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# NEWSLETTER

## OCTOBER

# 2024



"A GENEROUS PERSON WILL PROSPER; WHOEVER REFRESHES OTHERS WILL BE REFRESHED."

**E**ntering these Fall months our focus turns to the wonderful offerings of nature: good harvests, apples, cider, pumpkins, hay bales and corn stalks, hay rides, family and friends, and overall good memories of the past as well as memories to be made in the future.

This season of provision calls us to an attitude of thankfulness and from that thankfulness, generosity toward others.

Proverbs 11:25 sets forth God's call to generosity and His promise for such. It is a beautiful promise that lets us know the our generosity is seen and acknowledged by God. As we refresh those in need, we are refreshed by God.

Refreshment is part of God's wonderful provision.

- When we fall in sin, we are welcomed back (see the Parable of the Prodigal Son - Luke 15:11-32, the way the Shepherd searches after His lost sheep - Luke 15:3-7, or the woman caught in adultery - John 7:53-8:11).
- When we are weary we are provided for as Elijah was provided

food and water prior to his journey (1 Kings 19:5-18).

- The Psalms reflect David's experience of refreshment in the midst of his trials - *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.*

This month it behoves us to focus on how we might refresh others. Remember that God's promises are contingent on our own generosity and refreshment of others.

We have opportunities in the parish - of which many partake: the Daily Bread Food Pantry, CarePortal, the School of Christian Living, our outreach at events like the upcoming Pierogi 5k in Schenectady's Central Park, getting together to cook some food, or the simple welcome we offer to newcomers.

Because of who we are and Who He is, God continually renews us. As we enter church each Sunday, let us be aware of God's refreshing provision flowing over us and continue in our work of refreshing others.

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# Blessing of Pets

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We will hold the Blessing of Pets



in honor of the  
Commemoration  
of St. Francis on  
Sunday, October  
6th at 10am and  
Noon Holy  
Masses.

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# Christmas Vigil Raffle

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<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 WINNERS WILL BE CONTACTED VIA PHONE		NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN. No. 001 No. 001	NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____
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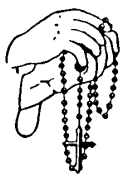
We have 100 tickets available for our Christmas Vigil Raffle, Each ticket is \$50. If all tickets are sold, the winner will receive a Grand Prize of \$2,500. Otherwise, proceeds will be split with the 50/50 style.

The winner will be drawn at our annual Christmas Vigil Dinner on Sunday, December 15th. See Joe Kaczyński to get your tickets.

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# OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY

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The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. On Friday, October 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th 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.

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# DV Month

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). Keep those facing domestic violence in your prayers that they may be freed from this scourge.

A purple poster for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It features a group of four diverse people standing together. A speech bubble says "#StartTheConversation". The text reads "October is DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH". At the bottom, it says "Learn more at www.opdv.ny.gov" and includes the logo for the New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence.

*God of the universe, all people are made in your image. You love them and you know each one by name. Please bring your boundless resources to help women, men, and children around the world who are experiencing violence of any kind. We pray for governments around the world to rule wisely and to make and enforce laws to protect those who suffer from violence. Please provide support agencies with the resources they need to provide for the rights of victims.*

*And please change the culture that permits, ignores, downplays or*

*excuses violence against any person throughout the world. Please give your grace, comfort and healing to all those who suffer. Amen.*

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## **The Pierogi 5k**

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Come out to Central Park in Schenectady on Saturday, October 26th

for the inaugural 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.

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## **Parish Organizations and Ministries**

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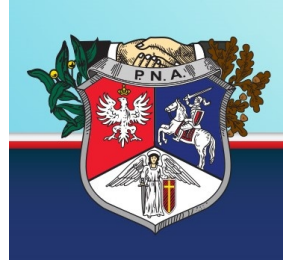
Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you? God calls us to work together for the good of our community, in

support of each other, and for the needs of the Church. We need your help. We really need altar servers and lectors. Please see Fr. Jim.

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## **PNA Benefits for You and Yours**

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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 5.1%. See Fr. Jim for more info.

