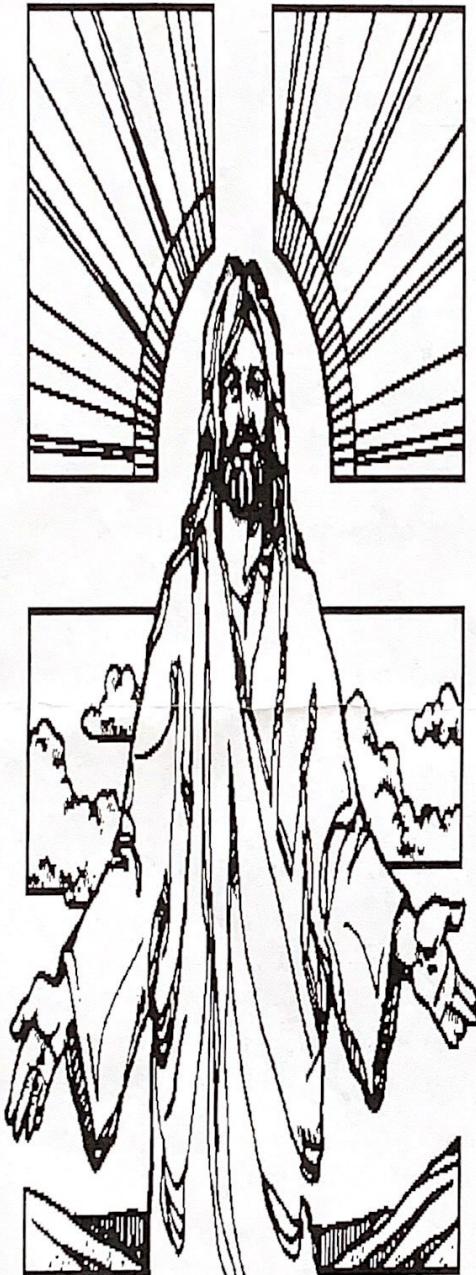




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EASTER CELEBRATION 2021



**"Why do you look for the living
among the dead?
He is not here but has risen."**

Luke 24:5

On Sunday, April 4, after a very long cold & snowy winter, the celebration of Easter will bring an end to this year's Lenten Observance and bring us into that season of Resurrection and Hope. Once again, the spiritual world will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead - that promise of eternal life.

The spirit and the hand of God will be busy at work restoring the world of nature around us. The brown carpets of grass are starting to come alive, the spring flowers are already poking their heads above ground, the frozen ice has loosened its grip from streams and ponds.

In our personal lives, it will remind us of the promise once again of life after death and that, as creations from the hands of our heavenly Father, we must strive to make ourselves worthy of this great promise.

Easter is the oldest and most sacred of Christian holy days for a good reason. From its earliest days to present, the Christian Church has never hesitated to stake her whole case on the claim that this event really happened. "If Christ had not risen," the apostle Paul told the Corinthians, "then our gospel is null and void, and so is your faith." [1 Cor. 15: 14.]

Without Easter, the Christian religion might long ago have withered and died, as did many faiths that preceded it. But Easter's theme - hope, revival and survival - is indestructible.

So, on this upcoming Easter Sunday and Season, abound in the joy to which you are entitled. It is the day and time of glory and victory. We, too, must be raised from our spiritual faults and negative ways that we may walk in a new life full of love and respect.

Easter not only brings us the joyful memory of the victory of Christ, but also brings a solemn reminder of the truth of our faith. *Let us join as a parish family on Easter Sunday, April 4 at 9:00 a.m., along with family members, relatives and friends. INVITE THEM! And be a part of the celebration !*

PARISH FAMILY MASS AND SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR APRIL †

Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m. - Holy Thursday Mass and Liturgy

Friday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m. - Evening Service of Good Friday. The church will be opened from 12noon to 8 pm.

