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ALL THESE WITH ONE ACCORD WERE DEVOTING THEMSELVES TO PRAYER, TOGETHER WITH THE WOMEN AND MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS, AND HIS BROTHERS.

September is the month of beginnings. Youth and some adults are returning to university. Our younger children start a new school year. Rested from time-off and vacations, we return to the routine of our jobs and lives. Perhaps we will take some time for that major Fall clean-out and repurpose those white elephants.

My son Adam and his fiancée Laura begin their lives together with their marriage on September 26th at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Manchester, New Hampshire. My daughter Victoria received her Physical Therapy license, started her career, and has an apartment. The change of new beginnings abounds.

At the end of this month (one day after the wedding), the Holy Church will gather in Manchester for its XXVII Holy Synod.

The scripture above taken from the start of the Acts of the Apostles speaks of the Church's life. That life must be extant and vital for us who have inherited the Pristine Catholic Faith.

As I have been training new priests

who desire to enter our Holy Church, I spend significant time on the way the Church has been managed from the beginning. Not by dictatorial one man pronouncements, but through a collaborative and consensus building process (see Acts 1:15-26, Acts 6:1-6, Acts 11:1-4,18, and Acts 15:2-23,30 for example).

In four distinct instances the early Church, together in prayer, discussed issues and took steps toward new beginnings.

The Church ever continues to grow and become through the process of sanctification, as each of us do, changing more and more into the image of God.

By growing we respond to the call to project the image of God into an often dark and scary world, a world that looks after self-interest and selfish desire above all else.

Please keep the Church in your prayers, that the Holy Spirit may guide our deliberations and strengthen us in our common mission of bearing the image of God and growing His Kingdom.

New Priests Enter the Church

Over the Summer months, five priests have entered the Church.

The process of entry requires specialized study as well as practical liturgical training. Each makes a specific profession of faith and obedience.

These men have been in training for nine months. Some of their training will continue into the future with more particular and specialized education.

Welcome our new clergy and please keep them in your prayers.



- Rev. Hippolytus Chukwu Njoku, a VA Hospital Chaplain.
- Rev. Gerald C. Igboanusi, US Army.
- Rev. Kessiena Dennis Obienu, US Army.
- Rev. Augustine Dominic Okon Ibok, US Army.
- Rev. Michael Onuoha, US Navy, assigned to the Marine Corps.

In the future we have at least four other priests that will be joining our Church. This is in addition to our existing seminarians and those entering the seminary.

PRAISE GOD!!!

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 7th, 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.

Flying High at Hancock ANG Base



Fr. Jim, in his role as Civil Air Patrol Chaplain, attended the NY Wing

Encampment at Hancock Air National Guard Base in Syracuse from July 18th through 26th.

This wonderful opportunity allowed Fr. Jim to minister and counsel CAP



Cadets, ages 13 to 17 as they led and took part in the Encampment. He also had opportunity to minister to CAP Adult members in the midst of this intensive environment. He offered Holy Mass for attendees.

A highlight of the week was an invitation from the Air Force to attend a clergy gathering on Base. The Air Force Chaplains invited clergy from throughout the Region to attend a briefing on the Chaplain's role in service and support of the religious liberty and spiritual resilience of every service member. It was indeed a privilege to be there.



Fr. Jim was joined by Chaplain Tom LeBeau from Western New York, Chaplain Zindel Lebovic from NYC, and Chaplain Assistant Brenda Morrissey and her wonderdog.

Summer Events Report

Mission and Evangelism

Conference: Fr. Jim, Renee, Lauren, Jeff, and Paul attended the 25th annual conference at St. Joseph's parish in Westfield, MA. The theme was "Living In Faith Everyday." The most wonderful aspect of the conference was the personal sharing that occurred

between participants. Seeing how faith is lived everyday in parishes across our Holy Church was inspirational and provided new insights and ideas that will inform our work.

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 of the Church. We reflected on how the freedom, on this 250th anniversary of our nation, is really about Breaking Chains of Bondage and being set free to live faithfully.

Special time was set aside to honor veterans and the faithful departed of YMSofR Branches across the country.

The men also took part in the rededication and blessing of the Savonarola Theological Seminary.

Kurs 2025: Fr. Jim was once again Chaplain at the Kurs Camp. The theme was based on Citizenship as we celebrated the United States Semiquincentennial on July 4th.

Scripture calls us to reflect upon our blessings and the good things given to us: *Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is*



commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me —practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. — Philippians 4:8-9

God bless our faithful!!!! On to Kurs, the Men's Retreat, and the Mission and Evangelism Conference, and more in 2027!

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 14th marked the best turnout of any service held during the Fair. Please continue to pray for great fruit from our evangelistic efforts.

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!

Recognition



On June 25th State Senator Jim Tedisco joined us at church, along with the leadership of the Polish American Congress - Central Division of NYS where a special resolution was presented honoring the 250th Anniversary of

our Nation and Holy Name of Jesus Parish's key role in its service to the Polish-American community.

