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SO GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE, IN THE IMAGE OF GOD HE CREATED HIM; MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM.

This year has marked reflections on our ancient faith, especially in light of the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed. That Creed we profess was the culmination of the Church's fight against the Arian heresy that had infected it. More were to come...

Now think about this: It took less than 292 years from Jesus' Ascension into heaven for people to mess up what He had taught. If we look further back into the story of creation, it took very little time for man to disobey God by partaking in the forbidden. It is not a great track record.

The problem of sin did not end after the Garden, nor even after Jesus' sacrifice, resurrection, and Ascension. The descent of the Holy Spirit and birth of the Holy Church did not put a stop to sin, and the faithful often went off-track. Read a few of Paul's Epistles and you get a pretty good picture. The establishment of the Creed and the work of the church in confronting evil seems to little effect. Yet...

Yet we are not without victories brought by the grace of God. It is in

the small moments where a person has a conversion experience, where a child sees the light, where a person is saved from the edge.

It should not be lost on us that these victories occur among us quite regularly. We here, at Holy Name of Jesus, and throughout our Holy Church, regularly encounter beautiful miracles.

This does not happen by accident or because God has a few throw away miracles He wants to send our way. Rather, it is God's encouragement of our open hearts and most particularly because we hold and practice the Ancient Faith.

The largest measure of our practice of the Ancient Faith is our faithfulness to Holy Scripture and Tradition. It is found in our call to people to 'Sort It Out.' We will not leave people behind wallowing in sin, buying into the world, leading to death, rather we work hard to raise them (and each other) up in faithfulness.

Know someone who needs to 'sort it out?' Invite them to the Ancient Faith right here.

Labor Day Holy Mass



*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 1st, at church for a Holy Mass offered for the intention of all workers, organized labor, and worker justice.

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.

IMPORTANT: Social Security Benefits Changes



Effective September 30th, the Social Security Administration (SSA) will no longer issue paper checks for benefit payments.

What is happening

Starting September 30, 2025, federal payments—including Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)—will move to an all-electronic system.

This transition is based on a March 2025 executive order to modernize federal payment systems.

Who is affected

This change mainly impacts the small number of people who still receive their Social Security benefits by mail. Those who already use direct deposit will not be affected.

How to switch to electronic payments

Beneficiaries who receive paper checks must switch to an electronic payment method before the September 30th deadline. The two primary options are:

Direct Deposit: You can have your benefits deposited directly into a checking or savings account. You can set this up online through your personal "my Social Security" account at the SSA website.

Direct Express Debit Card: If you do not have a bank account, the Direct Express card is a prepaid debit card that allows you to receive your benefits electronically. You can enroll online or by calling 1-800-333-1795.

Special exceptions

The SSA will continue to issue paper checks in rare cases where a beneficiary has no other means of receiving payment. Exceptions may be granted for:

- **Mental impairment:** If electronic payments would cause hardship due to a mental impairment.
- **Remote location:** If you live

in a remote area without the infrastructure to support electronic transactions.

- **Age:** In some cases, for recipients who are 90 or older.

To request a waiver, you can contact the U.S. Treasury's Electronic Payment Solution Center at 1-855-290-1545.

Coffee Hour Goes On

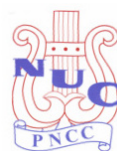


Once again, we need not say "Coffee Hour is Back," because thanks to Joe and Andrea we were able to continue with a mini-coffee hour throughout the summer. Thank you so

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, a simple hard roll and coffee.

Music Scholarships



National United Choirs (NUC) Music Scholarships were announced at the NUC Convention and Workshop this summer.

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.

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 15th. See Joe Kaczyński to get your tickets.

Summer Events Report

Mission and Evangelism

Conference: Jeff and Lauren flew out to Denver, CO to attend the 24th annual conference. The theme was "One In Christ." Jeff and Lauren presented on their experience after the event. We thank them for their time and dedication to bringing people to Jesus.

