

# St. Mary's of Parma, OH Monthly Newsletter

A PARISH OF THE WESTERN DIOCESE OF THE POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Ceremony (MC). He was assigned mostly to Bp. Rafalko, helping to make sure the liturgy progressed smoothly, bringing in and taking out appropriate items, forming processions, etc.

God bless Bishop Jerry as the new bishop of our Western Diocese of the Polish National Catholic Church!

ens used in the consecration liturgy. This included the purificator that was used to bind Bp. Jerry's hands during the ritual. Many attending clergy were jealous of the homemade linens, especially at the custom sizes that the Repede's created.

Deacon Jim (accompanied by wife Elaine) served as the Deacon of the Mass. His responsibilities were what we are used to seeing here: he assisted at Mass with the chalice, wine & water; he proclaimed the Holy Gospel, and he assisted in the incensing of the faithful.

Fr. Jason served as a Master of



## A Holy Day

On Monday, September 14 at 2pm, Bishop-Elect Jaroslaw Rafalko was consecrated to the episcopacy of the Polish National Catholic Church. Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky served as Consecrator, while Bishop John Mack and Bishop Paul Sobiechowski served as the official "co-consecrators."

While *God's Field/Rola Boza* has a longer write up of the momentous event, we want to provide the touch of St. Mary's on the celebration.

Elaine & Martha Repede served to create the lin-



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## PolishFest 2020

What an event! With some adjusting on-the-fly, the adjusted drive-thru PolishFest 2020 went off without a hitch...well, maybe a couple hitches!

The first sign of what was to come was that our little ad on Facebook went viral, to the tune of over 200,000 impressions! Our original plans for food were upgraded....and upgraded again. It became very difficult to plan.

With a 4pm start time set for September 4, it became obvious something was up, as cars lined up beyond the surrounding streets over an hour before start. Sales had to be halted at 6pm, an hour before the scheduled time, with the last meal served hours later. In total, 693 dinners & 43 kielbasa sandwiches were served on our first day, which was great...but it depleted our stock, making us postpone our second day for a few weeks.

As seen on the flyer here, we revved up for day 2 on September 26, from 3-5pm. Unfortunately,

ly, the turnout wasn't quite as strong, with only 500 or so meals served in the 2+ hour window.

Overall, it was a testament to the unpredictability of social media and response to a fundraiser! We were so busy, the only picture we have was of cars in the lot.

We pray for a "normal" PolishFest next year. Meanwhile, thanks to all who helped prepare, serve, clean, lead, perform, park, or enjoyed our 2 day festival.



# PolishFest DRIVE THRU

SEPTEMBER 26TH 3:00 P.M.- 5:00 P.M.

ST. MARY'S PNCC 5375 BROADVIEW RD, PARMA, OH

ENTER VIA WEXFORD AVE (FOLLOW SIGNS)

## Accordion Bill LIVE

NO PRE-ORDERS LIMITED MEALS AVAILABLE CASH OR CREDIT

### FAMILY PLATTER \$40

12 POTATO PIEROGI  
4 GOLUBKI & MASHED POTATOES  
4 SMOKED KIELBASA LINKS  
KIELBASA & KRAUT  
CABBAGE & NOODLES  
CUCUMBERS IN SOUR CREAM

### PIEROGI PLATTER \$13

4 POTATO PIEROGI  
1 SMOKED KIELBASA LINK  
KIELBASA & KRAUT  
CUCUMBERS IN SOUR CREAM

2 PLATTERS FOR \$25  
\*MIX & MATCH

### KIELBASA SANDWICH \$5

1 SMOKED KIELBASA SANDWICH  
WITH SAUERKRAUT

### GOLUBKI\* PLATTER \$13

2 GOLUBKI & MASHED POTATOES  
KIELBASA & KRAUT  
CABBAGE & NOODLES  
CUCUMBERS IN SOUR CREAM

\*STUFFED CABBAGE

NO SUBSTITUTIONS, PLEASE

### ← Post Insights

**Our 7th Annual PolishFest is coming soon! Please check out o...**  
August 27 at 5:21 PM  
Posted by Jason Soltysiak

VIEW POST >

203.6K  
People Reached

23.8K  
Engagements

### Engagement

- Reactions 5,757 >
- Comments 2,761 >
- Shares 1,755
- Photo Views 4,872
- Link Clicks 136
- Other Clicks 8,563



## Western Diocese Clergy Conference & Retreat

The need for clergy to come together in conference and retreat is abounding. There is often a loneliness to ministry, as much of the work in the vineyard of our Lord is done by oneself, with the Holy Spirit in tow!

