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NEWSLETTER

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FEAR NOT, FOR I AM WITH YOU; BE NOT DISMAYED, FOR I AM YOUR GOD; I WILL STRENGTHEN YOU, I WILL HELP YOU, I WILL UPHOLD YOU WITH MY RIGHTEOUS RIGHT HAND.

Consider what we bring to God each week (at a minimum). We bring ourselves of course, along with all the stuff we carry - worries, anxiety, concerns, people we care about, more... Do we ever really keep track of what we bring to Him? Likely no, things change quickly for us and we are not in the habit of keeping track.

Of course coming to God is more than just showing up on a Sunday for an hour (or longer depending on Fr. Jim's homily). We hopefully come before God regularly throughout the day. We converse with Him. We offer thanksgiving and supplication (our needs).

During this month let us consider what we bring to God whether daily, weekly, or from time-to-time. It might even be helpful to write those things down. We could start each day with: Today I Talked to God About.

Later, we can look back and see how God helped us. We may not have received exactly what we wanted, but what we will see are the words from our scripture above made real.

The passage is Isaiah 41:10. The forty-first chapter for Isaiah (c. 6th century BC) is delivered during the Babylonian Exile. The Jewish exiles were meant to hear God's verdict.

The verdict: God is sovereign over all history and He refutes all other gods. The exiles will be allowed to return. The exiles will have God with them to drive out fear, give strength, and to support them. The message is meant to give comfort and assurance to a people who had suffered much. God is faithful.

In recounting our thanksgivings and supplications and comparing them to God being with us, being sovereign over all, we will see the way He strengthened us, the way we were upheld. In the end we will find that we have been freed.

Whether or not we engage in this exercise it is important to know that God does not leave us abandoned in our worries, anxiety, concerns, care for others, and all else we have on our hearts. He will lead us back from our exile. He will lead us out of captivity with rejoicing.

Blessing of Pets

We will hold the Blessing of Pets



in honor of the
Commemoration
of St. Francis on
Sunday, October
5th at 10am and
Noon Holy
Masses.

Christmas Vigil Raffle

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| <p>Annual Christmas Vigil Raffle GRAND PRIZE UP TO \$2,500* <small>*Based upon sale of 100 tickets. Otherwise proceeds split 50/50*</small> Drawing on December 11, 2022 WINNERS WILL BE CONTACTED VIA PHONE</p> | | <p>No. 001 No. 001 NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.</p> | <p>NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____</p> |
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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 15th. See Joe Kaczyński to get your tickets.

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY



The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. On Wednesday, October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th 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.

The Pierogi 5k



Come out to Central Park in Schenectady on Saturday, October 18th

for the 2nd Annual Pierogi 5k.

This event is organized by the Polish American Congress Central Division of New York State (Fr. Jim is Vice-President and Chaplain, Joe Kaczynski is Secretary) to promote health and heritage through a lively run/walk/roll in the park. It all begins at the Thomas E. Isabella Pavilion at 11am.

If you are not a runner or walker, you can still enjoy all that is being offered including pierogi provided by [Rosa-ly Pierogi](#) in Fairfield, New Jersey. Other churches and organizations will be offering Polish food specialties and information on their activities and offerings.

We plan to have a table there too, and could use a couple of volunteers to help people know about us.

PNA Benefits for You and Yours



The Polish National Alliance (PNA) offers a myriad of benefits to its members. Need an insurance policy?

An insurance policy gift for a young person or infant so that they build savings? A strong/well-paying annuity? Currently, 2 year annuities are paying 5.25%. See Fr. Jim for more info.

Solemnity of the Christian Family

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 12th, 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.

Prayer for Family

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.



Reminders as Year End Approaches

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.

Month of All Souls



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 26th. Alternately, you can E-mail the names of those you wish commemorated to Fr. Jim at frjim@holynamencc.org.

We will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints on Saturday, November 1st with Holy Mass at Noon and on the translated Observation of All Souls on Monday, November 3rd 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 2nd at 2:30pm.

Our Cemeteries

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.

To review the Cemetery Rules and Regulations, please see <https://www.holynamencc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Cemetery-Rules-and-Regulations.pdf>.

Milestones to Celebrate:

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 Hoefler

Wishing you all many years! Sto Lat!

With Thanks



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.

To Liz, Denise, and Linda F. for decorating the parish for the Fall.

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

To Jeff, Lauren, Amy, Dorothy, and Gary for your hard work at our weekly Food Pantry event.

To Paul for handling CarePortal deliveries and making such a difference for so many.

To Paul for updates and repair work at the parish house.

To Paul, Pete, Larry, Mike, Lauren, and Jeff for your work at HNJ Cemetery.

