviss, Erikaa, and Bella who were baptized during the month of September. In baptism you have been regenerated, changed forever. have entered the family of Christ, and committed your lives to carrying out His will in the family of faith. May our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, continue to bless you as you strive ever forward



Solemnity of the Christian Family

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.

I hope all of our families will accept the Church's and my invitation to join us for worship on this special Solemnity. Please extend our invitation to the more reluctant members of your family. Invite them to join with you and with the family of God as we celebrate the often overlooked gift that is family. And, if you know families who are not worshipping anywhere, please extend an invitation to them as well.

Celebrate heritage



On Sunday, October 19th our Holy Church commemorates 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.

Our Holy Church was organized by emigrants who sought self-

determination, freedom, recognition of their humanity, and the equality promised by our country. They expected respect for their heritage. Our Church blesses and respects everyone's heritage. Celebrate each other today.



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 birth into eternal life. 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 us for prayers and intercessions that ease 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 26th. Alternately, you can E-mail the names of those you wish commemorated to Deacon Jim at deaconjim@me.com.

We will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints on Saturday, November 1st at 5pm followed by the the reading of the names of all the faithful departed.

Deacon Jim will also celebrate the memory of the faithful departed interred at Good Shepherd cemetery on Sunday, November 2nd.

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 Hoefer

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 Pete Battaglia for arranging and overseeing the installation of a new furnace for our parish hall.

To Bob Dominy for installing new lighting in our kitchen.

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

To Ed Bertasso 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!!!

SOCL Classes have begun

We have begun our School of Christian Living (SOCL) classes once again. Please ensure your children's attendance in these classes where we will learn about Jesus and all he does for us. First Communion classes will begin in January. Never been confirmed, see Deacon Jim.

Church Father for the Month - St. Cyprian of Carthage from Treatise IV

Moreover, the Holy Spirit in the Psalms manifests that Christ is called the day. "The stone," says He, "which the builders rejected, has become the head of the corner. This is the Lord's doing; and it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day which the Lord has made; let us walk and rejoice in it." Also the prophet Malachi testifies that He is called the Sun, when he says, "But to you that fear the name of the Lord shall the Sun of righteousness arise, and there is healing in His wings." But if in the Holy Scriptures the true sun and the true day is Christ, there is no hour excepted for Christians wherein God ought not frequently and always to be worshipped; so that we who are in Christ — that is, in the true Sun and the true Day — should be instant throughout the entire day in petitions, and should pray; and when, by the law of the world, the revolving night, recurring in its alternate changes, succeeds, there can be no harm arising from the darkness of night to those who pray, because the children of light have the day even in the night. For when is he without light who has light in his heart? Or when has not he the sun and the day, whose Sun and Day is Christ?

Planning For:

- October 2: Feast of the Guardian Angels
- October 4: Commemoration of St. Francis

- October 5: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Blessing of Pets
- October 7: Solemnity – Holy Mother of the Rosary
- October 12: Solemnity of the Christian Family
- October 13: Columbus Day (observed)
- October 18: Feast – St. Luke
- October 19: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Heritage Sunday
- October 24: Feast – St. Raphael the Archangel
- October 26: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- October 28: Feast Ss. Simon & Jude
- October 31: Vigil of All Saints
- November 1: Solemnity of All Saints, Service at 7:30pm
- November 2: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time/Daylight Savings Ends
- November 3: Observance of All Souls (translated)
- November 4: Election Day

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Yes - there is such a thing as a free lunch!!! Our next event is October 19th. Please be sure to continue to invite friends, family, and everyone you know to partake on the last Sunday of every month. There is no cost or charge for this meal. This service opens our home to all in

need of a little company, a warm meal, and the love of Christ.

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.

Go Spójnia



Polish National Union of America

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. At least seven excellent programs are offered. For more information call toll-free at 1-800-724-6352.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			XXIV Holy Synod Continues ¹	Feast of the Guardian Angels ² XXIV Holy Synod Continues	XXIV Holy Synod Continues ³	Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi ⁴ Craft Fair, 10am-5pm Rotterdam Senior Citizens Center, 2639 Hamburg St., Schenectady
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Blessing of Pets Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Larry Panfil ⁵	⁶	Solemnity – Holy Mother of the Rosary ⁷	⁸	⁹	¹⁰	¹¹
Solemnity of the Christian Family ¹² Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Claudia Bertasso	Columbus Day (observed) ¹³	¹⁴	¹⁵	¹⁶	¹⁷	Feast – St. Luke ¹⁸ Rummage Sale – Parish Hall from 9am till 3pm
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Heritage Sunday Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Marilyn Hietala Parish Committee Meets ¹⁹	²⁰	²¹	²²	²³	Feast – St. Raphael the Archangel ²⁴	²⁵
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Larry Panfil ²⁶	²⁷	Feast Ss. Simon & Jude ²⁸	²⁹	³⁰	Vigil of All Saints ³¹	

EVENTS

November Upcoming

- 1st – Solemnity of All Saints
- 2nd - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time/Daylight Savings Ends

- 3rd – Commemoration of All Souls
- 4th - Election Day

- 11th - Veterans Day/Polish Independence Day
- 27th – Thanksgiving Day