The Clergy Conference & Retreat of the Western Diocese took place September 21-23 at Cardinal Stritch Retreat Center in Mundelein, IL. Most of the conference and the entirety of the retreat were available on the video conferencing Zoom app.

The event began one week to the day after our Diocesan Bishop's holy consecration to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the Major Holy Orders, the episco-

pate. Bishop Rafalko was ready to lead this conference in a new way, having done so as the elected Chair of the Clergy Conference for the last number of years.

The conference and retreat consist of a balance of liturgical worship, prayer, retreat, meeting, conferencing, and social time.

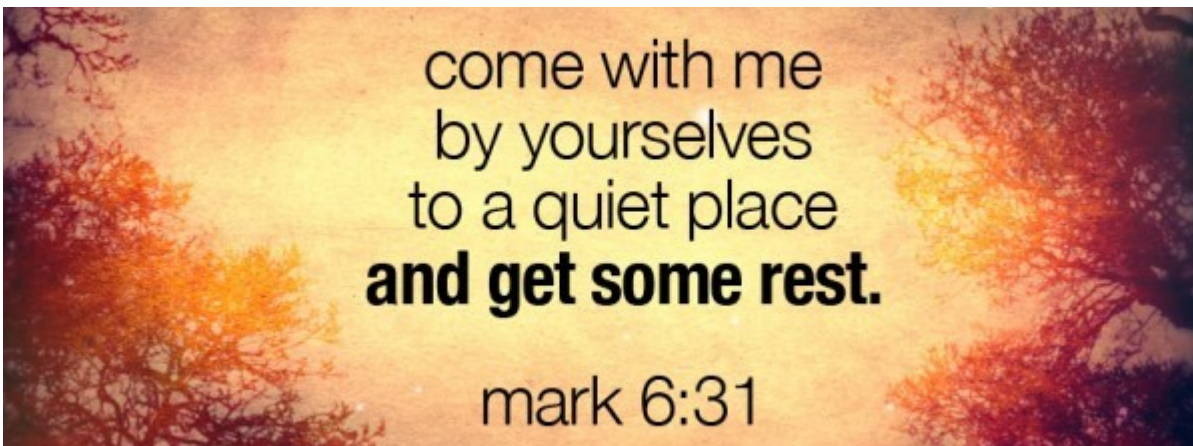
A penitential service was offered, as was Holy Mass each morning. The conference allowed for the election of Very Rev. Charles Zawistowski as the new chairman of the clergy conference.



CLERGY  
RETREAT

Fr. Jason led the retreat portion remotely via the Zoom App. He led a virtual "tour" of the Polish National Catholic Church, which included 3 stops at parishes of each American Diocese, for a total of 12. Scripture, prayer, and a ministerial reflection were offered at each stop.

Plans are already in place to hold next year's function at the same facility, perhaps with some chance for remote attendance as well.





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Our Organization!  
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**COMMUNITY CASH BACK**

Help Our Organization  
**EARN 5% CASH BACK!**

# IT'S EASY!

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1. Buy store brands at your local *Fresh Market* and save your register receipts from **August 6, 2020 – December 26, 2020.**  
*Invite your friends and family to save receipts!*
  2. Place your receipts in our collection box by February 1st.