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## **Solemnity of the Christian Family**

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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 13th, 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.

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## Prayer for Family

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**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.**

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### Reminders as Year End Approaches

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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.

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## October = Polish American Heritage Month

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Polish American Heritage Month is celebrated in October by Polish American communities throughout the United States. It was first celebrated in 1981 at the Polish American Cultural Center in Philadelphia.

Originally it was celebrated in August at various gatherings, travel events, and culturally-significant locations in Pennsylvania. The Polish American Cultural Center and the Polish American Congress lobbied politicians at the state and national level to make August the month for Polish heritage.

In 1984, House Joint Resolution 577 passed, making August Polish American Heritage Month. President Ronald Reagan urged all Americans to join in the celebration honoring Polish heritage in the United States. The month was changed to October in 1986 to aid participating schools

in teaching about Polish-American contributions and heritage. October also holds significance as the month when the first Polish settlers came to Jamestown, Virginia in 1608.

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## Month of All Souls

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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 27th. Alternately, you can E-mail the names of those you wish commemorated to Fr. Jim at [frjim@holynamencc.org](mailto:frjim@holynamencc.org).

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

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## Our Cemeteries

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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>.

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## **Milestones to Celebrate:**

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### 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  
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## **With Thanks**

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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 all who welcomed visitors on  
Back to Church Sunday and to all  
those who are considering following  
the Lord with us.

To Jeff, Lauren, and Dorothy for

your hard work at our weekly Food  
Pantry event.

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

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!!!

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## **Planning For:**

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Sunday Holy Masses are at 10am  
and Noon unless noted. Daily Holy  
Mass Tuesday through Friday at  
Noon unless noted. Chaplet to the  
Infant of Prague on Tuesdays  
following Noon Holy Mass (in  
Polish). Daily Bread Food Party is  
Mondays from 3pm until 6pm.

- October 2: Feast - Guardian  
Angels.
- October 4: Commemoration - St.  
Francis of Assisi. Rosary at 3pm.
- October 6: 27th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time. Blessing of Animals  
at all Holy Masses.
- October 7: Solemnity - Holy  
Mother of the Rosary. Holy Mass at  
Noon.
- October 11: Rosary at 3pm.
- October 12: Women's  
Empowerment Group, 10am until  
Noon.
- October 13: Solemnity of the  
Christian Family Sunday.
- October 14: Columbus Day.  
Indigenous People's Day.



- October 18: Feast - St. Luke, Apostle & Evangelist. Rosary at 3pm.
- October 20: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Heritage Sunday.
- October 21: Commemoration - St. Urszula and Companions, Martyrs. Parish Committee Meets at 6pm.
- October 24: Feast – St. Raphael the Archangel.
- October 25: Rosary at 3pm.
- October 26: Pierogi 5k in Central Park, Schenectady at 11am.
- October 27: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- October 28: Feast Ss. Simon & Jude.
- November 1: Solemnity of All Saints. Holy Mass at Noon.
- November 2: Observance of All Souls. Holy Mass at Noon.
- November 3: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Service at Good Shepherd at 2:30pm. Daylight Savings Ends.
- November 4: Election Day.

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## Cool Stuff Upcoming

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**Seniorate Thanksgiving Holy Mass and Dinner:** Will be held at Blessed Virgin Mary parish in Latham, NY on Saturday, November 16th 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 15th.

The greening of the church will take place on Sunday, December 22nd.

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## Clothing Drive Reminder

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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.

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## CarePortal Reminder

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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.

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## Diocesan Synod - Please Pray

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The Diocesan Synod will be held via Zoom on Saturday, October 12th. Fr. Jim and John Clas (your elected representative) will attend. Please pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance in this work.

*Come Holy Spirit, enkindle the hearts of Thy faithful with the fire of Thy love. Grant Your sevenfold gifts to the Holy Synod of the Central Diocese. Guide us in drawing souls to Your Holy Church. Grant us an increase in vocations. Draw Your community of faith to accord with Your will. Grant that we may set our hearts, minds, and actions to carrying out all that You will. Infuse us with love and fortitude. Renew and energize us by Your ever present grace. Amen.*

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## Comfort Food Fundraiser

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Fr. Jim will be at it again, cooking up some yummy goulash and chili for a Fall comfort food fundraiser. Can you help Fr.

