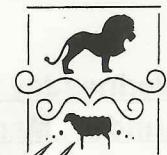


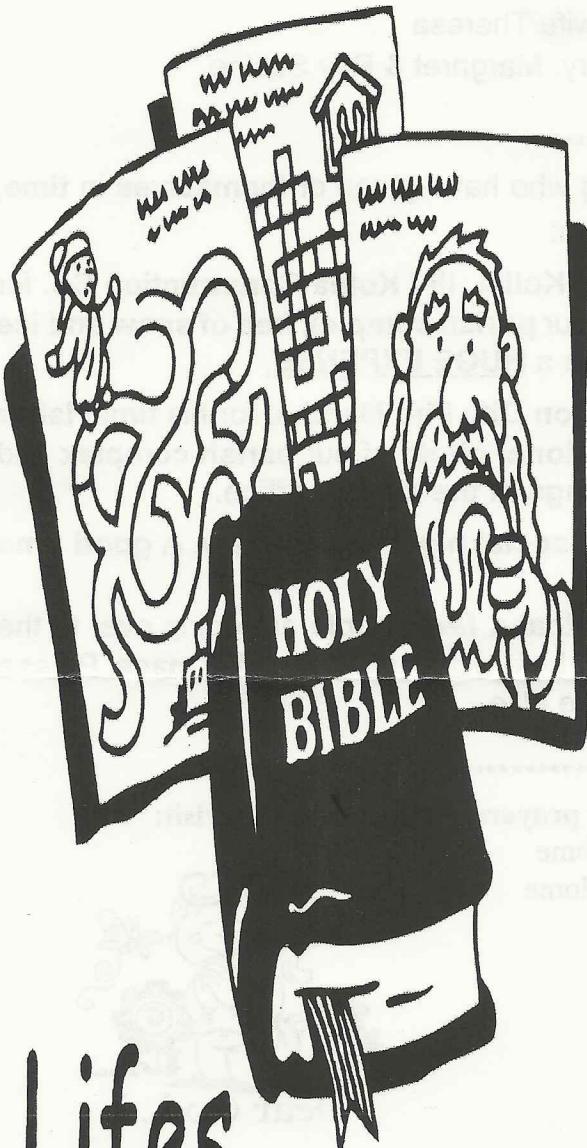
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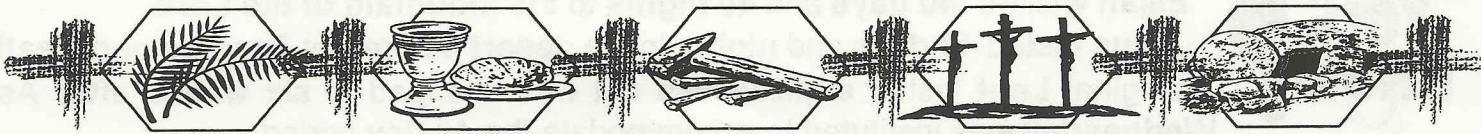
## TEN LIFE LESSONS



# Lifes Lessons

1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.
2. So why is a car's windshield so large and the rear-view mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So, look ahead and move on.
3. Friendship is like a book. It takes a few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If it's going well, enjoy it, that won't last long. If it's going badly, don't worry, that won't last long either.
5. Old friends are gold! New friends are diamond! If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold! Because to hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold!
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end. God smiles from above and says, "Relax, it's just a bend, not the end!"
7. When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities; when God doesn't solve your problems, He has faith in your abilities.
8. A blind person asked God, "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight? " He replied, "Yes, losing your vision of life."
9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; sometimes, when you're safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
10. Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles, it takes away today's peace.

Taken from the Women's Polka Magazine



## † PARISH FAMILY MASS AND SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR MARCH †

Wednesday March 1 ASH WEDNESDAY - Services at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 5 at 9:00 a.m. - + Marie Baron, offered by Diane and Gerry Turock

Sunday, March 5 at 9:00 a.m. - +Wincenty Sperski, offered by son Vincent Jr.

Wednesday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 12 at 9:00 a.m. - +Jacqueline Pokrinchak, offered by Peter III and Judy Dyman

Sunday, March 19 at 9:00 a.m. - +Wanda Bilsky, offered by daughter Rita Yeates

Sunday, March 19 at 9:00 a.m. - +Kathryn Gidzinski, offered by Family

Sunday, March 19 at 9:00 a.m. - +Joseph Borkowski, offered by wife Theresa

Sunday, March 26 at 9:00 a.m. - +Sophie Kokalas, offered by Mary, Margaret & Roy Sabine

Wednesday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

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

☺ to George Kolba Jr. and son George Kolba III / Kolba Construction Co. for their time, labor and materials keeping our parish complex free of snow and ice for our safety and also saving the parish a **HUGE EXPENSE**.

