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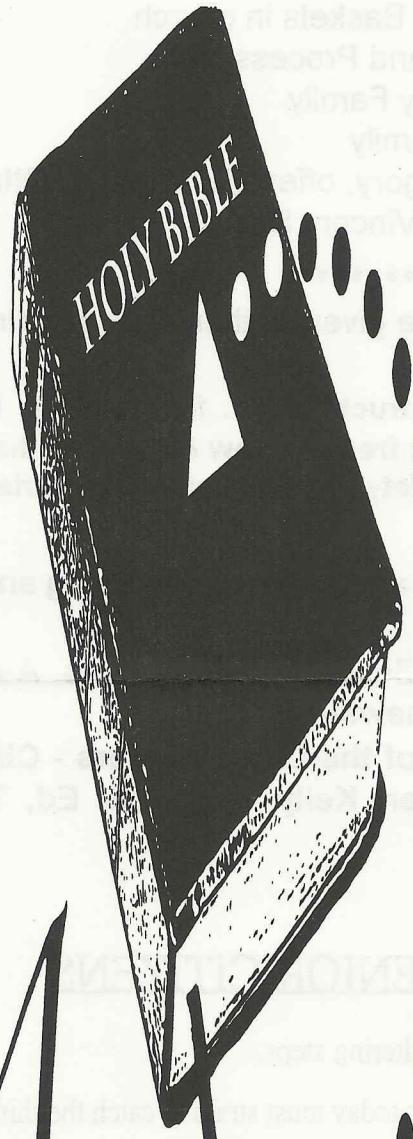
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USE OF THE BIBLE



**When in Sorrow
read John 14**

**When you have sinned
read Psalm 51**

**When you worry
read Matthew 6:19-34**

**When you are in danger
read Psalm 91**

**If you have the blues
read Psalm 34**

**When God seems far away
read Psalm 139**

**If you are discouraged
read Isaiah 40**

**If you are lonely or fearful
read Psalm 23**

**If you are down and out
read Romans 8: 39**

**When you want courage for your task
read Joshua 1**

**When leaving home for travel or work
read Matthew 11:25-30**

**If you are bitter or critical
read Corinthians 13**

**Answers
INSIDE**

† PARISH FAMILY MASS AND SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR APRIL †

- Sunday, April 2 at 9:00 a.m.** +Karen Rose Blanford, offered by Joseph Kot
Sunday, April 2 at 9:00 a.m. +Leo Bilsky, offered by daughter Rita Yeates
Wednesday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Sunday, April 9 at 9:00 a.m. +Stephen, Frances & Patricia Butora, offered by Dolores Duke
Thursday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass, Procession and Liturgy
Friday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. Evening service of Good Friday
Saturday, April 15 at 11:00 a.m. Blessing of Fire, Water and Paschal Candle
Saturday, April 15 at 12 Noon Blessing of Easter Food and Baskets in church
Sunday, April 16 at 9:00 a.m. Resurrection Mass, Liturgy and Procession
Sunday, April 23 at 9:00 a.m. +Philip Pokrinchak, offered by Family
Sunday, April 23 at 9:00 a.m. +John Priester, offered by Family
Sunday, April 30 at 9:00 a.m. +Carl Ottman & Michael Gregory, offered by Beverly Ottman
Sunday, April 30 at 9:00 a.m. +Madison Keefe, offered by Vincent Sperski

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, labor and materials keeping our parish complex free of snow & ice with the big front end loader, plow and salter for our safety and also saving the parish a **HUGE EXPENSE**.
- ☺ to Diane Turock for her time, labor and materials washing and ironing altar cloths and linens.
- ☺ to all those who donated Easter flower lilies or mums. A complete listing will be published in the May newsletter.
- ☺ to our Ash Wednesday Stations of the Cross readers - Cliff Butler, Jeanette Samuelson, Tracy Cooper, Kelly Yeomans, Ed, Terri and William Kozloski.

