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# NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2019

YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.

What does it mean to be all-in with God?

Throughout Church history we have confronted the problem of minimalism. It is the problem of just doing enough. It seems somewhat counterintuitive. If we love something or someone, we want to do more than we are even able. We stretch ourselves, we exceed our perceived boundaries, and reach for the stars for the one we love. Yet, not many do that with God or His community, the Holy Church.

Priests would tell you that in hearing someone's confession, there are two types of sorrow the penitent may have for the sake of absolution. They can have 'attrition,' that is a fear of punishment or they can have 'contrition,' a deep sorrow for having offended God, for having broken relationship with Him. While both qualify as adequate, attrition is minimalistic - only that which is absolutely, barely necessary. I remember being told as a teen the minimums required for Holy Mass. I could arrive and stay from the

Gospel to Communion, and then leave. It was just enough.

Some (and it rarely ever happens in our parish) use the bare minimum as their way of dealing with God and His community. Yet, a God who calls us to be all-in with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength will not look kindly on a love that is loafing or limping or lowest common denominator. His call to us is to live love deeply, wholly, and completely. Our own consciences call us to that truth.

There is much for us to do as we enter the month of September. The Solemnity of Brotherly Love reminds us of Jesus' all-in call to love God and neighbor. BACK TO CHURCH Sunday calls us to take action - to invite and build up the church with at least a 25% gain in active participation.

This new season reminds us that we have the opportunity to renew our own faith and participation in God's community to the maximum. Let us live that call and be all-in.

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## A Place To Belong!

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Back to Church Sunday is coming up on Sunday, September 15th. Join us for 9:30am or 11:30am special Holy Masses specifically designed to welcome new and returning people. Now is a good time to start praying about who you will invite and to issue those invitations.

This year's Back to Church Sunday theme is "Together." At some point, we are all searching for connectedness. Searching for a way to be part of something bigger than us. This is a time for everyone to experience the church as a place of belonging—rooted in restoration and unity brought by Jesus. That's why we are here...for people to get plugged in, form friendships, and have the chance to serve together in the community.

We'll also have coffee and snacks to help all of us 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, and to eliminate loneliness and isolation.

Check out [www.holynamencc.org](http://www.holynamencc.org) or our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/HolyNameOfJesusSchenectady/](https://www.facebook.com/HolyNameOfJesusSchenectady/) for more information and all the details.

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## Special Synod

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The Prime Bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church is calling a Special Synod for the Polish National Catholic Church to convene at

Saint Stanislaus

Cathedral Youth Center, Scranton, Pennsylvania, on Friday, October 25, 2019. The sole purpose of this one-day Synod will be to elect Candidates for Bishop.

Pray the following each day through October 25th:

*Let us pray: Lord Jesus, You commanded Your Apostles to go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to all nations. You have called bishops to succeed the Apostles continuing the Apostolic*

*ministry. May our bishops keep watch over the faith, unity and order of Your Holy Church. Their inheritance is the faith of the Patriarchs and Prophets, Apostles and Martyrs, and believers of every generation who have looked to God with hope; may our Bishops and those to be elected as Candidates for Bishop, preserve that inheritance. Bless Your servants, our Bishops and those who will be Candidates for Bishop, whom You call to the fullness of the priesthood, so that Your grace may shine forth in their character and conduct. Strengthen them that they may be devoted shepherds and true examples for the flock entrusted to them. This we ask in Your precious Name. Amen.*

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## Special Upcoming Events

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**September 8th, Solemnity of Brotherly Love. Holy Masses at 11:30am ONLY.**

**September 15th, Back to Church Sunday – TOGETHER. Holy Masses at 9:30am and 11:30am.**

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## Kurs Report

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Our youth, Victoria, Christina, Nick, Eden, and Erickaa had a great time at Kurs Camp. The camp theme was *What I received, I passed on to you* from First Corinthians.

Take a moment to ask our young

people about passing on the faith, the 90th anniversary of Spójnia Farm, and all the new additions (air conditioning, new pool, repaved drive and parking lot, hiking trail).

God bless our youth!!!!!! On to Kurs and CONVO 2020!

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## Music Scholarship Winners

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Congratulations to 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 Lancaster, NY in July.

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

[nucmusicsscholarship.weebly.com](http://nucmusicsscholarship.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, September 16th 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

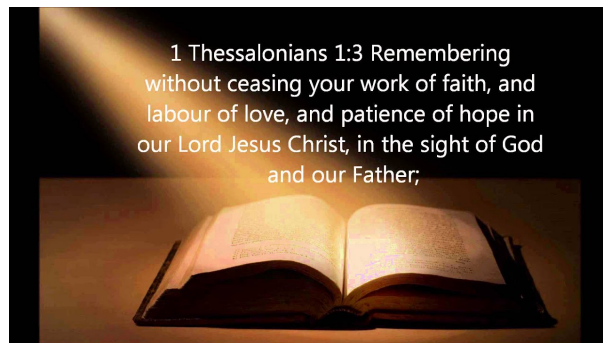
#### Anniversaries

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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## DID YOU KNOW GOD HAS BOUNDARIES?

