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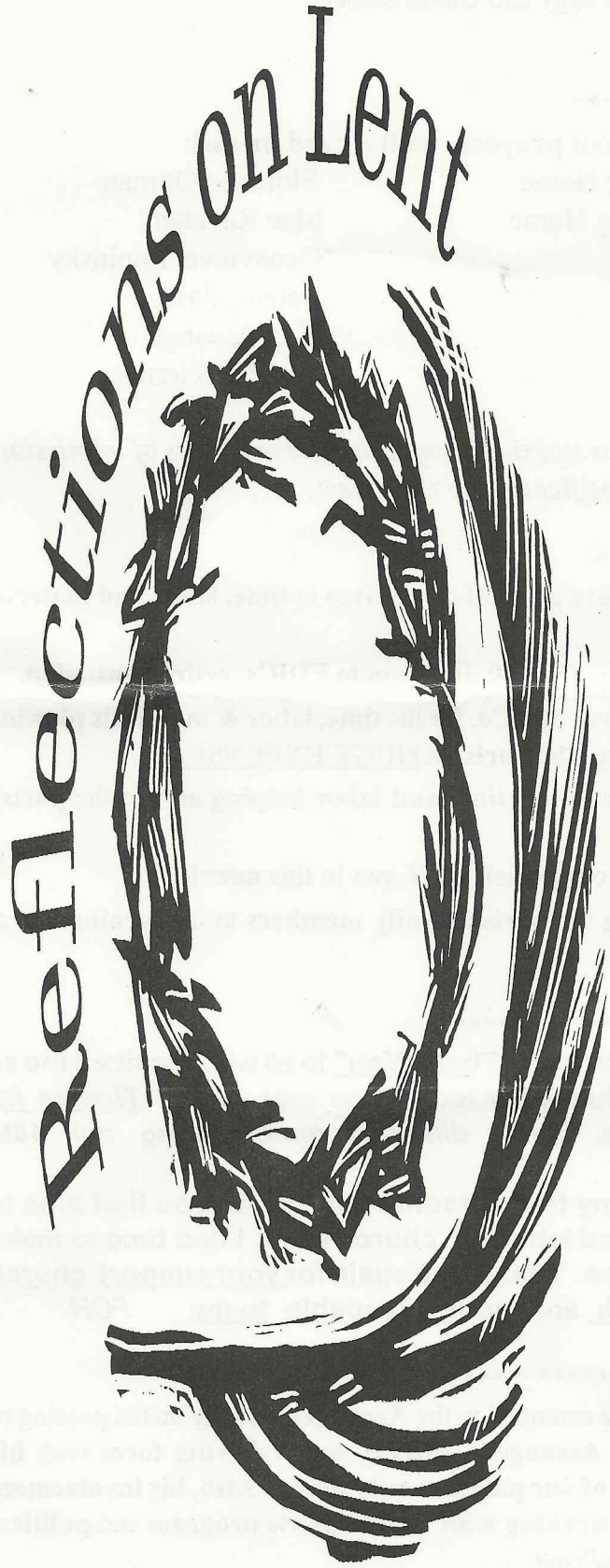
SEASON OF LENT



The Holy Season of Lent begins on February 14 with Ash Wednesday. This season presents an opportunity for us to contemplate our responsibilities and obligations as followers of Jesus Christ, who walked the road of suffering. This season of **Lent** calls us to walk with Jesus through the **last weeks** of **His earthly life,** to watch with Him as He meets tragedy, as He agonizes in the garden, as He is seized and bound, betrayed and deserted, mocked and scourged and led up the hill to Calvary. It calls us to listen to His voice as He speaks precious words before darkness falls and He dies, a ransom for mankind - **the Savior.**

During the 40 days of Lent, we should recognize within our own lives, our words, our thoughts, our deeds, reaffirming our contact with Jesus. Therefore, the main purpose of this Lenten article will be to turn us back and take us back to Jesus. The spiritual processes will begin with repentance and end in the glorious resurrection.

The **repentance** that is mentioned does not mean grieving for past mistakes, because that is dwelling in the past, and **our duty is to live in the present and make this moment right**. Worrying over past mistakes is remorse, and remorse is sin, for it is the refusal to accept God's forgiveness.

