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HE STOOD UP AND SAID TO THEM, "LET HIM WHO IS WITHOUT SIN AMONG YOU BE THE FIRST TO THROW A STONE AT HER."

We have been through a lot. The stresses and strains in our country, the sins in a particular Church, the judgyness of some church people, upcoming elections, old and upcoming investigations, and even family drama. It is all terrible. It all seems inconsistent with our ideals, with everything we have learned is right and good.

As a pastor, I have been asked all kinds of issue questions, anything that would seem to press a reverend's hot-button and provoke an extremist reaction. Let's see if Jesus' representatives blow a fuse over this or that.

Jesus' words to the crowd ready to stone the prostitute tell us two things.

The first thing is that sin is real. *Let him who is without...* Jesus knows our reality. He Himself had to fight against it in the desert after fasting for forty days. The second thing is the possibility of forgiveness and a road out - to salvation that Jesus conveyed to the prostitute. Both parties had a choice to make. The

crowd could have rejected Jesus' truth and could have thrown the stones. The prostitute could have also walked away and could have gone back to her 'profession.'

One of the Church's earliest thinkers, St. John Climacus, in his writing used the example of a ladder. He noted that when we chose Jesus, when we enter the life of the Church, we get on the first step of the ladder to heaven.

The key to all of this is not Jesus' tolerance, nor the rightness of the Church's teaching. Jesus is indeed tolerant and the Church, by the light of the Holy Spirit, teaches the truth. Rather, the key is the light we need to see, the right we need to do. In the end, it is about our tolerance.

None of us should have a 'hot button' that sets us off to judge, and if we do, we must get it in check. As followers of Jesus, we are called to the ultimate in tolerance. We are to see the person next to us, the person with the 'hot button' issue, supporting everyone in their climb on the ladder to heaven.

Blessing of Pets



We held our pet blessing on September 30th after Holy Mass. If you want a special blessing for your pet(s),

please feel free to contact Fr. Jim. He would be very happy to visit with you and your furry, scaly, or feathered friends in commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi.

XXV Holy Synod

At the writing of this newsletter, the XXV Holy Synod of our Church is about to begin in Belleville, Illinois. We pray that the Holy Spirit shine His glory and light on all who gather for this essential event in the life of our Holy Church.

Let us pray: Heavenly Father, Grant us Your grace and blessing, as we gather together in Holy Synod to seek the Lord Jesus through Your Holy Church. Send Your Holy Spirit upon our Holy Church, that we may be guided by Your Holy Will. Strengthen our bishops, clergy and laity who will gather so that their decisions at Holy Synod may help lead others to Your Son Jesus

Christ. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Coffee Hour

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

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 15th at 6:15pm.

Board Members Needed



Our parish established Branch 140 of Spójnia, the Polish National Union of

America, very early in its history. Many of our parish members joined this organization and benefited from its programs. For a time, our Branch has been dormant. It is time to set to work to reactivate it. Please see Fr. Jim if you wish to volunteer as a Board member of our Branch. We need at least 6 who are also members of Spójnia.

Spójnia Activities

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.

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. Thank you to Alyssa DePaula for her dedication to this project.

Prayer for Family

Let us pray: 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,

Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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 28th. Alternately, you can E-mail the names of those you wish commemorated to Fr. Jim at frjim@holynamenc.org.

We will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints on Thursday, 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 4th 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.

Please 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 10th. Please stay tuned for further details.

Installation as Pastor

Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki will be visiting with us on Sunday, November 11th to formally install Fr. Jim as pastor of Holy Name of Jesus. We will hold one Holy Mass at 2pm on that day. Please stay tuned for further details.

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 Hoefler

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, Marilyn, Joe).

To all who welcomed visitors on Back to Church Sunday and to all those who are considering following the Lord with us.

To Alyssa and Kyle 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 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!!!

Planning For:

- October 1-3: XXV Holy Synod of the PNCC
- October 2: Feast of the Guardian Angels.
- October 4: Commemoration of St. Francis.
- October 7: 27th Sunday in

Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.

- October 8: Solemnity - Holy Mother of the Rosary (translated); Columbus Day (observed).
- October 13: Rummage Sale, 9am until 3:30pm.
- October 14: **Solemnity of the Christian Family**/Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- October 15: **Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm**. Parish Committee Meeting.
- October 18: Feast – St. Luke.
- October 21: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Heritage Sunday/Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- October 24: Feast – St. Raphael the Archangel
- October 28: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- October 28: Feast Ss. Simon & Jude (translated).
- 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 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. 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.

Getting God's Field



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Construction

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

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 6th Schenectady Out of the Darkness Community Walk is a walk to fight suicide. The walk will take place on Saturday, October 13th at the Pavilion in Central Park, Schenectady.