☺ to Robert G. Blakeslee retired Johnson City Fire Marshal for his time, labor and materials shooting a 12x18 professional photo of our parish complex and matting and framing it. The picture hangs in the church office.

☺ to our Men's Society for treating the "social night" in February. A good time was had by all!

☺ it has come to the pastor's attention that a few people are going over to the family center for an "early cup of coffee" before the end of Sunday mass. Please wait for the mass to end and for everyone else.

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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, Andy Stasko Jr.

Alice Spach

Rev. Richard & 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.*



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### LENTEN HISTORY

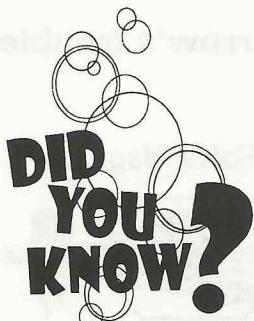
Lent becomes more regularized after the legalization of Christianity in 313 A.D.

\* 40 days had special spiritual significance - Moses prepared for 40 days and nights before receiving the Ten Commandments from God.

\* Elijah walked "40 days and 40 nights to the mountain of the Lord."

\* Jesus fasted 40 days and nights in the desert before His Passion and Death.

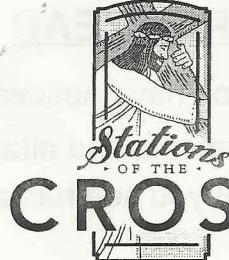
\* Original Lent lasted eight weeks but was changed to six weeks after Ash Wednesday was instituted to accommodate the 40 day period.



A part of the Lenten Schedule of the church during the 40 day period of Lent is the conducting of the devotion of the Stations of the Cross.

This service traces the last earthly steps of Jesus before His crucifixion on the cross.

These devotions will be conducted on Wednesdays March 1, 8, 29 and April 5 beginning at 7:00 p.m.



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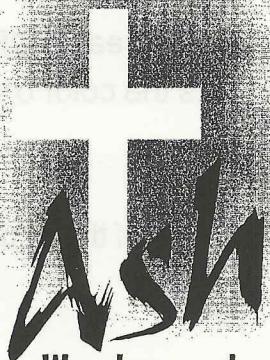
### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

The Holy Season of Lent begins on Wednesday, March 1, 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.

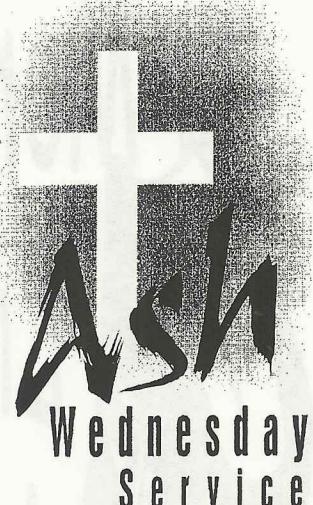
The following services have been scheduled for Ash Wednesday for your spiritual benefit:

Wednesday, March 1 at 9:00 a.m. - Stations of the Cross, Blessing of Ashes and marking of foreheads.

Wednesday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross with marking of foreheads.



Wednesday  
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**WHAT ARE YOU GIVING UP FOR LENT?** - A part of the Lenten tradition is to sacrifice something from our lives that we enjoy to remember the great sacrifice that Jesus made for us.

There is a two fold purpose to this exercise: to sacrifice and to show self control.

The forty days of Lent begin with Ash Wednesday and end with Holy Saturday April 15 at 12 noon. Sundays during Lent are not counted in the 40 days as Sunday is always a day reserved for worship to God. We also should exclude meat products from our Wednesday and Friday meals during Lent.

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**What  
Are You Giving  
Up?**

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### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

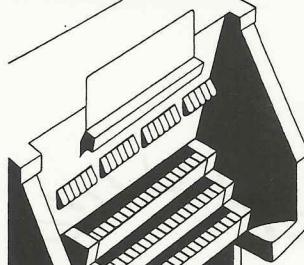
"I will praise the Name of God with a song" - Psalm 69:30

Our weekly choir rehearsals are on Thursdays at 6:45 PM. If you like to sing for God and can carry a tune, just come to a rehearsal! Comfortable seats - good view.

