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NEWSLETTER

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I URGE THAT SUPPLICATIONS, PRAYERS, INTERCESSIONS, AND THANKSGIVINGS BE MADE FOR ALL PEOPLE, FOR KINGS AND ALL WHO ARE IN HIGH POSITIONS, THAT WE MAY LEAD A PEACEFUL AND QUIET LIFE

As we enter this month of November we once again take up our obligation as citizens and venture forth to cast a vote. As we do, let us look to scripture and enter into prayer. To do otherwise betrays our responsibility as Christians. We are indeed required to inform our consciences in conformity with Christian principles and are to vote accordingly.

We can quickly identify eighty four Scripture verses about choosing leaders and civic responsibilities. We should read those. They show us that God wishes us to participate and to affect outcomes so that His kingdom is built up. We are appointed and commissioned as His kingdom builders. Our work and our goals, our very votes, are to be about bringing God's kingdom to reality. It is such an important job that Jesus said: "*Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.*" He is saying the we cannot just pay lip service to God's will while doing otherwise in our

daily lives and in the voting booth.

Voting with an informed conscience that is in conformity with Christian teaching is an act of humility. We are not putting ourselves in the place of God, but rather putting Him at the center of our lives and our decisions. We recall the example of the Apostles who proclaimed under persecution: "*We must obey God rather than men.*"

As we consider our vote, let us consider a beautiful garment or a warm blanket. Each thread makes up the whole garment or blanket. Each is vital to its appearance and its strength. Christian moral positions and teaching are like that. We cannot pick out a few threads and consider them more important than the others. The sanctity of life, conception to natural death, peace, freedom, economic justice, the family in God's image, health care for all, environmental responsibility bear equal weight. As we pray and consider (join us for nine days of special Holy Masses), let us find those candidates who will *obey God*.

Month 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 all month according to age old Catholic custom of commemoration and prayer...a custom known as "wypominki."

We will remember all those entrusted to our prayer prior to every Holy Mass in November.

Polish Food Sale



Polish food orders will be taken from November 1st through 12th. Pick up orders on December

18th from 10:30am till 1pm. See Stephanie or call her at 369-1346.

Seniorate Thanksgiving Celebration



The parishes to the of the Mohawk Valley Seniorate will join together at our parish on Saturday, November 19th

at 11 am for a Thanksgiving Holy Mass followed by a free Luncheon. Join us, bring the whole family! The Holy Mass intention is Thanksgiving For Blessings Received. A special collection will be taken up to assist Patty's Place. The Harmonia Choir invites you to join with singers from all Seniorate parishes to praise the Lord with music.

Please RSVP by E-mail or telephone to Stephanie Dominy at sdominy@nycap.rr.com or (518) 369-1346 by November 5th with the number of attendees.

Join to help with prep on Friday morning, November 18th.

COME PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY



As Election Day approaches we are given an opportunity to pray for our country in a special way. Please join together in prayer starting on Sunday, October 30th

with Holy Mass. Fr. Jim will hold early morning Holy Mass offered for the intention of our nation and a Novena to St. Jude, patron of hopeless causes, at 8am every weekday from October 31st through November 8th. Holy Mass should take no more than 25-30 minutes.

HELPING CANCER PATIENTS AND OTHERS

Many parishes have engaged in a prayer blanket or prayer shawl ministry. Parishioners gather and work together to create either prayer blankets or shawls to be given to those in special need – hospitalized veterans, cancer patients, victims of domestic violence, and others. The colors in these shawls and blankets represent these special needs. We need a leader to organize and gather others for this beautiful ministry. If interested in leading and starting this ministry or participating please let Fr. Jim know.

Constant Thanksgiving

To all who planned, helped, baked for, organized, and supported our successful Craft Fair and Rummage Sale especially Stephanie Dominy and Donna Panfil.

To Bob and Stephanie Dominy for continuing the Free Food on Sunday ministry.

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.

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!!!

Milestones to Celebrate:

Birthdays

3 Tiffany Martucci, Andrew DeCocco

4 Elizabeth, Gary, and Walter Węglinski

9 Robert Dominy

12 Kayla Boyland, Ariel Dopp

14 Scott Bard, Tom Caulfield

19 Victoria Konicki

20 Anthony Heins

21 Tania Boniecki

23 Jan Shufelt, Oswald Martucci

24 Michael Dominy

26 Julie Slezak

28 Alice Houser

30 Fr. Jim

Wishing you all many years! Sto Lat!

Craft Fair and Rummage Sale Report

Our craft fair and rummage sale were both extremely successful. As last year we also served Polish food which was a big hit. Special thanks to Donna, Stephanie, Bob, Joanne,

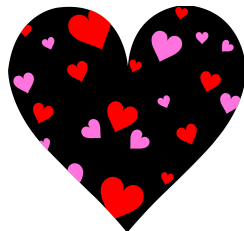
Ed, Joan, Kelly, Marilyn, Karen, Shirley, Carol, Eileen, Larry, and our SOCL students as well as the many others who pitched in. We made about \$3,450 a \$530 increase over the prior year. Thank you to all the vendors who joined us, those who donated baked goods, and all who supported us by donating items and visiting.

Coffee Hour

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

Outrageous Valentine's Raffle

This coming year, 2017, we will once again hold our Outrageous Valentine's raffle to support the youth of our Church and our parish.



including support for the annual KURS summer encampment.

We need your support to give our young people a great beginning. Each Outrageous Valentine's Raffle ticket gives the purchaser a chance to win up to \$1,180. The Outrageous Valentine's Raffle will include drawings for \$40 daily prizes and a \$100 daily prize on Valentine's Day. The raffle is drawn each day of the month, giving the ticket holder 28 chances to win.

