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# NEWSLETTER

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DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT YOU ARE GOD'S TEMPLE AND THAT GOD'S SPIRIT DWELLS IN YOU?

At this year's Central Diocesan Clergy Retreat we were drawn into a deep discussion on living holy and consecrated lives as bishops, priests, and deacons and our obligation to call our people to holy lives.

Our retreat master reminded us that our baptism into the Body of Christ, our regeneration, was not a one-and-done event but rather entry into an ongoing process of relationship to Jesus and His Body, the Church. As Christians we need to be constantly becoming.

An important question to ponder over, to reflect on for a holy life, is whether or not we have really united ourselves with Christ Jesus. Is Jesus our center and our all-in-all or does He take a back seat to other priorities? Worse yet, do we put Jesus in the trunk and only fish Him out when we feel we might need Him. I know He's back there somewhere... maybe under the blankets...?

If we are united with Jesus we work daily at our becoming. Jesus is part of our day, minute-by-minute. If that is so:

- We pray in all things, before we step out the door, cook, drive, go to work and go home, and eat, and we end all tasks with a prayer of thanksgiving. Moreover, we do not hide that fact. We do not make a show of it of course, but neither do we hide our intentionality. Note - it is especially important for our families to see and participate in this prayer.
- We worship regularly - at a minimum each Sunday.
- We commit to the work of the Church and our parish by active participation, for the family of God is the best hangout possible.

Jesus has great expectations of us. If we reflect and find ourselves falling short we can start with this question: Can I invite Jesus to come along with me? If I cannot, I need to discover why and then fix that issue. If I can invite Him, why might I not be doing that in each thing.

Mr. Eddie Gibbs wrote a book, [In Name Only: Tackling the Problem of Nominal Christianity](#). Our call is to be more than a person labeled Christian, but to be so in every way.

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## Labor Day at Good Shepherd Cemetery

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*Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men, knowing that*

*from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you are serving the Lord Christ. —*

Colossians 3:23-24

Come join us at Noon on Labor Day, September 4th for a Holy Mass offered for the intention of all workers, organized labor, and worker justice. The Holy Mass will be celebrated at 12pm at Good Shepherd Cemetery, 192 Truax Road, Amsterdam, NY weather permitting. Otherwise, Holy Mass will be at church.

Labor Day comes out of a long history of workers organizing to secure their rights, safety, and dignity. Our Holy Church stood strong with workers. We did so with the coal miners and steel workers of Pennsylvania, the grain millers and meat packers of Buffalo, and the auto workers of Detroit.

In our community and throughout our nation and world, workers continue to struggle for fair pay, time off, safety on the job, access to healthcare and education, and the right to organize.

As workers and worker advocates,

people of faith have been and continue to be an important part of the movement for worker justice. Come out and join us.

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## Back to Church

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**EVERYONE IS WELCOME IN GOD'S HOUSE**

**JOIN US SUNDAY!**



**Back to Church Sunday is coming up on Sunday, September 17th.** Join us for Holy Mass at 10am or Noon.

Everyone is indeed welcome in God's House. Take time first to pray that God will bless our church with many who seek to know, love, and serve Him, then invite someone to join you.

This year's Back to Church Sunday theme is "**Celebration.**"

In our daily lives we are often confronted by **uncertainty and instability**. That barrage can lead us to **discouragement**; there is nothing I can do to make it better.

**Jesus has a different answer** and

His people have been proclaiming it for over 2,000 years - **We have a reason to celebrate.** God's plan and love for us are forever and overcome all the world throws at us. **He makes us strong together and together we rejoice.**

Joy is in the Church, in Her people. **So let us share our joy with those we know who need to celebrate God's goodness as much as we do.**

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## Coffee Hour Goes On

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Usually, this little article is entitled "Coffee Hour is Back," but thanks to Joe and Andrea we were able to continue with a mini-coffee hour throughout the

summer. Thank you so much! Please continue to join in this shared time following 10am Holy Mass. Please join in by signing up to host/cover a week's needs. It is a ministry of love we can all do. It does not have to be fancy or extraordinary, just something offered in love.

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## Christmas Vigil Raffle

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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.

<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>		No. 001 <small>NEED NOT BE SUBMITTED TO WIN.</small>	No. 001	NAME: _____
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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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## Summer Events Report

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**Men's Retreat:** The annual Men's Retreat was simply awesome. We were able to spend time together in deep prayer, learning, and reflection, offering our prayer efforts for the building up the



Church. We reflected on Christ, the same, yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). Make plans to attend next year, June 12th through 15th.

**Kurs 2023:** Three young people along with Fr. Jim had a great time at Kurs Camp. We leveled up our faith in various challenging and fun ways. Next year's Kurs is July 4th through 13th - 9 days!!!

God bless our faithful!!!! On to Kurs, the Men's Retreat, and Convo 2024!

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## Convo 2024!

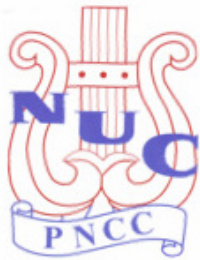
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Convo 2024 will be hosted by the Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese and will be held at Mercyhurst College in Erie, PA. The dates for Convo are July 22nd through 26th.

