

All Saints NCC Newsletter February 2023

*Groundhog Day
February 2nd*



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A SERVANT OF GOD

HERE IS MY

SERVANT



WHOM I HAVE

CHOSEN

MATTHEW 12:18

On **February 16, 1953**, the Organizer, first priest and bishop of the National Catholic Church, was called home to his heavenly reward. On this day **70 years ago**, Francis Hodur ended his earthly pilgrimage of life.

Born on **April 1, 1866**, this man of vision and great foresight was the organizer with a group of dedicated and spiritual followers who went on to form and **organize an important part of the Catholic Church on American soil.**

This small miracle did not come about without a great price. **Physical injury, insult**, and a determination by those **opposing this new form of the Catholic Church** who wanted to completely **crush this movement** was very **evident in every form of life** on a **daily basis**, especially in the **Scranton area** and **other locations** where this **movement** was being formed in the **late 1800's** into the **1900's.**

Our parish in **Johnson City** began its quest to **become a part of this great religious movement** in **1925**, about **twenty nine years** after the **initial movement** began. It did **meet with some opposition** among the **religious communities** in our area, but **experienced nothing like what was happening** sixty five miles south of **Johnson City, New York.**

Bishop Hodur's foresight did **open the doors of opportunity** for many people who were **looking for a Catholic, Democratic, Free form of religion** but one that also had **discipline to the laws and commandments of God.**

Many **spiritual movements** of the **progress of Bishop Francis Hodur** were adopted by **other religious dominations** but were **disguised to say it was their own ideas.**

To this **date the National Catholic Church** stands on an **island by itself** adhering to the **Tenants of Apostolic Succession** keeping it a **One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church**, along with a **few others.**

On **February 16, 1953**, when **Bishop Francis Hodur** closed his eyes in **eternal sleep**, the **World of Religion** lost a **visionary servant of God.**

† PARISH FAMILY MASS & SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY †

Sunday, February 5 at 9:00 a.m. - +Edward Nycz, offered by children

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Sunday, February 12 at 9:00 a.m. - +Richard & Barbara Plahanski, offered by children

Sunday, February 19 at 9:00 a.m. - +Edward, Frank, Ray, Steven, Alice Szczepanski, offered by a Friend

Wednesday, February 22 Ash Wednesday - Stations of the Cross at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 26 at 9:00 a.m. - +Genevieve Bagan Lupinsky, offered by son Peter and Family

Sunday, February 26 at 9:00 a.m. - +John Watts offered by Vincent Sperski

Sunday, February 26 at 9:00 a.m. - Christmas Flower Memorials



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

Jeanette Samuelson, Wanda Raychel Broczkowski, Michael Cushner, Dave & Pam Kelley, Shirley Michno, Dolores Butora Duke, Gerry Turock, Theresa Borkowski, Mike Arcangeli, Barb Bagan.

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

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

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

The Holy Season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 22, 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 22 at 9:00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross, Blessing of Ashes and distribution.

Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross with distribution of ashes.



ASH WEDNESDAY



Lay readers are needed for the Ash Wednesday evening service on Wednesday, February 22, Stations of the Cross. I would like to recruit seven [7] adult/teenage readers for the service. Each reader would read the two narratives of the station assigned to them from the church pulpit. Please contact Fr. Ruda as soon as possible if you would like to participate.



Choir News



In order to encourage growth for our choir, The rehearsal time has been changed. **Weekly choir rehearsal is now held on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m.** This time may not be popular with the **working class** but for now it is a **good time** for **current members** of the **choir**. With **time** if **others** are interested to be a **part of the choir** the **time** will be revisited.



Valentine's Day



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 use 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**.

Something to Think About



Two items to consider - Are you able to receive your monthly newsletter electronically via e-mail? Are you signed up for our parish notification system?

Receiving your monthly newsletter via e-mail is quick and easy and saves the parish the cost of postage every month.

The parish's notification system informs you of any time changes, cancellations and postponements of parish masses, services and activities.

Come into the parish office on Sunday before or after mass or call the rectory and the information will be gladly given to you.

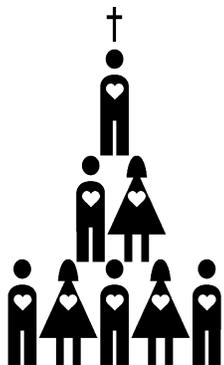
YOU ARE THE CHURCH

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



WE ARE HIS HOUSE.

HEBREWS 3:6



As a courtesy, **umbrellas** are available in the **church vestibule** for those moments when rain unexpectedly arrives while you are in the church. However, these **umbrellas** are slowly disappearing. If by chance you have used one - **please on your next visit to the church return it** so others might be able to benefit from it if the need arises.