BEATITUDES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

BLESSED are they who understand my faltering steps.

BLESSED are they who know that my ears today must strain to catch the things they say.

BLESSED are they who seem to know that my eyes are dim and my wits are slow.

BLESSED are they who looked away when coffee spilled at the table today.

BLESSED are they with a cheery smile who stop to chat for a little while.

BLESSED are they who never say "You've told that story already."

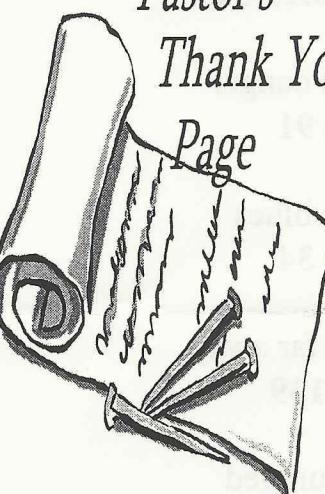
BLESSED are they who know the ways to bring back memories of yesterdays.

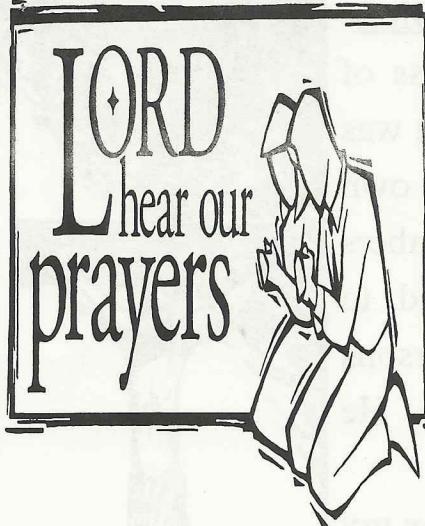
BLESSED are they who make known that I am loved, respected and not alone.

BLESSED are they who know I am at a loss to find the strength to carry the Cross.

BLESSED are they who ease the days on my journey Home in loving ways.

Author Unknown





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

Joseph Nosal at Bridgewater Nursing Home
Jennie Kolba at Willow Point Nursing Home
Emil Kotasek at Ideal Living Center
Edward and Vicky Ambrose
Alice Spach
Theresa Borkowski,
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.



Easter Sunday Mass

Our Easter Sunday Resurrection Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, April 16, at 9:00 a.m. During the procession we will need children to carry flowers and a few assisting mothers and teenagers to help.

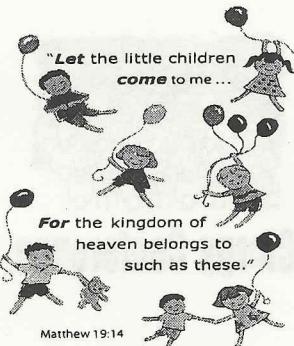
I ask that flower children and altar servers be at church no later than 8:40 a.m. on Easter morning for final instructions.

Members of our Men's Society and some Womens Adoration Society members will also be taking part in the Easter Procession.

A short informational session for flower children will take place following the 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service on April 14.



A fun part of Easter Sunday after the spiritual celebration is following the mass when the children and teenagers take part in the Easter Egg Hunt and Balloon Release. These festivities will take place again this year. Anyone who will be having guests joining them for Easter Worship, please notify Fr. Ruda so enough of the Easter Goodies will be available for all.



The long awaited day at Chuck E. Cheese has arrived! The date is set for Sunday, April 30 following Sunday School Closing. Besides receiving their tokens for the many games at Chuck E. Cheese, the Sunday School PTA will also treat everyone including moms and dads to pizza and soda.

We hope to see everyone on that day.