Men's Retreat: The annual Men's Retreat was awesome once again. 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 the 1700th Anniversary of the Nicene Creed, our Symbol of Faith. Make plans to attend next year.

Kurs 2025: Three young people along with Fr. Jim had a great time at Kurs Camp. The theme was Teamwork. As Coach Phil Jackson said: "The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team." We look forward to July 2026.

God bless our faithful!!!!!! On to Kurs, the Men's Retreat, and the Mission and Evangelism Conference,

Convo, plus more in 2026!

Altamont Fair



THANK YOU. To all who joined in and worked so hard to encounter people and share the life of our parish at the Altamont Fair. The Chapel staff told Fr. Jim that the Holy Mass we held on August 15th marked the best turnout of any service held during the Fair. Please continue to pray for great fruit from our evangelistic efforts.

Daily Bread Food Pantry



A wonderful partnership aimed at assisting the people of Mont Pleasant who have food needs.

The pantry is open every Monday from 3pm until 6pm except on National holidays. With those hours we are able to serve the needs of the 'working poor.'

We are thankful for everyone's involvement and parishioners who have taken up the call to volunteer and serve. If you would like to volunteer please talk to Lauren.

If you know someone with food needs, please ask them to call 518-836-5310 between 5pm

Sunday and 9am Monday and leave a message with their name (spell it), phone number, and date of birth. They will receive a return call from a volunteer who will take their order. Indicate the Holy Name of Jesus / Mont Pleasant location for the order.

Milestones to Celebrate:

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

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

Wishing you all many years! Sto Lat!

September 11th 24 Years Ago



Twenty-four 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. Let us mark this day with personal

prayers in remembrance and for the true peace only Christ can bring.

With Thanks

thank you

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 and the musical renderings of Mike Emanuel.

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 Lauren, Jeff, Dorothy, Amy, and Gary for their food pantry support.

To Paul for his CarePortal work supporting families in need.

To all who prepared for, set up, cooked, and cleaned up at our annual picnic. We had a great time.

To all who volunteered for the Altamont Fair - a great ministry of outreach.

To all who joined in for the parish property clean up on August 30th.

Beautifully done.

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

God bless and reward you!!!

TO DO LIST



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.

Cool Stuff Upcoming

Blessing of Pets: Bring your pets to Holy Mass on Sunday, October 5th 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.

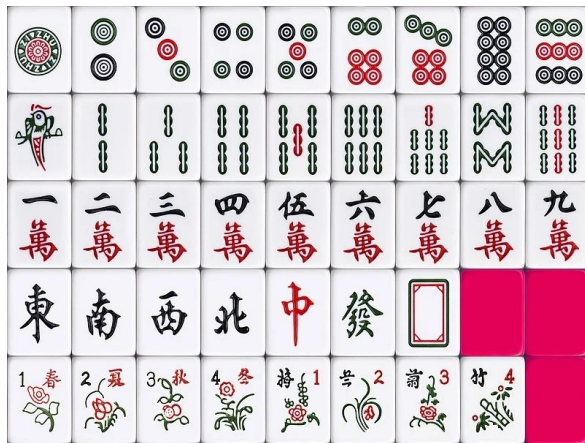
Soup Making We ask that parishioners who are able provide 4 to 5 quarts of any kind of soup they would like to make. We have quart containers for you. Just bring them to church and we will freeze them and sell them as a fundraiser.

Seniorate Thanksgiving Holy Mass and Dinner: Is tentatively set for Saturday, November 15th at Holy Cross parish in Syracuse (Lakeland), NY. Stay tuned for additional details.

Pierogi Making: We expect to gather for a couple of pierogi making sessions so we may sell them as a fundraiser. Please see Paul in this regard.

Parish Vigil (Wigilia) Dinner: After 10am Holy Mass on Sunday, December 14th. The greening of the church will take place on Sunday, December 21st.

Fun Activities



A few parishioners have been playing Mahjong at the Rotterdam Senior Center, 2639 Hamburg St, Schenectady on Tuesdays and Fridays starting at 11:15am. Thank you to Dorothy for cluing us into this fun game.