Winners are returned to the raffle bucket, making them eligible to win again and again.

Each family is being asked to sell a total of 20 tickets. Tickets cost only \$10 each. They also make a great gift for Christmas – add one to a card for that special person.

Kindly do your best in selling as many tickets as you possibly can. Your effort is truly appreciated and is very important to our young people. Feel free to contact Fr. Jim at 518-372-1992 or 518-522-0944 with any questions or concerns.

We thank you for your support and wish you good luck!

A Great Gift of Charity

Our former pastor, the Rt. Rev. Stanley Bilinski, Bishop of the Western Diocese has been waiting for some time for a kidney transplant. The Church is seeking those who may be interested in giving this selfless gift of love. Please call him at (847) 698-0578.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Collection

We will be collecting dry and canned goods throughout November and December for donation to those in need in our community. Please make a prayerful donation in thankfulness. Please place your donation by the Mary altar in the church. Bless you!

Ś+P Irene Borowski & Ś+P Emily Ruchalski

śp. Irene C. Borowski, 89, entered Eternal Life Friday, October 14, 2016 at Memorial Hospital. Born in Albany, she was the daughter of Antoni and Kazimiera Kostrzewski Piotrkowski. She was the longtime CEO of the former Albany Bedding Company. Irene was a communicant and choir member of Blessed Virgin Mary of Czestochowa Church, and a member of the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520. She was the wife of the late Raymond J. Borowski, and is survived by many nieces, nephews and friends.

śp. Emily Walkowiak Ruchalski, passed away peacefully, after a brief illness on October 26, 2016. Born in Schenectady, NY, she worked for the Paramount Lounge, Sears and Price Chopper. Emily was a devoted member of Holy Name of Jesus Church. She was predeceased by her husband, Ferdinand; daughter, Holly; and sons, Steven and Benjamin. Emily is survived by her loving family, children, Roberta Yacur (Brian), Karen Cimmino, Michael Ruchalski (Vicky), Joseph Ruchalski (Michelle); daughters-in-law, Deborah Valek and Daralyn Ruchalski, 13 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may the Perpetual Light shine upon them.

Planning For:

- October 31: Daily Holy Mass and Novena at 8am
- November 1: Solemnity of All Saints - Daily Holy Mass and Novena at 8am. Special Holy Mass at 7pm with a reading of the names of our dearly departed.
- November 2: Observance of All Souls. Daily Holy Mass and Novena at 8am.
- November 3-5: Daily Holy Mass and Novena at 8am.
- November 6: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Cemetery Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery in Amsterdam at 2pm.
- November 7: Commemoration – St. Willibrord of Utrecht. Daily Holy Mass and Novena at 8am.
- November 8: Election Day. Daily Holy Mass and Novena at 8am.
- November 11: Veteran's Day/ Remembrance Day/Polish Independence Day.
- November 13: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Daylight Savings Ends.
- November 14: Parish Committee Meeting, 7pm.
- November 18: Thanksgiving Dinner Prep.
- November 19: Seniorate Thanksgiving Holy Mass at 11:00 am followed by a free Luncheon.

- November 23: Solemnity of Christ the King. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- November 21: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Mass and Anointing of the Sick, 6:15pm.
- November 24: Thanksgiving
- November 27: 1st Sunday of Advent/Cycle A Begins. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- November 30: Feast - St. Andrew the Apostle

Stay tuned for:

- Our Parish Vigil Dinner/Wigilia and Youth Performance
- Greening of the Church
- Christmas
- St. Stephen's Day
- 2017!!!!

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 Fr. Jim.

Invest and Protect Your Future

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. The PNUA offers regular college stipends for members. PNUA policies also make a great Christmas gift. At least seven excellent programs are offered.

For more information call toll-free at 1-800-724-6352.

Thanksgiving Prayer

O God, when I have food,
 help me to remember the hungry;
 When I have work,
 help me to remember the jobless;
 When I have a home,
 help me to remember those who
 have no home at all;
 When I am without pain,
 help me to
 remember those
 who suffer,
 And remembering,
 help me to destroy
 my complacency;
 bestir my
 compassion,
 and help me be concerned enough
 to help;
 By word and deed,
 those who cry out for what we take
 for granted.
 Amen.



November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Solemnity of All Saints Daily Holy Mass & Novena, 8am Holy Mass at 7pm with the reading of the names of our dearly departed	2 Commemoration of All Souls Daily Holy Mass & Novena, 8am	3 Daily Holy Mass & Novena, 8am	4 Daily Holy Mass & Novena, 8am	5 Daily Holy Mass & Novena, 8am
6 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Marilyn Hietala, Claudia Bertasso. Cemetery Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery in Amsterdam at 2pm.	7 Commemoration – St. Willibrord of Utrecht Daily Holy Mass & Novena, 8am	8 Election Day – please vote Daily Holy Mass & Novena, 8am	9	10	11 Veteran's Day Narodowe Święto Niepodległości	12
13 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Larry Panfil Lectors, Claudia Bertasso.	14 Parish Committee Meeting, 7pm	15	16	17	18 Thanksgiving Dinner Prep	19 Seniorate Thanksgiving Holy Mass and Luncheon at 11am. Dinner follows.
20 Solemnity of Christ the King - Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Derek Westcott, Claudia Bertasso.	21 Solemnity - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Mass and Anointing for Healing at 6:15pm	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25	26
27 1st Sunday of Advent - Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Marilyn Hietala, Claudia Bertasso.	28	29	30 Feast – St. Andrew the Apostle			

EVENTS

December Upcoming

- 4th – 2nd Sunday of Advent.
- 6th - St. Nicholas/Św. Mikołaj
- 8th – Conception of the B.V.M.
- Vigil Dinner
- Greening of the Church
- Wigilia and Christmas