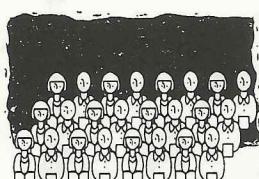
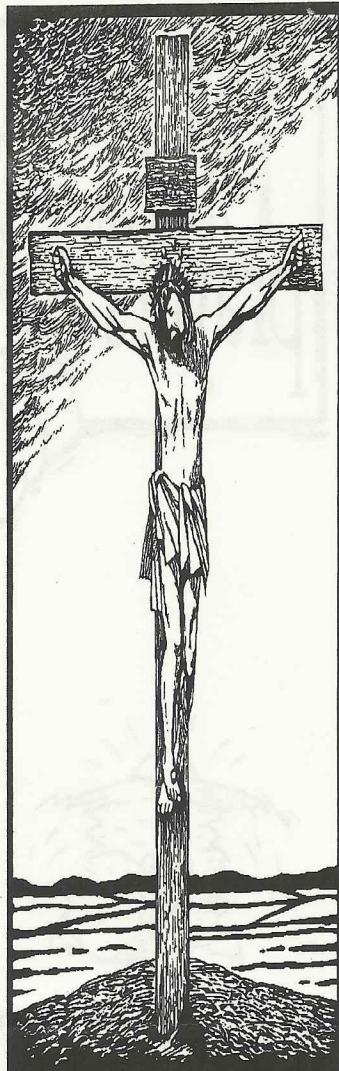


THE CROSS AND DOGWOOD BLOSSOMS

Legend has it that the material of the cross of crucifixion was dogwood, which at that time was as mighty a tree as the oak. But Jesus, in His own agony, sensed the distress of the dogwood timbers over the cruel duty they were compelled to perform. In His great compassion for all persons and things concerned with His crucifixion, He included the dogwood, saying:

"Because of your sorrow and pity for my suffering, you shall henceforth grow slender, bent and twisted so that your wood can never again be used as a cross. You shall bear blossoms that will appear as a crown of thorns, while the petals will carry at their outer edges nail prints, brown as rust and also stained with red, so that all who see them will remember."

In late April or early May, check out the **dogwood blossoms** on the two trees in front our rectory - FDR.



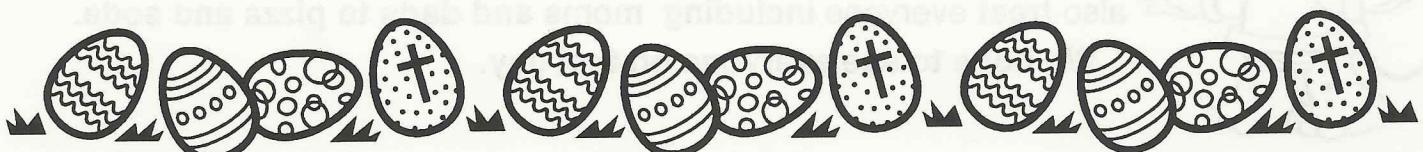
Clergy Conference

Father Ruda will be attending the Spring Conference of the Clergy of the Central Diocese of which he is the Vice-Chairman, on Tuesday of Holy Week April 11, at Saint Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton, PA at 10:00 a.m. Following the Clergy Conference the **Mass of Chrism** (*blessing of the oils for the church year*) will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. If you must contact him, please do so by his cell phone - 343-6596.



Easter Flower Children are needed for the **Easter Procession** on Sunday, April 16 at 9:00 a.m. A short rehearsal will be held following the **Good Friday** 7:00 p.m. Service on Friday, April 14.

If you cannot make the rehearsal but will be participating, please contact Fr. Ruda so the Flower Children proper amount of flowers can be ordered. *Also a few Moms will be needed to supervise.*



WHY DOES THE DATE FOR EASTER CHANGE?

The usual statement, that Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs next after the vernal equinox, is not a precise statement of the ecclesiastical rules. The full moon involved is not the astronomical Full Moon but an ecclesiastical moon (determined from tables) that keeps, more or less, in step with the astronomical Moon.

Easter falls on the first Sunday following the first ecclesiastical full moon that occurs on or after the day of the vernal equinox; this particular ecclesiastical full moon is the 14th of the new moon and the vernal equinox. This is fixed as March 21. Easter can never occur before March 22 or later than April 25.