Collection Box  
**LOCATION**

**EARN 5%**  
**COMMUNITY CASH BACK**  
On These Acme Fresh Market Store Brands:



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with Your peace, strength and courage. May your gifts of wisdom and understanding, fortitude and counsel be sought and utilized by them for the well-being of all people. By their belief and trust in You may they provide capable leadership, promote unity and peace, and be attentive to the concerns of all people. May Your Church provide support and comfort; and help strengthen our hope for peace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PNCC Future Direction is on Facebook! Like us and follow our updates on Facebook too. If you know of parishioners or friends who are not a part of our monthly email updates – please have them email us at [FutureDirection@pncc.org](mailto:FutureDirection@pncc.org) to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
**PNCC Supreme Council Future Direction Committee**

### Various Announcements

#### PHONES IN CHURCH

As we are still in the midst of this pandemic and adjusting to these temporary rules, please feel free to use your silenced phone to follow along with Mass at church. Much of the prayers, readings, etc. are sent out before Sunday Mass, giving you the option to print or read from your phone.

#### NEWSLETTERS

Looking for positive news! If you have anything to share about yourself or a family member, let us know, so we can pass on the good news to our parishioners. The good Lord knows we can use some good news in our lives.

#### POLISHFEST DAY 2

Objectively, the second day of our PolishFest was one of our most successful events. It was well-run, well-planned, mistakes were corrected from Day 1...we just didn't have the same turnout. It is pretty crazy to be somewhat disappointed in selling 500-ish dinners...but the bar was high! Over the two days of PolishFest 2020 in our updated Drive-Thru format, we sold over 1000 individual meals.

#### UPDATE ON MASS SCHEDULE

The current plan for Sunday Mass scheduling is to continue the balance of outdoor and indoor Mass through October. There is a portion of our people who are not comfortable attending inside yet, and we want to

make sure they are ministered-to before the weather becomes intolerable for a Sunday morning. We also will keep Polish Mass on a monthly basis, the first Sunday of the month at 10:30am.

#### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In October we use the 3rd Eucharistic Prayer/Canon of St. Basil.

#### DRIVE THRU DINNER

We will be having a drive-thru dinner on Friday, October 23 from 4-6pm, when we plan on serving an Oktoberfest style meal: sausage, soft pretzel, (root) beer, etc. Please keep your eyes open for updates!

#### EMAIL LIST - NEWSLETTERS

As Covid-19 restrictions continue, we are reaching out to the congregation to perhaps, once again, save the church a few bucks each month. We have an email list that we are always trying to keep current- if you would rather receive your monthly newsletter digitally, and forgo the printed or mailed copy, please let us know and we will make it happen!

#### DO YOU SHOP AT ACME?

St. Mary's recently signed up for Acme's Community Cash back program. From now until December 26, please place any receipt from ACME that includes any ACME brands in the parish collection bin – we will receive 5% back from each item purchased! A "tiny-effort" fundraiser

for our parish. It applies to any local ACME – see the flyer within this newsletter.

#### CHURCH WIFI

The church wi-fi is in process of being updated is available in certain new spots around the facility. It is "St. Mary's Guest" and the password is : 11111111.

#### SOCL/SUNDAY SCHOOL

Unfortunately, we have had an issue getting things together to bring the 2020-21 SOCL year into fruition. If anyone would like to be helpful in offering lessons, either in-person or online, please reach out to Fr. Jason – we cannot neglect the spiritual formation of our children, especially at this difficult time.

#### PARISH COMMITTEE (BOARD)

Though the parish committee just met on September 27, we made the decision to have a quick turnaround and have our next meeting at 10:30 on Sunday, October 11. Members, please plan on attending this short meeting.

#### INVESTITURES

At the recent Diocesan Synod, two priests were chosen to be elevated to the rank of Senior Priest- Rev. Charles Zawistowski of St. Mary's in South Bend, IN, and Rev. John Kowalczyk of St. Michael the Archangel in Cedar Lake, IN. Fr. Charles will be elevated on Sunday, October 11 and Fr. John's date is TBA.

#### IN RECOGNITION

Thank you to the special volunteers who have made sure the flowers in the beds on the church property were so well-tended to this year. Bog Zaplac!

## Remember When?

Two members of the PNCC Western Diocese, attending the 1976 Youth Convocation at Westfield State College in Westfield, MA.

(Yes, Fr. Jason's hometown...no, he wasn't born yet!).

Any guesses to who these two may be? Drop an email and let us know!



## Food Ministry Update

The response by our Food Ministry Committee has strengthened over the course of the Covid-19 pandemic.