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by Chip Ingram

Ever had anyone walk up to you  
that you didn't know very well and  
they got about three inches from  
your face and started talking?  
Unconsciously, you started backing  
up as they just kept moving  
forward. It felt uncomfortable.

Or ever had a parent, boss, or a  
close friend ask you to do  
something and you knew that you  
didn't want to do it. But this person  
just kept pushing and pushing until  
you finally felt guilty enough to give  
in. Afterwards, you felt regret and  
resentment, or even anger.

Sound familiar?

Both of those situations have one thing in common. There was a violation of boundaries.

What is a boundary?

A boundary, quite simply, is where one person stops and another person starts. It's often created by the word "no."

"No, you can't stand that close to me," or "No, you can't hit the ball in my space," or "No, you can't drive your car on my side of the road," And, "No, you can't make me do your agenda if it's not God's will for my life, no matter how guilty you try to make me feel."

In other words, "I have my side of the road, and you have yours."

This is why when someone crosses into "your side of the road," either physically or relationally, you can experience anything from mild irritation to discomfort and anger, and even a desire to break off the relationship.

Each one of us has boundaries that we want others to respect. But did you know that God has boundaries, too?

God lays out His boundaries in the Old Testament when He wanted to take a people and make them distinct and help them understand who He is, how to relate to Him, and how to have healthy relationships with one another.

So often, when we think of the Ten Commandments, we think about Charlton Heston and old Hollywood. For many of us, our picture of God

in the Old Testament is a very angry God with lightning bolts coming out of a mountain, and then putting commands on stone tablets in order to make people do what He wants them to do.

The truth is that God gave us the Ten Commandments not so that He could control us or punish us, but so that we could better know Him and experience His protection.

Think of God's boundaries like guardrails that go around a winding road and provide us with direction and protection. This protection is so we can have the very best relationships.

Here's what we so often miss: The God of the Ten Commandments – or boundaries – is a God who wants us to experience more abundant living. He longs for us to have the kind of relationship with Him and with one another that is deeper and better than we could ever dream!

God didn't want us to experience the discomfort and the irritation and the fear and the anger – and the pain – when boundaries are violated with Him or with one another. So, on one tablet, He put boundaries or commands about our relationship with Him, and on another tablet, He put the boundaries that have to do with our relationship with others.

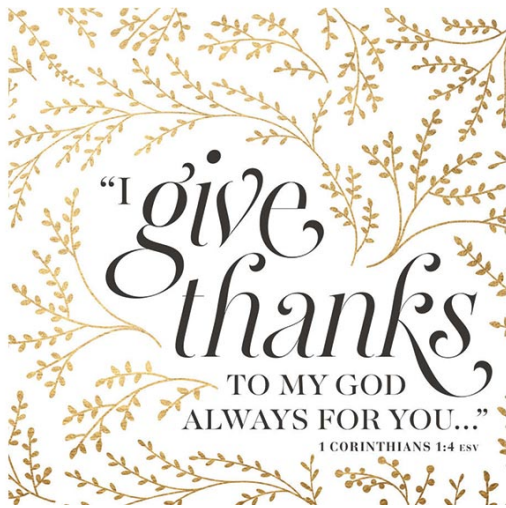
The Ten Commandments are words of life so that when we obey them they will keep us from sinning and reaping the consequences. They are words of an all-knowing, all-powerful, eternal Father who is

absolutely holy and pure and knows you and loves you.

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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 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 15th on BACK TO CHURCH Sunday. 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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Holy Mass each Sunday at 9:30am and 11:30am unless others noted.

- September 1: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- September 2: Labor Day
- September 8: **Solemnity of Brotherly Love.** One Holy Mass at 11:30am.
- September 9: Nativity of the BVM (translated)
- September 11: 18th Anniversary.
- September 14: Solemnity – Exaltation of the Holy Cross,
- September 15: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. **Back to Church Sunday.** Invite Someone.
- September 16: Solemnity – Holy Mother of Sorrows (translated). Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting.
- September 21: Feast - St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist. Nuptial Holy Mass - Wedding of Kyle Carlson and Alyssa DePaula at 12pm.

- September 22: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Spójnia Sunday.
- September 29: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Blessing of Pets at all Holy Masses.
- September 30: Feast - St. Michael the Archangel (translated).

