



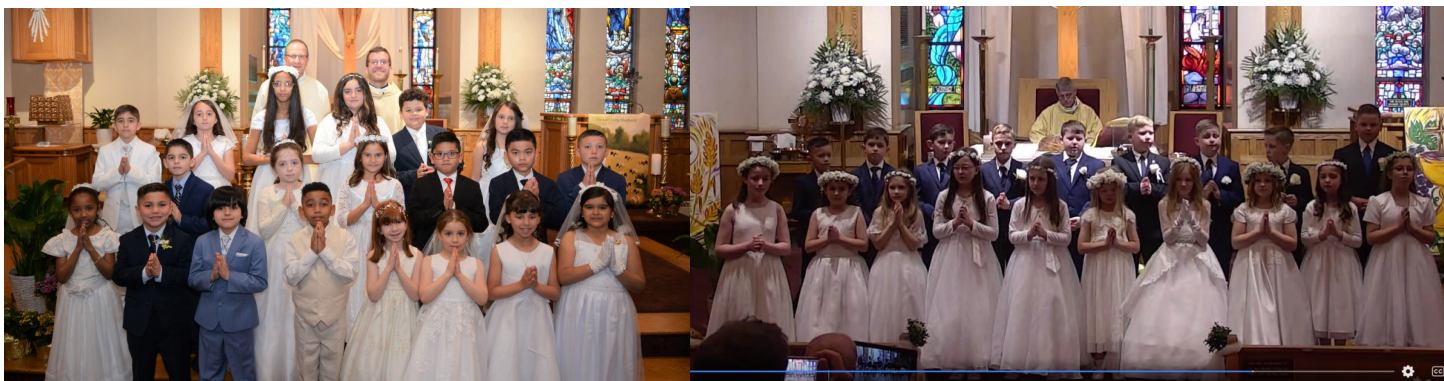
Church of Saint Luke Parish News

Summer 2022



The Church of Saint Luke celebrates the spiritual and educational growth of our children and youth, and we are grateful to all parents, teachers, friends and parishioners, especially our Faith Formation team, who guide them.

The First Communion of 20 of our parish children was held on May 8th. In addition to receiving the Blessed Sacrament for the first time, our children crowned the statue of Mary with flowers. And 19 of our Polish School children celebrated their First Communion in May as well. Our children, beautifully dressed and well prepared by their teachers and parents to celebrate this joyous occasion, deserve our prayers and good wishes. Congratulations! Gratulacje!



Celebrating Our Parish Youth



On May 19, Bishop Joseph Bambera confirmed 25 of our teenagers. As our Bishop said, this sacrament initiates fully all who receive it into the fullness of Christian life, and strengthens them to be witnesses for Jesus through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. Bishop Bambera urged these young adults to leave their mark of love on the world now and in the future. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit fill us all!

High school graduates Julia Beosze, Alyssa Cobb, Julia Jankowski, and Mark Ortiz, representing all those young adults in our St. Luke's community who celebrated graduation this spring, were recognized at the 9:30 Mass on June 12. Julia Beosze received a scholarship from the Knights of Columbus, and Father Quinnan presented Christian Witness Awards to Alyssa Cobb and Julia Jankowski. May God bless all graduates! Above articles written by Ellen Prudenti



THE ALPHA COURSE

explore the meaning of life!



Your invited!

What: **ALPHA and lunch**

When: Beginning **SEPTEMBER 11 at 12:00** for 12 weeks

Who: **ALL ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

Where: **BARRETT CENTER**

RSVP to Sean Farrell (570) 236-1070

Polish Community Celebrates Feast of Corpus Christi

Members of the Polish Community celebrated the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ) on June 19th at St Luke's Parish in Stroudsburg. Members of the congregation had made four altars, beautifully decorated with many flowers, banners, and pictures meant to honor Jesus Christ in this sacrament of the Eucharist. After the celebration of the Mass in Polish, congregants walked in procession to each of the altars, ringing bells and throwing flower petals, and offering prayers of thanksgiving. Remembering their Catholic heritage in Poland, many ethnic groups came to the celebration in regional attire. Father Sylwester Pierzak, a Polish priest from the Diocese of Paterson, NJ, presided at Mass and led the procession while carrying the Monstrance which enshrined the Blessed Sacrament. He is one of a small team of Polish priests who come to serve the growing Polish population in the Poconos. We are happy to have our parish home in St. Luke's Church. The doors of the church are open to us by our pastor, Father Michael Quinnan, Deacon Phil Zimich and entire pastoral staff.

Article written by Marcin Bienias



The Church of Saint Luke held its Parish Picnic on Saturday, June 25 in the Church's parking lot. It's a good thing there were tents for shade, because boy, was it hot! It was hot in the kitchen, too, as members of the Polish Community cooked up dozens and dozens of potato pancakes to compliment the usual burgers and hot dogs. While some of the children cooled off near the rubber duckie race pool-- run by some of the newly and soon to be confirmed teens--others people took it easy chatting under the shade or playing Pentecost Bingo. And the winners of our Raffle (cool cash!) were announced: Karlene Gulik, John McFassel, and Joseph & Eileen McCloskey. Father Quinnan led the crowd of nearly 200 people in a litany honoring the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. As one picnic attendant said, "It was good to see people in fellowship after so many months of isolation." Article written by Ellen Prudenti

Our Parish Facilities



Over the past year, we have taken care of some much needed building repairs and ground maintenance. Some projects were done due to emergency situations like the flooding of the Barrett Center Basement, the septic pumps calling it quits and replacing both the fire alarm and electricity panels. Some other projects we were able to do for preventive measures and a few others to improve the appearance of our parish complex. Through a grant award by the Diocese we were also able to purchase and install the TV monitor and projector inside the church to expand our broadcasting and communication needs.



We would like to thank those that generously contributed to our capital improvement and renovation campaign, it is finally happening! We have scheduled three renovation projects beginning in September/October and plan to complete these projects by January 2023. The front steps to the church, on Main Street will be replaced, the interior of the church will be painted and new carpeting will be installed. It was a long process of selecting contractors, waiting for approvals, and scheduling construction but it is finally here.

During renovations, the main church area will not be accessible. Parish life will continue as planned. All weekend masses will be held in the Jacques Center. Since the Jacques Center will be set up for the celebration of Mass, we ask everyone to please help maintain this setup. Parish activities are still encouraged and if you are participating in activities please return the chairs, tables etc. to their proper configuration for Mass.

The conference room in the Barrett Center will become a daily chapel. Daily Mass will be held there and will be made available for Eucharistic Adoration, silent prayer, and daily visits. Any meetings which currently use the conference room can work with the office to secure an alternative space.

St. Matthew's Parish and others will allow us to use their Churches for our funerals during this period. Please continue to schedule funerals, weddings, and baptisms with our office.

The Church of Saint Luke Parish Life



Our Religious Education classes begin September 18th. Please contact Lisa Marie Boesze at (570) 421-9097 or by email at religiouseducation@churchofsaintluke.org to register your child for next years classes. Enroll your children today so that they can fulfill the requirements to receive their sacraments. Give them the gift of belonging, the gift of faith, the gift of God's grace.