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NEWSLETTER

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FOR IN ONE SPIRIT WE WERE ALL BAPTIZED INTO ONE BODY—JEWS OR GREEKS, SLAVES OR FREE—AND ALL WERE MADE TO DRINK OF ONE SPIRIT.

We have just concluded weeks of prayer, a Novena to the Holy Spirit, and three days of the XXVII Holy Synod of the Church. It has been a whirlwind.

We often feel that everything is just rushing by. However, the prayer we engaged in and the days of Synod helped us slow down and take account of where we have been, our expectations and hopes for the future, and our setting of a course for strengthening the Church.

Much had to be accomplished, the election of bishops, our budget which has been operating on 2014 dollars for 12 years (what was \$100 in 2014 is now worth only \$87). Beyond all that, our efforts to show forth the Pristine Faith of the early Church in today's environment.

By faith and experience we know the Church has always faced challenges and we have been able to stand up to them. The grace, kindness, and fellowship we experienced from across the Church at Synod gives us good reason for hope today and for tomorrow.

Prior to Synod we were asked to reflect on our definition of Church. Is this 'our' Church or is the Church something far bigger.

As Polish National Catholics we tend to speak in 'our church' terms. That is both positive, showing forth our personal dedication and commitment to the Church, but it also implies some negatives like exclusion, exclusivity, and a lack of openness.

Indeed, it is not our Church, it is Jesus' Church. As St. Paul discusses in 1 Corinthians 12:13, *we were all baptized into one body*. We have all drunk of the One Spirit.

As part of Jesus' Church we have a much greater responsibility. Yes, it does require our personal dedication and commitment to the Church. It also requires our dedication to evangelization (inviting people in) and an openness to welcome anyone who walks through our doors.

Our ministry, prayer, charity, and welcome are indeed the roadmap forward in Jesus' Church.

Parish Chairperson's Report from the XXVII Holy Synod

This year's General Synod was held in Manchester, New Hampshire from September 28th through 30th. One hundred twenty-four delegates from across the country attended. Holy Name of Jesus parish sent two delegates (Fr. Jim and Paul Zawistowski). Renee Konicki was a guest at the Synod and attended all meeting sessions.

Twenty-six total meeting agenda topics were discussed. Most items were reports of the diocese, various commissions or societies.

Key items to note:

1. One new bishop was elected, Very Reverend Charles Zawistowski. Several additional candidates were nominated but they either declined the nomination, were rejected by the Nominating Commission or failed to receive the required two thirds vote of the delegates. The PNCC has five dioceses: Buffalo-Pittsburgh, Canadian, Central, Eastern, and Western. Bishop Mack of the Buffalo-Pittsburgh diocese plans to retire by the end of the year. Canada has no bishop.
2. Our Prime Bishop Most Reverend Anthony Mikovsky was reelected to another 8-year term.
3. A significant amount of time was spent discussing the finances of the PNCC. Currently the annual parish "dues", based on the number of members in each parish, do not cover the annual expenses of the national church. Most of the expenses go to paying Clergy Hospitalization and the Clergy Pension fund. Since 2014, the annual dues (now called "obligation") were \$100 per member. There was also a 6% charge on all regular collections, known as the 6% Fund. The Synod approved eliminating the 6% Fund and raised the annual General Fund Obligation to \$200 per member. Our parish committee will be discussing this change and further details on how we will address it will be communicated to the parish at a later date.
4. Changes to the PNCC Constitution and By-laws were also discussed at length. Details can be provided upon request.
5. A new commission for developing websites and improving social media communications was established. This is related to what we have been doing with the Flight Creative Group which we hired to upgrade our parish website.
6. New commission members were selected and assigned for the various standing commissions.
7. Father Konicki was assigned as the Vice Rector of the Savonarola Seminary and a member of the Supreme Council.

Helping families



Each month our parish delivers furniture and other household items to families in need in the Schenectady community through the CarePortal

program.

Recently Alyssa DePaula donated several items of furniture, bedding and kitchen supplies from blessed memory Roni's home. Two truckloads were donated. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

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.

YMSofR Winter Clothing Drive

This year's clothing drive has started!

As with previous years, you should collect the items at home and donate them wherever you wish. If you need help counting/delivering

items, you may bring them to church and we will donate them. Last year we won 3rd place. Printed counting forms are available at church.

Blessing of Pets

We will hold the Blessing of Pets in honor of the Commemoration of St. Francis on Sunday, October 4th at 10am and Noon Holy Masses.

Christmas Vigil Raffle

Annual Christmas Vigil Raffle GRAND PRIZE UP TO \$2,500* *Based upon sale of 100 tickets. Otherwise proceeds split 50/50* Drawing on December 11, 2022 WINNERS WILL BE CONTACTED VIA PHONE		No. 001 No. 001	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 13th. 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 7th, 14th, and 21st 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 17th

for the 3rd 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 [Krupa Brothers Pierogi](#). 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, providing water to all, and we could use a couple of volunteers to help people know about us.

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 11th, 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 25th. 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 Sunday, November 1st with Holy Mass at 10am and Noon and on the Commemoration of All Souls on Monday, 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 1st 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://holynamencc.org/images/Cemeteries/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 Hoefer

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 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 zapłaci! Grazie mille! Thank you!!!

