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NEW YEAR 2017

"Start the New Year RIGHT" The year 2017 is with us and it gives us another chance to mend our spiritual neglects and ways.

Your attendance for church services and presence at parish functions plays a very vital role whether you think it or not.

What has happened in the **2016 year** as far as our mediocre church attendance is now behind us and we have to look forward to the new year and beyond.

I, along with many other pastors, have shared the same concerns about attitudes of attending church. It is ironic that for the most part people seem to cooperate with the fund raisers for the parish but when it comes to church attendance there is a void of responsibility.

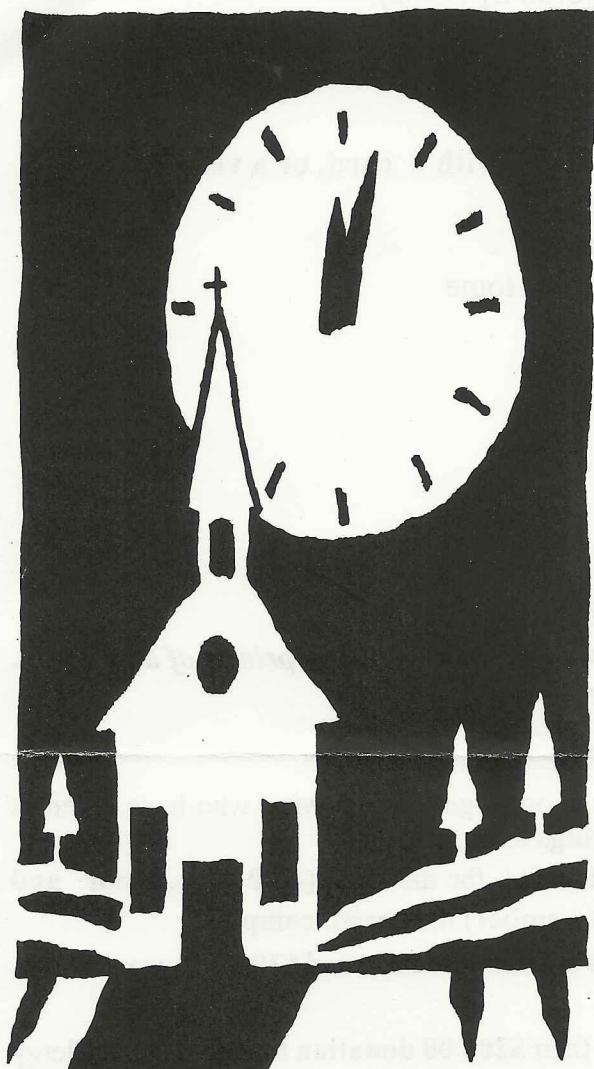
There is a nucleus of faithful members who are in attendance for Sunday mass, and many would like to be there more often but due to medical limitations or work obligations are not able to do so.

Many of you might get a little tired of hearing this from me in the newsletter or at society meetings, but this is something that is very important for our survival as a parish family and keeping our parish functioning.

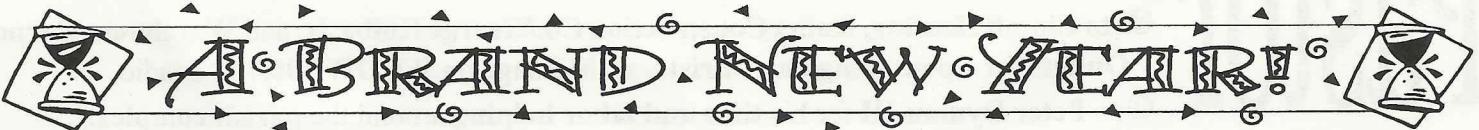
The year **2017** can be a new start for many to get back in the proper mode of attending again. **It is never too late to start.**

Be sincere in your efforts on Sunday mornings and Holy Days. Your part is a very big and important part in inspiring others - you must lead by example for your family, relatives, teenagers and children.