It would be a good thing for us to overhaul our habits and tendencies during the season of Lent, to maintain the integrity and efficiency of our character. The question in our case should be: ***Am I a good follower of Jesus Christ? Am I fulfilling my part of the mutual agreement with Jesus Christ?***

There was once a horse that ran away in the morning and did not return until evening. When the master unbridled him, the horse replied, "But here I am, returned safe and sound, You have your horse." "True", answered the master, "but my field is unplowed." **If a person turns to God in old age, God has a person, but He has been defrauded of the person's work.**

article by the late Very Rev. Louis Orzech.

† PARISH FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY †

Sunday, February 4 at 9:00 a.m.	+Frank, Edward, Steven and Ray Szczepanski, offered by a Friend
Sunday, February 4 at 9:00 a.m.	+Edward Nycz, offered by Family
Sunday, February 11 at 9:00 a.m.	+Richard and Barbara Plahanski, offered by Family
Sunday, February 11 at 9:00 a.m.	+Roger Camp, offered by Rev. Dennis & Elizabeth Ruda
Wednesday, February 14	**Ash Wednesday Services 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.** with **marking of foreheads** with **Ashes**
Sunday, February 18 at 9:00 a.m.	+Robert Miller and Kay Lynch, offered by Terri Miller
Sunday, February 25 at 9:00 a.m.	+Sophie Kokolas, offered by Peggy and David Steber
Wednesday, February 28 at 9:00 a.m.	Stations of the Cross

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God's Healing Touch

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

Joseph Nosal at Bridgewater Nursing Home
Jennie Kolba at Willow Point Nursing Home
Emil Kotasek at Ideal Living Center
Wanda Raychel Broczkowski
Edward and Vicky Ambrose
Alice Spach
Jean Chapin
Florence Ottman
Mae Raychel
Genevieve Lupinsky
Peter Zalaffi
Kay Arcangeli
Pam McKiernan

Privacy laws do not allow hospitals or nursing homes to inform priests of admission. Family members must make this notification to the priest.

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Pastor's Page

I acknowledge the following who have given of themselves in **time, labor and material offerings** to our **parish:**

☺ to **Gary & Pamela Himko** for their **$500.00 donation** to **FDR's retirement plan.**

☺ to **George Kolba Jr./Kolba Construction Co.** for his **time, labor & materials plowing** and **salting the parish complex saving the parish** a **HUGE EXPENSE.**

☺ to **Andy Stasko Jr./AMS Electric** for his **time and labor helping** around the **parish complex.**

☺ please be sure to **read and review** our **Parish BY-Laws** in this **newsletter.**

☺ to our **Men's Society** for **treating** the **parish family members** to an **evening out** at **Jonathan's Restaurant.**

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Thanks from the Heart

I would like to say a ***humble*** *and* ***gracious*** **"Thank You"** to all who **received me** so **warmly** and **kindly** into their **homes** during my recent **pastoral visits.** ***Thanks for everything, the food, refreshments, gifts, dinners, remembering my 48th Anniversary of Ordination.***

As you know, I make these **visits on my free personal time, so as you find time to attend church and donate your time and labor for church work, I find time to make these pastoral visitations to your homes. Thank You again for your support, church attendance and concern for our parish and your friendship to me.** *FDR*

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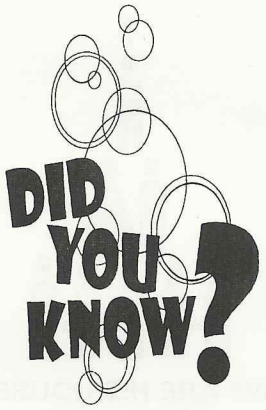
In Christian Sympathy

Words of **Sympathy and Condolences** are extended to the **Arcangeli Family** on the passing of our brother of blessed memory **+Mickey Arcangeli. Mickey** was a **driving force** with **his untiring plumbing labor** in the **building of our parish family center. Also, his involvement** in the **community, church, energy** in **his working with youth sports program** and **political scene** will be **missed.** - *May He Rest In Peace.*

Why are love letters signed with an **"X"** for a kiss? The custom dates back to the Christian era when a cross mark or **X** symbolized a sworn oath. The **cross was a religious symbol**, referring to the **cross of Calvary**. It is also **the first letter** of the **Greek word for Christ.**

