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# **NEWSLETTER**

## **OCTOBER**

## **2022**



"BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON YOU, AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND TO THE END OF THE EARTH."

UhOh! It's October. Pumpkin spice, apple pie and crisps, gourds, the colors of Fall, and all that goes with it. That means we will shortly be bombarded with the need to shop for our Christmas gifts.

The disciples gathered (Acts 1:1-11) and asked Jesus a lot of questions. They wanted to know the times and occasions for various future events. Jesus spoke to them rather about gifts.

Our knowledge of what is to come is indeed influenced by our experiences, plans, and calendars. We prepare for Holy Synod, decorations, the covering of flower beds in anticipation of frost. Yet we can never fully know our tomorrow.

Jesus was not interested in tomorrow or what was coming. That was for His Father (Matthew 24:36). Jesus was interested in and wanted to prepare us for action now. So in addressing His disciples (yes, us), He promised the Holy Spirit, Who would outpour gifts on us.

Gifts are wonderful, aren't they? God's gifts are particularly special. But just as with every gift we must

make decisions. Will I use it, leave it unused, misuse it, or ignore it.

The Holy Spirit has indeed come. We celebrated that fact on June 5th this year. We momentarily reflected on the outpouring of the Spirit's sevenfold gifts. Perhaps some of us were moved to more deeply explore those gifts, to see where they were active in our lives and the life of our parish and wider Church. And yes, the Holy Spirit has been busy while we reflected! Never doubt that.

We have been granted wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. Of course we should give thanks, but more-so we should be active in setting those gifts to work in our lives, in the life of our parish, and in the wider Church.

Jesus wants us to rightly use the gifts we possess and make ourselves visible in doing His work in the world. No worry about tomorrow. Decide to put the Spirit's sevenfold gifts to work today and urgently work so that all their qualities shine from us as we show Jesus to the world.

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# Blessing of Pets

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We will hold the  
Blessing of Pets in  
honor of the  
Commemoration of  
St. Francis on  
Sunday, October  
2nd at 10am and

Noon Holy Masses.

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## Christmas Vigil Raffle

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<b>Annual Christmas Vigil Raffle</b> <b>GRAND PRIZE UP TO \$2,500*</b> <small>*Based upon sale of 100 tickets. Otherwise proceeds split 50/50*</small> Drawing on December 11, 2022 <small>WINNERS WILL BE CONTACTED VIA PHONE</small>		<b>No. 001</b> NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN \$50 per ticket	<b>No. 001</b> NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____
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We have 100 tickets available for our Christmas Vigil Raffle, Each ticket is \$50. If all tickets are sold, the winner will receive a Grand Prize of \$2,500. Otherwise, proceeds will be split with the 50/50 style.

The winner will be drawn at our annual Christmas Vigil Dinner on Sunday, December 11th. See Joe Kaczyński to get your tickets.

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## OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY

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The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. On Wednesday, October 5th, 12th, and 26th we will collectively pray the

Rosary at 3pm 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.

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## DV Month

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). Stay tuned to our Facebook page for infographics. Pick up a free ally gift at church. If you have a need, please reach out to Fr. Jim.

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## A Glorious Day

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On Back to Church Sunday we celebrated the First Holy Communion of Karina and Marianna. We thank God for these, His beautiful daughters and their families. We welcome them to the Table of the Lord where we together receive Him; body, blood, soul, and Divinity.

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## Zapraszamy wszystkich Polaków

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**K**oronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus w Waszych intencjach w każdy wtorek o godz. 12:30 po południu.

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## XXVI HOLY SYNOD THIS MONTH PLEASE PRAY!

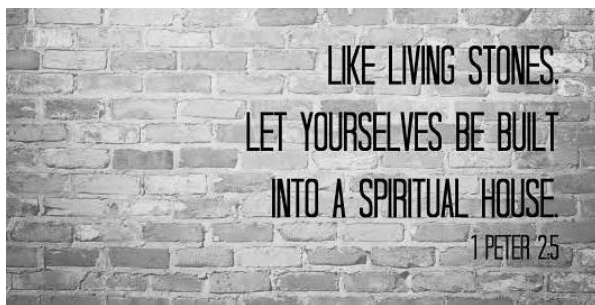
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This month's Holy Synod is the fullest expression of our Church's ecclesial democracy. Our voice and vote will be represented by Fr. Jim

and Joan Caska, your elected representative.

Did you know that the Synod is not just a three/four day event. The Synod is active for the next four years and is expressed through the working of the Supreme Council of the Church.

The XXVI Holy Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church will take place at the Scranton Hilton in Scranton, Pennsylvania from Tuesday, October 18th through Friday, October 21st. On Saturday, October 22nd, we will gather to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Organization of our Holy Church.



This Synod is key because we have one bishop retiring who needs to be replaced. A successor must be chosen. We had planned to elect two candidates to be bishop, but all who were nominated have sadly declined. Nominations for bishop, as usual, will also be taken from the floor. WE NEED PRAYER TO REMEDY THIS URGENT SITUATION. Pray that worthy, holy, and humble men, loyal to God and His Holy Church, step up.