With Deacon Jim's leadership, meals have been served by the crew (Patti D., Patty B., Kenny P., Mak Mak P., George B.) and a neighbor has worked to continue to help us provide our community with "day-old" Panera Bread samplings— bread, bagels, and desserts...for free!

After averaging between 55-70 monthly meals pre-pandemic, the following has been served, by month,

as we've gone weekly:

April: 109, May: 131, June: 161, July: 207, August: 235, September 292!

There have been cases where we have ran out of cooked food, and a light pantry has been built to help cover these and other day-to-day needs of our community. Please reach out to Deacon Jim if you'd like to assist in any way with this selfless, no-questions-asked ministry.



*Meal Ministry*

## Scheduled Mass Intentions at St. Mary's

October 4– Steve Temesi of. by wife Patty

October 11– Sophie & Martin Szpilka of. by son John

October 18– Casey & Wanda Putynski of. by daughter Carole

October 25– Bruno Tracy of. by Bill Zychowski

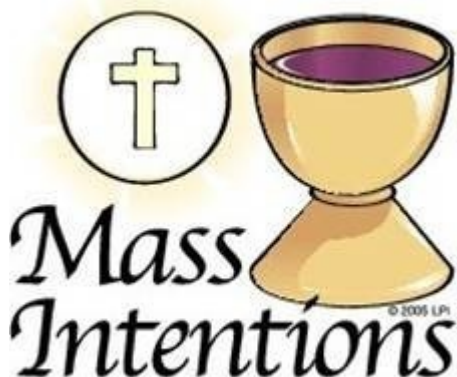
November 1—Paul & Loretta Kazinetz of. by family

November 8– Available Intention

November 15-Hanna Pryer of. by husband Len

November 22-Ann Stepanik of. by son Gene

November 29– Available Intention

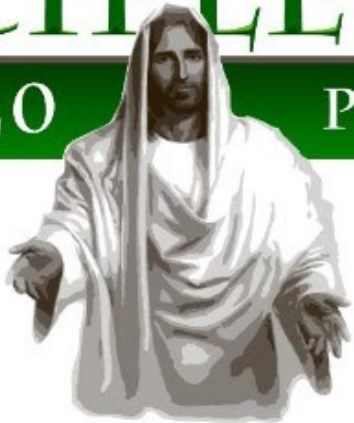


PNCC Future Directions Update

# DISCIPLESHIP

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## September 2020 - The Holy Theotokos: Humility, Gentleness, Compassion, and every Virtue

As we prepare to celebrate the solemnity of the Christian Family and continue to pray for healing, health and love for our nation and the world; this month on our discipleship journey we focus on the Blessed Virgin Mary – The Mother of God.

[Click Here to watch a short video message on The Holy Theotokos by Bishop Jaroslaw Rafalko](#)

### Scriptures for Reflection

Luke 1:26-56, 2:1-19; John 19:25-30; Acts 1:13-14, 2:1-4

### Questions for Reflection:

The Mother of God is the first and greatest disciple of her Son, faithful from the Annunciation to the Ascension and then still prayerfully present with the Church at Pentecost. How can you better emulate her consistent faithfulness to God when faced with both great sorrows and times of joy?

Name a few important “discipleship qualities” that our Blessed Mother demonstrates?

Which one would you personally like to better emulate?

How can you begin to practically do so in your daily life?

How can you, as a disciple, help others take their relationship with our Lord more seriously?

### Prayer in Time of National Anxiety

Let us pray.

I come to You, Lord, in this time of uncertainty and confusion that has gripped our nation and our world. I pray that our leaders and representatives in government are filled



**October Days of Note**



**October**

- 5 - Eileen Cashmere
- 7 - Elaine Repede
- 9 - Nancy Roharik
- 10 - Greg Hodor
- 17 - Michael D'Arcy
- 18 - Ron Roharik
- 23 - James Boehlein
- 25 - Bruce Bogzevitz
- 25 - Jim Nemec
- 30 - Krysta Kurzynski
- 31 - Marlane Oleniacz
- 31 - Patty Temesi



*Happy Anniversary*

**October**

- 3 - Jack & Lolly Spilka
- 4 - Jeff & Amy Dreger
- 5 - Pete & Debbie Moritz

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**"When Autumn Leaves Begin to Fall"**

When autumn leaves begin to fall  
I think of Him most of all  
Colors bursting with the sun  
Rays shine down on everyone.

