

# ***All Saints NCC Newsletter September 2022***



42 Harry L Drive  
Johnson City, NY 13790  
Rev. Father Dennis Ruda

## † PARISH FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER †

**Sunday, September 4 at 9:00 a.m.** - +Chester Gidzinski, offered by Mike and Debbie Gidzinski Cushner

**Sunday, September 4 at 9:00 a.m.** - +Chester Sr. and Stella Socha offered by Joe Kot

**Sunday, September 11 at 9:00 a.m.** - +Mike, Helen, Andrew & Michael Mnahoncak, by Bob & Joanne Mnahoncak

**Sunday, September 11 at 9:00 a.m.** - +Irene Ruda, offered by Family

**Sunday, September 18 at 9:00 a.m.** - +Patrick (Paddy) Shoemaker, offered by Pat Natale

**Sunday, September 18 at 9:00 a.m.** - +Mary Lou Gorgol, offered by Sylvia Bush

**Sunday, September 25 at 9:00 a.m.** - +Jadwiga Sperska, offered by son Vincent

**Sunday, September 25 at 9:00 a.m.** - +Lyn Podkulski, offered by Terri Miller

**Sunday, September 25 at 9:00 a.m.** - George Kolba Sr., offered by Family

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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 **\$780.00 church donation**

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

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

☺ to **Kevin and Domenica Cushner** for their **\$200.00 church donation** in honor of their marriage.

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

☺ to **Debbie & Rob Benzi** for serving as **phathom organist** while Betty was away.

☺ to the following who **helped as church sacristans** - **Peter Dyman III, Gary Himko, Rob Benzi, Joe Kot and Cliff Butler**

☺ to **Dicks Sporting Goods** for their **donation of twelve \$50.00 gift cards** to the parish.

☺ to the **Broome County Veterans Administration** for **donating a 8' x 12' American Flag** for the **outside flag pole** - a **\$300.00 donation.**

☺ to **Warehouse Carpet** for **donating carpeting & labor for outdoor rectory porches** - an **\$899.00 donation.**

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

Ed & Jeanette Samuelson, Wanda Raychel Broczkowski,  
Michael & Debbie Gidzinski Cushner, Dave & Pam Kelley ,  
Dolores Butora Duke, Robert Blakeslee Sr., Peter Dyman III ,  
Cliff Butler Sr., Gerry Turock,



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

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

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Words of **Christian Sympathy and Condolences** are extended to the **Gorgol Family** on the **passing of Mary Lou Gorgol** this past May in **Raleigh, North Carolina**. Prior to moving to Raleigh Mary Lou was a **life long member** of **All Saints** and a **part of all phases of our parish life**. **Funeral Services** were held in Raleigh in June. *May she rest in peace.*



## 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.

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## **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 6:45 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](mailto:liz@stny.rr.com).

### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 11.



welcome  
to our church family

A warm welcome is extended to Agnes ( Aggie) Dedrich who has become a part of our parish family. May you find a truly Christian Home here at All Saints.



The **Fall Rummage Sale** sponsored by our **parish council** will be held on **Saturday, October 1** , from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and **Monday, October 3**, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., followed by clean up and putting away tables.

Our Rummage Sale and the Salvation Army will not accept the following items: underwear (men/women), wigs, used hygiene products, encyclopedias, broken furniture/broken household items.

You may begin to bring your clean clothing and workable items to the **parish center** beginning **Monday September 12** and every day thereafter from **8 a.m. to 7p.m.**

Final set up for the sale will be on Thursday, September 29 at 5:30 p.m. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Please when you bring items place them on a table, if possible, thereby eliminating bending down to pick them up. Also, tables will be labeled of where things should go.

P.S. Volunteers will be needed after mass on September 11 to set up tables for the sale.

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**Coffee Fellowship will resume on Sunday, September 11. 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.

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At this time, the **status** of our **Sunday School/Religion classes** and **monthly confessions** for **youth** and **children** will be **put on hold** until **FDR's pending surgery** is done.

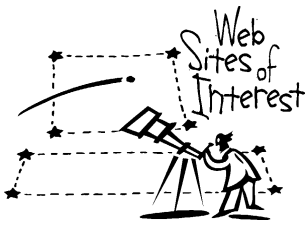
However, this is not a free pass to not attend Sunday Mass. **Confirmation classes** will be **scheduled** for the **fall of 2023**. **Parents** are to be **responsible** in **seeing** that their **children** and **teenagers** along with **themselves** are **present** at **Sunday Mass**.

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I would be **very remiss** if I did not **acknowledge** the **parish family members** who have **supported** the **parish** during **these times**: to those who **do attend** and are **attending Sunday mass**, to those who are **supporting** the **financial needs** of the **parish** either in **person** or by **mail**.

All of the **above tends to strengthen** and **maintain** the **parish life** that we can **continue** with the **life** of our **parish** during these **abnormal times**. **FDR**





The following are **church web-sites** that you might be **interested in exploring**:  
National Catholic Church - [pncc.org](http://pncc.org) - Central Diocese of the NCC:  
[centraldiocesepncc.org](http://centraldiocesepncc.org), All Saints Parish: [allsaintsncc.org](http://allsaintsncc.org) - Polish National Union:  
[www.pnu.org](http://www.pnu.org).

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## Things to do List



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 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 our 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**.

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## church e-mail directory



We are **continuing to accept parish family members contact information** for our **emergency notification system**. This **system has been utilized to alert and notify parish members of last minute changes in schedules** and will **send email and/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 \_\_\_\_\_

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In an **attempt to lower our postage expenses**, we are going to **try to make available the parish monthly newsletter to those who would like to receive it via e-mail**. If you are **interested**, please **e-mail your name and e-mail address to: [rgblakeslee@stny.rr.com](mailto:rgblakeslee@stny.rr.com)**. If there is enough **interest** we would **institute this type of newsletter distribution in the fall**.

