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THE APOSTLES AND THE ELDERS WERE GATHERED TOGETHER TO
CONSIDER THIS MATTER.

Acts, Chapter 15, informs us of some issues that were plaguing the early Church. Paul and Barnabas set out for Jerusalem where the issues were put before the whole church for consideration. Each in turn spoke and was listened to with respect. Peter spoke., then Barnabas and Paul. Scripture recounts: *And all the assembly kept silence; and they listened.* James, who was leading the assembly then spoke. Decisions were taken, letters were sent, the Church was strengthened.

That model came from an even earlier gathering recounted in Acts, Chapter 1, just after Jesus had Ascended. Peter spoke to the gathered (about 120 persons) and set before them the task of electing a successor to Judas, the betrayer. The model for gathering, praying, and deciding was set, and the Church was strengthened.

This month, our Holy Church gathers in Synod to elect a successor to our dearly loved Bishop śp. Stan Bilinski who entered into eternal life nearly one year ago. It is not coincidental that in this month

of gathering, we as Church simultaneously focus on the Christian family.

Our Church is unique in the way we gather, pray, and democratically elect candidates for the Office of Bishop. Interestingly, our 'unique' methodology is mere consistency with the model set forth by the Church 2,000 years ago in Jerusalem. We gather to pray, deliberate, and decide as the Christian family, the Body of Christ.

The community of family is central to the Christian life, particularly in its outward and very public face. Paul likened the Church to the body, all members working together, caring for each other, deciding together. We do this at the parish level, within Church Organizations, and at the highest levels of the Church. As Acts recounts: *family gathered together to consider this matter.*

Here, at Synod, in Conventions, the kitchen, work, and times of celebration, anytime - look around - and thank God for His family!

Blessing of Pets



We will hold the Blessing of Pets in honor of the Commemoration of St. Francis on Sunday, October 6th at all Holy Masses. Please

invite neighbors, friends, and furry and feathered friends to join at Holy Mass - YES IT IS OK. They can be with you and receive a special blessing at the end of Holy Mass. If you know someone who has lost a pet, invite them to remember on this special day. Bring pet foods which will be donated to a local shelter..

Special Synod and Prayer



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.

In light of this impending and vital event in the life of our Holy Church

we beg your daily offering of the following Pre-Synod Prayer:

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.

Coffee Hour



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

coffee hour. Nothing fancy is necessary or required, just a simple act of love.

Guess What?

Your love, faithfulness, and outreach, along with the prayer we have undertaken, have resulted in growth in our parish. Come and see...

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 21st at 6:15pm.

Spójnia Activities



Polish National Union of America

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

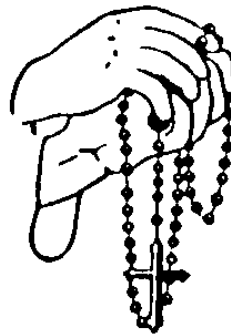
Parents are reminded that when they had their child baptized, they vowed to have the child educated in the Christian Faith. All youth of the parish should be enrolled and attend

School of Christian Living classes every Sunday.

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.

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY AND SOMETHING NEW

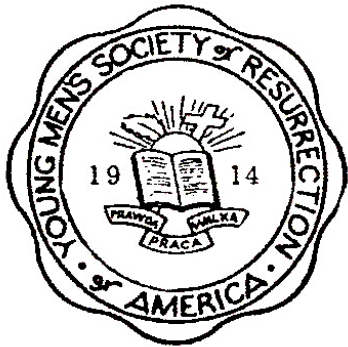


The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. On Friday's at 7pm (except the 18th which will be at 6:15pm) we will collectively pray the Rosary

focusing our prayerful attention on our Lord's life and binding the needs of our parish and our own needs to His mercy. Please join in.

National YMSofR Convention at Our Parish

The biennial convention of the Young Men's Society of the Resurrection will be held in our parish in the presence of our Prime Bishop, the Most Rev. Dr. Anthony Mikovsky and our Bishop Ordinary, the Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki from Friday, October 18th to Sunday, October 20th.



There will be an evening Social Hour and hospitality at Comfort Inn & Suites, Schenectady, from 7 to 11pm. The formal convention meeting will take place on Saturday, October 19th from 8:30am till 6pm followed by evening activities at either the Rivers Casino & Resort or at Proctor's Theater. Holy Mass on Sunday at 9:30am will be celebrated by the Prime Bishop and will include a procession of the YMSofR.

Our YMSofR, Branch 56, congratulates Mr. Paul Zawistowski, our elected convention delegate.

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 27th. Alternately, you can E-mail the names of those you wish commemorated to Fr. Jim at frjim@holynamencc.org.

We will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints on Friday, 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 3rd 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.

Reminders as Year End Approaches

A quick reminder for our calendars that all membership dues must be paid by the end of December. We thank you for your diligence in this regard.

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, Joe, Claudia).

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

To 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!!!

Congratulations Newlyweds



God bless
Kyle and
Alyssa
(DePaula)
Carlson on
their
marriage.
What a
beautiful and
blessed day,
Saturday,

September 21st, as this wonderful and faithful couple were married by the Holy Church and participated in the celebration of a Nuptial Holy Mass.

Kyle and Alyssa were surrounded by their families and friends, in the midst of the church they so beautifully decorated. We are so very happy for them. God bless your marriage!

Planning For:

Sunday Holy Masses are at 9:30am and 11:30am unless noted.

- October 2: Feast - Guardian

Angels.

