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# **NEWSLETTER**

## **OCTOBER**

# **2015**



REJOICE ALWAYS, PRAY CONSTANTLY, GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES; FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS FOR YOU.

Every Sunday before 9:30am Holy Mass we join together in morning prayer.

Morning prayer offers us several advantages. Prayer slows our thoughts and our breathing. We move from outside cares to a God focus. Because our prayer follows the seasons of the Church year, it helps us in contemplating the current season.

In our prayer we ask our Heavenly Father to bless and heal those who have asked for our prayers - remember you can add anyone at anytime. We also pray for our clergy, our community, Service Members, Mont Pleasant Middle School, our public servants, and those with special needs. Finally, we remember the people and the clergy of a particular parish in Churches that are in union with ours.

Our Lord prayed regularly and commended the practice to us. He taught us how we ought to pray by giving us the Our Father. He told us

to pray with pure intent. We join together in a parish dedicated to Jesus' Holy Name remembering that Jesus told us that whatever we ask in His Name will be given unto us.

St. Paul tells us to: *Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.* We are to pray regularly - making time daily for this effort and in a special way as a community. In our prayer we are to be alert. We are to continue praying and asking even if we do not get what we ask for immediately. We are to ask for the good of all the saints, that is, the Church. And, we are to ask BIG!

Consider this month what we ask for. We need not keep our requests and petitions small - just for ourselves. Our supplications for those things are definitely important, but add to them something really BIG and watch the Lord keep His promise.

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## Blessing of Pets

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Feel free to bring your pets to church on Sunday, October 4th at 9:30am to participate in Holy Mass and to receive a special blessing in commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi.

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## Craft Fair October 3rd!!!

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We will be holding a seasonal/holiday craft fair on Saturday, October 3rd 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 for leading this effort.

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## Baby Shower

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Our sister, Jessica Wilcox is expecting and is due in February 2016. Jessica and her husband Sean have invited all parishioners to their baby shower on Saturday, October 10th in the parish hall. No gifts are necessary - just your support for this young couple.

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## Followed by our Rummage Sale

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We will be holding our annual rummage sale on Saturday, October 24th 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.

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## First Holy Communion

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God bless of Erickaa Carroll and Eden Angher who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday, September 27th. Remember always this day on

which you received Jesus into your hearts in this very special way. He is always available to you. An essential part of your armor of God. Everything around you may change - but Jesus will never leave you.

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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.

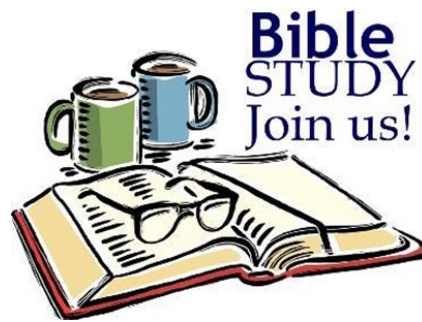
On the Solemnity of the Christian Family, we offer our prayers to God for our families. And since these are prayers for the Christian Family, not only our individual families, we pray that all families make time for Christ and His Holy Church.

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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## Ecumenical Bible Study

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We have begun what we hope will become a full-fledged

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 October 28th, November 25th, and December 30th.

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## Healing Holy Masses Continue

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

Monday October 12th at 6:15pm.

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## Month of All Souls

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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.

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 25th. 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 Sunday, November 1st during our 9:30 and 11:30am Holy Masses 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 1st at 2pm.

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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 Lat!

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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 participated in the National Brotherly Love webinar.

To all who supported parishes in the Mohawk Valley Seniorate.

To Bob and Stephanie Dominy and Joann Bauer for their Free Lunch 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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### **SOCL Classes have begun**

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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 Fr. Jim.

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### **Planning For:**

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- October 2: Feast of the Guardian Angels
- October 2-4: 72nd United YMSofR Convention in South Deerfield, MA.
- October 3: **Craft Fair & Polish**

**Food Sale**, Rotterdam Senior Citizens' Center 10am - 5pm

- October 4: 27th **Sunday** in Ordinary Time/Commemoration of St. Francis/Blessing of Pets/Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- October 7: Solemnity – Holy Mother of the Rosary
- October 10: **Wilcox Baby Shower**
- October 11: **Solemnity of the Christian Family**/Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- October 12: Columbus Day (observed)
- October 18: 29th **Sunday** in Ordinary Time/Heritage Sunday/Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Free Lunch.
- October 19: Feast – St. Luke (translated)/**Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm**. Parish Committee Meeting
- October 24: Feast – St. Raphael the Archangel/**Rummage and Bake Sale** - Parish Hall 9am - 3pm.
- October 25: 30th **Sunday** in Ordinary Time/Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- October 28: Feast Ss. Simon & Jude/**Bible Study at 7:30pm**
- October 31: Vigil of All Saints
- November 1: **Solemnity of All Saints**/Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Daylight Savings Ends
- November 2: Observance of All Souls

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## FREE LUNCH on Sunday

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Yes - there is such a thing as a free lunch!!! Our next event is October 18th. 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.

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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. 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.

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### Celebrate heritage

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On Sunday, October 18th 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 get a social membership for only \$30.** 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
				1	2 Feast of the Guardian Angels  72nd United YMSofR Convention	3 Craft Fair & Polish Food Sale, 10am-5pm Rotterdam Senior Citizens Center, 2639 Hamburg St., Schenectady  72nd United YMSofR Convention
4 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi/Blessing of Pets/Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lector: Marilyn Hietala/Claudia Bertasso	5	6	7 Solemnity – Holy Mother of the Rosary	8	9	10 Wilcox Baby Shower – Parish Hall
11 Solemnity of the Christian Family, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lector: Larry Panfil/Claudia Bertasso	12 Columbus Day (observed)	13	14	15	16	17
18 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Heritage Sunday Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lector: Derek Westcott/Claudia Bertasso  Ladies Tea & Fashion Show at BVMC Parish	19 Feast – St. Luke (translated) Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting	20	21	22	23	24 Feast – St. Raphael the Archangel  Rummage Sale – Parish Hall from 9am till 3pm
25 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lector: Marilyn Hietala/Claudia Bertasso	26	27	28 Feast Ss. Simon & Jude  Bible Study at 7:30pm	29	30	31 Vigil of All Saints

## EVENTS

### November Upcoming

- 1st – Solemnity of All Saints

- 2nd - Commemoration of All Souls
- 3rd – Election Day

- 11th - Veterans Day/Polish Independence Day
- 26th – Thanksgiving Day