The Holy Synod will also work to build on what was accomplished at

the past two Synods. At those Synods we developed and continued a general plan of action in five areas of focus: 1) Growth and Membership, 2) Increase Spirituality, 3) Lifelong Learning, 4) Sacred Vocations and 5) Community Involvement and Presence.

At each Synod the membership of National Commissions is set for the following four year period. These names come from volunteer Synod delegates. Although it is often only Synod delegates who become members of these Commissions, this is not required. Anyone who is interested in working to help the Church on a Synodal Commission may submit their name. Those submissions will be evaluated by the Prime Bishop and then presentation will be made to the General Synod. The list of National Commissions is: 1) Constitution, 2) Mission and Evangelism, 3) Budget and Finance, 4) School of Christian Living, 5) Liturgy, 6) Church Doctrine, 7) Clergy Salary and Benefits, 8) History and Archives and 9) Sacred Vocations.

Please consider if your talents may help the Church in serving on one of these Commissions. You may contact the Office of the Prime Bishop at 1006 Pittston Ave, Scranton, PA 18505 in writing should you wish to volunteer.

Please pray for the Holy Synod, for the bishops and all the clergy, and for all lay delegates. There is much important work that needs to be

done as we chart a way forward to continue to build up the Kingdom of God with our Polish National Catholic Church. Pray the following each day through October 21st:

***Let us pray: O Holy Spirit, as the moments of Holy Synod approach, inspire and enlighten our bishops, clergy and delegates. As You descended upon our Lord Jesus Christ at the moment of His baptism, descend once again upon His body, the Church. In the preparations that will take place and in the proceedings that will occur, let all gathered in Holy Synod, listen to Him Who is our Lord. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with the Father and the same Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

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## **Parish Organizations and Ministries**

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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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## **Spójnia/PNU - A Great Help**

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The PNUA (aka Spójnia) - our Fraternal Insurance Company - offers several programs that help you meet your financial planning needs.

There is currently a 5 for 125 special. The "5 for 125" is a \$5,000 or \$10,000 five-pay life policy. This open enrollment is available to all members of the PNCC ages 25-80. No application will be refused!!! There is no medical exam. Considering that the current and future cost of funerals is ever escalating, having this insurance will be a great help to your family.

Polish National Catholic Church



The PNU congratulates the PNCC in celebrating 125 Years Spreading the "Good News"

The PNU is offering for a limited time the "5 for 125" years policy.

This 5 pay life policy is for \$5,000 & \$10,000 policies only.

Open Enrollment Program!  
No Application will be refused!!!  
Eligible applicants are between 25-80 years of age.  
Paid in full after five years.

The PNU has been a sister organization to the PNCC since 1908 providing financial security to its members. The PNU has sponsored many parishes, branches and clergy for 114 years by giving much needed benefits to all. It is time that we all celebrate this milestone with the PNCC.

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 see our Branch Secretary, Fr. Jim.

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## Prayer for Family

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**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.**

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## Solemnity of the Christian Family

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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, October 9th, 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 members of your family.

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## Month of All Souls

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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 30th. Alternately, you can E-mail the names of those you wish commemorated to Fr. Jim at [frjim@holynamencc.org](mailto:frjim@holynamencc.org).

We will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints on Tuesday, November 1st with Holy Mass at Noon and on the Observation of All Souls on Tuesday, November 2nd with Holy Mass at Noon along with the reading of the names of all the faithful departed.

Fr. Jim will also pray for the faithful departed at Good Shepherd cemetery on Sunday, November 6th at 2:30pm.

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## Our Cemeteries

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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 the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy call us to bury and pray for the dead. To do the Works of Mercy requires that we maintain grave sites. As such, we need 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.

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## Reminders as Year End Approaches

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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.

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## Milestones to Celebrate:

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### 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!

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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.

To Alyssa, Paul, and Paul who removed the pines in front of the church as well as the stumps. To Liz and Denise for decorating the parish for the Fall. To Linda for the outdoor decorations including the mums.

To our organist and choir director Liz Battaglia and trumpeter, Mike Emanuele.

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!!!

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### **Planning For:**

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Sunday Holy Masses are at 10am and Noon unless noted. Daily Holy Mass at Noon unless noted.

- October 2: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Blessing of Animals at all Holy Masses.
- October 3: Guardian Angels (translated). Holy Mass at Noon.
- October 4: Commemoration - St. Francis of Assisi. Holy Mass at Noon.
- October 5: Holy Mass at Noon. Rosary at 3pm.
- October 7: Solemnity - Holy Mother of the Rosary. Holy Mass at Noon.
- October 9: Solemnity of the Christian Family Sunday.