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**Start
the New
Year Right**



† PARISH FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY †

- Sunday, January 1 at 9:00 a.m. + George and Josephine Bagan, offered by Family
Sunday, January 8 at 9:00 a.m. + Stephen Butora, offered by daughter Dolores Duke
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Sunday, January 15 at 9:00 a.m. + Andrew Stasko Sr. & Karen Rose Blanford, offered by Sophie Stasko
Sunday, January 22 at 9:00 a.m. + John and Lottie Plahanski, offered by Family
Sunday, January 29 at 9:00 a.m. + Christmas Flower Memorials

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

Joseph Nosal at Bridgewater Nursing Home
Jennie Kolba at Willow Point Nursing Home
Jacqueline Pokrinchak at Susquehanna Nursing Home
Emil Kotasek at Ideal Living Center
Edward and Vicky Ambrose
Alice Spach
Mike Cushner
Jean Chapin
Florence Ottman
Barb Kotasek
Mae Raychel, Genevieve Lupinsky, Peter Zalaffi

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

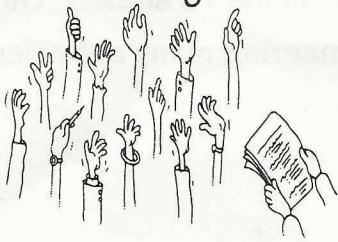
As we begin the **New Year of 2017**, I acknowledge the following who have given of themselves in time, labor and material offerings to our parish:

- ☺ to **George Kolba Jr./Kolba Construction Co.** for his time (4:00 a.m), labor and materials plowing and salting (5 times in December) the parish complex.
- ☺ to **Jacqueline Pokrinchak** for her \$500.00 church donation and \$300.00 toward FDR's Clergy Pension.
- ☺ to **Stephen and Wai-Ling Pokrinchak** for their \$200.00 donation toward FDR's Clergy Pension.
- ☺ to **David Laskowski/Laskowski Funeral Home** for supplying the 2017 calendars to the parish.
- ☺ to **Andy Stasko/AMS Electric** for his time and labor helping around the parish complex
- ☺ to all who supported and baked cookies for the choir cookie raffle profit - \$500.00 ☺
- ☺ to all who donated the children and teenagers winter hats, scarfs and gloves for charity.
- ☺ to our **Men's Society & Sunday School PTA** for helping Santa with his gifts.
- ☺ to all who supported the PTA Christmas Candy Sale a profit of \$515.00 was realized.
- ☺ to **Peter Zalaffi and Grace Fell** for preparing & donating the meat trays for the rectory Christmas open house.
- ☺ to **Ann Bednarsky/Bednarsky Funeral Home** for supplying the 2017 calendars to the parish.
- ☺ to **Ciotoli Heating, Kolba Construction Co./George Kolba Jr. and Warehouse Carpet Outlets** for sponsoring our Christmas Message on WCDW 106.7 FM radio.
- ☺ to **Peter Dyman III** for his time and labor helping around the parish complex.



From the Pastor

Yearly Parish Meeting



We will conduct our yearly Parish Family meeting on Sunday, January 24, following the 9:00 a.m. mass.

The purpose of this meeting is to hear the reports of the past year of 2016, approve a budget, and elect a new parish council for 2017.

Those of you who would like to serve on the parish council are asked to contact Fr. Ruda at 797-4394. We need some directors and another auditor **No one will be asked to serve. You must come forward on your own!**

PASTORAL VISITATIONS/BLESSING OF HOMES



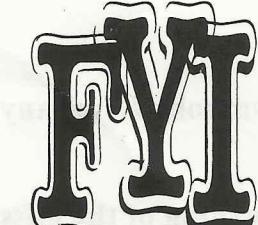
I will continue with the Epiphany tradition of pastoral visitations and the blessing of homes for this year. **But I will need your cooperation!**

1. If we visited last year that will happen automatically unless notified differently.
2. If we did not visit last year and you would like a visit this year you must notify me.

Visitations will begin on Sunday, January 8. I ask that you try to be as flexible as possible to the schedule that I prepare. **If your time and conditions do not permit a visit, please call the parish office. I will try my best to cover all areas, but that will depend on the weather and other needs of the parish.**

EPIPHANY VISITS

2017 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

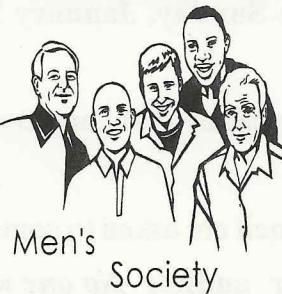


•FOR YOUR INFORMATION• when leaving.

Most of you have received your 2017 offering envelope packet by now. Please do not use any left-over envelopes from last year or previous years because many envelope assignment numbers change from year to year.

To review our parish offering envelope format - **Current Expenses**: Day to day operation expenses, insurance, utilities, salaries etc. **Parish Center Expenses**: Goes exclusively to pay utilities, insurance plus upkeep of the parish family center. **Mission Fund**: Helps with the mission work of the National Catholic Church and our mission endeavors on a local scene.

