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NEWSLETTER

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"BUT STAY AWAKE AT ALL TIMES, PRAYING THAT YOU MAY HAVE STRENGTH TO ESCAPE ALL THESE THINGS THAT ARE GOING TO TAKE PLACE, AND TO STAND BEFORE THE SON OF MAN."

November brings together several liturgical events that lead us on a journey.

We spend the first couple of days of November celebrating all the saints and then remember all those who have gone before us, our dearly departed family members, friends, co-workers, and all those we loved. We start in our faith history.

By the sixth of the month we are reading about the end times, the last things, from Luke's gospel. We study eschatology — death, judgment, the coming final destiny of our souls and of the souls of all humanity. We focus on our ultimate destination.

On November twentieth we conclude in the celebration of our one and only King - Jesus Christ Who will rule and reign over us forever in the Eternal Kingdom of God. Shortly thereafter the Church year ends and we start anew in Advent, the new Church year, expectantly awaiting the return of Jesus.

What we must be careful of in

considering this time of the liturgical year is avoiding the temptation of seeing it as just repeating over and over. Here we go again, ending one cycle, beginning another, it will happen again in November 2023, 2024, 2025... and so on. Rather, we are to use this time as a reminder of the fact that we are moving along a linear timeline from our start in God to our ultimate end in God, and what we are to do in-between.

Just as Scripture begins in God's creation and ends in Jesus' return, speaking along the way of God's love for us, so must we live in a constant journey toward God, a closer likeness to His love in our everyday environments, and our ultimate end where we stand before the Son of Man. Jesus asks us to be the difference, the Kingdom builders along the journey.

Let us then do as Jesus asks, staying awake - and that means being engaged - getting to work building the Kingdom, walking the gospel path, and praying in worship, as families, and alone.

IMPERATIVE!

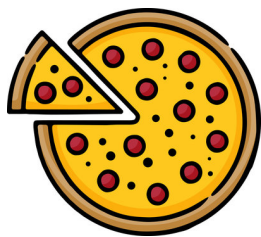
IMPORTANT!

**Seniorate Gathering
Especially for our Youth.**



We will gather as a Seniorate on December 3rd at 11am for Holy Mass and sharing (and of course food) at Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, 250 Old Maxwell Road in Latham. Our National Youth leader, Jorge Arjona is flying in from Denver to meet with parish youth. Bishop Bernard will be present as well. **It is essential that we and ALL our youth be present.**

**Pizza Party and Games
Night**



Last year our YMSofR came in 2nd place nationally in collecting clothing for charity. Branch 56 was awarded

funds for fellowship. We are using those funds to host a pizza party and game night on Saturday, November 12th starting at 5pm. Please join us.

**Rorate Holy Mass -
Wednesdays in Advent**



What is a Rorate Holy Mass? It is a custom from antiquity to celebrate a special votive Holy Mass, typically on Wednesday's in Advent, in honor of the Blessed Virgin. This Rorate Holy Mass is celebrated in the dark, just before sunrise, by candlelight only. We are continuing this tradition this Advent, starting Wednesday, November 30th at 7:30am. The other dates are December 7th, 14th, and 21st. No noon Holy Mass will be celebrated those days.

Month of All Souls



The Holy Church sets aside the month of November to commemorate those who have preceded

us in holy death.

As Christians we recognize that death is not an ending, but rather a change. We pass through death into everlasting life. We remain joined with all those who have died. We rely on them for their intercession on our behalf. They rely on our prayers and intercession to ease their transition, their journey into the glories of heaven.

We will remember our dearly departed all month according to the age old Catholic custom of commemoration and prayer...a custom known as "wypominki."

We remember all those entrusted to our prayer prior to every Holy Mass in November.

We will hold our annual blessing of graves at Good Shepherd Cemetery on Sunday, November 6th at 2:30pm.

YMSOFR CLOTHING COLLECTION



Each year, the YMSofR takes up a service project. This year, the men of our YMSofR Branch 56, and Branches across the country, are holding a clothing drive through January 8th. Three year's ago we collected the most clothing nationwide. Last year we collected the 2nd most.

Any type of clothing is welcome. Drop your items off in the church hall. Branch 56 and all who are

helping will count the clothing and deliver it to local charities that supply those in need in our local area. Help us help you clean out those basements and closets!

Rt. Reverend śp. Stanley M. Bilinski, 4th Anniversary



Four years ago, on November 2nd, All Souls Day, just after the end of All Saints Day, our beloved former pastor, the Rt. Rev. śp. Stanley M. Bilinski reposed in the Lord.

Bishop śp. Stan served as a priest in the Capital Region for over twenty years. He first came to Holy Name of Jesus parish to assist Fr. Dr. śp. Jonathan Trela during his time of illness and continued his pastorship through 2011.

Eternal rest grant unto Your servant, O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon him!

