

february

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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 64 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 SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY †

- Sunday, February 5 at 9:00 a.m. - +Frank, Edward, Steve, Ray Szczepanski, offered by a Friend
Sunday, February 5 at 9:00 a.m. - +Edward Nycz and Dominik Grassi, offered by Anthony & Debra Grassi
Sunday, February 12 at 9:00 a.m. - +Richard and Barbara Plahanski, offered by Family
Sunday, February 12 at 9:00 a.m. - +Nicholas Stasko, offered by Family
Sunday, February 19 at 9:00 a.m. - +Robert Miller and Kay Lynch, offered by Terri Miller
Sunday, February 26 at 9:00 a.m. - Lottie Rogowski, offered by Dolores Butora Duke

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

- ☺ to Jay & Karen Miller Konar & daughters for their \$300.00 church offering in memory of father and grandfather +Robert Bo Miller.
- ☺ to Charlene Laskowski/Laskowski Funeral Home for her \$200.00 church donation.
- ☺ to Steve and Johann Falvo for their \$200.00 church donation.
- ☺ to Gary & Theresa Nycz Morrison for their \$200.00 church donation.
- ☺ 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 Mike Kozloski for donating several hundred pounds of bird food for feeders.
- ☺ to Ernie Kolba for his time and labor maintaining the emergency generators.
- ☺ 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.

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

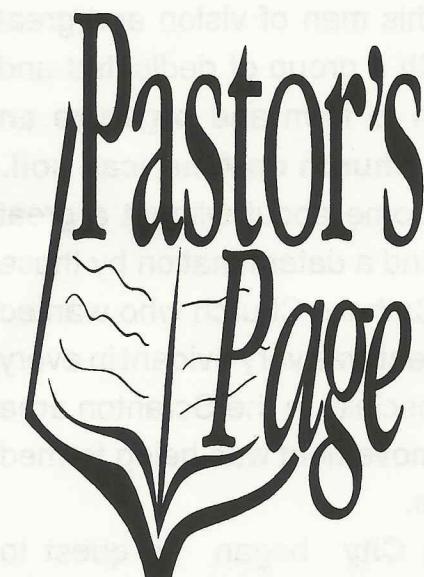
Joseph Nosal at Bridgewater Nursing Home
Jennie Kolba at Willow Point Nursing Home
Emil Kotasek at Ideal Living Center
Edward and Vicky Ambrose
Theresa Borkowski
Alice Spach
Jean Chapin
Florence Ottman
Barb Kotasek
Mae Raychel, Genevieve Lupinsky, Peter Zalaffi

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

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 47th 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

**THANKS
—from the—
HEART**



As we begin February 2017, the parish council would like to inform you about an increase of your 2017 parish membership obligations that were proposed and passed at the Parish Family Yearly Meeting this past January.

Membership Obligations for 2017 will now be \$175.00 for a married unit and \$100.00 for a single unit. This increase was passed at the Central Diocesan Synod held this past October, the increase passed is \$13.00 per unit. For the last few years whenever a increase of any sort was passed at either a General or Diocesan Church Synod the increase was not passed on to the parish family **BUT** supplemented from our parish treasury. We will still be supplementing obligations to the National and Diocesan Offices, but we have to start being conservative with our church savings due to the decrease in parish growth and attendance.

Our parish membership obligations are below what many of our sister parishes are asking of their parish family members.

These obligations may be taken care of on Sundays in the parish office. They may also be paid in installments from now to the end of the year. If you are unable to fulfill your 2017 parish membership obligations because of financial difficulties, please contact Fr. Ruda in private.