Jim cook? There is a sign up sheet in the parish hall. The food sale will be held in November.

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## ON BEING NOT PERFECT

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Thank you to Paul for sharing this.

I used to be perfect. When I was born, my mother told me that I was perfect. She would not lie to me. But somehow I lost it and now I am not perfect.

Major religions, such as Judaism and Christianity, call upon their adherents to periodically conduct an examination of conscience, both in personal solitude and in the company of others. In Greek philosophy there is a postulate that “An unexamined life is not worth living.” This is particularly apt when one’s life, or the life of one’s community, has gone awry.

None of us is perfect and our lack of perfection all too often becomes obvious. We may then feel shame, anger, remorse, unworthy, stupid, diminished, a failure, foolish, defeated, destitute and other emotions. Or perhaps resentful, dismissive, contemptuous, revengeful, hateful towards those around us for their failures, betrayals, nastiness, goofiness, carelessness, self-centeredness, obliviousness, or sheer stupidity.

If we stop at this point, we remain in a negative, often hopeless, defeated state.

An examination of conscience is not only

to review, count, repeat and dwell on all that has gone wrong within and around us but also to look toward what can be undone, restored, improved. Condemning ourselves and others is not the final stage, it is to find a better way to live, to restore self-respect and build a more wholesome community. To live with hope again, an imperfect person among imperfect people.

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## Did You Know That You Must

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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?



# October 2024

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

## EVENTS

### UPCOMING

#### November

- 1st – Solemnity of All Saints. Holy Mass at Noon.

- 2nd: Commemoration of All Souls. Holy Mass at Noon.

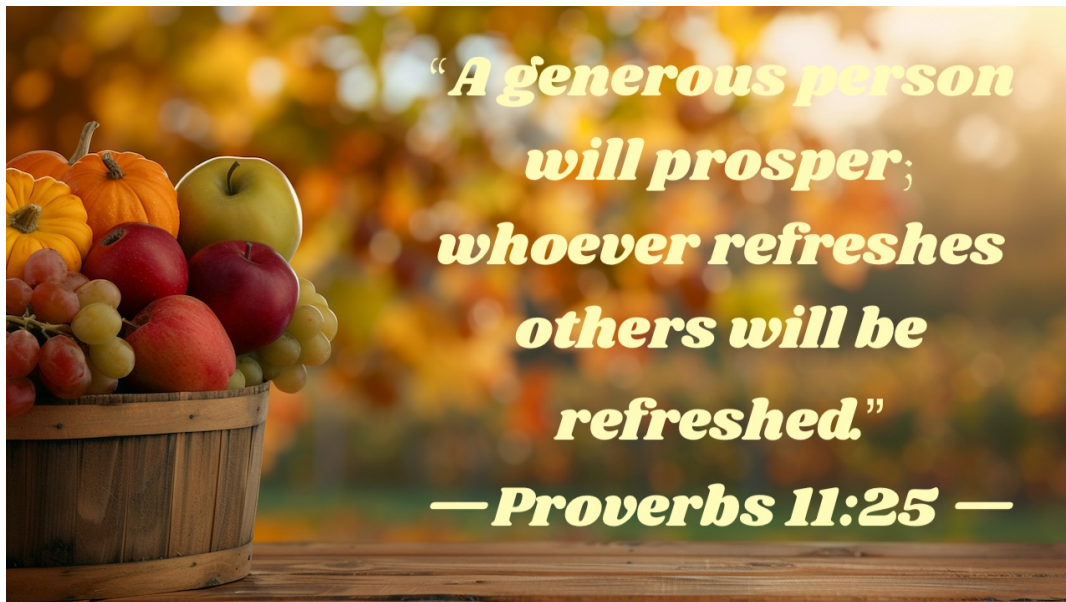
- 3rd: Prayer Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery at 2:30pm.
- 4th: Election Day.

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