People who could not write could used the **X** as a legal signature. Those who could write placed the cross after their signature to show good faith and honesty. To emphasize their sincerity in a formal agreement, the person was required to kiss the mark {as the Bible was frequently kissed when an oath was sworn upon it.} This practice of writing the **letter X led to its becoming a symbol for a kiss.**



LENTEN HISTORY

Lent became more regularized after the legalization of Christianity in **313 A.D.**

* **40 days** had special spiritual significance - **Moses** prepared for **40 days** and **nights** before receiving the **Ten Commandments** from **God.**
* **Elijah** walked "**40 days** and **40 nights** to the **mountain of the Lord.**
* **Jesus** fasted **40 days** and **nights** in the **desert** before **His Passion and Death**.
* Original **Lent** lasted **eight weeks** but was changed to **six weeks after Ash Wednesday** was instituted to accommodate the **40 day** period.

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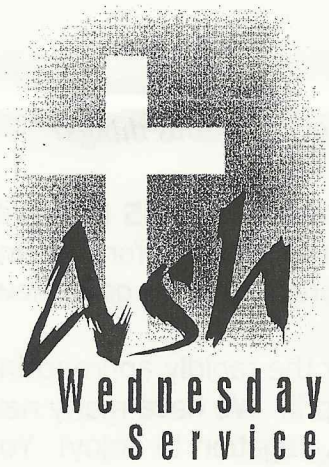

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

The **Holy Season of Lent** begins on **Wednesday, February 14 , with Ash Wednesday.** It is a **forty day period** of **self-renewal and sacrifice.** Also during this time we should **refrain from eating meat products on Wednesdays and Fridays as a part of fasting.**

The **following services** have been **scheduled** for **Ash Wednesday** for your **spiritual benefit:**

Wednesday, February 14 at 9:00 a.m. - **Stations of** the **Cross**, **Blessing** of **Ashes** and **marking** of **foreheads.**

Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m. - **Stations of the Cross** with **marking** of **foreheads**.

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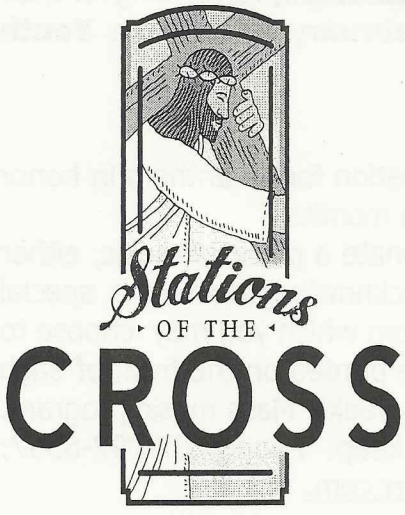
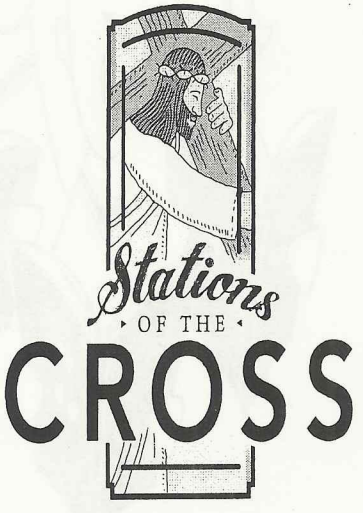


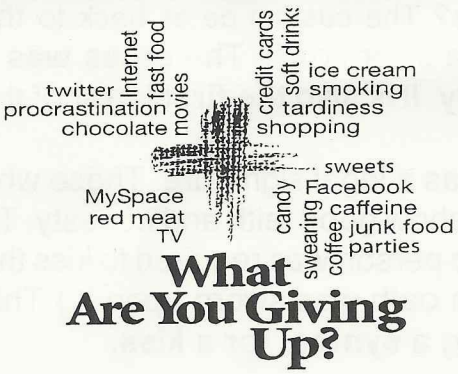
A part of the **Lenten Schedule of the church** during the **40 day period of Lent** is the **conducting** of the **devotion** of the **Stations of the Cross.**

This **service traces** the **last earthly steps** of **Jesus** before **His crucifixion** on the **cross.**

This year I would like to **alternate** this **service** between the **morning** and **evening hours:**

Wednesday February 28 at 9:00 a.m.
No service on March 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday March 14 at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday March 21 at 9:00 a.m





WHAT ARE YOU GIVING UP FOR LENT? - A part of the **Lenten tradition** is to **sacrifice something from our lives that we enjoy** to remember the **great sacrifice that Jesus made for us.**

There is a **two fold purpose** to this exercise: to **sacrifice and to show self control**.