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## Pre-Convention YMSofR Meeting

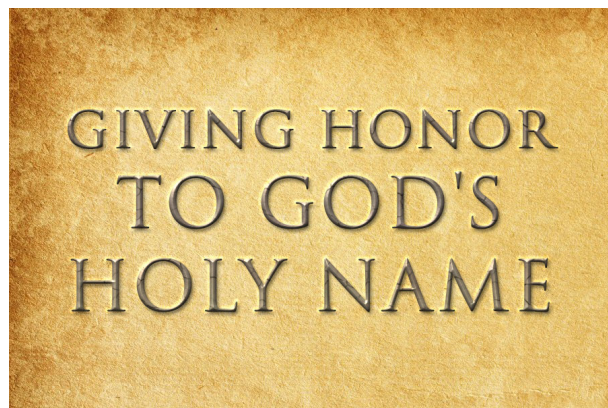
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Our parish is hosting the biennial YMSofR Convention from October 18th through 20th. We will hold a meeting of Branch 56 of the YMSofR on Sunday, September 29th for the purpose of electing delegates and for planning. Men, we need your help. Please make it at point to attend and chip-in.

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## WHY DOES GOD TAKE HIS NAME SO SERIOUSLY?

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By Chip Ingram

Ever wonder what the Bible really

means when it says, “Do not take the Lord’s name in vain?”

I didn’t grow up in the church. So, when I first read the third of the Ten Commandments, part of me said, what’s the big deal? Does it really matter if you say God’s name this way or that way?

The command means literally: “Do not misuse the name of the Lord your God.” That word “misuse” literally means “to carry or to bear or to lift up and to verbalize one’s allegiance.” The word for “vain” means “with no purpose, void, empty, or with evil intent.”

Therefore, we are not to bring to our lips the name of God in such a way that it has no purpose or has any evil intent.

One of the ways we can do this is with profanity.

Profanity can happen when words just casually come out of our mouth or when we use God’s name as an expression of fear, like, “Oh God!” Or, as an expression of excitement: “Jesus, can that guy play!”

Now, some of you might be thinking, “Ok, Chip, I think you’re being really picky here. You know, sometimes these words just slip out. It’s just a habit. I’m not really taking the Lord’s name in vain because I don’t mean anything by it!”

But that is the point. We don’t mean anything by it.

Every time we use the name God or Lord or Jesus and we don’t mean anything by it – instead of meaning it to

represent His character, His reputation, His deeds, His holiness, His love, His power, and what He means to us – it's lifting up or verbalizing without purpose. It's lifting it up vainly. It's lifting it up, even unintentionally, with evil intent.

In Scriptural times, names were very, very important. A name was synonymous with one's character, reputation, and authority.

So, to evoke the name of God was to call upon His personhood, His deeds, His promises, and His very presence.

When Jesus was asked by His disciples how they should pray, He first responded with: "Our Father, who is in Heaven." The concept of using the name "Father" to refer to God was radical! Then, the very next thing Jesus taught them was, "Holy is Your name."

In essence, we're to take God, even His name, very seriously. And that applies not only to God, but to Jesus.

Therefore, how we think about God's name, and how we use God's name in our words, thoughts, or deeds will reflect the view and the relationship we have with Him.

When we don't have a high view of God, it becomes visible and apparent in how we talk.

Over the years, our culture has gotten very casual with our words so that now the name for God no longer means much to the world – and unfortunately, in many ways, it doesn't mean too much to the church either.

But our words do matter.

If we get to the point where we talk about God tritely and casually, then we are guilty of using His name in vain.

Jesus' words make it clear that every single word that comes out of our mouths matters to Him. In Matthew 12:36-37, He says,

*"But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."*

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## TO DO LIST

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Take time this week and in the months to come to invite at least one person a week to join you at Holy Mass. Please do not be disappointed if the answer you receive is "no". Keep on sharing your faith through actions and words. We shall grow as a Parish Family one person and one family at a time.

Remember you cannot be told yes, unless you send the invitation.



# September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Larry Panfil/Claudia Bertasso	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7
8 Solemnity of Brotherly Love. Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY. Lector: Joe Kaczynski	9 Solemnity – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (translated)	10	11 18th Anniversary of 9/11/01	12	13	14 Solemnity – Exaltation of the Holy Cross.
15 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. <b>Back to Church Sunday.</b> Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Welcome Back Coffee Hour. Lectors: Larry Panfil/Claudia Bertasso	16 Solemnity – Holy Mother of Sorrows (translated). Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting	17	18	19	20	21 Feast - St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist  Nuptial Holy Mass at 12pm for Kyle Carlson and Alyssa DePaula
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## EVENTS

### October Upcoming

- September 29-October 6: PNUA Convention at Sea.
- October 18-20 YMS of R Biennial Convention in Schenectady.
- October 25 – Special Synod in Scranton, PA.