Zapraszamy wszystkich Polaków

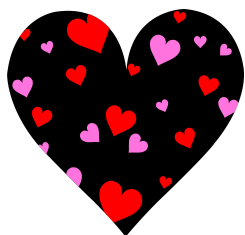
Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus w Waszych intencjach w każdy wtorek o godz. 12:30 po południu.

Christmas Vigil Raffle



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.

Outrageous Valentine's Raffle



This coming year, 2023, we will once again hold our Outrageous Valentine's raffle to support the youth of our Church and our parish,

including support for the annual KURS summer encampment and to start saving for Convo 2024 which looks to be held in the Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese.

We need your support to give our young people a great beginning in 2023. Each Outrageous Valentine's Raffle ticket gives the purchaser a chance to win up to \$1,180. The Outrageous Valentine's Raffle will include drawings for \$40 daily prizes

and a \$100 daily prize on Valentine's Day. Winning tickets are drawn on Sundays in February. Every ticket holder has 28 chances to win since winning tickets are returned to the raffle for each drawing.

Tickets will be mailed out over the next month or so.

Constant Thanksgiving



To all who continue to pray, sacrifice, and serve in Christian love and charity on behalf of our parish.

To all who attend daily Holy Mass as a special prayer offering for our community. To all who attended and prayed through the Rosary in October. To all who shared their pets with us at Holy Mass and the blessing of pets on October 2nd.

To Joan Caska for her attendance and representation at the XXVI Holy Synod of the PNCC.

To all carrying out various projects for the betterment of the parish - Alyssa, Paul, and Larry for their work on the rectory; Alyssa, Paul, and Paul for their tree work; Tom for his plumbing and stair repair work; Pete for work on the front doors, electrical, and the cross over the front door; and all who helped with Fall trimming at the cemetery.

To the members of our Parish Committee for their hard work and

sacrifice.

To our wonderful lectors, and our organist and choir director Liz Battaglia and to Mike Emanuele for his musical talents.

To every parishioner, visitor, and member -- you are a blessing and a treasure.

God bless you and reward you!!!

Milestones to Celebrate:

Birthdays

3 Tiffany Martucci, Andrew DeCocco

4 Elizabeth, Gary, and Walter Węglinski

12 Kayla Boyland, Ariel Dopp

14 Scott Bard, Tom Caulfield

19 Victoria Konicki

20 Anthony Heins

21 Tania Boniecki

23 Oswald Martucci

26 Julie Slezak

30 Fr. Jim

Wishing you all many years! Sto Lat!

Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Collection



We are collecting dry and canned goods throughout November and December for donation to those in need in our community. Please

make a prayerful donation in thankfulness. Please place your donation by the Mary altar in the church. Bless you!

Planning For:

Holy Masses on Sundays are at 10am and Noon, and Weekday at Noon. Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus every Tuesday at 12:30pm unless otherwise noted.

- November 1: Solemnity of All Saints - Holy Mass with a reading of the names of our dearly departed at Noon.
- November 2: Observance of All Souls. Holy Mass at Noon with a reading of the names of our dearly departed at Noon.
- November 3: No Daily Holy Mass.
- November 6: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Daylight Savings Ends. Cemetery Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery in Amsterdam at 2:30pm.
- November 8: Election Day.
- November 10: No Daily Holy Mass. Fr. Jim in Scranton.
- November 11: Veteran's Day/ Remembrance Day/Polish Independence Day. Holy Mass at Noon.
- November 13: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- November 14: Holy Mass at Noon. Parish Committee Meeting at 7pm.
- November 20: Solemnity of Christ the King.
- November 21: Solemnity of the Presentation of the B.V.M. Holy Mass at Noon.

- November 22: Commemoration of St. Cecelia, Virgin and Martyr, Patroness of Musicians. Holy Mass at Noon.
- November 24: Thanksgiving.
- November 27: 1st Sunday of Advent/Cycle A/I Begins.
- November 30: Feast - St. Andrew the Apostle. Holy Mass at 7:30am.

● **December 3: Seniorate Holy Mass and Youth Gathering at Blessed Virgin Mary parish in Latham starting at 11am.**

Stay tuned for:

- Candlelit Rorate Holy Masses Wednesday's in Advent at 7:30am.
- St. Nicholas Day
- Vigil Dinner, December 11th.
- Greening of the Church, December 18th.
- Christmas
- Blessing of Wine
- 2023!!!!

NOVEMBER DISCIPLESHIP EXAMPLE - SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS

During the month of November as we continue our focus of Being Eucharistic People – we reflect on

Saints Cyril and Methodius “the Apostles to the Slavs.”

Holy Scriptures: Mark 6:34-44

Reflection: St. Cyril and his brother St. Methodius were born in the early 9th century in what is today Greece within a devout Christian family. They both dedicated their lives to Christ within the Church living this out many different ways - including Cyril's being a professor in a University and Methodius becoming the abbot of a monastery - but they are best



known for being “the Apostles to the Slavs.” Called by the Holy Spirit and sent by the Church as missionaries to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the peoples of Eastern Europe, the brothers traveled to what was then called

“Great Moravia” which included territories that are today part of Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary and Serbia. There they had great success in founding churches and training new clergy, preaching to the people, baptizing them and feeding them with the Body and Blood of the Lord. In order to translate the Scriptures - starting with the Gospels and the Psalms - and liturgical texts of the Church into the language of the Slavs, they even devised an alphabet. Although it has passed through some stages of development over the many years, is still used today at the core of many languages.