The last time Easter fell on March 22 was in 1818, and that will not happen again until 2285.

The last time Easter fell on April 25 was 1886, 1943, and will not happen again until 2038.

The most common dates are 11 times April 10 and April 17; March 29, April 1, 05, 06, 21 can occur 10 times. The year to year sequence is so complicated that it takes 5.7 million years to repeat.

Article from Holy Trinity Parish, Plantsville Ct./ The Very Rev. Jusie Krusienski.

MUSIC MINISTRY

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

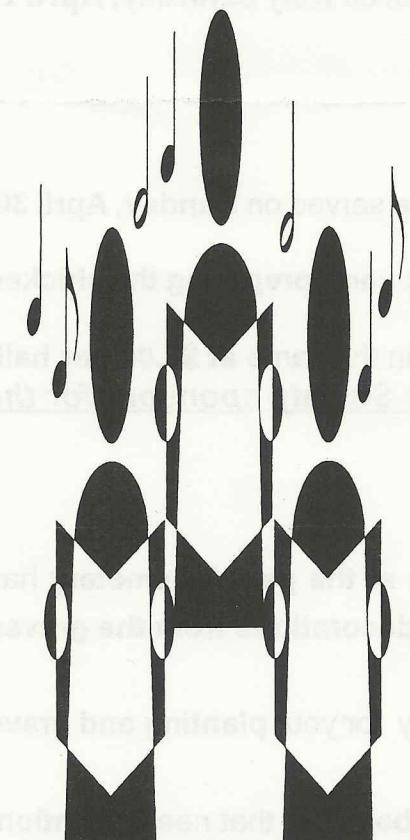
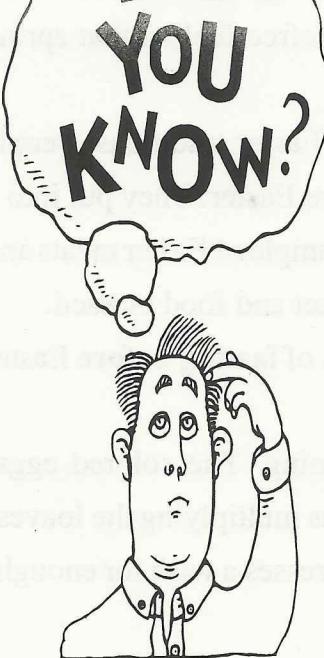
Our weekly choir rehearsals are on **Thursdays at 6:45 PM**. We welcome anyone who would like to **join us**. If you like to sing for God and can carry a tune, just come to a rehearsal. **Comfortable seats - good view.**

The adult choir has been rehearsing music for **Palm Sunday, Easter, First Communion**, and all the way through the end of the summer. 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 performance with the adult choir on **Youth Sunday (April 30).** They're sounding great!

MUSIC DONATIONS

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. **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.** Contact **Betty Ruda - Phone 607-797-8357, text or cell 607-759-9202, or email liz@stny.rr.com.**



Music Ministry

Easter is the most holy of holidays in Christianity. In the Christian

doctrine it is the time when Jesus Christ was crucified, died and rose from the dead. But celebrating Easter has become more than a religious tradition. It has turned into a celebration of the spring - the happy, carefree feeling that spring brings along and family integrity.

The “blessing basket” is one of the essential Easter traditions. People prepare the “blessing basket” Saturday morning before Easter. They put into a basket colored eggs, bread, cake, butter, salt, pepper, a sample of Easter meats and other items of choice and go to church to have the basket and food blessed.

It is believed that the “Great Lent” - forty days of fasting before Easter – is over only after the blessing of the basket.

Everything in the basket has a symbolic meaning. The colored eggs symbolize the risen Christ, the bread reminds us of Jesus multiplying the loaves of bread, salt- good health and successful life. Meat expresses a wish for enough food during the coming Spring.

Sadly, this is a tradition that is rapidly disappearing but can be kept alive with your participation.