As a precautionary measure, a reflective chain will be set up across the main entrance of the parish cemetery after Christmas for the winter months to discourage unauthorized snowmobilers and trucks from the cemetery. **We have not had any incidents to date** and we would like to keep it that way. If you need to get into the cemetery you may unlatch the chain to get in but please make sure you re-secure it



The next scheduled meeting of our Men's Society will be on Sunday, January 15, following the 9:00 a.m. mass. An invitation is extended to all men and teenagers 16 yrs and older of our parish family to become a member of our men's society. Our men's society is a back bone organization of our parish, **sponsoring many activities and supporting our children and teen programs.**
Your participation and attendance is welcome.

The verses of "Trust and Obey" were written in 1887 by Presbyterian minister John Henry Sammis. It was written at the request of Dr. Daniel Brink Towner, who lived in Binghamton, New York from 1870 until 1882 and was the music director at the Centenary Avenue Methodist Church.

When Dr. Towner wrote the melody, he didn't like the way the melody sounded and threw the manuscript into the waste basket. The next day, as his wife was cleaning his study, she emptied the waste basket and found the crumpled paper. She opened it up and sang it through and straightened it out and placed it back on the organ. Later, when he came home, he saw it there and called to his wife and questioned her. She said, "I feel the melody you have written is just what is needed to carry the message!" He agreed with her and the rest is history!

The authority for heeding the instructions in this gospel hymn come from Colossians 3:16, where we learn to use psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to teach one another concerning our relationships with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Words of Christian Sympathy and Support are extended to the following families:
The Sedlacek Family on the passing of Mary Gidzinski Sedlacek and to
The Butora Family on the passing of Patricia Butora.
May they both Rest In Peace



On Sunday, January 1, prior to the start of the 9:00 a.m. mass, the symbolic Epiphany gifts will be blessed and will be available to you.

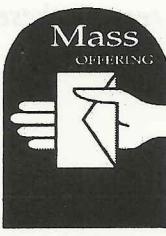
The blessing of the chalk, charcoal and incense have the special meaning of the gifts brought by the three Kings of the East as they visited the baby Jesus at his birth.



The following are some of the events and activities that have been scheduled for 2017. Please mark your personal calendars accordingly:

- ★ Sunday School, Music and Religion classes resume **Sunday, January 8**
- ★ Yearly Parish Family Meeting **Sunday, January 22**
- ★ Sunday School Bowling Party, sometime in **February**
- ★ Ash Wednesday **March 1**
- ★ Chuck E. Cheese Outing **some time in March**
- ★ Easter Sunday Mass, Egg Hunt & Balloon release **Sunday, April 16**
- ★ Men's Society take out Chicken Barbecue **April 23** (weather permitting)
- ★ Sunday School year 2016/2017 Closing **Sunday, April 30**
- ★ First Holy Communion (if prepared) **Sunday, May 7**
- ★ Memorial Day Mass at the parish cemetery **May 29** (weather permitting)
- ★ 2017/2018 Sunday School year begins **Sunday, September 10**
- ★ Sunday School Rummage Sale, **October 7 & 9**
- ★ All Souls Cemetery Service **Saturday, October 28**
- ★ Men's Society take out Chicken Barbecue **Sunday, October 29** (tentative)
- ★ Men's Society annual Turkey & Casino Night, **Saturday, November 4**
- ★ Sunday School PTA Breakfast with Santa. **Sunday, December 10**
- ★ **Choir Cookie Raffle Sunday, December 17**

This is a majority of what is planned for this 2017 year, with possibly a few other functions squeezed in somewhere.



From time to time people ask "*What is the proper offering for a mass to be said*". In ancient times offerings consisted of food, milk, poultry etc. for the priest. But in this modern time of the church the offering begins at \$10.00 and up according to the individual and their financial conditions. For the sacrifice of the mass to be celebrated, the following elements are needed: 1. *A priest to offer it to God.* 2. *An altar on which it is offered.* 3. *A visible gift.*



You can lend a helping hand with your cooperation and assistance with the following items - please do not leave the staples from your newsletter on the pew secondly, please do not place or leave your used tissues on the pews or in the book rack. Thank You!



The following are lucky winners of this year's Choir Cookie Raffle: *Jeanette Samuelson (2), Dave Plahanski, Judy Dyman, Gianna Harrington, Terri Miller, Kristi Empett, Natalie Collins, Al Pannicia, Derkowski Family.* Thank you to all who supported and baked cookies making this raffle best on record ☺☺☺.