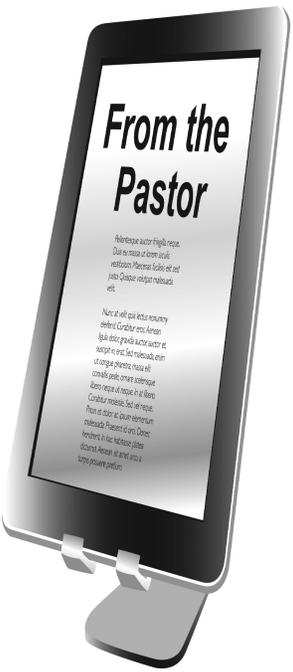




Look Out!

The **winter weather** again has caused many **uneven sections of our sidewalks and black top areas** around the **parish complex**.

Please be careful and watch out for uneven or sunken parts and slippery areas. These **problems** usually **correct themselves** once the **frost** is out of the **ground**.



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

- ☺ to our **Men's Society** for their **\$1,000.00 donation** to our parish's general treasury to help with expenses.
- ☺ to **Stephen Pokrinchak & Wai Ling Lee** for their **\$1,000.00 donation** to FDR's personal pension fund.
- ☺ to **Gary & Pamela Himko** for their **\$100.00 donation** to FDR's personal pension fund.
- ☺ to **Grace Fell** for her **\$50.00 church donation**.
- ☺ your **personal report of your 2022 church donations** will be available **February 5**.
- ☺ to **Wanda and Mark Broczkowski** for their **\$100.00 church donation**.
- ☺ to **Barbara Bagan** for her **\$100.00 donation** to the cemetery fund.
- ☺ **thanks** to our **Men's Society** for **preparing and serving the free Advent Breakfast** and **treating the upcoming social night** at **Jonathan' Restaurant**.
- ☺ to **George Kolba Jr.** **donating his time and labor** helping around the church.

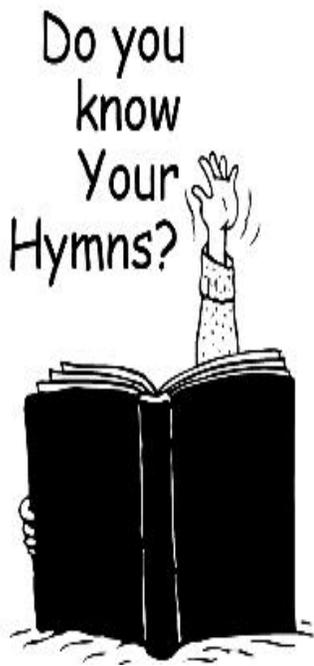
"I will praise the Name of God with a song" - Psalms 69:30

Our **weekly choir rehearsals** are now on **Thursdays at 2:00 PM**. We are in **great need of singers!** 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** or **contact Betty**. **Comfortable seats - good view - beautiful robe!**

The **adult choir** has been **rehearsing music** for the **rapidly approaching Lenten and Easter seasons**, and **all the way through June**. 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 **thanks** to the **Vassil and Hall families** for their **\$20 donation** to our music fund.





When you attend mass, be sure to smile if the following hymns are sung:
 Dentist's Hymn.....**Crown Him with Many Crowns**
 Weatherman's Hymn..... **There shall be Showers of Blessings**
 Contractor's Hymn.....**The Church is One Foundation**
 Politician's Hymn.....**Standing on the Promises**
 Optometrist's Hymn.....**Open my eyes that I may see**
 IRS Hymn.....**I Surrender All**
 Shopper's Hymn.....**Sweet Bye and Bye**
 The Doctor's Hymn.....**The Great Physician**
And for those of you who might have a heavy foot on the road or highway over the speed limit a few hymns:

45 mph.....**God will take care you**
 65 mph..... **Nearer my God to Thee**
 85 mph.....**This world is not my home**
 95 mph.....**Lord, I'm coming home**
 100 mph..... **Precious Memories**

What do you do with your **empty ink or toner cartridges** from your **computer printer, copy machine or fax machine?** Tired of mailing them back to the factory for recycling and getting nothing in exchange?

Our parish is collecting these **empty cartridges** from all **printers and copy machines.** They will be turned in for **Staples store credit** for the parish. In return, it will cut down on the cost of our office and paper supply purchases.

Bring them to the parish office in a plastic bag and we will be glad to recycle these items for you. **Thank you to those of you who have been helping the parish with your used ink and toner cartridges.**



You Can Help!

