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# NEWSLETTER

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GUARD THE GOOD TREASURE ENTRUSTED TO YOU, WITH THE HELP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO DWELLS IN US.

Did you ever wonder why we do what we do at church? Not the Holy Mass as an act of God directed worship or educating our youth as God has commanded so that they may have knowledge of the fullness of God's love - those things are pretty straightforward. No, I mean the investments we make in church infrastructure for the future.

Since the beginning of 2012, we have rebuilt the portico over our side entrance, replaced the furnace room roof, sidewalks, our main roof, three furnaces, two air conditioners, several doors and windows, rebuilt the chapel at the cemetery, remodeled the rectory, replaced the church kitchen floor and dishwasher, bathroom fixtures, repaired plumbing at the cemetery, pointed up the chimney, and patched and painted the front steps.

This month we are replacing the entire sidewalk along the side of the church and have made major repairs to the church hall floor with the entire floor soon to be updated.

Do you wonder why?

If it were about dedication to just a building, or to memories, it would not be a wise investment. After all, what is a church without people, or memories without people to share them with.

Grabbing onto Paul's Letter to Timothy, we find the real reason for investing. It is about you! Paul exhorts us to *guard the good treasure entrusted to us*.

Timothy was one of the first bishops after the Apostles. The good treasure he was entrusted with was twofold. It was first and foremost faith in Jesus Christ and along with that faith the flock he was given to shepherd.

So with us. We have Jesus in our midst and we have you in our family. The Holy Spirit guides us in what we do so that you may have a place, a home, and a family. A place to belong.

We invest - we invest so the church is there for you - we invest so you may belong to and rejoice in being God's precious treasure.

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## You Belong!

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Back to Church Sunday is coming up on September 17. Join us for 9:30am or 11:30am special Holy Masses specifically designed to welcome you back to church. We'll have a relevant message on this Sunday called "**A Place to Belong**," that will encourage all of us to get plugged in to living life the way we were meant to—with others in authentic community! You won't want to miss it!

We'll also have a breakfast at 10:30am to help you and members get to know each other, and it will be a blast!

This is the perfect opportunity to invite your friends, family, neighbors and coworkers to join you and grow deeper in their faith, or perhaps encounter God for the first time.

Check out [www.holynamencc.org](http://www.holynamencc.org) or

our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/HolyNameOfJesusSchenectady/](http://www.facebook.com/HolyNameOfJesusSchenectady/) for more information and all the details.

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## Responding to Hurricane Harvey

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On the second Sunday of September our Holy Polish National



Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of Brotherly Love. This special day reminds us that all are our

neighbor - especially those in need. Our response to them must be Love.

As we gather this year to celebrate this important Solemnity we see many of our neighbors in Texas and Louisiana in need as a result of the destruction from Hurricane Harvey.

Prime Bishop Anthony has asked for a Church wide special collection on September 10th.

Donations will be pooled by the PNCC and will be forwarded to Church World Service and the American Red Cross. Let us do our part to put the Gospel into practice in our lives and show our love by helping those in need.

*Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell*

*into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." (Luke 10:36-37)*

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## Special Upcoming Events

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**September 10th, Solemnity of Brotherly Love. Holy Masses at 9:30am and 11:30am. Special National Collection to Support Victims of Hurricane Harvey**

**September 11th, Prayer Service of Remembrance on the 16th Anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy at 7pm.**

**September 17th, Back to Church Sunday – You Belong. Holy Masses at 9:30am and 11:30am. Community Breakfast too.**

**Craft Fair – October 7th.**

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## HELP NEEDED – CRAFT FAIR

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We need help prior to and at our Fall Craft Fair.

Our Craft Fair will be held at Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Hall, 250 Old Maxwell Rd., Latham, NY on Saturday, October 7th. If you can, breads and cakes are needed for the bake sale. The bread and cakes should be delivered to Blessed Virgin Mary parish the morning of the event. Volunteers are needed to assist with food preparation, to man

the bake sale, and assist at tables. Please call Stephanie at 518-369-1346 or sign up at the parish.

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## Kurs Report

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Our youth, Adam, Victoria, Christina, Nick, Erickaa, and Traviss had a great time at Kurs Camp. The camp theme was We hold a Treasure and Fr. Jim was appointed by Prime Bishop as the Kurs Chaplain once again.

Take a moment to ask our young people about how God treasures them and has given them so many good gifts to treasure.

God bless our youth!!!!!! On to Kurs 2018!

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## Music Scholarship Winners

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Congratulations to Derek Westcott, Victoria Konicki, and Christina Supinski who received National United Choirs (NUC) Music Scholarships this year. The awards were announced at the National United Choirs Convention and Music Workshop held in Manchester, New Hampshire in

July.

