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THERE IS NEITHER JEW NOR GREEK, THERE IS NEITHER SLAVE NOR FREE,
THERE IS NO MALE AND FEMALE, FOR YOU ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS.

This month, along with the celebration of the Solemnity of the Christian Family, we also celebrate Heritage Sunday (October 18th). Why?

Reading through the documents created in the Church's organizing years we see so many references to humanity, established in nations, to be bearers and sharers of the gifts God has given them.

In the Tenant and Aims Document it is recorded: *"The most important objective of the Church... is to maintain, enrich and develop the life of God in the soul of man..."*

Likewise, the Confession of Faith, our Creedal Document begins: *"I BELIEVE in Almighty God, the cause of all existence, in a Being who permeates the universe and is the source of its life and development both material (physical) as well as spiritual and moral. In relation to man, God reveals Himself through his creative power. His inexpressible wisdom. His provident influence on the formation of the destiny of individual man, nations, states, and all of humanity. In a more particular way, God as the Spirit of Life, Light*

and Goodness, influences chosen spirits of nations, who in a given epoch of human development, are the creative agent in the building of God's Kingdom on earth..."

Familiarize yourself with these statements, for they are a call to us and to the world. We are to recognize the dignity and value of each person and nation in their contribution toward helping us know God. These documents from the early 1900's a sure cure to the inequality we still face today. We are not called to division, but to celebrate each other in unity and equality.

We celebrate heritage because God has given us gifts, attributes, and experiences that when shared adds to our collective knowledge of God.

A paraphrase of the Preamble to our Constitution sums this up: "Religion is the source of life and regeneration. Religion [that] possess the character of a nation [transmits innate] moral principles from which we achieve real freedom and stature." As we celebrate let us each experience God more fully in each other and in what we share.

Blessing of Pets



We will hold the Blessing of Pets in honor of the Commemoration of St. Francis on Sunday, October 4th at 10am Holy

Mass. 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.

Guess What?

Your love, faithfulness, and outreach, along with the prayer we have undertaken, has continued to result in growth in our parish.

Our work is founded on the Cornerstone of our faith, Jesus: We are to live our faith in such a way as our invitation to others is irresistible. It starts with prayer.

"Walking with God down the avenues of prayer we acquire something of His likeness and unconsciously we become witnesses to others of His beauty and grace."

– E.M. Bounds

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 19th 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. Among the advantages of membership are financial security, membership in the Spójnia Credit Union, low rate loans, better interest rates, scholarships, college stipends and help when you need it. PNUA policies also make a great Christmas gift. **You can even get a social membership.** At least seven excellent programs are offered. For more information call toll-free at 1-800-724-6352.

Prayer for Family

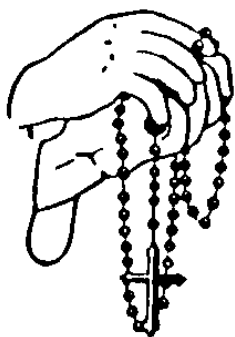
Let us pray: God, our Heavenly Father, You have blessed each of us with the gift of family that through our family life we may learn to love and care for others. Open our eyes to recognize in all people the

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.

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.

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY. JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY



The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. On Wednesdays throughout October we will collectively pray the Rosary at 7pm 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.

Solemnity of the Christian Family

At the Church's Holy Synod of 1914 the people of the Church established the Solemnity of the Christian Family.

We are the only Church to

specifically honor the dignity and beauty of the Christian family in such a way. This Solemnity reminds us of the gift that is the



Christian family.

We live in a world that pulls us in a hundred directions simultaneously. Families take different forms. Families struggle to find time to share together. We barely eat together, watch the same television programs, or even worship together. We have lost touch with the concept of a day of rest - a day on which we used to reconnect as family and community.

On the Solemnity of the Christian Family, we offer our prayers to God for our families. And since these are prayers for the Christian Family, not only our individual families, we pray that all families make time for Christ and His Holy Church.

Please join together for worship on this special Solemnity and extend an invitation to the more reluctant members of your family.

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 25th. 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 Sunday, November 1st with regular Holy Mass at 10am 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 1st at 2pm.

Our Cemeteries

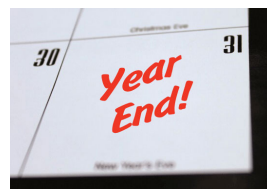


Our parish is blessed to serve two beautiful cemeteries. These are peaceful final resting places for our loved

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. Dues are \$125/year per person. We thank you for your diligence in this regard.

Happy 1st Anniversary

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God, we pray for Your continued blessings upon Kyle and Alyssa as they have celebrated their first wedding anniversary.

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 Adam for his service at the altar, our organist and choir director Liz Battaglia, and to Victoria Konicki for filling in.

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

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:

Sunday Holy Masses are at 10am unless noted.