There is a leafy autumn smell  
I walk on softness where they fell  
Floating gently to the ground  
Touching down without a sound.

Animal are scurrying to and fro  
Instinctively the creatures know  
The leaves scattered everywhere  
Beautifies a place once bare.

Rising up to the bluest sky  
A tree looks down, creaks a sigh  
Nestled in her hollowed place  
Life will wait through winter's race.

When the tress at last have shed  
Sturdy branches though not dead  
Beneath the earth roots hold tight  
Tall and stately through the night.

When autumn leaves begin to fall  
The Father orchestrates it all  
Blooms in waiting seem to say  
He is coming back someday.

Again dressed in a formal gown  
Branches filled and hanging down  
See the miracle of God once more  
Birds leap from her branch to soar.

Here I stand in wonder of this  
A soft wind blows to me a kiss  
My spirit tells my mind to hush  
Peace abounds in Christ for us.

The seasons change, come and go  
But this is what I truly know  
When autumn leaves begin to fall  
I think of Him most of all.

**Our Prayer List**

Praying for St. Mary's Parishioners & Friends

- |                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bill & Pat Glatzer       | Barbara Baranowski       |
| Bill Kastak              | Anna Dawidziuk           |
| Craig Atherton           | John Spilka              |
| Johanna Markiewicz       | Mary Ann Loschelder      |
| Ralph & June Zaun        | Len Pryer                |
| Marty Bengela            | Tom Putynski             |
| Polly Gajda              | Millie Dominik           |
| Kathleen Beres           | Louise Cygan             |
| David Micka              | Carol Hreha              |
| Chester & Ann Warzala    | Tom Petrie               |
| Amy Dreger               | Patti Dotson             |
| Elizabeth Starnawski     | Jack Spilka              |
| Elaine Repede            | John Radon               |
| Wanda Clark              | Beth Chihill             |
| Michael Cosevin          | Helen Cummings           |
| Laina Dachtal            | Wendy Andrzejewski       |
| Jay Grabowsky            | Pam Chesar               |
| Cecelia Hall             | Caroline Kunes           |
| Linda Marks              | Thomas Lill              |
| John & Anne Nemetz       | Rhonda Smith             |
| Emma Freshwater          | Carol Boesch             |
| Joanie True              | Daniel Rinella           |
| Fr. Tom Sheha            | Tom Slomka               |
| Gerri S.                 | Ben Soltesy              |
| Pam Tropiano             | Linda Vect               |
| Dennis and Sue Vect      | Marcus Vaughn, Jr.       |
| Bryson Dzurroff          | Fr. Sr. Joseph Soltysiak |
| Kelly B                  | Jane Hunter              |
| Dennis Thome             | The Finnie Family        |
| Carlene Fliss            | Jim Fliss Jr.            |
| John Michalczyk          | Cathy Pieciak            |
| Nan Cramer               | Bp. John Mack-           |
| David Vaden              | Bp. John Swantek         |
| Mary Cawley              | Richard & Edna Samelson  |
| Jim Giles                | Tammy Teubl              |
| Wanda Heffner            | Loretta Baldwin          |
| Donna Kidd               | Paulette Lilli           |
| Anthony Grad             | Azriel G.                |
| Marilyn Girard           | Courtney Austin          |
| Stephanie Milla          | Shannon Alberino         |
| Jayden Pieciak           | Baby Layla               |
| Jeremy Steinbrick        | Katie Stallbaum          |
| Marcia Klein             | Kim Penney               |
| George & Linda Makovicka | Julie L.                 |
| Barbara B.               | Patrick Kmitt            |
| Michael McGivern         | Daniel Morgan            |
| Barb & Jim Lucas         | Renee Lucas              |

WE ALSO REMEMBER  
ALL ACTIVE & RETIRED CLERGY  
ALL SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN  
Bless them, O Lord.

*Kathleen Higham*