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# **NEWSLETTER**

## **OCTOBER**

## **2023**

HAVING PURIFIED YOUR SOULS BY YOUR OBEDIENCE TO THE TRUTH FOR A SINCERE  
BROTHERLY LOVE, LOVE ONE ANOTHER EARNESTLY FROM A PURE HEART,

Welcome to October!

We see a wonderful theme for this month carried on from our celebration of Brotherly Love in September. It is this, a theme of deep focus on sacrificial love. Peter reminds us of our Christian duty to sacrificial love in 1 Peter 1:22 as quoted above: *love one another earnestly*. How do we grow in love?

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. We must ensure, of course, that we keep the rosary in perspective as a methodology for concentrated prayer and not as some sort of magical mystery thing.

The rosary takes us on a tour of the glorious, joyful, and sorrowful moments (called mysteries in the rosary) in the life of Jesus.

What we see in each moment of His life and that of Mary is their living out the sacrificial love that marks the gospel way of life. They give of themselves totally to do as God the Father asks. By their example and our focusing on that example, we discover new ways to share our love. We pause to recollect how we might imitate Jesus and follow His call to love as the Father asks.

Also in October we celebrate the Christian Family in a special way. The family, as designed by God, is the seed bed for developing a life that conforms to St. Peter's guidance - foremost by *obedience to the truth*.

The family relationship, the smaller model for the wider Church, is the place we learn true self-sacrifice, whether it is giving up our time or treasure to serve another member or in giving up our dreams to bring the aspirations of the other to fruition.

Further, the truth of God and our obedience to it is also self-sacrifice founded in love. No, we must not meander through life just doing whatever we please if we call ourselves Christian. We set aside our urges to do as we please in order to follow Jesus' way of life and the Father's call to us.

To love one another earnestly means we place our whole selves in the service of love. We privy ourselves by obedience to God's truth and with sincerity follow Jesus, imitate Mary, love on our families, and take a back seat to the other.

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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  
1st 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> <small>NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.</small>	<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 10th. 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 Friday, October 6th, 20th, and 27th 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. If you have a need, please reach out to Fr. Jim.

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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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## NEW MINISTRY

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Fr. Jim has been asked to hold Holy Mass on Sunday afternoons at Pathways Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Niskayuna.

Pathways has not had any services for some time and has a large Catholic population. Please keep the residents at Pathways in your prayers.

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## The Debacle in Poland

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As noted in last month's newsletter, the former Polish 'Catholic' Church in Poland proceeded with phony consecrations of four priests. These men remain bishops elect and priests who no longer hold the faith.

The Bishops of the Polish National



Catholic Church in the United States and Canada have issued a letter to these priests outlining the consequences of their actions and the theater they carried out on September 9th. Simply put, we are no longer in unity with them.

This was the Church Bishop Hodur was arrested, beaten, and stoned for. This was the Church Bishop Padewski was martyred for. It is so sad.

Formally: *As a consequence of this action by the Polish Catholic Church in the Republic of Poland:*

- *The clergy of the Polish Catholic Church may not celebrate the Eucharistic Sacrifice within Polish National Catholic parishes and the clergy of the Polish National Catholic Church may not celebrate within the parishes of the Polish Catholic Church.*
- *There is to be no concelebration of the Eucharist with clergy of the*

*Polish Catholic Church.*

- *Likewise, the members of the Polish National Catholic Church should not receive communion from priests of the Polish Catholic Church.*

*We [are] praying that the sisterly unity of our Churches will one day be restored.*

What is truly amazing is that these men caved in to European zeitgeist and secularist themes, abandoning their catholicism very easily - without even a thought, without a whimper.

Herein the rub: Throughout history the Polish people have withstood Mongol invasion, political division, Communist and Nazi subjugation, and the murder of more than 6 million of its population. The Polish people were always known for their bravery in the face of conquerors, holding on to their language, identity, and particularly their faith. They resisted with courage. Yet this body was conquered without resistance. These four men are cowards and traitors to God, their faith, and their heritage.