- October 2: Feast - Guardian Angels.
- October 4: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Commemoration - St. Francis of Assisi. Holy Mass with blessing of animals.
- October 7: Solemnity - Holy Mother of the Rosary. Rosary at 7pm.
- October 11: Solemnity of the Christian Family Sunday.
- October 12: Columbus Day. Parish Committee Meeting at 6:30pm.
- October 14: Rosary at 7pm.
- October 18: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Heritage Sunday.
- October 19: Feast - St. Luke, Apostle & Evangelist (translated). Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm
- October 21: Rosary at 7pm.

- October 24: Feast – St. Raphael the Archangel.
- October 25: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- October 28: Feast Ss. Simon & Jude. Rosary at 7pm.
- October 31: Vigil of All Saints
- November 1: Sunday and Solemnity of All Saints. Cemetery Service at Good Shepherd at 2pm.
- November 2: Observance of All Souls. Holy Mass at 7pm.

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Election Season



As Christ followers we are not bound to any ideology, party or even form of government. We are above those things

and are citizens of God's kingdom. During these days of political tension and conflict let us practice forgiveness, exercise our rights faithfully and with due prayer and remember where our true home is.

American Goulash Dinner - October 25th



Fr. Jim is digging out some old family recipes and will be providing a take-home/take-away American Goulash dinner on Sunday, October 25th. This filling and comforting

Fall dinner is just perfect for the season. Dinners are available in a 64oz family size or individual 16oz servings accompanied by fresh bread. Individual take-out will be \$7.50. Family size (4 servings) will be \$25 (order a family size portion and save). We encourage you to tell everyone and to pre-order if possible. Prepayments to Fr. Jim or any Parish Committee member. Order forms in the back of the church or online at <https://www.holynamencc.org/2020/10/american-goulash-dinner-october-25th/>.

A Prayer for Our Country



We thank Thee, Lord, for America, our home. We bless Thee for the liberty, the opportunity, and the abundance we share. But above all we praise Thee for the traditions which have made our country great, and for the patriots who have laid the foundations through faith, courage, and self-sacrifice. Teach us in

our own day the meaning of citizenship, and help us to be faithful stewards of the responsibility which Thou entrusted to us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. — from A Book of Devotions and Prayers According to the Use of the Polish National Catholic Church.

Certainty in God

By Chip Ingram

Has there ever been a time when we needed God to show us the right path more than right now?

As we enter the fall season there are many things we still don't know. Will school continue. Will businesses survive. Will travel, conferences, and events go on? If so, will we experience a second wave of the virus? What about the economy, unemployed workers, and the social and political division in our country? How will the coming presidential election impact these current crises, let alone our long-term future?

Though we long for "normalcy," this fall will be filled with GREAT UNCERTAINTY.

No one has answers to the questions above; but it seems ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN that there will be significant and historic implications for every aspect of life: our children, our churches, our communities, and our nation in the next few months.

KEY QUESTIONS: What does it look like for a Christian to TRUST God and really live like a Christian in the fall of 2020? What should we do? What can we do? What must we do?

To ANSWER those questions, I've outlined three specific things that are critical for moving forward in God's wisdom.

1. We must accurately DEFINE reality.

We are living in a day of sound bites, misinformation, conflicting expert opinions, and simplistic narratives to explain our current situation. We have a 24/7 news cycle driven by sensationalism and "the extreme" because it sells. Our personal social media feeds are orchestrated by algorithms that reinforce our particular perspective and big tech companies arbitrarily censor some opinions and facts rather than provide objective reporting. The result is a

constant flow of emotionally loaded, biased information, and narratives that promote fear, division, and discord.

THE REALITY:

"Such 'wisdom' does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice." James 3:15-16

It's easy to get sucked into social media wars or become paralyzed by fear. God instead calls us to follow His wisdom which is *"first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere."* James 3:17

In a world of hate, anger, violence, discord, and division, we know that *"PEACEMAKERS who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness."* James 3:18

That's easy to say but very difficult to do. We're human, we have our own perspectives and prejudices that cloud our judgment just like everyone else; but we are called to suspend our personal bias and in humility share the TRUTH of God's love and hope in this broken world.

We are called to live above the noise, above our own fears and emotional reactions, and silence those who slander us by our exemplary lives of integrity, words of kindness, and good deeds done to all people regardless of their race, gender, social, political, or ideological persuasion.

There's no wiggle room in Jesus' command to: *"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."* Luke 6:27-28

Unfortunately, sincere believers through the ages have tended to fail in this assignment. History is replete with our willingness to accept "3 Myths" that promise to provide a more immediate and less demanding alternative to Jesus's command.

2. We must REJECT pseudo-solutions.

A. The "Silver Bullet" Myth: The belief that there is one big thing to do, or one great person (almost Messiah-like) that can solve all the problems if we only give them control.