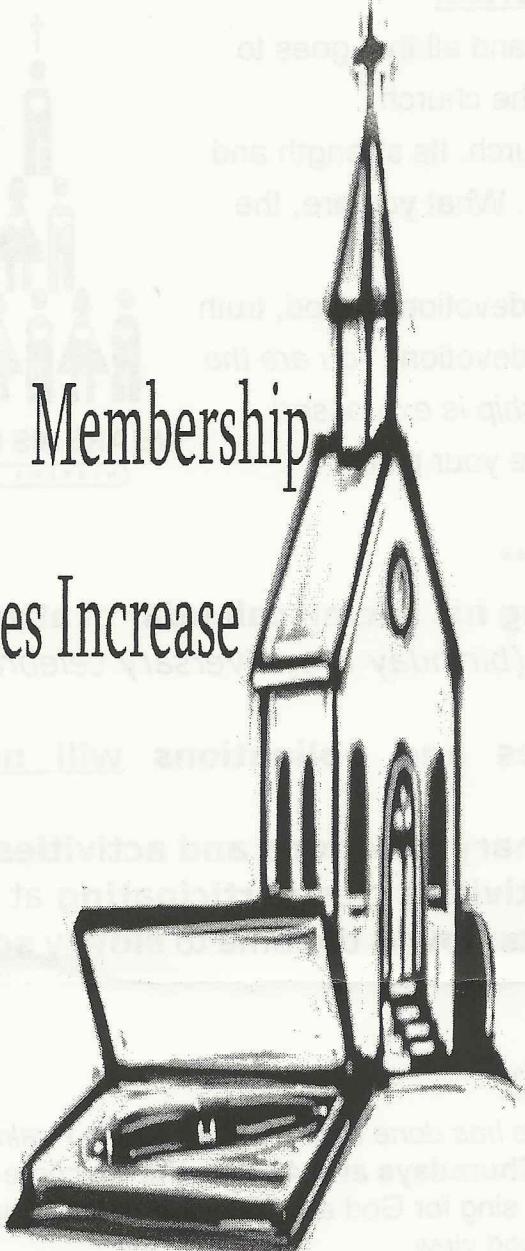
The following were duly elected at the Yearly Parish Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 22:

Parish Council Chairman.....	David Plahanski (2 yr. Term)
Parish Council Co-Chairman.....	Kevin Cushner
Treasurer.....	Thekla Miller
Financial Secretary.....	Debra Cushner
Recording Secretary.....	Kelley Yeomans
Envelope Secretary.....	Betty Ruda
Parish Family/Cemetery Treasurer.....	Judy Dyman
Directors: Peter Dyman III, Mike Cushner, Chester Socha Jr. Christina Dyman.	
Auditor: Daniel Derkowsky	

Oath of Office and Picture will take place on Sunday, February 5

Membership

Dues Increase



Church Council

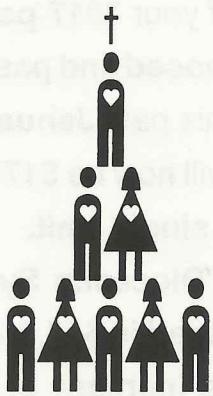


YOU ARE THE CHURCH

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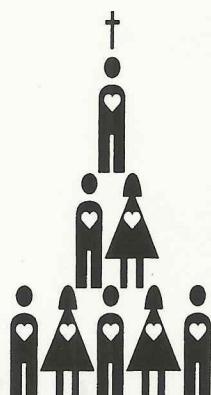
The Church is YOU! You are the Church. Its strength and its weaknesses are revealed in you. What you are, the church is also.

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



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Father Ruda will be **curtailing his social calendar of attending social events and functions** (*birthday & anniversary celebrations, fund raisers etc.*).

Pastoral responsibilities and obligations will not be affected by this decision.

After fifty years of **Seminary functions and activities, and Priesthood functions and activities** plus **participating at and in all types of dinners and events now** is the time to **slowly socially wind down.**

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.

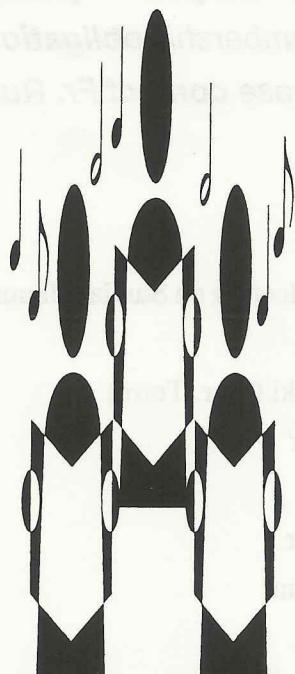
The adult choir has been rehearsing music for the rapidly approaching **Lenten season**, all the way through the end of April. We have many new and inspiring (and exciting) anthems for the congregation to enjoy! You may listen to most of our Sunday anthems at www.jwpepper.com.

Our Sunday School students have been enthusiastically rehearsing for their performances with the adult choir on **February 12** and on **Youth Sunday (April 30)**. They're sounding great!

MUSIC DONATIONS

Our thanks to Dave and Pam Kelley for their \$50 donation for two anthems, 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.

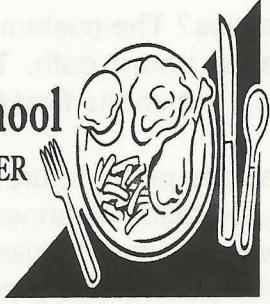


Music Ministry

Our Sunday School **teachers** and **staff** will have a **dinner** and get together at Applebee's Restaurant in the Vestal Plaza on Saturday, February 25 at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday School

STAFF DINNER



This dinner & get together will be before the season of **Lent** begins and will be the last **hoo-rah** before the **40 day fast**.