As noted in last month's newsletter, these men told our bishops to keep their American opinions to themselves. This is an ironic statement since we do not have, as a Church, American opinions, rather we have catholic ones. These men ironically treasure European identity and opinions over catholic ones.

In the Union Canon we pray in unity

*with holy Willibrord, who was "Apostle to the Frisians" in the modern Netherlands and the first bishop of Utrecht. May his intercession move these men and their body back to the catholic faith from whatever goes on board.*

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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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## **PNUA Transitions of PNA**

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The Polish National Union of America (PNUA) - our Fraternal Insurance Company - signed papers along with the

leadership of the Polish National Alliance (PNA) affecting a merger effective October 1st. Both organizations' elected delegates unanimously approved the merger.

The PNUA is now a Division of the PNA. Our former District 10 is now a PNA Lodge within the Division.

Be rest assured, all PNUA insurance policies and annuities remain in effect but now as PNA policies and annuities. The transition only effects

these financial securities. All Polish National Catholic members now have access to a wider array of insurance and annuity products as well as Lodge funding and educational scholarships.

What else has changed/not changed?

- Straż: As the PNUA no longer exists as a separate body it will no longer publish Straż. All members will receive Zgoda - the official publication of the PNA. The rights to Straż remain with the PNCC.
- PNUA Social Memberships no longer exist.
- The PNUA District of the PNA will continue its educational stipends, scholarships, and will support the wider PNCC.
- The Spójnia Credit Union (SCU) remains a separate organization. All members of the PNA now have access to the SCU.
- Spójnia Inc. remains a separate organization. The PNA has no rights to this organization or its assets.
- The Education and Youth Commission of the PNCC remain. The PNA has no rights to this commission or its assets.

There is much history between the PNCC, our parish, and the PNA. A lot of that history is positive while some is negative such as the weaponization of the PNA by certain people in an effort to destroy the PNCC. We must recognize that history to assure it is not repeated.

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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 8th, 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 29th. 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 Wednesday, November 1st with Holy Mass at Noon and on the Observation of All Souls on Thursday, 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 5th 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  
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

### 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 all who turned out for Labor Day Holy Mass at Good Shepherd cemetery.

To all who attended our latest Pizza and Game Night, September 30th.

To Liz and Denise for decorating the parish for the Fall.

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. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague on Tuesdays following Noon Holy Mass (in Polish).

- October 1: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Blessing of Animals at all Holy Masses.
- October 2: Guardian Angels. NO Holy Mass.
- October 3: NO Holy Mass.
- October 4: Commemoration - St. Francis of Assisi. NO Holy Mass.
- October 6: Holy Mass at Noon. Rosary at 3pm.
- October 7: Solemnity - Holy Mother of the Rosary.
- October 8: Solemnity of the

Christian Family Sunday.

- October 9: Columbus Day. Indigenous People's Day. Holy Mass at Noon.
- October 13 - 14: YMS of R Convention. NO Holy Mass or Rosary.
- October 14: Women's Empowerment Group at 10am.
- October 15: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Heritage Sunday.
- October 16: Holy Mass at Noon. Parish Committee Meets at 6pm.
- October 18: Feast - St. Luke, Apostle & Evangelist. Holy Mass at Noon.
- October 20: Holy Mass at Noon. Rosary at 3pm.
- October 22: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- October 24: Feast - St. Raphael the Archangel. Holy Mass at Noon.
- October 27: Holy Mass at Noon. Rosary at 3pm.
- October 28: Feast Ss. Simon & Jude.
- October 29: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. **HOLY MASS AT NOON ONLY.**
- November 1: Solemnity of All Saints. Holy Mass at Noon.
- November 2: Observance of All Souls. Holy Mass at Noon.
- November 5: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Service at Good Shepherd at 2:30pm. Daylight Savings Ends.