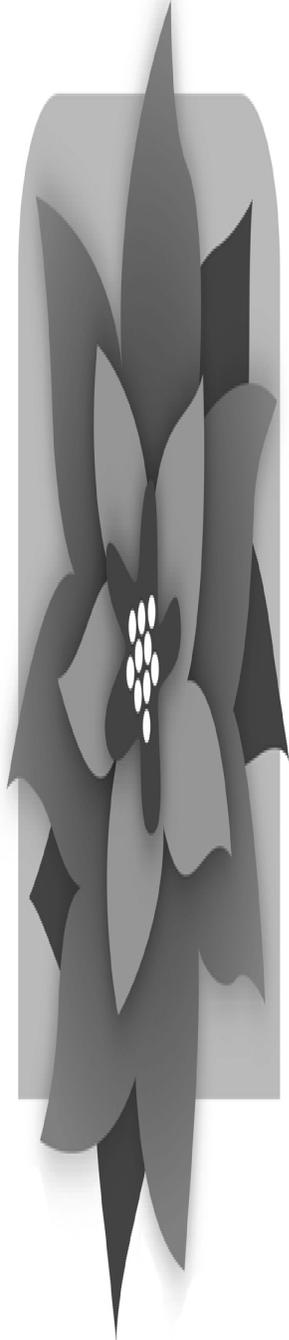


HYMN HISTORY - "The Old Rugged Cross"

This **gospel hymn** was written by **George Bennard** in 1913. It is generally conceded to be the **most popular** of all **twentieth century hymns.** **George Bennard** was born in **Youngstown, Ohio,** and later lived in **Albia and Lucas, Iowa.** He was at one time an **officer** in the **Salvation Army.** He was eventually **ordained** by the **Methodist Episcopal Church** and conducted revival services in **Michigan and New York.** At one time, he had a particularly **trying experience** which **caused** him to **reflect** on the significance of the **cross** and **Christ's suffering,** which inspired him to write "**The Old Rugged Cross**". It was introduced before a **large convention** in **Chicago,** and soon it became **extremely popular** throughout the **country** and was **one of the most widely published songs,** either **sacred or secular,** in this **country.** We will be singing "**The Old Rugged Cross**" during **Mass** on **February 26.**



Through the generosity of the following, our church was festively decorated with Christmas Poinsettias:



In memory of **+Vincent & Jadwiga Sperski, +John & Linda Watts** by Vincent Sperski; In memory of the departed members of the **+Cushner Family & +Gidzinski Family** by Mike & Debbie Cushner; In memory of the departed members of the **+Turock & +Baron Families** by Gerry & Diane Turock; In memory of **+Carl Ottman** by wife Beverly; In memory of **+Stanley & Veronica Podkulski** by daughter Terri; In memory of **+Ed, Anna & Joe Kozloski** by Ed & Terri Kozloski; In memory of **+Bernard & Mary Wnuk** by Jeanette Wnuk Samuelson; In memory of **+Philip & Jacqueline Pokrinchak, +Betty Pokrinchak, +Justine Stasko, +Mark Riccio, +John Dubik, +Patti Jones** by Stephen Pokrinchak & Wai Ling Lee; In memory of **+Chester, Stella & MaryLou Gorgol** by daughter & sister Betty; In memory of **+Joseph & Edith Nosal** by daughter Nancy; In memory of **+Bruce Ottman, +Susan Ottman Turner, +Gilbert Vandling** by Janet Ottman; In memory of the departed members of the **+Mnahoncak Family** by Bill & Mary Perkins; In memory of **+Joe & Agnes Narozny** by Aggie Dedrich; In memory of **+Chester Sr. & Stella Socha, +Peter Kot** by son and nephew Chester Jr.; In memory of **+Ruth Campbell, +Beverly & Edward Sr. Nowakowski** by Edward Jr. & Yvonne Campbell Nowakowski; In memory of **+John Ludka, +Michael Kapogiannatos** by Julianne Ludka; In memory of **+Robert J. & Jean Blakeslee, +John S. & Clara Blakeslee** by Bob Blakeslee; In memory of departed members of the **+Cooper & +Mnahoncak Families** by Tracy Cooper; In memory of the departed members of the **+Arcangeli Family** by Gail Arcangeli; In memory of **+Joseph Borkowski** by wife Theresa; In memory of the departed members of the **+Derkowski Family** by Dan Derkowski; In memory of **+Stanley & Veronica Pokulski, +Lyn Podkulski & +Robert Bo Miller** by Stan Podkulski; In memory of the departed members of the **+Perchinsky & +Kowalczyk Families** by daughter and grand daughter Karen Perchinsky Berner; In memory of **+Emil Kotasek & +Christopher Carrigan** by Barbara Kotasek; In memory of **+Bertha Gidzinski, +Michael Gidzinski, +Stanley Gidzinski, +Mary Gidzinski Sedlacek, +Thomas Gidzinski, +Marian Gidzinski, +Michael Kaluczka, +Anne Kalucka, +Frances Biskup, +Peter Biskup** by Barry & Emilia Biskup.

The following donated Poinsettias: *Debbie DeNinis, Grace Fell, Fred & Wanda Daszewski.*

Mass for poinsettias donated as a memorial will be celebrated on Sunday, February 26 at 9:00 a.m.

Poinsettia

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