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## Music Scholarships

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National United Choirs (NUC) Music Scholarships were announced at the National United Choirs Convention and Workshop. No one from the parish applied this past

year. We hope that will change going forward.

Any adult or child who is taking paid musical instruction or music classes at college should apply. This applies to all instruments including voice. Youth between the ages of 8 and 10 can receive an incentive award just by applying.

Information on the scholarship program can be obtained by visiting the NUC website:

[nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com](http://nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com).

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## Milestones to Celebrate:

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### Birthdays

1 Paul Zawistowski  
3 Cindy Houser, Blake Horton, Chris Zostant, Eric Esner  
4 Alicja Chrobok  
12 Robbie Heins  
14 Callie Lennon  
15 Beverly Limmer  
24 Lynn Maliszewski  
26 Donna Panfil, Nicholas DeMidio, Chad Smith  
28 Angela Jorczak

### Anniversaries

4 Jason & Christine Lennon, Thomas & Kathleen Caulfield  
21 Timothy & Christine DeCocco; Kyle & Alyssa Carlson.

Wishing you all many years! Sto Lat!

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## September 11th 22 Years Ago

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Twenty-two years ago we came together as a community in prayer. Prayer strengthened us, unified us, and

comforted us in the midst of tragedy, fear, and the unknown. We will offer special petitions during Holy Mass at noon in remembrance of this day.

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## Daily Holy Mass

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Daily Holy Mass first and foremost honors God with the worship He is due. It provides an opportunity for the faithful to encounter Jesus in the best way possible. It provides

an opportunity to carry our intentions before the Throne of Grace.

We hold daily Holy Mass Monday through Friday at Noon. Always check Facebook in case some contingency causes a change on a particular day.

The following are the weekly course of intentions: Monday - for youth; Tuesday - for vocations; Wednesday - for blessings on our evangelistic efforts; Thursday - for all parishioners and their needs; Friday - for benefactors living and deceased.

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## With Thanks

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We have been so blessed by some really extraordinary gifts so far this year. We are blessed by the generosity of all of you, our benefactors.

We are grateful 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 organist and choir director Liz Battaglia.

To Traviss and Karina for your service at the altar.

To Andrea for her work in cleaning our church.

To Joe and Andrea for looking after our kitchen needs.

To Joe Kaczynski for his work on the grounds and cemeteries.

To Linda for her ministry of outreach.

To Lauren, Jeff, and Liz for their food pantry support. We served 32 people in August.

To Paul and Jeff for their CarePortal work supporting families in need. We have met 26 requests serving 77 children with an economic impact of \$34,330

To John Clas for his quick, short notice fix to our AC system.

For all who prepared for, set up, cooked, and cleaned up at our annual picnic. Excepting the yellow jacket guests we had a great time.

For all who offered Fr. Jim so many prayers and so much support during his illness and convalescence.

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

God bless and reward you!!!

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## Planning For:

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Holy Mass each Sunday at 10am and Noon unless otherwise noted, weekdays at Noon. Tuesday's after Holy Mass - Novena to the Infant of Prague in Polish.

- September 3: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- September 4: Labor Day. Holy Mass at Noon at Good Shepherd Cemetery at Noon.
- September 7: Funeral Service for Robert Gretrirewicz at the Jendrzeczak Funeral Home, Amsterdam at 11am.
- September 8: Solemnity – Nativity of the B.V.M. Holy Mass at Noon.
- September 9: Women's Empowerment Group at 10am.
- September 10: **Solemnity of Brotherly Love.**
- September 14: Solemnity, Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Holy Mass at Noon.
- September 15: Solemnity, Holy Mother of Sorrows. Holy Mass at Noon.
- September 18: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. **Back to Church Sunday (Invite Someone).**
- September 18: Holy Mass at Noon. Parish Committee Meeting at 6pm.
- September 21: Feast - St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist. Holy Mass at Noon.
- September 24: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Spójnia Sunday.

- September 29: Feast - St. Michael the Archangel. Holy Mass at Noon.
- October 1: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Blessing of Pets at each Holy Mass.

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## TO DO LIST

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Take time this week and in the weeks to come to invite at least one person to join you at Holy Mass, whether in person or virtually.

Please do not be

disappointed if the answer you receive is "no". Keep on sharing your faith through actions and words. We shall grow as a Parish Family one person and one family at a time.

Remember you cannot be told yes, unless you send the invitation.

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## The Polish "Catholic Church" Tragedy

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On April 27th Bishop Wiktor Wysoczański who administered the entire Polish Catholic Church, our sister Church

in Poland (Kościół Polskokatolicki) entered unto his eternal rest. While the Polish Catholic Church had failed in distancing itself from the heretical Union of Utrecht, it maintained its

catholicity.

Since Bishop Wysoczański's death, the Polish Catholic Church held a Synod and elected four priests to be bishops. They are Messrs. Andrzej Gontarek, Antoni Norman, Stanisław Bosy, and Henryk Dąbrowski.