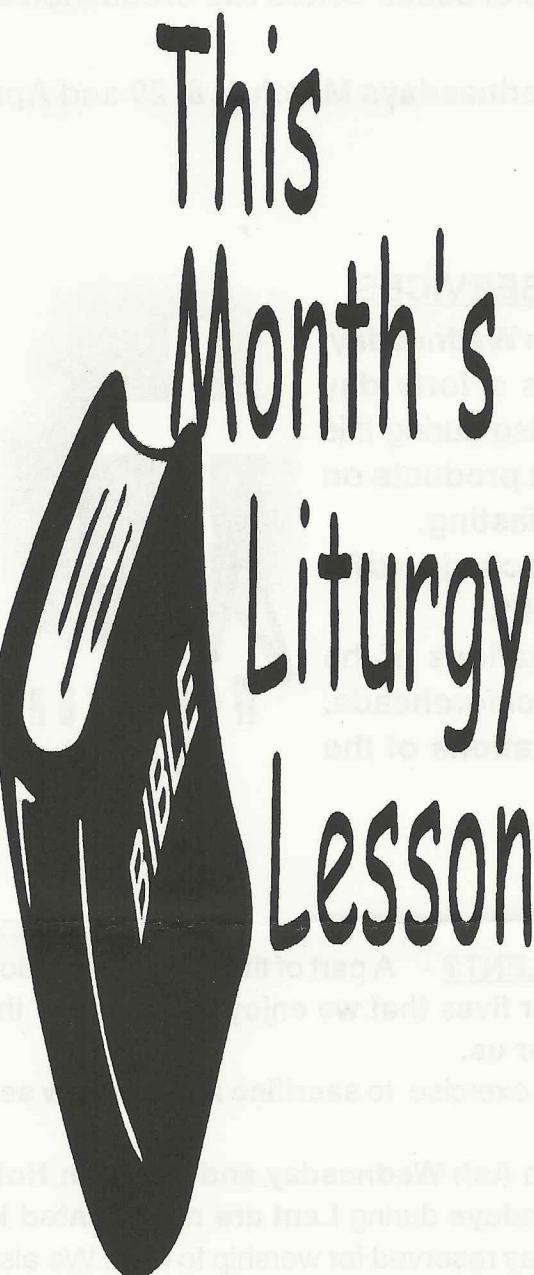
The adult choir has been rehearsing music for the Lent and Easter seasons, First Communion, and all the way through the end of the summer. You may listen to most of our Sunday anthems at [www.jwpepper.com](http://www.jwpepper.com).

Our Sunday School students have been enthusiastically rehearsing for their performance with the adult choir on Youth Sunday, April 30. Because of the hazardous weather conditions on February 12, the kids were unable to sing their scheduled anthem, so it will be rescheduled for early Fall.

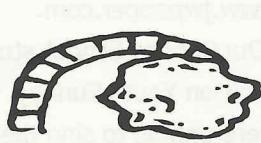
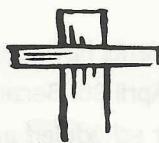
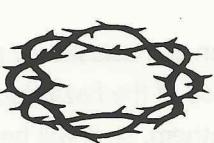
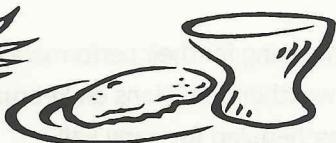
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## LITURGICAL COLORS FOR CHURCH YEAR



### Easter Lilies & Mums



When you attend church during the year you have noticed that different colors are used for the priest vestments and altar frontals that are worn and used. Each color that you see has a specific meaning.

**PURPLE** - used during Lent and in some churches used also for Advent. The color purple represents - Penance.

**BLUE** - the color Blue is used during the Advent Season (four Sundays before Christmas) and Blue represents the color of the Blessed Mother Mary.

**GREEN** - is the color that is used approx. 37 weeks of the church year. The color Green represents Hope.

**WHITE** - is the color that is used for Easter, Christmas, Mass of Christian Burial (Funeral). The color of White represents purity and also the Resurrection of Jesus into heaven.

**GOLD** - is worn for festive occasions and holidays in the Church. The color of Gold can be worn in place of all liturgical colors except Black.

**BLACK** - years ago Black was worn to conduct funerals and still is used in many churches. Many churches now use White for funerals as it represents the Resurrection of Jesus into heaven and for a person who has died the soul uniting with God their creator. Black represents Sorrow.

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As we did for the Christmas season, those of you who would like to order an **Easter Lily or Mum Plant** as a **donation** or in the **memory** of a departed one will be able to do so. A sign up sheet will be posted in the vestibule beginning **Sunday, March 5**, and will remain up until filled.

Cost of the these plants this year is \$11.00 for a lily and \$10.00 for a mum. For lilies or mums donated in memory of loved ones, a mass will be celebrated at a later date in their memory.



A warm Christian welcome is extended to Robert and Debra Benzi and Wai-Ling Pokrinchak who have become a part of our parish family. May you all find a truly Christian Home at All Saints.

