

All Saints NCC Newsletter September 2023



**First Day of Fall
September 23, 2023**

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ARE YOU READY ?

Whether you are ready or not, the season of fall

begins on **Saturday, September 23** this year. With that being said, activities will once again start up and preparations and things to do in **September, October, November and December** can be quite overwhelming for many.

In our **parish life** the same can be said hopefully things will resurrect.

Meetings, coffee fellowship, choir rehearsals, religion classes - a far cry from what used to be pre-covid.

The **world** as we know it today has been tested, and it may be said that the fittest of the strongest will survive. What does it mean to be strong and survive is it - *mentally, physically, spiritually, emotionally?* What should we be ready and prepare for: more *crime, wildfires, flooding, weather related issues, economic inflation?*

Being ready has a lot of responsibility. To be ready to the world and survive normally does take a lot of energy, discipline, maybe sleepless nights and worry. So many people though are mesmerized by the outside world, material things and empty promises. Parents are so tied up with outside activities for their children, which is a good thing, but should not cover up more positive & realistic things that should be implemented in their family lives.

On the other hand, there are many who do not see beyond the empty bubble which many think is the norm of life; the philosophy of eat, drink and be merry is what should prevail.

What can the church offer? It can offer the solace, peace and hope that in our life time God will turn the negative things to good and wholesome things, remembering that mankind turned the good that God originally gave us into what we have today.

Let us remember that the world has been given a free will - mankind has destiny in its own hands - that's you and me. That might be a little scary looking at the world's population.

All that the church can do is offer to teach and guide. No promises can be made but if we have a strong faith core maybe God will look down and be merciful for what is happening in the world, our country, states, cities and communities. What type of world do you want to live in? The choice is up to all of us.....

Ready,
Set,
Go!

† PARISH FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER †

Sunday, September 3 at 9:00 a.m. - +Benjamin Drozdowski, offered by Vincent Sperski

Sunday, September 10 at 9:00 a.m. - +Mike, Helen, Andrew & Michael Mnahoncak, by Bob & Joanne Mnahoncak

Sunday, September 17 at 9:00 a.m. - +Irene Ruda, offered by Family

Sunday, September 24 at 9:00 a.m. - +Jawiga Sperska, offered by son Vincent

Sunday, September 24 at 9:00 a.m. - +Lyn Podkulski, offered by sister in law Terri Miller

I thank the following who through their **donation of time, labor and material offerings** have been **helpful** to our **parish**:

☺ to **Eugene Jablonoski** for his **\$800.00 church donation**.

☺ to **Stephen Parzych** for his **\$500.00 donation** to the **National Clergy Retirement Fund**.

☺ to **Jay and Karen Miller Konar** for their **\$300.00 church offering** in memory of **father and grand father Robert Bo Miller**.

☺ to **Aggie Dedrick** for her **\$300.00 donation** to the **National Clergy Retirement Fund**.

☺ to **Charlene Laskowski** for her **\$200.00 church donation** in memory of **husband Eugene Jr.**

☺ to **Mark & Janine Pokrinchak Dubik** for their **\$200.00 Church donation**.

☺ to **Grace Fell** for her **\$150.00 church donation**.

☺ to **Aggie Dedrick** for her **\$150.00 donation** to the **music fund**.

☺ to the following who **help** as **church sacristans** - **Peter Dyman III, Gary Himko, Joe Kot, Pat Natale**.

☺ to **Wai Ling Lee Pokrinchak & IBM employees** for **supplying/donating** to our **parish** a very **large assortment of office supplies, equipment and paper products**.

☺ to **Bob Blakeslee Sr.** for his **time, labor, materials and expertise** **programming the outdoor security cameras** around the **parish complex** (see separate article).

☺ to our **Sunday financial team: Terri Miller, Judy Dyman & Betty Ruda** who **count and post the offerings** every **Sunday after mass**.

Please remember the following in your prayers, with a card or call:

Wanda Raychel Broczkowski, Michael Cushner, Dave & Pam Kelley, Dolores Butora Duke, Erica & Charlotte Blakeslee, Aggie Dedrick, Theresa Borkowski, Annie Kaczmarek, Dave Plahanski, Carolyn & George Jr. Kolba.