Cool Stuff Upcoming

Seniorate Advent Retreat: Will be held at our parish on Saturday, November 28th. We will have a Rorate Holy Mass and a time of Advent Reflection. The retreat starts at 11am. Please let Fr. Jim or Paul know if you are going to attend.

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 Church We Value, The Faith We Live

One of the questions frequently asked throughout the Church is, “Why do other churches seem to thrive? Why do they attract so many people, fill their pews, and experience such vibrant congregational life?”

We might fill in the blank with any number of denominations, but often we are thinking of Evangelical, Pentecostal, or other Protestant churches.

It is a worthwhile question, and one that offers us an opportunity not simply to compare ourselves with others, but to reflect upon our own faith and commitment, and the tremendous possibilities before us as Polish National Catholics.

What accounts for their success?

Is it the lively music, talented musicians, and enthusiastic worship? Perhaps these contribute, but we can experience wonderful music and excitement at any concert or performance.

Is it because these churches are more modern, more relevant, or somehow more in touch with contemporary society? Perhaps in some respects, but many of their beliefs, particularly concerning important moral and social questions, are quite similar to our own.

Is it their preaching or their emphasis on Scripture? Certainly, these are important. Yet our Church also possesses a rich tradition of preaching, a profound reverence for the Word of God, and a sacramental life that brings us into intimate communion with Jesus Christ.

We have something extraordinary to offer: the fullness of our Catholic faith, the

beauty of our worship, the richness of our traditions, and a Church in which every person can find a spiritual home.

So what makes the difference?

Perhaps the answer is simpler, and more challenging, than we might imagine. The difference is often found not in what a church offers, but in how deeply its members value what they have.

When people truly value their church, that commitment becomes visible. It shapes their priorities, their relationships, their decisions, and their daily lives. Their faith is not simply something they practice for an hour on Sunday. It becomes a defining part of who they are.

Consider how that commitment is expressed in many thriving congregations:

Worship is a priority, not an obligation. Sunday worship is eagerly anticipated, faithfully attended, and joyfully celebrated. People willingly devote significant time to being together in God's presence because they recognize that worship is central to their lives.

Faith continues throughout the week. Members participate in Bible studies, prayer gatherings, small faith groups, and fellowship opportunities. They understand that spiritual growth requires more than occasional attendance. It flourishes through regular prayer, learning, and relationships with fellow Christians.

The Church has a meaningful place in family life. Rather than fitting faith into whatever time remains after other activities, families make room for God and His Church in their schedules. Their children grow up understanding that participation in the life of the Church is a treasured family commitment.

Faith is shared naturally and enthusiastically. Members speak openly about Jesus Christ, the blessings they have received, and the difference their church makes in their lives. They invite friends, neighbors, coworkers, and family members to join them. They recognize that one of the greatest gifts they can offer another person is an invitation to encounter Christ.

Generosity reflects gratitude and commitment. Members recognize that sustaining the Church's worship, ministries, buildings, and mission is a shared responsibility. Many embrace the biblical principle of tithing. Such giving is a tangible expression of gratitude to God and an investment in the future of the Church.

What unites these practices is not simply discipline, financial generosity, or enthusiasm. It is something much more fundamental.

These people believe their church matters, and they live in a way that demonstrates that conviction.

And that brings us back to our own Polish National Catholic Church.

We have inherited an extraordinary spiritual treasure. Our Church was built through the faith, courage, sacrifice, and determination of generations who believed that their Catholic faith was worth preserving, nurturing, and passing on. They built churches, established parishes, supported clergy, educated their children, and created communities of faith, often at tremendous personal sacrifice. They did these things because the Church mattered deeply to them.

The same opportunity, and the same responsibility, belongs to us today.

Imagine what our parishes could become

if every member made Sunday worship a genuine priority. Imagine the spiritual vitality that would emerge if more of us participated in Bible studies, parish activities, and opportunities for fellowship.

Imagine what could happen if every parishioner personally invited just one friend, neighbor, or family member to join us for Holy Mass.

Imagine the possibilities for ministry, outreach, education, and parish growth if each of us embraced generous and faithful stewardship.

We do not need to become another denomination or imitate another church's identity to experience renewal and growth. We need to recognize, embrace, and enthusiastically live the extraordinary gift we already possess.

The question, then, is not simply, "Why are other churches growing?" A far more important and productive question is: "How can I help my Church flourish?"

That question invites each of us to examine our priorities, our participation, our generosity, and our willingness to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The future of our parishes is something we help shape through our faith, commitment, and actions.

As Polish National Catholics, we have a beautiful faith, a meaningful heritage, and a powerful message of God's love and salvation.

Let us value our Church not only in what we say, but in how we live. Let us make our faith visible, our commitment unmistakable, and our invitation to others heartfelt and welcoming.

For when we truly treasure the Church Christ has given us, we do more than preserve its past. We help build its future.

October 2026

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

EVENTS UPCOMING

November

- 1st – Solemnity of All Saints. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Prayer Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery at 2:30pm.
- 2nd: All Souls Day. Holy Mass at Noon.
- 3rd: Election Day.

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