Saturday, April 3 at 11:00 a.m. - Blessing of Fire, Water and Paschal Candle

Saturday, April 3 at 12 noon - Blessing of Easter Baskets and Food in church

Sunday, April 4 at 9:00 a.m. - Resurrection Mass and Liturgy

Sunday, April 11 at 9:00 a.m. - Easter Flower Memorials

Sunday, April 18 at 9:00 a.m. - +Stephen, Frances, Trish Butora, offered by Dolores Butora Duke

Sunday, April 25 at 9:a.m. - +John Priester, offered by Family

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

Jeanette & Ed Samuelson

Michael Cushner

Wanda Raychel Broczkowski

Dave & Pamela Kelley

Dolores Butora Duke

Robert Blakeslee

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

☺ to Grace Fell for her \$90.00 church donation

☺ to our parishioners who have faithfully been supporting the parish through mail or in person with their church offerings during the pandemic.

☺ to those who donated either an Easter Lily or Mum

☺ to the Perchinsky sisters (Karen, Jeanne, Linda) for their \$50.00 church donation in memory of the departed members of the Perchinsky & Kowalczik families

The parish council would like to remind the parish family membership about their parish membership obligations for 2021. At the yearly parish meeting it was decided not to adjust the parish obligations for 2021 - keeping them at \$175.00 per family and \$100.00 for a single unit.

These membership obligations are subsidized by our parish to meet our parish's obligations to the National Church and the Central Diocese, keeping them hopefully reasonable to the parish family. But we still need your support through your attendance and envelope offerings.

As you receive your stimulus checks please consider a gift to the church to help in the church work and subsidies we offer.

If there is a difficultly in meeting these obligations please contact Fr. Ruda in private.



Financial NOTES



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.

Easter baskets and food will be blessed in church on **Holy Saturday, April 3 at 12 noon.**

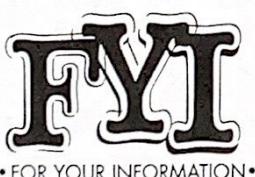
WHY GO TO CHURCH?

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. He wrote: “I’ve gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can’t remember a single one of them. So, I think I’m wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all”.

This started a real controversy in the “Letters to the Editor” column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

I’ve been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!



The parish council voted to do away with the **hardline telephone service** in the parish family center. As we are **living** in this **age of technological advancement** with cell phone, the council felt that it would be **cost wise** to **eliminating** that expense.



The schedule for this year's Chicken Barbecues - The first takeout Chicken Barbecue for 2021 will be served on Saturday, April 10 beginning at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the surplus will be sold on Sunday, April 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The members of the Men's Society will have a work party preparing the chicken for the barbecue on Wednesday, April 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Price for a half of barbecued chicken will be \$7.00 per half.

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

Top soil is available at the cemetery for your planting and grave maintenance needs.

There are several grave stones and meditation benches that need attention. It is the policy of the Cemetery by-laws 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.

EASTER SUNDAY MASS

A reminder that Easter Sunday Resurrection Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, April 4, at 9:00 a.m.**

As we are still in the midst of the pandemic there will be no Easter Procession again this year, but your attendance will be greatly encouraged as we find ourselves on the back side of this virus.

Unfortunately, there will be no extracurricular Easter activities after mass.

THE CROSS AND DOGWOOD BLOSSOMS

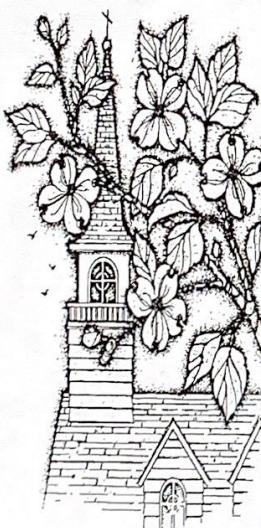
Legend has it that the material of the cross of crucifixion was dogwood, which at that time was as mighty a tree as the oak. But Jesus, in His own agony, sensed the distress of the dogwood timbers over the cruel duty they were compelled to perform. In His great compassion for all persons and things concerned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