Easter baskets and food will be blessed in church on **Holy Saturday, April 15 at 12 noon.**

The first takeout Chicken Barbecue for 2017 will be served on **Sunday, April 30, from 10:00 a.m to 11:30 am.**

The members of the Men's Society will have a work party preparing the chicken for the barbecue on Thursday, April 27 at 5:45 p.m.

Price for a half of barbecued chicken will remain the same at \$6.00 per half.

Let us remember all events that our Men's Society sponsors for the parish family and let us support this event.

With the Spring season here, winter clean up at the parish cemetery has begun. Please remove all Christmas wreaths and decorations from the graves as soon as possible.

A load of top dirt has been delivered to the cemetery for your planting and grave needs.

There are several grave stones and meditation benches that need attention. It is the policy of the Cemetery that as long as there are surviving family members it is their responsibility of maintaining their grave stone or meditation bench. If there are no surviving family members, the cemetery board will see that the work is taken care of.



Blessing of Easter Baskets



Cemetery Care

Recognition of Sunday

A black and white illustration of two young children, a boy and a girl, standing side-by-side. They are both holding up rectangular certificates. The certificate on the left says "Recognition to Mary" and the one on the right says "Recognition to Jeremiah". Both children are smiling.

It is hard to believe that we are at the point of the 2016/2017 school year where our Sunday School Program is winding down for another year. Our Sunday School and activities began on the Sunday after Labor Day and will continue through April. As positive as one tries to be, society and sports activities make it very difficult to continue the school year into the month of May and beyond. So, our Sunday School Closing will be held on Sunday, April 30, after another successful 2016/2017 year. Children will participate during mass singing a special anthem and will receive their Certificates of Achievement.

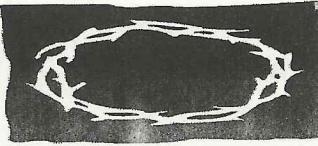
We are very fortunate to have a dedicated staff of Sunday School Teachers and Assistants: Terri Kozloski, Teacher; Shirley Michno, Teacher; Amy Derkowski, Teacher; Mary Perkins, Crafts; Betty Ruda, Music; Tracy Cooper, Treasurer; Missy Creller, Assistant.

Also, a thank you to our parents who see the need for their children to attend this religious education program. Also, to our parish family members and non-parish family members who support the fund raisers for the Sunday School making it self sufficient and non taxing upon the parish general treasury.

Classes for the 2017/2018 school year and Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, September 10, 2017.

Thanks to Our
Sunday School
Teachers!





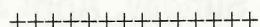
Holy Week Schedule



HOLY WEDNESDAY - April 12

9:30 A.M. - Flowering and preparation of the Altar of Repose.
Volunteers are needed.

6:45 P.M. Choir Rehearsal



HOLY THURSDAY - April 13

7:00 P.M. - Holy Mass with the liturgy of the day and procession.



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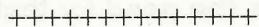
7:00 P.M. - Evening Service

Please note only one service is scheduled for Good Friday

Members of the Men's Society will participate as honor guard at the grave during the evening service.

A short rehearsal for flower children for Easter morning will be held following the 7 p.m. service.

The church will be open all day for your visitation and meditations

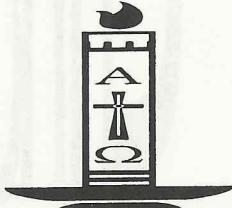


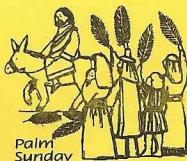
HOLY SATURDAY - April 15

10:00 A.M. - Altar Preparations

11:00 A.M. - Blessing of the Paschal Candle, Fire and Holy Water.
Following the 11 am. service - finishing up of altars for Easter if needed.

12 noon - Blessing of Easter Food and Baskets in Church.



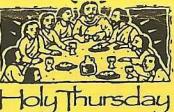
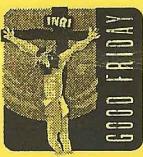


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