2016 Year End

CHURCH

REPORT



Recycling Toner Cartridges

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. With each returned cartridge, Staples Office Supply will give a \$2.00 store coupon toward our future purchases.

Bring them to the parish office in a plastic bag and we will be glad to recycle these items for you.

Looking ahead to the Ash Wednesday evening service on Wednesday, March 1, 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.



Father Ruda has prepared a welcome pamphlet and packet to give to people who are looking for a spiritual home. If you know of someone who is searching for a church, these packets are on the entrance table in the church vestibule for you to give them.

As I review the activities of our parish life for the 2016 year, it was a year of many good achievements and happenings. We had several successful fund-raisers and functions. God called some of our parish sisters to their eternal reward: +Lottie Rogowski, +Mary Sedlacek, +Patricia Butora.

Our growth factor in 2016 was flat and our attendance for masses and services could have been much better and this will be something for all of us to focus on and improve in this New Year and future. There were a few maintenance projects done around the parish complex and several are planned for 2017.

Now as our parish goes into 2017, with a nucleus of dedicated and God-loving people, positive and good things will be our priority. There be our normal fund raising projects sponsored by the various church organizations. The parish will need your continued support and cooperation as members of the parish family. Let us all pray that God will continue to bless and approve our endeavors as we travel into this new year, and may God bless all of you with health to do the work that stands before us.

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LEADERS



Through the generosity of the following, our church is festively decorated with Christmas Poinsettias.

The following poinsettias were given in memory of departed loved ones:

+In memory of Walter Raychel & Edward Broczkowski, by Wanda & Mark B.Broczkowski , Mary Raychel; +In memory of Carl Ottman by wife Beverly; +In memory of Wincenty Sperski by son Vincent; +In memory of Philip Pokrinchak by wife Jacqueline; +In memory of Michael Cushner, Kathryn Gidzinski, Diane Smith, Edward Gidzinski, Eddie Gidzinski by Mike & Debbie Cushner; +In memory of Ruth Campbell, Beverly & Edward Nowakowski Sr. by Nowakowski & Campbell Families; +In memory of Madison Keefe & Mary Mecca by Vincent Sperski; +In memory of Chester Sr. & Stella Socha Joseph & Nellie Kot by Chester Socha Jr; +In memory of Stanley & Veronica Podkulski by daughter Thekla; +In memory of George Kolba Sr. & Harold Card by George Jr. & Carolyn Kolba, + In memory of John & Jean Borowski by daughter Carole; +In memory of Robert & Jean Blakeslee, US Troops those who died in the Vietnam War, by Bob Blakeslee; +In memory of Chester & Sadie Jablonoski by daughter Donna; +In memory of deceased loved ones of the Turock & Baron Families by Diane & Gerry Turock; In memory of Laura & Elmer Cooper by Tracy Cooper, +In memory of Anna, Raymond, Ernie & Julie Zalaffi, by Peter Zalaffi; +In memory of Rod Fell, Tony Winik, Rose Chuck, Frankie Heubach, Larry Rivenbark by Grace Fell; +In memory of Gordon Yeates, Lisa Lambe, Wanda & Leo Bilsky by Rita Yeates; +In memory of Eugene Laskowski Jr., by wife Charlene; +In memory of Bruce Ottman by Janet Ottman; +In memory of Philip Pokrinchak by Stephen & Wai Ling Pokrinchak; +In memory of the departed members of the Mnahoncak & Perkins Families by Bill & Mary Perkins; +In memory of George, Katherine and Carole Ann Perchinsky by daughter & sister Karen; +In memory of Bernard & Mary Wnuk by Ed & Jeanette Wnuk Samuelson; +In memory of Philip Pokrinchak, Dolores A.Dubik, Gene & Arlane Stone by Mark & Janine Dubik; +In memory of Frank Szczepanski by sister Alice; +In memory of Stephen & Frances Butora, Paul Duke, Trish Butora by Dolores Butora Duke. Donation of Poinsettia by Jack & Debbie DeNinis. **Mass** for the memorial donations of flowers will be celebrated on **Sunday, January 29 at 9:00 a.m.**



POINSETTIA DONATIONS

PRACTICE RELIGION AND LIVE LONGER

"Pray without ceasing." I Thes. 5:17

One of the clearest health benefits of religion: *Churchgoers live longer than others.*

Non church attenders will live to an average age of 75. One who goes less than weekly will reach 80, while weekly attenders live till 82, and those who attend more than weekly, 83.

If you are an unbeliever or a skeptic but knew that, by developing and practicing a faith, you would be given seven or eight additional years of life, would you do it? Hopefully, yes.