Our local hospitals are still in a semi Covid lock down. If you are hospitalized, please use the Catholic Hospital Chaplain.

Privacy laws do not allow hospitals or nursing homes to inform priests of admission.

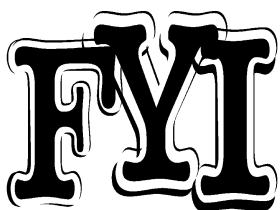
For your information - We now have **wireless solar powered cameras** installed around the **perimeter** of our **parish complex**. As **neighborhoods** are **changing** throughout our **country**. The **parish council** thought this would be a **positive action** for us **especially** with **route 17** bordering our **property**.

With these **positive precautions** also comes a **price**. Please **remember** these **added costs**

• **FOR YOUR INFORMATION** • **through your Sunday offerings and donations.**



God's Blessings and Congratulations are extended to **Kevin and Domenica Cushner** on the **birth** of their daughter **Maria Ann** on **June 18** (Father's Day) **Baby Maria Ann** weighed **7 lbs. 14 oz.** **Daddy, Mom and Maria Ann** are **doing well!!**





Coffee Fellowship will resume on **Sunday, September 10**. **Volunteers** will be needed to **donate goodies** to go along with the **coffee**. If you are a **participant** of this **coffee hour fellowship** please **take your turn** and **sign your name** to the **sheet** posted for **goodies** in the **parish center kitchen**. **Stop over for a cup of coffee** and some **interesting discussion**. There is **never a charge** for **Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate** or **goodies**.



We will resume **Sunday morning craft sessions** during **coffee fellowship** on **Sunday, September 17**. It is a time of **fellowship** and **creating something special** for your **home**.

There is a **sign up sheet** in the **vestibule** so we will **know** what is **needed** as far as **materials**, please **sign the sheet** by **Sunday, September 10**.

Future dates will be **discussed** among the **group**. Take **time** to be a **part** of this **Christian fellowship** and **fun**.



The **parish council** **strongly urges** **parish members** to be a **part** of our **parish's emergency notification system**. This **system** has **been used** to **alert** and **notify** **parish members** of **last minute changes** in **schedules**, **cancellations of services** etc. either by **email** or **cell phone text messages**. If you are **interested** in **receiving** these **notifications/messages**, please **complete** the **below form** and **leave** it in the **parish office** or **Sunday collection basket**.

NAME _____ E-MAIL _____

CELL PHONE NUMBER _____

CELL PHONE PROVIDER/COMPANY _____

KEEP THE FAITH

Keeping the faith adds healthy years. In **stressful times**, regularly **celebrating your faith** can be a **lifeline**, **Harvard researchers** report. Analyzing **66,492 subjects**, **investigators** found that those who **gathered** for **religious services** at least **once a week** had up to a **68% lower risk** of **death** during the study period. **Celebrating faith** with **others**, even if that means **attending services virtually** and using **chat feature** during the **online coffee hour** afterward, provides **social support** that can **help people** through **tough times**.

It also **strengthens** one's **ability** to **cope** with a **crisis** by **fostering** a **sense of peace** and a **positive outlook**.





MUSIC MINISTRY

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to His name" - Psalms 92:1
Weekly Thursday choir rehearsals have resumed, following the **summer hiatus**. We are **very thankful** for the **dedication** of our **choir members!** We **welcome anyone** who would **like** to **join us!** If you **like** to **sing** for **God** and can **carry a tune**, just **come** to a **rehearsal at 2:00 PM**. **Comfortable seats - good view**.

We love the sound of congregational singing! The sound of all the voices is incredibly uplifting!

You may notice some new hymns being introduced. These are traditional hymns, but may be unfamiliar to some of you. They will be printed on the back of the Mass program sheets, as always.

MUSIC DONATIONS

Please contact Betty Ruda if you'd like to donate a piece of music. Phone or text 607-759-9202, or email liz@stny.rr.com.

The **choir acknowledges** the following **donations: Aggie Dedrick \$150.00 toward music** and **Cliff & Barb Butler \$25.00 in memory of Debbie Cushner**.