Spójnia/PNU Contests

The Education & Youth Commission raffle will benefit the College Stipend Program. Donations for these tickets are \$5 each or 3 tickets for \$10. See Fr. Jim for tickets.

100% family contest. Take a family photo where everyone in the picture is a PNU member. It can be any combination of your family and extended family, but the photo must contain two or more people and

PNU members only. Provide the full names for everyone shown in the photo and mail the photo to: Kathy Nemkovich, 37 Winthrop St., Fall River, MA 02721, or email to kathynemkovich@gmail.com. Deadline to receive photos is November 1, 2018. The winner will receive \$250.

Events in Neighboring Parishes

Holy Spirit **Polish Food Sale** at 618 Gansevoort Street, Little Falls, NY on Saturday, October 20th from 10 AM until sold out. Gołabki - ready to heat and eat. Pierogi - frozen by the dozen. Pre-orders are appreciated - call John and Janice Rogers at 315-429-9314.

Roast Pork Dinner at Holy Spirit Parish, 618 Gansevoort Street, Little Falls, NY on November 18.

Jesus departed to the mountain to pray

At that time Jesus departed to the mountain to pray, and he spent the night in prayer to God. (from a Sermon of St. Ambrose of Milan)

Not all those who pray climb the mountain..., but those who pray well, who rise up above the goods of earth to higher goods, climb onto the summit of watchfulness and love from on high. Those who worry about worldly riches or honors do not climb the mountain; no one who

covets another's lands climbs the mountain. Those who seek God go up it and those who go up beg the Lord's aid for their journey.

All great and noble souls climb the mountain for it is not to the first comer alone that the prophet says: "Go up onto a high mountain, you who announce glad tidings to Sion. Cry out at the top of your voice, you who bring good news to Jerusalem," (Isaiah 40:9). Not by physical exploits but by high-minded actions will you scale this mountain. Follow Christ...; search the Gospel: you will find that only his disciples climbed up the mountain with the Lord.

The Christian Family

From the Future Directions Committee: As National Catholics we are all a part of the Christian Family, we are family – we share the same birth, the same worth and the same "God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all." (Ephesians 4:6) On the second Sunday of October we celebrate the Solemnity of the Christian Family across our Holy Church during this Year of the Family. Make every effort to be at Holy Mass with your individual and parish family and strengthen our family bonds.



Spending time with family is so very important – God created family life for this. In the book of Genesis we

read about God as the Creator of all things, including the institution of the family. The very basic concept of family defines it as a husband and wife with one or more children. However, we know that this is not always the case in every family situation.

Just as an individual family is part of society, the Christian family is part of a parish family, which is part of a larger family called the Church. The individual Christian families and the Church share a common faith in Christ and worship Him.

Quality Christian Family time both individually and in the parish creates strong bonds, nurtures positive behaviors, builds self-esteem and creates lasting memories. Make sure you make time for your individual and parish family.

Some important Family Activities on the Christian Family to consider from a session of the Eastern Diocese ANS Convention May 2016:

- Have meals together
- Cook/bake/prepare meals together
- Pray together/attend church as a family
- Do Small projects as a family
- Do homework together
- Put away i-phones, i-pads, cellphones and talk to each other, especially meals
- Read to/with children. Can also be done with elderly adults— helping to do crossword puzzles and crypto quotes with vision impaired
- Play ball—do physical activities or creative art activities
- Attend school functions—plays, games, recitals
- Volunteer as chaperon /class parent in school or community activities
- Invite elderly family members for meals—this encourages strong relationships and makes all less likely to suffer with depression
- Have close connections with your siblings—sets example for children
- Sing together
- Build a Family Tree
- Play Board games together.

October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 XXV Holy Synod of the PNCC, Belleview, IL.	2 Feast of the Guardian Angels XXV Holy Synod of the PNCC, Belleview, IL.	3 XXV Holy Synod of the PNCC, Belleview, IL.	4 Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi	5	6
7 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lector: Larry Panfil/Claudia Bertasso	8 Solemnity – Holy Mother of the Rosary Columbus Day (observed)	9	10	11	12	13 Rummage Sale – Parish Hall from 9am till 3:30pm
14 Solemnity of the Christian Family, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lector: Marilyn Hietala/Claudia Bertasso	15 Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting	16	17	18 Feast – St. Luke	19	20
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EVENTS

November Upcoming

- 1st – Solemnity of All Saints. Holy Mass at 7pm

- 2nd - Commemoration of All Souls
- 6th – Election Day
- 10th Seniorate Thanksgiving Holy Mass and Dinner

- 11th – Installation of Fr. Jim as Pastor. Holy Mass at 2pm.
- 22nd – Thanksgiving Day