- November 7: Election Day.

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## ONLINE ADULT CATECHISM CLASS – JOIN IN

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Fr. Jim will be offering an online adult catechism class every Wednesday starting October 11th at 7pm.

Use the following Zoom link to join <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7177211450>

Meeting ID: 717 721 1450

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## Cool Stuff Upcoming

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**YMSofR Convention:** The 76th Convention of The United Y.M.S. of R. will be held October 13th through 15th at Divine Providence Parish, 40 Golden Street, Norwich, CT 06360. Fr. Jim and our YMSofR President Paul Zawistowski are going.

**Organ Blessing and Concert:** As you know, we have a new (ok - lightly used) organ in the church. The Church provides for a special blessing of an organ. We will couple that with a mini organ concert and a fundraiser to assist our neighboring parish, Blessed Virgin Mary with recovery from the fire that destroyed their storage garage and the back side of the church. Stay tuned for a date. We are checking with the bishops and various performers as to what is workable.

**Seniorate Thanksgiving Holy Mass and Dinner:** Will be held at Holy Cross parish in Lakeland, NY - near Syracuse on Saturday, November 4th starting at 11am. Please let Fr. Jim or Paul know if you are going or would like to go. We will try to arrange carpools.

**Parish Vigil (Wigilia) Dinner:** After 10am Holy Mass on Sunday, December 10th. The greening of the church will take place on Sunday, December 17th.

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## Clothing Drive Reminder

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If you have clothes you would like to donate to charity, please take a donation sheet. Count the items to be donated and drop them off at any local collection box. Sheets available in the parish hall. Turn the sheets in at church.

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## CarePortal Reminder

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If you have furnishings you would like to donate to families in need - these items are used to stabilize families at risk of being torn apart - fill out a CarePortal sheet. When items are needed we will pick them up and deliver them. It is a low hassle way to help. Sheets available in the parish hall.

**Note: Holy Name of Jesus is the 2nd most active CarePortal church in Schenectady County.**

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## RECERTIFICATION REQUIRED

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For the first time in three years, individuals and families covered under certain health insurance programs are required to re-certify. This includes persons covered under Medicaid, Child Health Plus, the Essential Plan, or a Qualified Health Plan. You can find help here: <https://info.nystateofhealth.ny.gov/news/how-renew-your-health-insurance-coverage> or by calling the New York help line at 1-855-355-5777.



# October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. <b>Blessing of Pets.</b>	2 Feast of the Guardian Angels	3 Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi.	4	5 Holy Mass at Noon.	6 Holy Mass at Noon. Rosary at 3pm.	7 Solemnity – Holy Mother of the Rosary
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. Chaplet follows.	11 Holy Mass at Noon.	12 Holy Mass at Noon.	13 YMSofR Convention	14 YMSofR Convention Women's Empowerment Group 10am till Noon.
15 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time/ <b>Heritage Sunday</b> Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.	16 Holy Mass at Noon. Parish Committee Meets at 6pm.	17 Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet follows.	18 Feast – St. Luke. Holy Mass at Noon.	19 Holy Mass at Noon.	20 Holy Mass at Noon. Rosary at 3pm.	21 Commemoration – St. Ursula.
22 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.	23 Holy Mass at Noon.	24 Feast – St. Raphael the Archangel. Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet follows.	25 Holy Mass at Noon.	26 Holy Mass at Noon.	27 Holy Mass at Noon. Rosary at 3pm.	28 Feast Ss. Simon & Jude.
29 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, <b>Holy Mass at Noon ONLY.</b> Lector: Larry Panfil.	30 Holy Mass at Noon.	31 Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet follows.				

## EVENTS UPCOMING

### November

- 1st – Solemnity of All Saints. Holy Mass at Noon.
- 2nd: Commemoration of All Souls. Holy Mass at Noon.
- 5th: Prayer Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery at 2:30pm.
- 7th: Election Day.

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