The bishops of our Holy Church attended Bishop Wysoczański's funeral as well as the Synod. On both occasions the bishops of our Holy Church spoke clearly about the necessity that these bishop candidates seek episcopal consecration from the Polish National Catholic Church and then join the Union of Scranton so as to remain catholic.

Unfortunately, it appears they will not do so, rather seeking alleged consecration from the so called bishops of the Union of Utrecht which has dissolved into a Unitarian Universalist group of bodies. They are not catholic! The Polish group will no longer be catholic.

The alleged consecrations are set for September 9th.

It is sad to see this stunning lack of faith and perseverance. The allure of "European" identity (they told our bishops to keep their American opinions to themselves) and a lack of courage among these Poles (whatever happened to the legacy of anti-Nazi and anti-Communist courage in Poland) seems to have won out over catholic identity. Remember, we do not have, as a Church, American opinions, we have catholic ones.

Should the sad events of September 9th occur, stay tuned for an official statement from our Church.

Pray that the Holy Spirit overcome in this situation.

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## Ś+P. Rt. Rev Jarosław Rafalko

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With great sadness we learned that the śp. Rt. Rev. Jarosław (Jerry) Rafalko, Bishop Ordinary of the Western Diocese, P.N.C.C., entered into the eternal rest of the Lord, on July 13th. He leaves

behind his beloved wife of 33 years, Leslie (Wiesława) Rafalko and his diocese.

We give thanks to Almighty God for Bishop Jerry's years of ministry as a Priest within the Western Diocese and as Bishop of the Western Diocese. We ask that you keep his wife, Leslie; the Western Diocese; and all the parishes of the Western Diocese in your prayers. We also ask that you pray for our Holy Church which is now in need of at least two bishops.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

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## Zapraszamy

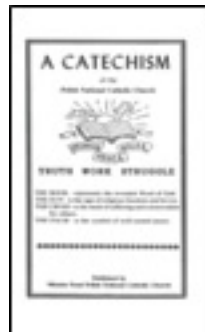
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Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus w Waszych intencjach w każdy wtorek o godz. 12:30 po południu.

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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 September 13th at 7pm.

Use the following Zoom link to join

[https://](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7177211450)

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Meeting ID: 717 721 1450

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## Cool Stuff Upcoming

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**Blessing of Pets:** Bring your pets to Holy Mass on Sunday, October 1st for a special blessing at the end of Mass. Pets of every kind are welcome. Holy Masses that day follow the usual schedule - 10am and Noon.

**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. If any other men would like to go, please let us know so we can register you.

**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.

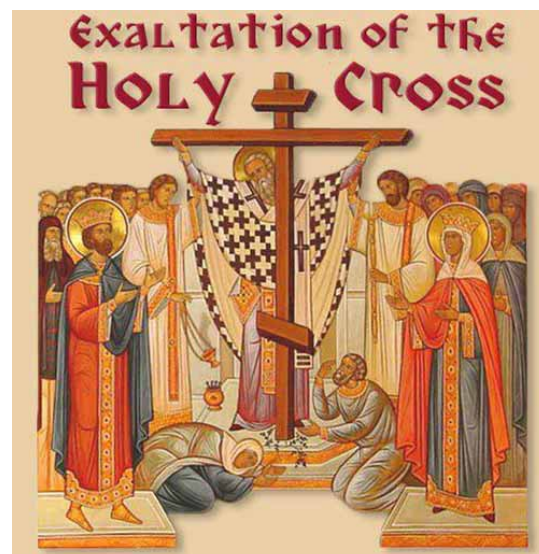
**Seniorate Thanksgiving Holy Mass and Dinner:** Will be held at Holy Cross parish in Lakeland, NY - near Syracuse on Saturday, November 4th starting at 11am.

**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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## September - Month of the Holy Cross

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# September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Holy Mass at Noon. 1	2
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. 3	Labor Day Holy Mass at Noon at Good Shepherd Cemetery. 4	Holy Mass at Noon. Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus. 5	Holy Mass at Noon. 6	Funeral Service at 11am. Jendrzeczak Funeral Home, Amsterdam. 7	Solemnity – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Mass at Noon. 8	Women's Empowerment Group at 10am. 9
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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Back to Church Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil. 17	Holy Mass at Noon. Parish Committee Meeting at 6pm. 18	Holy Mass at Noon. Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus. 19	Holy Mass at Noon. 20	Feast - St. Matthew, Apostle, and Evangelist. Holy Mass at Noon. 21	Holy Mass at Noon. 22	23
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Spójnia Sunday Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. 24	Holy Mass at Noon. 25	Holy Mass at Noon. Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus. 26	Holy Mass at Noon. 27	Holy Mass at Noon. 28	Feast - St. Michael the Archangel. Holy Mass at Noon. 29	30

## EVENTS

### October Upcoming

- 1st: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Blessing of Pets
- 8th: Solemnity of the Christian Family.

- Rosary on Wednesdays in October.

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