- October 4: Commemoration - St. Francis of Assisi. Rosary at 7pm.
- October 6: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Masses with blessing of animals.
- October 7: Solemnity - Holy Mother of the Rosary.
- October 11: Rosary at 7pm.
- October 13: Solemnity of the Christian Family Sunday.
- October 14: Columbus Day.
- October 18: Feast - St. Luke, Apostle & Evangelist. Rosary at 6:15pm.
- October 19: Biennial YMSofR Convention at Holy Name of Jesus.
- October 20: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30am with Prime Bishop Mikovsky and Bishop Nowicki and 11:30am. Special coffee hour with National YMSofR delegates.
- October 21: Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting.
- October 24: Feast - St. Raphael the Archangel.
- October 25: Special Synod.
- October 27: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- 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.

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How to Share Your Faith in an Anti-Christian World

By Chip Ingram

We're living in a day where evil is called good, and where good is called evil. As Christians, many of us are deeply concerned as we see the moral values in

the culture and outside Church rapidly changing.

The latest statistics support this. Right now, in the U.S., we have the highest level of people who have no religious affiliation.

Sixty percent of evangelical, Bible-believing believers between the ages of eighteen and thirty are engaging in casual sex or sleeping with their partners.

The rate of divorce is about the same in the Christian community as the non-Christian community.

[Only one-third of U.S. Roman Catholics believe they actually receive Jesus at Communion.]

And 68 percent of Christian youth are abandoning their faith five years after they leave high school.

The public view of Christians has also changed.

Many of us grew up during a time when the culture agreed with what Christians believed. It even supported it. But now, we are living in a world that is more and more anti-Christian.

Fueled much in part by the rampant sexual abuse scandals in the Church, people are now looking at Christianity and saying things like, "We think you Christians are bigoted, prejudiced, irrelevant, intolerant, and we think you're the problem!"

These are huge issues and are not easily rectified by simply explaining all of the intellectual reasons why God's Word is true or why we believe Jesus is the Savior of the world. Most people don't want to hear it.

So, what do we do when we're asked what we believe and why we believe it?

How do we respond in a world that is becoming more and more anti-Christian?

We need to rethink our apologetic – the way we defend and explain our faith.

Here's how and why our approach needs to be different:

Yesterday, apologetics were about what we believe and why. It was aimed at answering the skeptic's questions.

Today, we need to aim apologetics first and foremost toward believers – especially young people – and answer the questions that will help them keep their faith.

Yesterday, we communicated on a level playing field that presumed truth was objective reality.

Today, we need to be aware we're communicating on the shifting sands of truth as a subjective reality. This next generation looks at life through different glasses. They are evaluating truth not as an absolute, but something that is relative.

Yesterday, we needed to master facts and data and history to intellectually prove what we believe is true.

Today, we need to model concern and compassion and live a lifestyle that proves what we actually believe is even relevant.

Yesterday, we needed to win the "debate." Remember the day when Christians and atheists would debate; now, no one even wants to hear a debate.

Today, we need to win an audience. We do this by living in such a way that people begin asking us, "How do you have a marriage that is so amazing?" and, "How did your kids turn out like that?" and, "How do you handle the

adversity coming your way with such an amazing, kind, and loving attitude?"

Our rationale – or defense – of our faith has to start with how we live and how we treat people. We need to actually make an impact and demonstrate that we deeply, deeply care.

It's not about a competing philosophy anymore. No one wants to hear what we have to say about the Bible, or anything about Jesus for that matter, until they see us living a life that is attractive, loving, and caring.

Do we still hold to the truth? Absolutely. But a radical love is what we should be known for.

One Day Women's Retreat

At any Age, At Any Stage, Celebrating the Christian Life. This series aims to help women accept each stage of life by avoiding potential pitfalls and finding fulfillment. Presenters are from Friends of the Heart. This one day women's retreat will be held on Saturday, October 5th at St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton.

Thanksgiving Celebration



Our Seniorate Thanksgiving celebration will be held at All Saints parish, 801 Hickory St., Rome, NY on Saturday, November 16th. Mark your calendars now. It is

always a great event with outstanding prayer, fellowship, and great food. Let Fr. Jim know if you can go.

October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Feast of the Guardian Angels	3	4 Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi Rosary at 7pm.	5 One Day Women's Retreat, St. Stanislaus, Scranton, PA
6 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Blessing of Pets. Lector: Joe Kaczynski/Claudia Bertasso	7 Solemnity – Holy Mother of the Rosary	8	9	10	11 Rosary at 7pm.	12 Diocesan Council Meeting, Scranton, PA.
13 Solemnity of the Christian Family, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lector: Larry Panfil/Claudia Bertasso	14 Columbus Day (observed)	15	16	17	18 Feast – St. Luke Rosary at 6:15pm. Biennial YMSofR Convention, Schenectady	19 Biennial YMSofR Convention, Schenectady
20 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Heritage Sunday Holy Mass at 9:30 celebrated by Prime Bishop Mikovsky and 11:30am. Lector: Joe Kaczynski/Claudia Bertasso	21 Commemoration – St. Ursula. Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting	22	23	24 Feast – St. Raphael the Archangel	25 Special Holy Synod of the PNCC, Scranton, PA.	26
27 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lector: Larry Panfil/Claudia Bertasso	28 Feast Ss. Simon & Jude	29	30	31		

EVENTS

November Upcoming

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

- 2nd - Commemoration of All Souls
- 3rd – Cemetery Service at Good Shepherd, 2pm.

- 16th Seniorate Thanksgiving Holy Mass and Dinner
- 28th – Thanksgiving Day

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