The **forty days of Lent** begin with **Ash Wednesday and end with Holy Saturday March 31 at 12 noon. Sundays** during **Lent are not counted in the 40 days,** as **Sunday** is always a day reserved for worship to God. We also should **exclude meat products** from our **Wednesday and Friday meals** during **Lent.**

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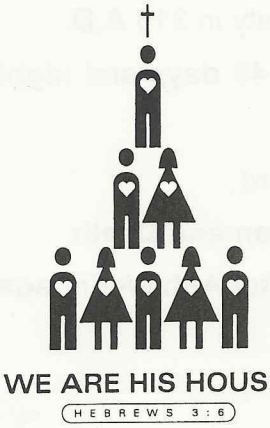
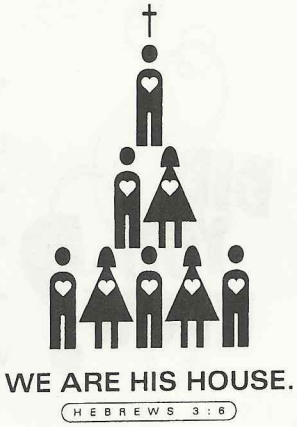


YOU ARE THE CHURCH

The **bricks** and **mortar**, the **pews,** and all that goes to make the building **are not** the **church.**

The **Church is YOU! You** are the **Church**. Its **strength** and its **weaknesses** are revealed in you. What you are, the church is also.

You are the Church, The **power** of its **devotion to God**, **truth** and **humanity** is the **measure of your devotion**. *You are the* ***church. Yours*** *is its* ***faith.*** *Its* ***worship*** *is expressed* through **you.** **No one can take your place.**



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MUSIC MINISTRY

"O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!" - Psalms 98:1

Our weekly choir rehearsals are on **Thursdays at 6:45 PM.** 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. Comfortable seats - good view.

The adult choir has been **rehearsing music** for the rapidly approaching Lenten season, all the way through the end of April. We have many new and inspiring (and exciting) anthems for the congregation to enjoy! You may listen to most of our Sunday anthems at **www.jwpepper.com.**

Our Sunday School students have been enthusiastically rehearsing for their performances with the **adult choir** on **February 11** and on **Youth Sunday (May 6).** *They're sounding great!*

MUSIC DONATIONS

Our thanks to Janet Ottman for her $25 donation for an anthem in honor of our choir, to be scheduled in the following months.

Please contact Betty Ruda if you'd like to donate a piece of music, either from yourself, for a memorial, or for an acknowledgment of a special occasion. There is a list of pieces of music from which you may choose to donate. Cost is $25 each. Your name will be printed on the front of each piece, in the monthly newsletter, and on the weekly Mass music program. You will also receive a copy of the music to keep. Phone 607-797-8357; text or call 607-759-9202; or email liz@stny.rr.com.

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PARISH BYLAWS

INTRODUCTION

Every true Christian should be an active Christian, taking an active part in the life of the Church, participating in its services of worship, listening to the preaching of the Word of God, sharing its good news with others in the community, partaking in the Sacraments of the Church, heeding the precepts of the Church, and laboring for the establishment of God's Church on earth.

The motto of the National Catholic Church is **"By Truth, Work and Struggle, We Shall Be Victorious".** The aim of the National Catholic Church is not to dominate the people but to serve, to help, to lead onward and upward toward the ultimate realization of God's Church on earth.

SPIRITUAL OBLIGATIONS TO THE PARISH

1. Each member of the Church (parish) is required to receive Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Penance at least twice a year, but especially during the Advent and Lenten seasons.
2. It is the duty of a parish family member who knows of any parish family member who is ill, or who desires to receive Holy Communion, to bring it to the attention of the pastor or a member of the Parish Council.
3. It is the duty of all member parents to raise their children in the light of Christian principles. A main way of fulfilling this duty is to urge the child or adolescent to attend the School of Christian Living (Sunday School) and all religious services and programs offered by the church. This also will maintain a closer relationship between child and parent.