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# memorials & gifts

There are several items available as Memorial Gifts to the parish: a Stained Glass Window for the Nave of the Church, *Carillon Music Programs*, *Church Vestments* for various occasions, 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.

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The Parish Council thanks Bob Blakeslee for his time, labor and processing for taking the picture of the 2017 Parish Council.

Bob has been very helpful in different ways many times to All Saints. He is one of our go to guys when we encounter computer problems, and is one of our installers of our computer software and equipment and has donated a new computer and monitor in the past. Bob has also taken exterior pictures of the parish complex; the current 2016 photo is on display in the church office - all this at no charge to the parish.

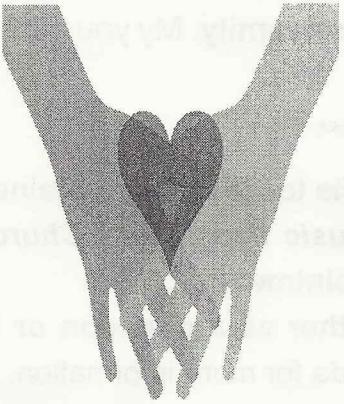
Bob is the retired Fire Marshal of the Johnson City Fire Department and is a commissioned photographer for the Gettysburg National Park.

# Church Council Photo



Front Row Seated, Left to Right: Debbie Cusiner, Financial Secretary; Elizabeth Ruda, Envelope Secretary; Thelma Miller, Treasurer; Christina Dyman, Director; Judy Dyman, Cemetery Center Secretary.  
Back Row, Left to Right: Peter Dyman III, Director; Chester Socha, Director; David Pihanski, Council Chairman; Fr. Dennis Ruda; Kevin Cusiner, Council Vice-Chairman  
Absent: Kelley Yeomans, Recording Secretary

February 5, 2017  
R.G. Blakeslee



We should consider removing the following from our lives not only for Lent, but the rest of our lives:

**Fear of Failure** - You don't succeed without experiencing failure. Just make sure you fall forward.

**Your comfort Zone** - It's outside our comfort zones where new discoveries are made.

**Blame** - I am not going to pass the buck. I will take responsibility for my actions.

**Guilt** - I am loved by Jesus and he has forgiven my sins. Today is a new day and the past is behind.

**Over commitment** - Do less better and accomplish more.

**Negativity** - I will put the best construction on everything when it comes to other people.

**Giving up** - God never gives up on us.

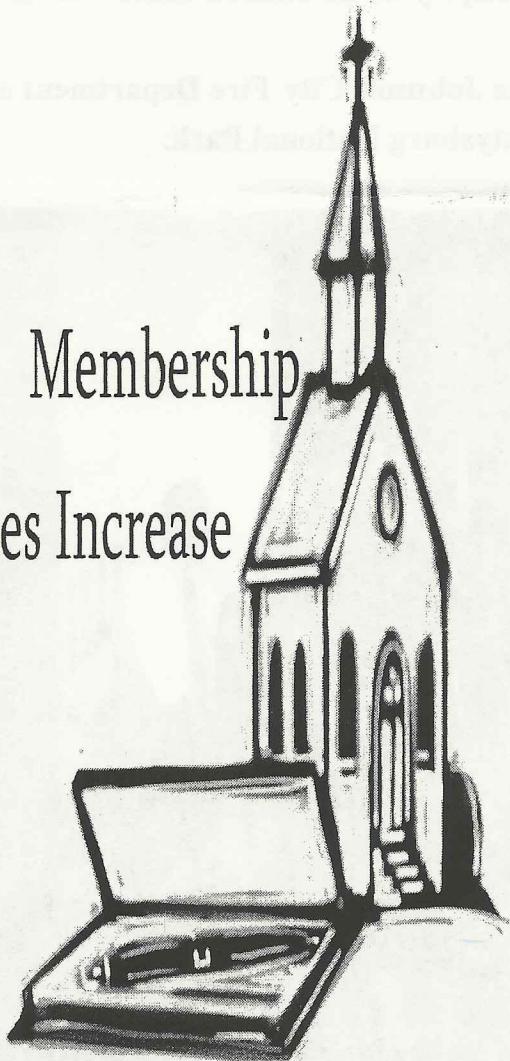
**The Quick Fix** - Rarely does true transformation happen overnight.

**Ungratefulness** - You have been blessed in a way greater than you realize.

God has so much in store for us. But so many of the above things are holding us back from walking in that full destiny of our potential. **Today is a new day.**

HEBREWS 13:16, NRSV

## Membership Dues Increase



As we begin **March 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 past few years, whenever an 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.*



# March 2017

## EVENTS AT ALL SAINTS



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