B. The "Simplistic Solution" Myth: All our problems are really the result of "one thing" or one group of people. All of society's issues are communicated through this false narrative that polarizes and

blames a group or an ideology as the source of all our problems and promises a quick and radical solution if only "X,Y,Z" agenda is followed.

C. The "I'm Powerless" Myth: The problems in the world are so big and so complex that I am powerless to do anything about them. Fear of the future or for personal safety promote a mindset of personal isolationism and protectionism of "my own world and my own interests" that are seen as the only alternative until Jesus returns.

3. We must FOLLOW Jesus' action plan.

It would be naive to suggest that we are not living in troubled times and that the challenges before us are not epic. But I would remind you that our current challenges are strikingly parallel to the first century world in which Jesus launched His world-changing revolution.

Jesus warned them (and us) that life would be filled with trouble but that we could REJOICE and BE CONFIDENT because He has overcome the world. WHY?

- Because love never fails.
- Because good is more powerful than evil.
- Because the power that raised Christ from the dead dwells in us.
- Because we are more than conquerors through Christ.
- Because we are the light of the world.
- Because the gates of hell cannot prevail against His Church moving forward.
- Because we have everything we need for life and godliness through His precious promises.
- Because greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world.
- Because His kingdom is coming and His will... will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

It was ordinary people like you and me who claimed those promises in the first century. Their resources were minimal and their challenges were formidable. Their faithful obedience changed the world!

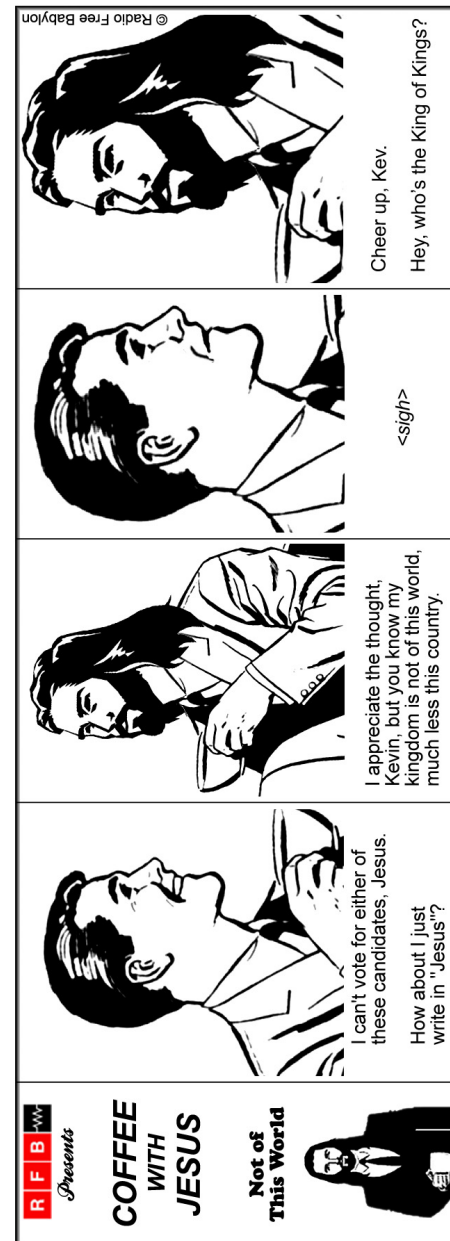
Our great PROBLEMS are Christ's great OPPORTUNITIES.

His eyes today, as they were thousands of years ago, are moving *"to and fro throughout the whole earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His."* 2 Chronicles 16:9

God is raising us up to make a difference. We have a unique opportunity and a high calling.

God's greatest movements in history have always occurred during times of significant crisis.

May we, together this fall, be the LIGHT, live the TRUTH, and share the LOVE of Jesus in every word, action, and attitude.



October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Feast of the Guardian Angels	3
4 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi Holy Mass at 10am. Blessing of Pets.	5	6	7 Solemnity – Holy Mother of the Rosary Rosary at 7pm.	8	9	10 Diocesan Council Meeting, Scranton, PA. and virtual.
11 Solemnity of the Christian Family , Holy Mass at 10am.	12 Columbus Day (observed) Parish Committee Meets	13	14 Rosary at 7pm.	15	16	17
18 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Heritage Sunday Holy Mass at 10am.	19 Feast – St. Luke (translated) Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm.	20	21 Commemoration – St. Ursula. Rosary at 7pm.	22	23	24 Feast – St. Raphael the Archangel
25 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 10am. American Goulash Take-out dinner 11:30am	26	27	28 Feast Ss. Simon & Jude Rosary at 7pm.	29	30	31 Vigil of All Saints

EVENTS

UPCOMING

October

- Rosary every Wednesday at 7pm.
- 25th – American Goulash Dinner

November

- 1st – Solemnity of All Saints. Holy Mass at 10am. Cemetery Service at Good Shepherd, 2pm.
- 2nd - Commemoration of All Souls. Holy Mass at 7pm.
- 26th – Thanksgiving Day

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