- October 10: Columbus Day. Indigenous People's Day. Holy Mass at Noon.
- October 12: Holy Mass at Noon. Rosary at 3pm.
- October 16: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Heritage Sunday.
- October 17: Holy Mass at Noon. Parish Committee Meets at 6pm.
- October 18: Feast - St. Luke, Apostle & Evangelist. NO Holy Mass. XXVI Holy Synod Begins.
- October 19 - 21: NO Holy Mass at Noon. XXVI Holy Synod Continues.
- October 22: Celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Organization of the PNCC. Holy Mass at 11am, Banquet at 2pm. Organ Concert at 7:30pm. St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton.
- October 23: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- October 24: Feast - St. Raphael the Archangel. Holy Mass at Noon.
- October 26: Holy Mass at Noon. Rosary at 3pm.
- October 28: Feast Ss. Simon & Jude. Holy Mass at Noon.
- October 30: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- November 1: Solemnity of All Saints. Holy Mass at Noon.
- November 2: Observance of All Souls. Holy Mass at Noon.
- November 6: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Service at Good Shepherd at 2:30pm. Daylight



Savings Ends.

- November 8: Election Day.

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## October Discipleship - St. Clare of Assisi

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### Scripture:

Philippians 3:8-14,  
Matthew 19:27-29

### Reflection:

St. Clare of Assisi, whose Commemoration is August 11, came from a wealthy family which was

devoted to our Lord within the Church. Tradition tells us that, after hearing St. Francis preach, she felt God's call to follow Jesus in a way similar to Francis and embrace a life of detached poverty, simplicity, chastity, and prayer. Her family was against this, but she firmly held onto the call of the Holy Spirit and pursued this vocation along with other women whose leader and example she became to the point that they referred to her as "alter Franciscus," "another Francis."

When St. Claire's life became challenging or overwhelming, when she grew tired or even afraid, she ran into the arms of Christ in the Eucharist. In this way, she is a wonderful example to all of us as disciples of Jesus. Whenever the unique pathway of discipleship that God has set out in front of each of us becomes rocky or ridden with holes, and we feel like we can go no further and might even like to give up, we can go to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and receive our strength. St. Clare, pray for us!

**Action Item:** Here is St. Clare's Prayer to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist: *"I come, O Lord, unto Thy sanctuary to see the life*

*and food of my soul. As I hope in Thee, O Lord, inspire me with that confidence which brings me to Thy holy mountain. Permit me, Divine Jesus, to come closer to Thee, that my whole soul may do homage to the greatness of Thy majesty; that my heart, with its tenderest affections, may acknowledge Thine infinite love; that my memory may dwell on the admirable mysteries here renewed every day, and that the sacrifice of my whole being may accompany Thine."*

Every weekend this month, get to Mass early or stay a while after Mass and pray it to our Lord Whose true and abiding presence is in the tabernacles of our churches.

**Schedule:** October is also the month of the Holy Rosary. We will pray the Rosary in the presence of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday. October 5th, 12th, and 26th at 3pm.

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## GRAND ORGAN CONCERT

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A very special event will take place at 7:30pm on Saturday, October 22nd when the international concert organist, Gail Archer will perform at the Saint Stanislaus Cathedral in a concert to culminate the festivities of celebration of the 125th Anniversary of our beloved Church. The concert will be performed on the magnificent Austin organ at the Saint Stanislaus Cathedral that consists of 3 manuals. It has 41 ranks, 45 stops and 2,327 pipes. Ms. Archer will play works by Polish composers including Nowowiejski, Bacewicz, Gorecki, and Paciorekiewicz, to name a few. Her new CD, Cantius, was released in March of 2022.

Experience a world class artist. There is no charge for attending.



# October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. <b>Blessing of Pets.</b> 2	Feast of the Guardian Angels (translated). Holy Mass at Noon. 3	Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi. Holy Mass at Noon. 4	Holy Mass at Noon. Rosary at 3pm. 5	Holy Mass at Noon. 6	Solemnity – Holy Mother of the Rosary. Holy Mass at Noon. 7	8
<b>Solemnity of the Christian Family.</b> Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil. 9	Columbus Day (observed) Indigenous People's Day. Holy Mass at Noon. 10	Holy Mass at Noon. 11	Holy Mass at Noon. Rosary at 3pm. 12	Holy Mass at Noon. 13	Holy Mass at Noon. 14	Women's Empowerment Group 10am till Noon. 15
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time/ <b>Heritage Sunday</b> Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. 16	Holy Mass at Noon. Parish Committee Meets at 6pm. 17	Feast – St. Luke. XXVI Holy Synod – Scranton, PA 18	XXVI Holy Synod – Scranton, PA 19	XXVI Holy Synod – Scranton, PA 20	Commemoration – St. Ursula. XXVI Holy Synod – Scranton, PA 21	Solemn Holy Mass for the 125 Anniversary of the Organization of the PNCC at 11am in Scranton, PA. Banquet at 2pm. Organ Concert at 7:30pm. 22
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## EVENTS

### UPCOMING

### November

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

- 2nd: Commemoration of All Souls. Holy Mass at Noon.
- 6th: Prayer Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery at 2:30pm.

- 8th: Election Day.

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