Honoring Kościuszko



On August 29th the Polish American Congress - Central Division of NYS held the second in a series of yearly events honoring the heroic role of Gen. Tadeusz Kościuszko in the American Revolution. Next year, 2027, marks the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Saratoga, a decisive victory in the Revolutionary War.

Years later, Thomas Jefferson would write of Kościuszko: *"He is as pure a son of liberty as I have ever known, and of that liberty which is to go to all, and not to the few or rich alone."* Jefferson saw Kościuszko as dedicated to a truly universal freedom that extended to everyone, rather than just the privileged.

The event included historical presentations, music, a dramatic reading, and a primer of pronouncing Kościuszko at the Park's Visitor Center and a trip to the Kościuszko Monument (tour stop

two) where a wreath was laid and Fr. Jim blessed the monument.

September 11th 25 Years Ago



Twenty-five 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.

Please join in at Noon on Friday, September 11th for Holy Mass and special prayers of remembrance.

With Thanks

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

To Paul and Jeff for the installation of our new side door. The framing, trim, and quality of the workmanship is outstanding.

To Paul for repairs to the men's restroom including a new fan/light/heater combo unit and drywall work. It looks great!

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

God bless and reward you!!!

thank you

New Opportunity Adult Lifelong Learning

Grow in Knowledge. Deepen Your Faith. Strengthen Your Walk with Christ.

This fall marks an exciting new chapter for the Savonarola Theological Seminary and Institute with the launch of its first continuing education courses designed to make serious Catholic learning accessible to the wider Church.

The Institute recognizes that

Christian formation does not end with Sunday School, Confirmation, seminary, or formal education. The call to know Christ more deeply and to understand the faith we profess continues throughout our lives.

Through courses in Sacred Scripture, Church history, theology, liturgy, and Christian formation, the Institute seeks to provide opportunities for lifelong learning rooted in the Catholic faith and the tradition of the Polish National Catholic Church.

Who may enroll? Everyone who wants to learn. No previous college, seminary, or theological education is required. Courses are open to clergy and laity, parish leaders, teachers, students, and anyone interested in strengthening their knowledge of the faith. Whether you have studied theology for years or are considering your first Church course, you are welcome.

Courses are offered online, allowing participants to join from home. Classes generally meet weekly for one to two hours and include live instruction, discussion, guided readings, and opportunities for questions and reflection.

Fall 2026 Course Offerings

HIS005, Constantine the Great: Empire, Church, and the Transformation of the Roman World, Sept. 16–Oct. 21 at 6pm with Deacon Mark Kosciński, PhD

BIB024, The Epistle to the Hebrews: Christ Our High Priest and the Fulfillment of the Covenant, Nov. 2–23 at 7pm with Rev. Jim Ploskonka, PhD

LIT001, Praying Without Ceasing: The Liturgy of the Hours and the Sanctification of Time, Oct. 6–Nov. 10 at 11am with Very Reverend John Kowalczyk

THL004, The Nicene Creed Through the Eyes of the Polish National Catholic Church, Nov. 2–23 at 7pm with Most Reverend Anthony Mikovsky

Registration Is Easy

Select the course or courses you wish to attend and send the following information by email to dr.ploskonka@Savonarola.net: your name, email address, telephone number, mailing address, parish/city/state, and the course number(s) for which you wish to register.

Following registration, participants will receive login information, course materials and reading requirements, weekly expectations, and additional information needed for their selected course.

This inaugural offering is only the beginning. The Savonarola Institute invites the entire Church to become a community of lifelong learners—opening Sacred Scripture, exploring the history and theology of our faith, asking meaningful questions, and growing together in our knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

Cool Stuff Upcoming

Blessing of Pets: Bring your pets to Holy Mass on Sunday, October 4th 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.

Seniorate Thanksgiving Advent Retreat and Dinner: Is tentatively set for Saturday, November 28th at our parish. Let's get a good start to Advent! Stay tuned for additional details.

Parish Vigil (Wigilia) Dinner: After 10am Holy Mass on Sunday, December 13th. The greening of the church will take place on Sunday, December 20th.

The Pierogi 5k



This year marks the Third Annual Pierogi 5k run in Schenectady's Central Park, 500 Iroquois

Way, Schenectady, NY. The race will be held Saturday, October 17th starting at noon from the Thomas E. Isabella Pavilion.

Registration is \$15 per individual participant (in advance) or \$20 (day-of-race). Teams of six or more can register for \$50. Each participant will also donate a food

item to support the City Mission of Schenectady. Information and registration for the race can be found at <https://www.pierogi5k.org/>.

Parish, Veterans, and Community Picnic - Sunday, September 13

Please Join In, let people know, invite a Vet. On our Country's 250th Anniversary let us do all we can to honor those who have helped keep us free.

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COMMUNITY & VETERANS
FAMILY DAY PICNIC**

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**SEPTEMBER 13TH
11:30AM - 4:00PM**

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& SIDES**

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September 2026

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

EVENTS

October Upcoming

- 4th: 27th Ordinary Sunday. Blessing of Pets
- 11th: Solemnity of the Christian Family.

- Rosary on Wednesdays in October.



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