This is a great game for strengthening mental acuity.

If you are interested in learning

Mahjong, please talk to Renee. She has a set and can teach you.

Schenectady Social Club



The City of Schenectady and Catholic Charities holds a breakfast every Friday at the Bellevue Cafe, 2630 Broadway, Schenectady.

The breakfast starts at 10am. The cost is \$5 - a great bargain.

To take part, you must be 55 or older and must call 518-382-5007 by 2pm on Thursday to make a reservation.

The purpose of the Social Club is exactly that, an inexpensive and easy morning out for Seniors where they can socialize and get connected with what is going on. A good number of parishioners attend. Come and join us.

Bus Trip and Tour of Scranton (the Holy City)



Fr. Jim is planning a bus trip to Scranton for parishioners and friends.

Scranton is the place where the Polish National Catholic Church was first organized, and holds a lot

of meaning for the faithful.

The tour would include a trip to St. Stanislaus Cathedral, The National Church Center, the Savonarola Seminary, the Cathedral Cemetery and tomb of First Bishop, Francis Hodur, all of the departed Prime Bishops, and many of the Church's great heroes. We would conclude the day with lunch and a tour of Spojnia Farm and the Bishop Hodur Retreat and recreation Center in Waymart, PA.

The date is still to be determined. We were thinking perhaps on a Saturday if that works for everyone. We have about 11 people interested so far. Sign up sheets are in the church hall.

The Pierogi 5k



This year marks the Second Annual Pierogi 5k run in Schenectady's Central Park, 500 Iroquois Way, Schenectady, NY. The race will be held Saturday,

October 18th starting at noon from the Thomas E. Isabella Pavilion.

The Pierogi 5k is organized by the Polish American Congress Central Division of New York State who aim to promote health and heritage in a

vibrant, engaging way. With deep roots in the local community, we strive to create a memorable and meaningful experience for all participants.

October is Polish-American Heritage Month and the Pierogi 5k is intended to draw together people of every background in a celebration of food, athleticism, good health, and culture. Each participant will also donate a food item to support the City Mission of Schenectady.

Registration is \$15 per individual participant (in advance) or \$20 (day-of-race). Teams of six or more can register for \$50. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Information and registration for the race can be found at <https://www.pierogi5k.org/>.

The parish will be running a food concession and meeting people at the race.

Non Sequitur

By Wiley Miller



September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day. Holy Mass at Noon.	2 Holy Mass at Noon.	3 Holy Mass at Noon.	4 Holy Mass at Noon.	5 Holy Mass at Noon.	6
7 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.	8 Solemnity – Nativity of the BVM. Daily Bread Food Pantry, from 3pm until 6pm. Fr. Jim at Seminary.	9 Fr. Jim at Seminary.	10 Fr. Jim at Seminary.	11 24th Anniversary of 9/11/01. Fr. Jim at Seminary.	12 Fr. Jim at Seminary.	13 Women's Empowerment Group at 10am.
14 Solemnity of Brotherly Love. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.	15 Solemnity – Exaltation of the Holy Cross (trans.). Holy Mass at Noon. Daily Bread Food Pantry, from 3pm until 6pm. Parish Committee at 6pm.	16 Solemnity – Holy Mother of Sorrows (trans.). Holy Mass at Noon.	17 Holy Mass at Noon.	18 Holy Mass at Noon.	19 Holy Mass at Noon.	20
21 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.	22 Feast - St. Matthew, Apostle, and Evangelist (trans.). Holy Mass at Noon. Daily Bread Food Pantry, from 3pm until 6pm.	23 Holy Mass at Noon.	24 Holy Mass at Noon.	25 Holy Mass at Noon.	26 Holy Mass at Noon.	27
28 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.	29 Feast - St. Michael the Archangel. Holy Mass at Noon. Daily Bread Food Pantry, from 3pm until 6pm.	30 Holy Mass at Noon.				

EVENTS

October Upcoming

- 5th: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Blessing of Pets

- Rosary on Wednesdays in October.

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