To Joe and Andrea for your care for the parish facilities, coffee hour, and outdoor work.

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!!!

Cool Stuff Upcoming

Seniorate Thanksgiving Holy Mass and Dinner: Will be held at Holy Cross parish in Lakeland/Syracuse on Saturday, November 15th starting at 11am. Please let Fr. Jim or Paul know if you are going or would like to go so we can provide an RSVP.

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

Clothing Drive Reminder

The YMSofR will once again participate in a Fall/Winter clothing drive as a service project. 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.

CarePortal Reminder

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.

Soup Fundraiser

So many of our parishioners have created wonderful soups. Flavors include Chicken, Seafood gumbo, Beans & Greens, Beef barley, Turkey gnocchi, Smoked chorizo, and others. They are frozen and available on Sunday after the 10am Holy Mass. Soups are \$10 a quart.

Did You Know That You Must



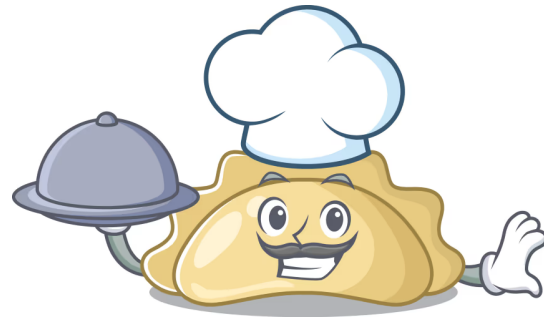
As Polish National Catholics we are to make an examination of

conscience before Holy Mass begins. That prepares us for the Sacrament of Penance received at every Holy Mass.

We teach young children that they must do this before Confession so that their Confession may be worthy. In the same way, as adults, we are to approach God with a certain seriousness and sorrow over our sins if we expect Him to grant us forgiveness. If we go into our Confession without the requisite seriousness what should we expect then in return?

To that end, the Church has included a useful Guide to an Examination of Conscience in our Pew Missals (see pages 1 through 6). There are 23 sections in this Examination. Some may not apply to everyone. Even if we took only 10-15 seconds per prayer, section, and reflection, it would take about six minutes in total to do this. Is being free worth six minutes?

Pierogi Making



Please join us on Thursday, October 23rd for pierogi making at 9am. See Paul for details. This effort will help with our financial needs. Thank 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. Additional details are posted on the bulletin board at church.

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.

Daily Mass Times?

Fr. Jim is considering moving daily Holy Mass to a time more conducive for attendance. Any input is welcome.

October 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | Rosary at 3pm. 1 | Feast of the Guardian Angels. Fr. Jim at Seminary 2 | Social Club Breakfast Fr. Jim at Seminary 3 | Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi. Fr. Jim at Seminary 4 |
| 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. Blessing of Pets. 5 | Daily Bread Food Pantry 3-6pm 6 | Solemnity – Holy Mother of the Rosary. Holy Mass at Noon. 7 | Rosary at 3pm. 8 | Holy Mass at Noon. 9 | Holy Mass at Noon. 10 | Women's Empowerment Group 10am fill Noon. 11 |
| Solemnity of the Christian Family. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. 12 | Columbus Day (observed) Indigenous People's Day. National Clergy Conference 13 | National Clergy Conference 14 | National Clergy Conference Rosary at 3pm. 15 | Holy Mass at Noon. 16 | Social Club Breakfast Holy Mass at Noon. 17 | Feast – St. Luke. Pierogi 5k – Schenectady Central Park at Noon. 18 |
| 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Heritage Sunday Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil. 19 | Daily Bread Food Pantry 3-6pm Parish Committee Meets at 6pm. 20 | Commemoration – St. Urszula. Holy Mass at Noon. 21 | Rosary at 3pm. 22 | Pierogi Making at 9am. Holy Mass at Noon. 23 | Social Club Breakfast Feast – St. Raphael the Archangel. 24 | 25 |
| 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass Noon ONLY. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. 26 | Daily Bread Food Pantry 3-6pm. 27 | Feast Ss. Simon & Jude. Holy Mass at Noon. 28 | Rosary at 3pm. 29 | Holy Mass at Noon. 30 | Social Club Breakfast Holy Mass at Noon. 31 | |
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EVENTS

UPCOMING

November

- 1st – Solemnity of All Saints. Holy Mass at Noon.
- 2nd: Prayer Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery at 2:30pm.
- 3rd: Commemoration of All Souls. Holy Mass at Noon.
- 4th: Election Day.

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**Do not fear
for I am with you.
I will strengthen you,
for I am your God.**

Isaiah 41:10