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#### AND THE WORLD IS PASSING AWAY ALONG WITH ITS DESIRES, BUT WHOEVER DOES THE WILL OF GOD ABIDES FOREVER.

Walking through my backyard I listened to the leaves from our Ash tree crunch under my feet. This season of marvelous color, scents, great foods, and treats like apple pie and cider always brings to mind transition. It is a time of obvious change.

Fall occurs every year and, because of our experiences, perhaps we are programmed to see everything as changeable. Maybe we were brought up to even think that God's love could be turned on and off depending on how we acted. Everything is temporary or provisional. Nothing is solid.

As we reflect on the change around us, we should also pause to consider that this sense of change is not a universal constant. There is at least One who is immutable, unchangeable, and permanent. Being a church newsletter you can guess the answer - God.

Yes, God is universal and permanent, He is immutable - which means unchangeable. But it is more

than that.

Consider the Scripture above taken from 1 John 2:17. The world, its desires, the stuff in it, its conflict, stress, and change will definitely pass away, but God abides forever. God keeps to, holds to who He is.

God's nature in and of itself extends beyond Himself - because of Jesus it includes us who have confessed our sins and have placed our faith in Him. In that act, we are pulled into God's permanence. Because He is unchangeable we enter into permanence. As St. Paul told the Romans, we are transformed. In Him we have a solid rock to cling to no matter the challenge. By connecting to God, by accepting His Son's revelation, we enter an eternity of permanence.

As we enjoy this season, as we delve into every kind of pumpkin spice product, let us also delve into what is steadfast in our lives, what will never be changed - God's love for us and our permanence in Him, our unchangeable God.

## **Blessing of Pets**

Feel free to bring your pets to



church on Sunday, October 1st at 9:30am or 11:30am to participate in Holy Mass and to receive a special blessing in

commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi.

## Craft Fair October 7th!!!

We are holding our annual seasonal/ holiday craft fair on Saturday, October 7th from 10am till 5pm at Blessed Virgin Mary of Częstochowa Parish Hall, 250 Maxwell Rd., Latham, NY. there will be homemade Polish food like pierogi, golumbki, and kielbasa. Kelly Supinski created crafts that will be sold in support of the SOCL program.

Please be sure to stop by and check it out. Thank you to Stephanie Dominy for leading this effort and to all parish volunteers for their many hours of hard work.

## **Coffee Hour**

Coffee hours continue after Holy Mass each week. Come and join in for food and fellowship. Volunteer to sponsor a Sunday.

## Spaghetti Dinner - October 21st



Join us for our 2nd annual spaghetti dinner on Saturday, October 21st from 4pm till 7pm hosted

by Joanne Bauer, her three daughters, and three granddaughters. This is a traditional truly home made 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.

## SOCL Classes

Parents are reminded that when they had their child baptized, they vowed to have the child educated in the Christian Faith. All youth of the parish should be enrolled and attend School of Christian Living classes every Sunday. Come see our new youth area and the great youth artworks throughout the parish hall. Thank you to Alyssa DePaula for her dedication to this project.

## Healing Holy Masses Continue

We hold a monthly healing Holy Mass. Check out our schedule in your weekly bulletin. The next is scheduled for Monday, October 16th at 6:15pm.

#### 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.

Please join together for worship on this special Solemnity and extend an invitation to the more reluctant members of your family.

## Month of All Souls

As October passes 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 29th. Alternately, you can E-mail the names of those you wish commemorated to Fr. Jim at <u>frjim@holynamencc.org</u>. We will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints on Wednesday, November 1st with Holy Mass at 7pm 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 5th at 2pm.

## **Our Cemeteries**

Our parish is blessed to serve two beautiful cemeteries. These are peaceful final resting places for our loved ones, and perhaps may be our resting place when the Lord calls us home.



We are pleased to announce that by approbation of our Bishop, our parish has been given formal oversight of Good Shepherd cemetery. Work is already underway to

renew this beautiful place of memory.

Please also prayerfully remember that one each of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy is to bury and pray for the dead. Those Works of Mercy include maintaining grave sites. This cannot happen if we fail to contribute toward the care of our parish and our cemeteries. To make all this happen it is essential that rules be obeyed. These rules include the fact that only faithful dues paying members of the Polish National Catholic Church may be buried in these cemeteries.

## Celebrate with Thanksgiving to God

November is near and we look forward to thanking God for His many blessings and particularly for each other - the gift of Christian friendship and family.

A Seniorate Thanksgiving Holy Mass and Dinner will be held at Holy Cross parish in Lakeland, NY (near Syracuse) on Saturday, November 18th. please stay tuned for further details.

## 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**

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 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 all who have engaged in the ministry of lector (Larry, Daniel, Marilyn, Derek, Joe).

To all who welcomed visitors on Back to Church Sunday and to all those who are considering following the Lord with us. To Joann Bauer and Stacy Wheelock for preparing breakfast on Back to Church Sunday.

To Marilyn Hietala and all who help in the ministry of hospitality by providing for our Sunday coffee hour.

To Pete, Darryl and Larry for their floor work and to Pete for his oversight of the sidewalk work.

