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IF IT IS POSSIBLE, AS FAR AS IT DEPENDS ON YOU, LIVE AT PEACE WITH EVERYONE.

Ever wonder how fast time flies? It has been 1,461 days since September 2020, two months prior to "Election Day" that year.

As a Star Trek fan I remember an episode of The Next Generation wherein Commander Data, who is an android with a very accurate internal chronometer, was trying to judge time perception by watching a tea kettle boil. It took the exact same time no matter how many times he watched it boil. His 'boss,' Commander Riker, comments that people do not have accurate internal chronometers. Data turns his off, and suddenly the perception of time changes. The watched pot seems to take longer to boil. (Season 6, Episode 25, Timescape)

Of course, we are only two months from our next national election. I do encourage everyone to vote. While some say it is useless or a waste of time, I cannot help but hear the voices of my father, grandfather, and godfather who served in WWI, WWII, and as a Police Officer as they would discuss public duty and our right to a voice and vote (also so important in the life of our Holy

Church). I remember going to the voting booth, a literal building towed into our neighborhood, painted an odd green, with a huge metal machine that contained voting levers. Family set an important example of responsibility and the repeated adage, don't worry about Party, vote for the best person.

Exercising our rights is important, but not more important than one key element of our life - what we do with our time. Romans 12:18 reminds us that being peacemakers in a world of conflict, drawing people to live at peace with others, is an essential mission for those who follow Christ.

While we can't control others' actions, we can choose our responses. We must be about offering olive branches rather than throwing stones, listening more than speaking, and choosing forgiveness over resentment. Over the time ahead and beyond let's commit to being peacemakers wherever we are by intentionally bringing Christ's love into relationships through our words, actions, and attitudes.

A Prayer for Peace



*Dear Lord,
In this world
where conflicts
flare up so
easily, help me
be a beacon of
Your peace.*

*When tensions rise and harsh words
tempt my tongue, remind me of
Your gentle ways. Give me the
courage to extend olive branches
instead of building walls.*

*Open my ears to truly listen, Lord,
and guide my words to speak with
love. When others push my buttons,
help me respond with grace. In
moments of disagreement, let me
see Your image in those I struggle
to understand.*

*Thank You for Your peace through
Jesus. Help me follow His example
and build bridges of understanding.*

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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 2nd, 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.

Back to Church



Back to Church Sunday is coming up on Sunday, September 15th. Join us for Holy Mass at 10am or

Noon.

People, once they stop coming to church, drift further away, not because of unbelief or anger but because of the fear of

embarrassment. 'People will ask where I've been. People will judge me.'

Remember, Jesus never asked the lost sheep: 'What have you been up to?' He did not judge them. He just welcomes them back, in fact He carries them back on His shoulders.

So let us be like Jesus, reaching out, searching for the 'lost sheep' and bringing them back. Invite friends, family, and those we haven't seen in a while.

This year's Back to Church Sunday theme is "**Welcome to Church.**" Let us be the welcome so many need.



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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.

Christmas Vigil Raffle

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 <small>WINNERS WILL BE CONTACTED VIA PHONE</small>		No. 001 ...NEED NOT BE CREDITED TO WIN... 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.

Summer Events Report

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 how we sharpen each other as men of faith. We heard from a great example in SSG Earl Granville. Make plans to attend next year.

Kurs 2024: Three young people along with Fr. Jim had a great time at Kurs Camp. Fr. Jim had to leave a little early for his wife's surgery and Prime Bishop, Fr. Jim Ploskonka, and Fr. Sr. Lucian Urbaniak filled in for him. The theme was 'Celebrate every day as if it were a HOLIDAY' and indeed we did both spiritually and with lots of fun. We look forward to July 2025.

Convo 2024: We Ran the Race at Mercyhurst University in Erie, PA. Thank you to the Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese for hosting. Three young people from our Diocese attended. We learned a lot and grew in fellowship and commitment. We look forward to Convo 2026 hosted by the Eastern Diocese

God bless our faithful!!!! On to Kurs, the Men's Retreat, and the Mission and Evangelism Conference plus more in 2025!

Music Scholarships

National United Choirs (NUC) Music Scholarships were announced at Convo 2024. 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.

Altamont Fair



THANK YOU. To all who joined in and worked so hard to encounter people and share the life of our parish: Paul, Liz, Denise, Lauren, Linda F.,

Dorothy, Gary, Larry, Donna, Renee. This type of Servant Evangelism sets forth a spirit of Christian service in ways we may not easily perceive but that makes a real

difference to those we encounter. 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 began on Monday,

July 29th with a ribbon cutting and a wide representation from community leaders, partners, parishioners, and the Press.

Our partners in this effort include the Daily Bread Food Pantry at St. Luke's on State Street, Concerned for the Hungry, the Carillion Foundation, Schenectady Shares, and others.