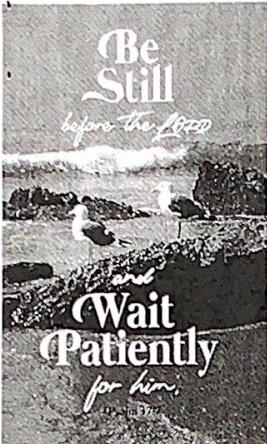
"Because of your sorrow and pity for my suffering, you shall henceforth grow slender, bent and twisted so that your wood can never again be used as a cross. You shall bear blossoms that will appear as a crown of thorns, while the petals will carry at their outer edges nail prints, brown as rust and also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



Easter Sunday Mass





Parish family members have been inquiring as to when will the distribution of Holy Communion be re-instituted?

This is a **complicated question to answer right now**. At this time some parishes are re-instituting this sacrament; however, there are **several critical conditions** that must be adhered to. The **priest must sanitize his hand after every person receives the sacrament**. This means putting his hand to your mouth and under the nose, these are the **two most vulnerable places to contract the virus**, and sanitizing has **no guarantee** that the virus can be passed on.

Church law states that **Holy Communion** should be received at least once a year. In light of this, **you have been receiving Holy Communion in the spiritual form by your desire to do so, until this virus is controlled**. *It is better to be safe than sorry.....I am sure the good Lord understands and your spiritual well being won't be comprised, and your physical well being will be secure* at the same time.

memorials & gifts

There are several items available as Memorial Gifts to the parish: **Stained Glass Window, Carillon Music programs and other church appointments**.

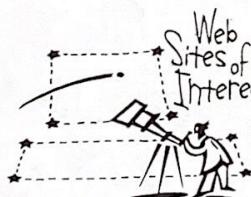
If you are interested in donating any of the above, either as a donation or in **memory of a departed loved one**, please **contact Fr. Ruda for more information**.



The next scheduled meeting of our **Men's Society** will be on **Saturday, April 10**, during the **Chicken Barbecue**. An invitation is extended to all men of our parish family to become a member of our society. Our **Men's Society** is a **back bone organization** of our parish **sponsoring many activities and supporting our children and teen programs**. New members who join the society at this meeting will be extended the courtesy of no membership dues for this year. Your participation and attendance is welcome.



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 spiritual home, **these packets are on the entrance table in the church vestibule for you to give them, plus a monthly newsletter**.



Be sure to check out our new and improved parish website. This new website was created by parish family member Jason Yeomans and his mother Kelly Cooper who also financially maintain the website.

The website is located at www.allsaintsncc.org.



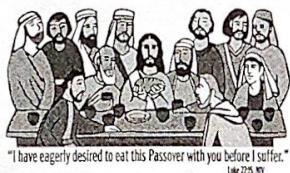


Holy Week Schedule



WEDNESDAY March 31

10:00 a.m. Preparation and flowering the altar of repose for
Holy Week



HOLY THURSDAY April 1

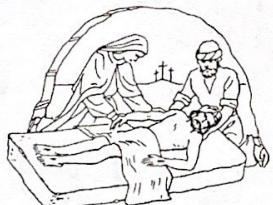
7:00 p.m. Holy Mass and Liturgy of Holy Thursday



GOOD FRIDAY - April 12

The church will be open from 12 noon to 8:00 p.m. for your spiritual need and meditations on Good Friday.

7:00 p.m. Evening Service with Men's Society members standing as honor guard at the symbolic tomb during the service.



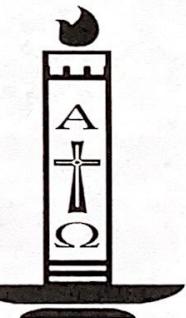
HOLY SATURDAY - April 3

10:00 A.M. - Altar Preparations - Volunteers are needed

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.



April 2021



EVENTS AT ALL SAINTS

Happy SPRING!

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