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**Best wishes and God's Blessings** are extended to **Kevin Cushner and Domenica Scarapicchia** who were **united in Holy Matrimony on August 13**.







## **HELP WANTED!!!!!! ALL SAINTS NEEDS YOU !!!!!**

Prayerfully, your parish is asking those who are physically able to make your parish more of a part of your routine above and beyond the one hour a week you attend mass. The parish is asking, begging, entreating those of you from the parish family to become more involved in the life of the parish if you have not been. There are many ways you can help, regardless of your age. The success and growth of our parish depends on those who volunteer their help. God has given all of us special talents; we each need to find the time to give back to God, and you can do that through your parish participation with the following: ★attendance at mass, ★being a part of the Parish Choir, ★Mens Society, ★Altar Server, ★Parish Council, ★Lay Reader during Advent and Lent, ★helping at Fund raisers, ★church greeters.

We do a lot as a parish - but there is so much more we could do as a parish family if we had more help.

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The **Polish National Union** was founded **114 years ago** in Scranton, PA, by the late **Prime Bishop Francis Hodur** and his co workers. The **PNU** is our Church's **Fraternal Insurance Company** which is the **oldest form of insurance on record..** People of similar religions, beliefs, occupations, or heritage banded together for self protection in the form of a Fraternal Insurance Company. They were the first to insure the common individual, they were the first to insure women, and they were the first to insure children.

In today's world, the **PNU** finds that it has become a niche or specialty insurance company. We try not to be everything for everybody but what we do, we do very well.

*Some of the benefits offered to our members include membership in our Credit Union, educational stipends, educational scholarships, support of the church seminary, and various other local church/civic events.* There is literature on the entrance table in the vestibule or contact Fr. Ruda for further information.

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With the beginning of **September**, the **Parish Council** would like to remind those who have **not fulfilled** their **membership obligations** for **2022** to please **consider doing so** when your **time and conditions permit.**

Membership fees are **175.00** for a family unit -**\$100.00** for a single unit. These obligations may be paid in the parish office on **Sundays** either **before or after mass.**

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At this point in my **pastoral career** 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.



**September**

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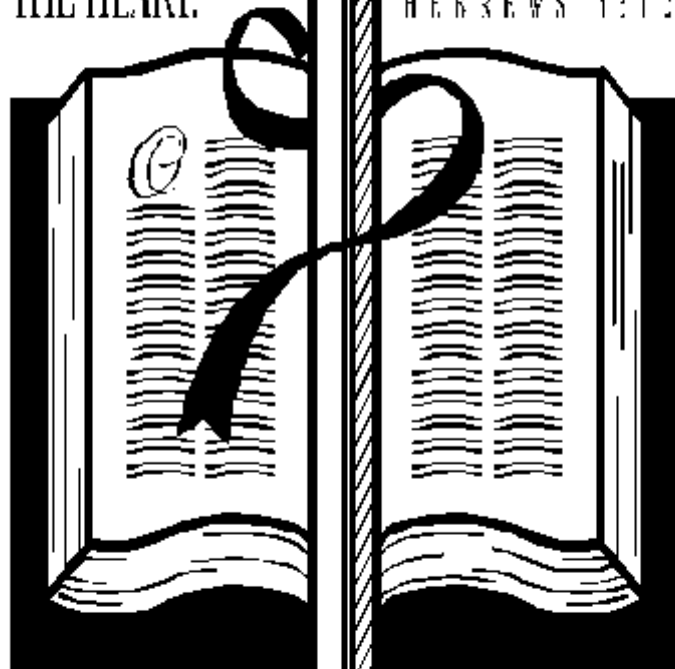
**ATTITUDES**



**September**

FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS LIVING &  
 ACTIVE, SHARPER THAN ANY DOUBLE-  
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 THOUGHTS AND ATTITUDES OF  
 THE HEART.

HEBREWS 1:12



Hopefully your summer months were **enjoyable** with your **family members** and **soaking** in the **sun** and **warmth** of the **season**.

With **Labor Day** upon us, the **unofficial end** of **summer** has arrived.

**Now it is time to journey back to church**, its **activities** and **responsibilities**.

It is **no secret** that **people's attitude** of **church-attending** and **working at church** has hit a **downward spiral**. We are **witnesses** to that **type of attitude** here at **All Saints**. Our **summer Sunday church attendance** was **poor**, which has **reflected** on our **church offerings** and **volunteerism**. **But there is always room for improvement and getting back in the right groove**.

Our parish was always viable, full of activities and people in church for mass and services. However, over the past few years that has changed. **Why?** The only answer that I can think of is **"attitudes"**.

The church does not begrudge people of rest and relaxation of mind and body. There is a time for fun but also a time to be an active part of the church.

**The following Lesson reading** according to St. Paul states **"do not conform to the ways of this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you may judge what is God's will, what is good, pleasing and perfect."**

The attitude of our present day society's standard is leading us down a blind alley - lack of social morality, ignoring the Ten Commandments of God, and the list can go on.

**Sunday, September 11**, will be a day where you can make a decision and change your attitude (if an volunteer is needed). We will be starting up our normal routine of the church with its fund raising, society work, and doing what is positive and wholesome.

**Prayerfully, beginning on September 11 and for the ages to come, I will see a change of "attitude" for the betterment of our parish and generations to come.** FDR









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Back to School

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