The pantry is open every Monday from 3pm until 6pm. 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.

A unique aspect of the pantry is that it is a 'people's choice' pantry. Customers are called and their orders for food are taken each week. In that way, each person gets what they need and will eat and waste is essentially eliminated.

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
4 Alicja Chrobok
12 Robbie Heins
14 Callie Lennon
15 Beverly Limmer
24 Lynn Maliszewski
26 Donna Panfil, Nicholas DeMidio, Chad Smith
28 Angela Jorczak

Anniversaries

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

Wishing you all many years! Sto Lat!

September 11th 23 Years Ago



Twenty-three 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. We will offer special petitions during Holy Mass at noon in remembrance of this day.

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 Linda for her ministry of outreach.

To Lauren, Jeff, and Dorothy for their food pantry support.

To Paul for his CarePortal work supporting families in need.

To John Clas for his installation of new circuits for the food pantry.

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

For all who volunteered for the Altamont Fair - Paul, Liz, Denise, Lauren, Linda F., Dorothy, Gary,

Larry, Donna, Renee - a great ministry of outreach.

For all who offered so many prayers for Renee and so much support during her recovery.

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

God bless and reward you!!!

Planning For:

Holy Mass each Sunday at 10am and Noon unless otherwise noted, Tuesday to Friday at Noon.

Tuesday's after Holy Mass - Novena to the Infant of Prague in Polish.

The Daily Bread Food Pantry Mondays from 3pm until 6pm.

- September 1: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- September 2: Labor Day. Holy Mass at Noon.
- September 8: **Solemnity of Brotherly Love.**
- September 9: Solemnity – Nativity of the B.V.M. (translated). Holy Mass at Noon.
- September 14: Solemnity, Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Women's Empowerment Group at 10am.
- September 15: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. **Back to Church Sunday (Invite Someone).**
- September 16: Solemnity, Holy Mother of Sorrows (translated). Parish Committee Meeting at 6pm.

- September 16 - 20: Start of the Semester at the Seminary. No Holy Mass this week.
- September 21: Feast - St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist.
- September 22: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- September 29: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- September 30: Feast - St. Michael the Archangel (translated).
- October 6: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Blessing of Pets at each Holy Mass.
- October 12: Diocesan Synod.

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 6th 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.

Diocesan Synod is scheduled for Saturday, October 12th and will be conducted via Zoom. John Clas is our elected representative.

Seniorate Thanksgiving Holy Mass and Dinner: Is tentatively set for Saturday, November 16th. Stay tuned for location and time.

Parish Vigil (Wigilia) Dinner: After 10am Holy Mass on Sunday, December 15th. The greening of the church will take place on Sunday, December 22nd.

2025 Mission and Evangelism Conference



The 24th National Mission & Evangelism Workshop "ONE IN CHRIST" will be held Friday, May 30th through Sunday, June 1st, 2025 at St. Francis of Assisi parish in Denver, Colorado.

This is going to be a really exciting, interesting, and fulfilling time together as we learn and grow in

our evangelistic knowledge and gain new insights.

Some of the highlights include: A devotional celebration to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexican Dinner with Mariachi, A Youth Play: Shadows, a visit to the Mother Cabrini Shrine, Dinner and Social Time at the Infinity Park Event Center, Four Conference Sessions and Holy Mass with the Prime Bishop. The detailed schedule can be found here: <https://sfdenver.org/mission-and-evangelism>

We would very much like to send one or more people to this conference. Please begin making plans and see Fr. Jim for more details.

1700 Years of Orthodox Faith



2025 marks the 1,700th anniversary of the first Council of Nicaea.

In the year 325, more than 300 bishops from East and West, from different Patriarchates

and Churches, gathered in Nicaea for a Church-wide Council, the only kind of Council that can define Doctrine.

Responding against the Arian heresy the Fathers of the Council established the Creed which we use to this day without alteration or

addition.

The Creed affirms that Jesus “is of the essence of the Father, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father,” contrary to what the Arianism heresy claimed. It defined the procession of the Holy Spirit from the Father alone ensuring a proper understanding of the relationship between the Three persons of the Holy Trinity.

The Creed was further refined at the First Council of Constantinople in 381. It expanded on previous creed developed in 325 in order to be more precise in what the Church believes.

Veterans Day Out

Schenectady County will hold a Veterans Day Out event for veterans and their families at Central Park in Schenectady on September 8th from 1pm until 6pm. The event is free for all who have served in the military, irrespective of their veteran status, and their families.

The event will include information booths, live music, complementary food and beverages, and activities for kids.

For more information about the event or to RSVP, visit www.schenectadycountyny.gov/veterans or call (518) 374-0526.

September 2024

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

EVENTS

October Upcoming

- 6th: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Blessing of Pets
- 13th: Solemnity of the Christian Family.

- Rosary on Wednesdays in October.

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