MATERIAL OBLIGATIONS TO THE PARISH

1. Membership fees are set by the Parish Council and congregation during the yearly congregational meeting held in January. A family unit (husband and wife) and a single unit (widow, widower, and single) must pay these membership fees to be parish family members in good standing. A single person must become a member when financially independent.
2. Every adult member is required to have offering envelopes (or an assigned number) and use them. This helps to meet the current expenses of the parish. It is suggested that every member donate at least $3.00 per week, if possible, for the upkeep of the church, rectory, and parish hall.
3. Other contributions and donations for various projects and needs may be given of the member's own free will.
4. **If a member fails to meet the parish financial obligations without a reason acceptable to the Parish Council, membership in the parish will be canceled. If, however, the delinquent obligations are satisfied, membership, with its rights and privileges, will be restored.**
5. Every member fulfilling the required obligations shares in the rights and privileges guaranteed by these Bylaws.
6. **Burial in the parish cemetery is reserved for members in good financial standing with this PARISH or any NATIONAL CATHOLIC PARISH. A person who leaves the Church, neglecting the material**

obligations to the parish, will not be considered a member in good standing. The parish has the right to withdraw the cemetery deed, burial lot, and rights. If the deceased person's family is willing to satisfy the delinquent financial obligations, the right of burial in the cemetery will be reinstated, with the concurrence of the Parish Council. To satisfy the financial obligations *(as voted on and approved by the Parish Council on March 29, 1978)*, **"delinquent parish dues must be paid at the current rate up to a maximum of five years and $3.00* a week per envelope for 52 weeks for each year. This situation can occur only once; if it occurs a second time, fees must be paid as far back as they are delinquent. If the individual cannot pay, arrangements can be made through the Parish Council for payment."**

* The amount will be reviewed by the Parish Council annually and amended, if necessary, to adjust to the rate of inflation.

ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Members of the National Catholic Church are expected to appreciate the brotherhood of their church fellowship by becoming members of the various organizations and to respect and understand the aims and goals of the societies for the betterment of our National Catholic Church.

Our parish has many organizations for its members: Young Men's Society of Resurrection, Women's Society of the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Sunday School PTA, Christian Youth Group, altar servers, parish choir, Polish National Union of America Branch 73.

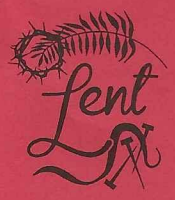
Bylaws were adopted on May 6, 1970.
Revisions to the Bylaws were made and passed on June 3, 1984, and January 21, 1996.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE PARISH FAMILY OF ALL SAINTS????

What makes you a member of the Christian Community? What makes Christian members of a Church? What makes you a member of your Church? **Support, Cooperation and Attendance** seem to be the most appropriate terms to use when measuring our membership in anything.

Either by birth or by your own conviction, you might be a member of All Saints Church, but only for the spoken record. But are you a true member? **a. Do you regularly attend church to worship God? b. Are you willing to be helpful and work for the good of this parish? c. Are you willing to contribute to the support of the church with your participation and attendance? d. Are you really concerned with the welfare and well-bring of the parish?**

If you do not support the church, who will? If you do not cooperate with your church, who will? If you do not take part in the services and activities of your church, then who?



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EVENTS AT ALL SAINTS

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4 8:30 AM Priv. Confessions 9:00 AM Holy Mass with blessing of candles & Oath of Office 10:00 AM Coffee Felowship 10:00 AM Sunday School & Music	5	6	7	8 6:45 PM Choir Practice	9	10
11 ~~9:00 AM Holy~~ Mass 10:00 AM Coffee Felowship 10:00 AM Parish Council Mtg 10:00 AM Sunday School & Music	12	13	14 ~~Services at 9 am & 7 pm~~ HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!	15 ~~6:45 PM~~ Choir Practice	16 +Bishop Francis Hodur 1953	17 ~~7:05 PM Men's~~ Society Hockey Nite
18 9:00 AM Holy Mass 10:00 AM Coffee Felowship 10:00 AM Men's Society Mtg. 10:00 AM Sunday School & Music	19 PRESIDENTS' DAY	20	21	22 6:45 PM Choir Practice	23	24 Saint Matius
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