The spiritual (and even cultural influence) of these brothers on so many of us within the Polish National Catholic Church cannot be overstated. It is as if Jesus saw so many people hungering for Him, and asked Cyril and Methodius to go and feed them on his behalf; and because they willingly and sacrificially did, the Slavic people have been encountering Christ in the proclamation of the Word and in receiving Him in the Most Holy Eucharist for over 1,150 years! St. Cyril and St. Methodius, pray for us!

Action Item: Follow the loving and courageous example of “the

Apostles to the Slavs” and share your own faith with someone else in this simple way: Invite them to come to Mass with you.

Thanksgiving Prayer

O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry; When I have work, help me to remember the jobless; When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all; When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer, And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency; bestir my compassion, and help me be concerned enough to help; By word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. Amen.

XXVI Holy Synod

A big thank you to Joan Caska for representing us at Holy Synod. Joan will present a report of her experience and observations in the future. It was a lot to absorb.

We thank the Central Diocese team for their work on Holy Synod, the great hospitality, and the comfortable accommodations.

We also greatly enjoyed celebrating the 125th Anniversary of our Church’s organization.

Much was accomplished, we left feeling very tired, renewed in our fellowship, and strengthened for the great work that lies ahead.

ABANDONED AND SAVED

For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in. — Psalm 27:10

In late October a little dog was brought to the church grounds by a local resident. The little fellow was found wandering about, no tags or other identification. The good hearts of Andrea, Alyssa, and Ronnie took the little fellow in. Ronnie dog sat him overnight.

A diligent search was made for the dogs owner. We surveyed the area, called the police, checked in at Stewarts. The little guy spent Sunday in church with us.

Outwardly he appeared to be relatively well cared for, groomed, with a collar and harness, but no tags. The following day Alyssa took him to her veterinarian and found that he had a microchip. The "owner" was contacted - who quickly stated they had no interest in the dog and had put it out on the street. They subsequently admitted that they wished he would die.

We, the people of God, are of course shocked by this. Indeed, there is a lesson here. The world, outside the Kingdom of God is a place of sin, of abandonment. This kind of action hurts all of us deeply because we know what it is to be saved, to be included, to be adopted by a God Who loves us so very deeply that He gave Himself, made the ultimate

sacrifice, for us. God does not want us to die, but to live forever.



With the kindness of Alyssa's friends, Little Larry (his new name) was neutered. He has some other dental

issues which need to be addressed. He has also found a forever home.

His joyful face and the love Little Larry now feels is a testament to the difference the followers of Christ make, even for the least of these.

You can donate online toward Little Larry's medical needs here <https://gofund.me/a29ee97a> or at church.

THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP



Fr. Jim loves to cook and he and his family love guests even more. If you do not have other plans please join us on Thanksgiving Day.

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Solemnity of All Saints. Holy Mass at Noon with the reading of the names of our dearly departed afterward.	2 Commemoration of All Souls. Holy Mass at Noon with the reading of the names of our dearly departed afterward.	3	4 Holy Mass at Noon	5
6 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. All Souls Cemetery Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery in Amsterdam at 2:30pm.	7 Commemoration – St. Willibrord of Utrecht Holy Mass at Noon.	8 Election Day – please vote Holy Mass at Noon. Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus od 12:30.	9 Holy Mass at Noon.	10	11 Veteran's Day Narodowe Święto Niepodległości Holy Mass at Noon.	12 Women's Empowerment Meeting, 10am till Noon. Pizza and Game Night at 5pm.
13 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.	14 Holy Mass at Noon. Parish Committee Meeting, 6pm	15 Holy Mass at Noon. Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus od 12:30.	16 Holy Mass at Noon.	17 Holy Mass at Noon.	18 Holy Mass at Noon.	19
20 Solemnity of Christ the King - Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.	21 Solemnity - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Mass at Noon.	22 Commemoration of St. Cecelia. Holy Mass at Noon. Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus od 12:30.	23 Holy Mass at Noon.	24 Thanksgiving	25 Holy Mass at Noon.	26
27 1st Sunday of Advent - Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.	28 Holy Mass at Noon	29 Holy Mass at Noon. Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus od 12:30.	30 Feast – St. Andrew the Apostle. Rorate Holy Mass at 7:30am.			

EVENTS

December Upcoming

- Candlelit Rorate Holy Masses on Wednesdays at 7:30am.
- 3rd – Youth Gathering and Seniorate Holy Mass at 11am.
- 6th - St. Nicholas/Św. Mikołaj
- 11th – Vigil Dinner
- 18th – Greening of the Church

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