Hoping everyone can coordinate their personal schedule to attend. Contact **Father Ruda** with your intention of attending or not.



Christian Sympathy and Condolences are extended to the Pokrinchak Family on the passing of Jacqueline into God's Eternal Kingdom on January 4. *May she rest in peace!*

LAY LEADERS



Looking ahead to the Ash Wednesday evening service on Wednesday, March 1, Stations of the Cross, I would like to recruit five (5) 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.

SECRET CODES FOR CATHOLICS

AMEN: The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

BULLETIN: Your receipt for attending Mass.

CHOIR: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the Parish to lip-sync.

HOLY WATER: A liquid whose chemical formula is H₂OLOGY.

JONAH: The original "Jaws" story.

JUSTICE: When kids have kids of their own.

MAGI: The most famous trio to attend a baby shower.

MANGER: Where Mary gave birth to Jesus because Joseph wasn't covered by an HMO.

(The Bible's way of showing us that holiday travel has always been rough.)

PEW: A medieval torture device still found in churches.

PROCESSION: The ceremonial formation at the beginning of Mass consisting of altarservers, the celebrant, and late parishioners looking for seats.

RECESSIONAL: The ceremonial procession at the conclusion of Mass led by parishioners trying to beat the crowd to the parking lot.



Valentine's
Day



From the
Pastor



Young Adults Membership

Please make note of the following:

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK - call the office any time day or night if any parish family member is sick and wishes to be visited at home, in the hospital or nursing home. Hospitals and Nursing Homes do not inform the rectory office.

BAPTISM - must be arranged in person.

MARRIAGE - by personal appointment **at least one year** prior to the wedding date

(do not make any other arrangements until you contact the pastor).

FUNERAL - family should contact the pastor as soon as possible.

To our young adults who are finished with their schooling and gainfully employed: You are encouraged to take a parish membership and become a productive member of the parish family of All Saints. The parish needs your energy and support!

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.

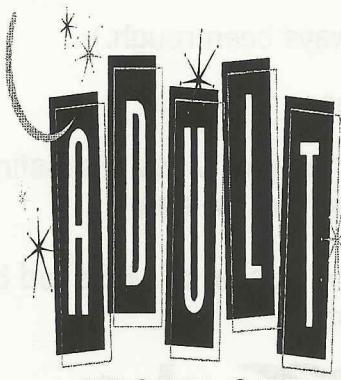


Our Men's Society will host a Social Night Out on Friday, February 10 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Jonathan's Restaurant on Hooper Road in Endwell, NY.

This will be an evening of fellowship and socializing.

All parish family members will be free of charge for the food and non-alcoholic beverages.. This event is not open to parish children or teenagers.

Please sign the reservation sheet in the vestibule.



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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 a minimum of \$3.00 per week in their envelopes, if possible, for the upkeep of the church, rectory, and parish center.
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.

(Over)

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

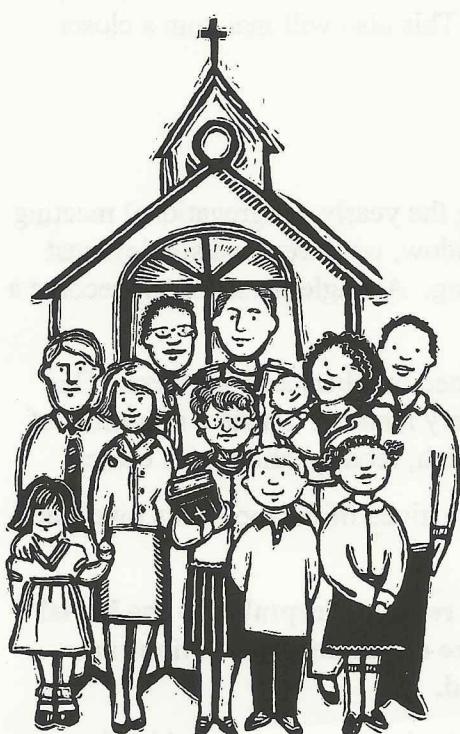
Members of the National Catholic Church are expected to appreciate the brotherhood of their church fellowship by becoming members of the various organizations and to respect and understand the aims and goals of the societies for the betterment of our National Catholic Church.

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???



Our Church Family

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 think you are a member of All Saints Church, but are you a registered and supporting 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-being 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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