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SOLEMNITY of the CHRISTIAN FAMILY
October 11, 2026

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Mass Intention for this for this Sunday is available. If you have your own, please see Fr. Paul before the Mass.

Our Families: A Gift from God

This Sunday's readings remind us of the beauty and responsibility of family life. **Family is a precious gift** where we learn to love, respect, forgive, and care for one another. Sirach reminds us to remain faithful to God, especially during difficult times, while St. Paul encourages children to respect their parents and parents to treat their children with patience and care. In the Gospel, we see Mary and Joseph searching anxiously for Jesus, and then returning with Him to Nazareth, where He *'was obedient to them.'*

Our families today also face many challenges. Things do not always go as we wish, and life can bring stress, worries, and misunderstandings. But God calls us to remain patient, forgive one another, and never stop caring. **Our homes become stronger when God's love, prayer, and respect find a place in our daily lives.** – So, let us pray this week for our families and ask God to help us make our homes places where peace, faith, respect, and love dwell. *- Fr. Paul*

***We are Catholic community** called to serve God and others through Eucharist, prayer, education, and daily living of the Gospel values. **Everyone is always welcome to worship with us** in our beautiful church. It is a house of prayer for all, who with sincere heart desire to praise the only God, our Father in heaven.*

For those who are new to our church (and even those who aren't!) To follow along with the **Mass, begin on page 63 in the Mass booklet.** Father will announce which page to turn to for the Canon at the appropriate time.

Reception of the Holy Eucharist - Baptized Christians who **believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist and are in a state of grace**, free from mortal sin, are invited to partake of this Holy Sacrament with us. – If you are unable to receive the Precious Blood, please alert Father before Mass so that he is aware of the situation. If you would like to receive only a blessing from Father instead of Communion, come to the altar rail with your arms crossed, palms on shoulders. **Come and let us be one with our Lord.**

Can't get to Mass? The National Cathedral in Scranton and the Eastern Diocesan Cathedral have YouTube channels to which you can subscribe. Both channels archive the weekly Mass for later viewing. So, if you're away from home, or shut-in at home, you can still see a Mass from our Church. Check them out – https://www.youtube.com/@ststanislauscathedral

Pastoral Care Visit. The two great Sacraments: Eucharist & Holy Anointing may be a source of grace and health for a sick person. So, if you are confined at home or have a family member at hospital or nursing home unable to take part in Sunday Mass and Sacraments, please notify the father to set the day and time for pastoral visit.

In emergency call directly Fr. Paul @ 475-208-4455.

Our Eastern Diocese newsletter, '***The Messenger***' is available on the diocesan website. Please find the link to the latest issue (and archived issue) at the following address: Newsletters - Eastern

Want to request a Mass? Please contact Fr. Paul or call the rectory at (203) 729-4035. **Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living**. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin. **We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.**

If you feel that you have experienced in some ways God's blessing in your life, maybe it is important to share with others what you have received from Him. - In your generosity, please consider a donation or bequest to Holy Saviour Parish.
Thank you. May God continue His blessing upon you. -

CHRISTAIN FAMILY: A PLACE OF LOVE AND FAITH

The Catholic Church teaches that the family is one of God's greatest gifts and the foundation of a healthy society. It is the first place where we learn to love, forgive, share, take responsibility, and care for others. The Church calls the Christian family a **"domestic church"** because the home can be a place where faith is lived every day.

Parents have a special and sacred responsibility to raise their children in the Catholic faith. They are the **first teachers of their children in matters of faith**. This responsibility begins with bringing children to Mass, teaching them to pray, helping them learn about Jesus and His Church, and guiding them to understand the importance of the Sacraments and Christian living.

But children learn faith not only from what their parents tell them. They learn especially from what they **see**. When children see their parents pray, attend Mass faithfully, speak respectfully, forgive others, help those in need, keep their promises, and turn to God during difficult times, they are learning what it means to live as a Catholic. **Our example often teaches more powerfully than our words**.

The family is also a place where we learn to care for others. We learn that children, parents, grandparents, the elderly, and the sick all have dignity and value. A Christian home should be a place where each person can feel: **"I am loved. I belong. I matter."**

We do not need to do extraordinary things to build a healthy Christian family. We can begin with simple things: **pray together, eat a meal together, listen to one another, forgive quickly, help one another, attend Mass, and make time for those who need us.** Most importantly, let our children see that our Catholic faith is not something we practice only on Sunday, but something that shapes the way we live every day.

A Christian family becomes a blessing not only to itself, but also to the parish and the wider community. **When Christ is welcomed into our homes, our homes can become places where His love is experienced and shared with others. The faith we live today can become the faith our children carry into the future.**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

➧ ***Healing Service** with **Sacrament of Anointing** will be held this week on **Wednesday**, October 14th, at **7:00 PM.***

➧ ***Parish Committee Monthly Meeting** will be held **next Sunday, October 18th**, after Mass.*

➧ ***'TASTE of POLAND'** returns and will be held this month on **Saturday, October 24th,** between **11:00AM-2:30PM**. The smell of Polish food is in the air once again. This is an opportunity for all to enjoy the taste of delicious Polish food. **Please advertise this event** among your friends, relatives and neighbors and **bring them to our food festival**!*

➧ ***We are collecting raffle prices for 'Taste of Poland'. If you could please bring any donation to the church hall by Sunday, October 11th,** it would be greatly appreciated. This will give us time to arrange the raffle tables. If you have any **questions, please contact Rory Carlson or Janet Tropeano**. Big thanks in advance for all your generosity.*

➧ *We are also collecting **donations for lottery tickets this Sunday and next one, October 11th**. Either **ticket or cash donation, if you prefer**, would be very appreciated. Thank you.*

➧ ***Quarter Night – Saturday, November 14th**. We are starting to collect items for this fundraiser event. **We need to collect 100-120 items** as it was in past years. All items must be unused, in original condition, preferably packaged and clean. Thank you.*

➧ ***"Wine of the Month" raffle. The next draw will be held on Sunday, October 25th**. Tickets are still available, **$2 each**, or **3 for $5**, and are on sale during coffee hour each Sunday.*

➧ ***Heating of our church in Winter**. With the heating season approaching, we are beginning - as in previous years - to raise funds for this purpose. This is a FREE WILL donation. **Our goal is to raise at least $8,000**, because the price of oil is significantly higher compared to previous years. Specially designed envelopes are available in the church vestibule. **THANK YOU!***

THIS MONTH BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATE:

***Donna Warner** – October 12;*
***Nancy Mariano** – October 13;*

Please remember in your prayer those who are suffering, sick or confined at home, hospitals and nursing homes, especially our parishioners and friends: **Bp. Paul Sobiechowski**, **Fr. Henry Smilonski**, **Sarah Squezello**, **Logan**, **Debbie** & **Emil Caruso**, **Diane Szczesiul, Aiden Klein** and **John Huggins**.