Hymn History - "He Leadeth Me"

On a Wednesday evening, Joseph Gilmore was preaching at a mid week prayer service on the topic of Psalm 23. He wrote later, "I set out to give the people an exposition of the 23rd Psalm, but I got no further than the words 'He leadeth Me'. Those words took hold of me as they had never done before. I saw in them a significance and beauty of which I had never dreamed. At the close of the meeting, a few of us kept on talking about the thoughts which I had emphasized, and then and there, on the back page of my sermon notes, I penciled the hymn, just as it stands today, handed it to my wife, and thought no more of it. She sent it without my knowledge to the Watchman and Reflector magazine, and there it first appeared in print on December 4, 1862". Gilmore did not know until 1865 that his hymn had been set to music by William Bradbury. He was going to Rochester, NY, to preach at the Second Baptist Church and, going into the chapel, he picked up a hymnal to see what they were singing and opened it to his own hymn, "He Leadeth Me". We will be singing this hymn on **Sunday, September 10**.

As our **summer season** comes to an **end soon**, I **pray** that **those of you** who **took a vacation** (and probably rightly deserved) from **Sunday worship** will **return to the fold again**. **Presently**, there is much **discord** in the **world**. Many people have **turned their back** on **God** and **church**. **People** are **seeking new spiritual homes** for **one reason** or **another**. **Visitors** who might **attend** one of our **services** and **see a lack of attendance** might **think** that the **spirituality** of the **parish** is at a **low level**, or that there are **internal problems** etc., so **your attendance** is **always important and vital** not only for the **parish family** but for **your own spiritual well being**. **September** is here and I **pray** that **once again** our **pews** will be **filled with parish family members** **thanking and praising God** for all the **good and positive things** we have.

And if by chance you see a **new face** or **faces** in **church**, do not be **afraid to show them a smile** and **give them words of welcome**.

As the **illustration** to the left shows a **computer list of things to do**, please be **sure** to have **Sunday worship** and **all the responsibilities** it carries on your **personal list**.



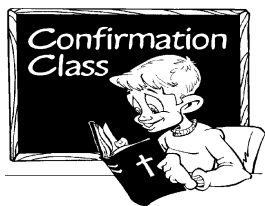


Jesus Appears to the Apostles

HOW JESUS' APOSTLES DIED

SIMON PETER.....	<i>crucified upside down</i>
ANDREW.....	<i>crucified was Peter's brother</i>
JAMES.....	<i>beheaded</i>
JOHN.....	<i>exiled died of old age brother of James</i>
MATTHEW.....	<i>speared to death</i>
BARTHOLOMEW.....	<i>beaten to death aka Nathaniel</i>
PHILIP.....	<i>crucified</i>
THOMAS.....	<i>speared to death</i>
SIMON.....	<i>crucified</i>
JAMES.....	<i>stoned to death</i>
THADDAEUS.....	<i>stoned to death</i>
JUDAS ISCARIOT.....	<i>suicide by hanging Matthias replaced Judas</i>

taken from Holy Trinity PNCC bulletin - Plantsville, CT



Confirmation classes are set to start on Sunday, October 1 after the 9:00 a.m. mass. **Classes will be held on the first, fourth and fifth Sundays of the month.** The **Sacrament of Confirmation** is the **completion of Sacrament Baptism.** At **Confirmation** the **confirmand declares** through their **own words** that they **wish** to be a **member** of the **Catholic faith** and will **live** their **lives** as a **true and faithful Christian.**



ATTENDANCE

At this **point** in my **pastoral career** (53 ½ years) I **still do enjoy** what I **am doing**, and I **give 110% of effort** whether it be **good, bad or indifferent** in your eyes. **There is a need at All Saints** for a **full time pastor.** But what I **do not desire** at this **time of my priesthood** is **finding** ways of **keeping a high attendance ratio** at masses but **not seeing people** who may be **just scheduling one or two Sundays a month for Sunday Worship** (this excludes Summer}, and **worrying about the high financial cost of operating a parish.** Please **consider changing** your **attitude and participation** if your **attendance could be improved.**





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Events at All Saints

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