Information on the scholarship program can be obtained by visiting the NUC website:

[nucmusic scholarship.weebly.com](http://nucmusic scholarship.weebly.com).



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## Healing Holy Masses Continue

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We hold a monthly healing Holy Mass. Check out our schedule in your weekly bulletin. The next is scheduled for Monday 9/18 at 6:15pm.

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### Milestones to Celebrate:

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#### Birthdays

1 Paul Zawistowski  
3 Cindy Houser, Melissa Horton,  
Chris Zostant, Eric Esner  
4 Alicja Chrobok  
12 Robbie Heins  
14 Callie Lennon  
15 Beverly Limmer  
16 JoAnne Houser  
24 Lynn Maliszewski  
26 Donna Panfil, Nicholas DeMidio,  
Chad Smith  
28 Angela Jorczak

#### Anniversaries

3 Robert & Stephanie Dominy  
4 Jason & Christine Lennon, Thomas  
& Kathleen Caulfield  
21 Timothy & Christine DeCocco  
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## This Labor Day - Celebrate the Sacredness of Work

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*"But let justice roll down like waters  
and righteousness like an  
everlasting stream."* — Amos 5:24

On Labor day weekend we are reminded of God's call to practice justice, mercy, and compassion

toward all workers.

Labor Day comes out of a long history of workers organizing to secure their rights, safety, and dignity. Our Holy Church stood strong with workers. We did so with the coal miners and steel workers of Pennsylvania, the grain millers and meat packers of Buffalo, and the auto workers of Detroit.

In our community and throughout our nation and world, workers continue to struggle for fair pay, time off, safety on the job, access to healthcare and education, and the right to organize. As workers and worker advocates, people of faith have been and continue to be an important part of the movement for worker justice.

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## New School of Christian Living/New Kids Corner

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Our dear sister, Alyssa, has been hard at work organizing a new kids corner. Bring the kids and check it out.

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### Ś+P Leonard Ordon Sr. and Paul Peterson

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Former parishioner and parish committee member, śp. Leonard Ordon Sr., entered into eternal life on Wednesday, August 23rd. Leonard was the brother-in-law; James (Dorothy) Morrison.

Friend of the parish, śp. Paul Hardy Peterson entered the presence of the



**Lord early in the morning on Thursday, June 22nd after a long battle with stage IV lung cancer. Paul brought happiness and a kind word and a good heart to everyone he met and we all remember him as a great husband, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. Paul was preceded in death by his**

**parents and two siblings, and is survived by his wife, Merian D. Peterson, three stepsons, and one stepdaughter. He is also survived by his sister, Gloria Turnbull and husband Ray of Wyomissing Hills, PA, Roger Peterson and wife Fredda of Romulus, MI, Glennis Peterson and wife Caroline of Ithaca, NY, Phyllis Sampson and husband Greg of Fredericksburg, VA, Rita Bennett and husband William of John's Creek, GA, and his youngest sibling Audrey Briggs of Syracuse, NY. Paul was blessed with many surviving cousins and with more than thirty nieces and nephews who are proud to call him their favorite uncle. Many people, friends and co-workers were honored to have known him. A Memorial Service was held on Sunday, August 27th at the parish.**

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!**

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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.

Thank you so much to everyone who attended our summer picnic.

Thank you to all who did so much to prepare and who donated such great food. It was the best and largest picnic ever.

To our wonderful altar servers, our organist and choir director Liz Battaglia.

To Pete and Darryl for all they have done in fixing the hall floor and wall and to Pete for all he has done to improve the look at our parish cemetery.

To all who donated food during our summer food collection.

To every parishioner, visitor, and member -- you are a blessing and a treasure.

God bless you and reward you!!!

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### Coffee Hour Returns

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Our weekly coffee resume September 10th. Thank you to all who contribute to continuing this ministry of hospitality. If you can, please pitch in to host one. This gives us the time to gather after services every week. A time to belong to each other in Christ.

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### Planning For:

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- September 3: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am
- September 4: Labor Day
- September 8: Nativity of the BVM
- September 10: **Solemnity of Brotherly Love.** Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Coffee hour

resumes.

- September 11: 16th Anniversary Memorial Prayers at 7pm.
- September 14: Solemnity – Exaltation of the Holy Cross,
- September 15: Solemnity – Holy Mother of Sorrows
- September 17: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. **Back to Church Sunday**. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Welcome Back Brunch
- September 18: Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting.
- September 21: Feast - St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
- September 24: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Spójnia Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. **SOCL Classes Resume**
- September 29: Feast - St. Michael the Archangel
- October 1: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Blessing of Pets at all Holy Masses at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- October 7: Craft Fair at BVMC Parish Hall, 10am - 5pm.