To Paul and Michelle for their care toward Good Shepherd cemetery.

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!!!

## **Prayer for Families**

God, our Heavenly Father, You have blessed each of us with the gift of family that through our family life we may learn to love and care for others. Open our eyes to recognize in all people the bonds of kinship. May we unselfishly serve them who with us have been made co-heirs with Christ. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ. Amen. Prayer for Families (PNCC 2010 Prayer Book)

#### **Planning For:**

 October 1: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Blessing of Pets/ Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.

- October 2: Feast of the Guardian Angels.
- October 4: Commemoration of St. Francis.
- October 7: Solemnity Holy Mother of the Rosary. Craft Fair & Polish Food Sale, BVMC Parish Hall, 10am - 5pm
- October 8: **Solemnity of the Christian Family**/Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- October 9: Columbus Day (observed).
- October 15: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Heritage Sunday/ Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- October 16: Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting.
- October 18: Feast St. Luke.
- October 21: **Spaghetti Dinner**, 4 to 7pm.
- October 22: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- October 24: Feast St. Raphael the Archangel
- October 28: Feast Ss. Simon & Jude
- October 29: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- October 31: Vigil of All Saints
- November 1: Solemnity of All Saints/Holy Mass at 7pm.
- November 2: Observance of All Souls.

#### Parish Organizations and Ministries

Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that <u>need you</u>? God calls us to work together for the good of our community, in support of each other, and for the needs of the Church. We need your help. We also need altar servers and lectors. Please see Fr. Jim.

#### Celebrate heritage



On Sunday, October 15th 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.

## Go Spójnia

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 also get a**  **social membership.** At least seven excellent programs are offered. For more information call toll-free at 1-800-724-6352.

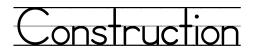
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Since the beginning of 2012, we have taken on twenty-two major infrastructure projects.

In September we replaced the entire sidewalk along the side of the church. The new sidewalk is properly fitted to the building and is designed for better walking safety in water, ice, and snow. It is also designed to draw water away from the building. We have made major repairs to the church hall floor. The entire hall floor has been replaced.



Of course, these are expensive projects and your donations would help... If you wish to help with our sidewalk or hall projects your donation would be very welcome. You can even donate online at the parish website.

## **Out of Darkness**

The 4th Schenectady Out of the Darkness Community Walk is a walk to fight suicide. The walk took place on Saturday, September 30th and started at the Pavilion in Central Park, Schenectady. Thank you to all parishioners who turned out for the walk.

## National Women's Conference

"Who Am I?" - The first ever PNCC

National Women's Conference will be held at the Erie Courtyard Marriott & Bayfront Conference Center in Erie, PA from October 18-21, 2017. The National Board considers the conference a gathering, a getaway, a retreat, and an event all wrapped together to provide a venue for women to learn, rediscover, and discuss topics that impact their daily lives. Dr. Donna Yarri, Professor of Theology at Alvernia University, will be the conference leader and keynote speaker. She is a researcher and educator in the areas of religion and science, medical ethics, religion and popular culture, social justice, and ethical treatment of animals. To attend or for more information, please visit http://www.pncc.org/? event=who-am-i-a-womensconference.

## 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



Holy Spirit **Polish Food Sale** at 618 Gansevoort Street, Little Falls, NY on

Saturday, October 21st from 10 AM until sold out. Gołąbki - ready to heat and eat. Pierogi - frozen by the dozen. Pre-orders are appreciated call John and Janice Rogers at 315-429-9314.

#### Ladies Tea and Fashion Show -

Blessed Virgin Mary of Częstochowa Parish, Sunday, October 22nd from 1 to 4 PM. Advance tickets are \$8 and can be purchased by calling Mary Ellen at 518 573-6674 or at the door for \$10.

Harvest Dinner at Holy Spirit Parish, 618 Gansevoort Street, Little Falls, NY on November 5th.



# October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Blessing of Pets/Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lector: Joe Kaczynski/Claudia Bertasso	2 Feast of the Guardian Angels	3	4 Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi	5	6	7 Solemnity – Holy Mother of the Rosary Craft Fair & Polish Food Sale, 10am-5pm, BVMC Hall, 250 Maxell Rd, Latham.
8 Solemnity of the Christian Family, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lector: Daniel Diianne/Claudia Bertasso	9 Columbus Day (observed)	10	11	12	13	14
15 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Heritage Sunday Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lector: Larry Panfil/Claudia Bertasso	16 Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting	17	18 Feast – St. Luke	19	20	21 Spaghetti Dinner, 4-7pm.
22 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lector: Derek Westcott/Claudia Bertasso Ladies Tea & Fashion Show at BVMC Parish	23	24 Feast – St. Raphael the Archangel	25	26	27	28 Feast Ss. Simon & Jude
29 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lector: Marilyn Hietala/Claudia Bertasso	30	31 Vigil of All Saints				
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## **EVENTS**

## November Upcoming

- 1st Solemnity of All Saints. Holy Mass at 7pm
- 2nd Commemoration of All Souls
  7th – Election Day
- 11th Veterans Day/Polish Independence Day
- 23th Thanksgiving Day