Why do religious people live longer? First, church-going promotes healthy habits. Weekly attenders are more likely to make positive changes.

They are 131 percent less depressed, 78 percent more likely to give up smoking, 54 percent more apt to do more exercise and 39 percent more inclined to stop drinking.

Embracing healthy beliefs and attitudes, learning to effectively resolve emotional stress, and moving in the direction of greater joy and gratitude all have an impact on our physical health.

God heals in one of three ways:

- Miraculously, like the blind man who could suddenly see when Jesus touched his eyes;
- Nature is altered, but scientists cannot prove it was a miracle;
- Prayer to God activates the immune system to speed healing and recovery.

The Healing Power of Prayer gives practical suggestions on how to pray. It notes that Jesus said, "When you pray, say **"Our Father"**. God is thus a person, with a will and purpose, an ever present friend, who is closer than a brother" (Prov. 18:24)

Lord, make this New Year a Happy One.

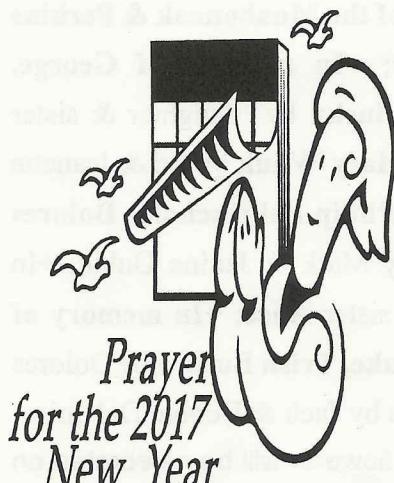
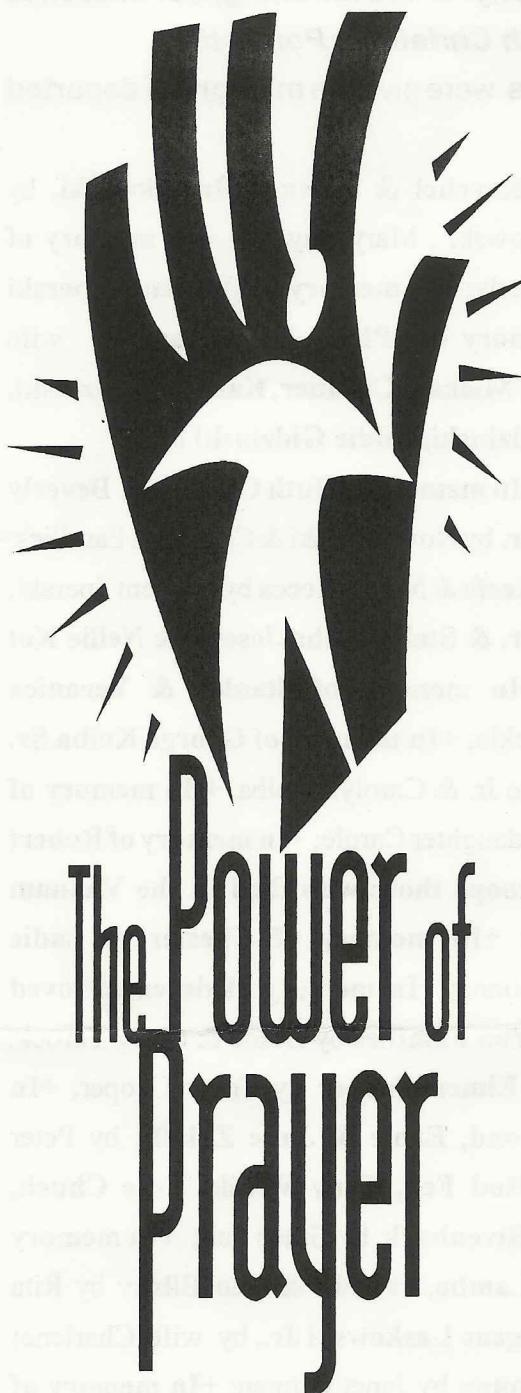
Not by shielding us from sorrow and pain,
But by strengthening us to bear it if it comes.

Not by taking hardship from us, but by taking all cowardice and fear from
our hearts as we meet hardships.

Not by making our paths easy, but by making us sturdy enough to tread
any path.

Not by making our lives always pleasant,
But by showing us where others and your cause need us most, and by
making us zealous to be there and help.....

God, make our New Year a Happy One! Amen!





January 2017

EVENTS AT ALL SAINTS



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