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### **Future Direction Subcommittee of the Supreme Council - Update**

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In September our Schools of Christian Living go back into session. Thanks to our National Youth Chaplain, Bishop Stanley Bilinski for preparing these important words about commitment to religious education.

Catechesis speaks of the Church's efforts to make disciples of all people, to help them believe that Jesus is the Son of God so that believing they might have life in His Name, and to educate and instruct them in this life, thus building up the body of Christ. Catechesis imparts the doctrine of the faith in an intimate and progressive way to bringing its learners into the fullness of Christian life.

There was (now out of print) a normative booklet unique to our Holy Church that spoke of the beginning of this formative process in the Christian home; thus giving rise to our celebration in October. Here, in the family does the first true commitment to religious education begin: grace at meals, prayers at bedtime; attendance at Holy Mass together as a family. This commitment then is taken to the level of home grounding enhanced by the religious education found in our Schools of Christian Living, catechism classes, Bible study, et al. Parents are the agents who commit to this communication of values and attitudes by sharing love for Christ and His Church and each other, by receiving the Eucharist and living in its spirit, and by fostering love in all their relationships. To help parents in this important responsibility, the Church understands its obligation to commit to offering support and assistance in the parents' desire to have their children follow in their faith footsteps.

This commitment, more vital today,

helps to give a holy light upon the pressures our young people face in working through a secular school environment. Without committing to this most important ministry on both the parent's and church's involvement can lead to further isolation and an inability to claim an identity as a Catholic. Our School of Christian Living teachers and catechism instructors, who have a deep sense of their vocation (commitment) to this ministry, are often not professionally trained educators. There is a great need, then, to equip these volunteers with the professional skills necessary for classroom management and developmental sensitivities; to this, all resources of the Church must be utilized to bring this commitment to its highest goal.

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## **National Women's Conference**

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“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. See Fr. Jim.

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## **Spójnia Sunday**

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On September 24th, we commemorate the historic association of the Polish National Union (PNU) and the Polish National Catholic Church and reaffirm the commitment of the PNU in the many fields of Christian endeavor. For more information on the PNU please contact the PNU Home Office at 1-800-724-6352. Join in for the HOW THE PNU HAS HELPED YOU CONTEST - Think of the many benefits the PNU has offered through the years and come up with a creative way to show others “How the PNU Has Helped You.” Create a short video, photo collage, musical performance, poster, or some unique way for you to demonstrate the benefit you've received as a member of the PNU. The winner will receive \$500 and the runner-up will receive \$250. Deadline for submission is October 16th.

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## **2017 Education and Youth Commission Raffle**

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As fall is quickly approaching and we are all getting ready for the start of a new school year, the Education & Youth Commission of the Polish National Union of America is hosting a raffle to benefit its College Stipend Program, which is awarded to those college students who meet the rules and regulations of this



commission.

The raffle will be held on December 14th at the PNU Home Office. Donations for these tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 tickets for \$10.00. The First Prize is \$400 cash; Second Prize is a Beats Pill Plus Bluetooth Speaker; and Third Prize is an Apple TV. you can obtain tickets in the parish hall or through the PNU Home Office.

We greatly appreciate your support and generosity as we try to encourage our youth to become the future leaders within our parish community and the Polish National Union of America. Monetary donations are also graciously accepted towards the funding for this stipend program, and can be mailed directly to the following address: Education and Youth Commission, c/o PNU of America, 1006 Pittston Ave., Scranton, PA 18505 (checks made payable to Education and Youth Commission).

Thank you, if you have any questions in regards to this program or raffle, please contact Mary Ann Stankowski at 570-341-0986, or Carol Mikovsky at 570-344-0916, or by E-mail at [EYC@pnu.org](mailto:EYC@pnu.org).

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## Belonging means

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A pace to belong means:

- belonging to Christ,

- being a new person in Christ,
- being regenerated,
- being part of the family of God,
- encountering the sacred,
- touching heaven,
- being in relationship to and with other Christians,
- nurturing youth in Christ and encouraging them to grow into mature men and women of God,
- equipping believers for service and investing them in the work of the Kingdom,
- discovering your gifts and having place to serve,
- not arguing or complaining (Philippians 2:14),
- praying for growth (1 Thessalonians 1:2),
- inviting the un-churched to attend (Luke 14:23),
- warmly welcoming those who visit (Romans 15:7),
- developing a servant's heart (Philippians 2:2-3, 7),
- attending faithfully (Hebrews 10:25), and
- living a Godly life (Philippians 1:27)

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## Donations Would Help...

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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.



# September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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## EVENTS

### October Upcoming

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- 2nd – Guardian Angels
- 7th – Craft Fair