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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 66 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 3 at 9:00 a.m. +Edward Nycz, offered by Family
Sunday, February 3 at 9:00 a.m. +Jennie Kolba, offered by Family
Sunday, February 10 at 9:00 a.m. +Richard & Barbara Plahanski, offered by Family
Sunday, February 10 at 9:00 .am. +Frank, Edward, Stephen, Ray Szczepanski, offered by a Friend
Sunday, February 17 at 9:00 a.m. +Robert Bo Miller, offered by Ernie & Patti Kolba
Sunday, February 17 at 9:00 a.m. +Kay Lynch, offered by Family
Sunday, February 24 at 9:00 a.m. +Geraldine Kubeli, offered by Genevieve Lupinsky

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

- ☺ to the estate of +Jean Chapin for her \$5,000.00 bequest to our parish.
☺ to Stephen Pokrinchak & Wai Ling Lee for their \$1,000.00 donation to FDR's personal retirement plan.
☺ to Ken & Jeanne Perchinsky Williams for their \$200.00 church & cemetery donation.
☺ to Jay & Karen Miller Konar & daughters for their \$250.00 church donation in memory of father and grandfather Robert Bo Miller.
☺ to George Kolba Jr./Kolba Construction Co for his time, labor and materials plowing and salting the parish complex - saving the parish a huge expense.
☺ to our Men's Society for treating the parish family at Jonathan's Restaurant for the social night.
☺ be sure to read and review our parish by-laws in this month's newsletter.

Dear members of the Parish Family of All Saints:

On behalf of myself, Jeremy and the Chapin Family, I want to thank the members of our parish family for the many cards and other expressions of condolences and Christian Faith on the passing of Jean to our Father's care, for Fr. Ruda's ministry during and following her illness. God bless us all and may Jean and all the faithful departed rest in peace and rise in glory.

Sincerely

Father Richard Chapin



Jean's
Wishes

One of Jean Chapin's wishes in her last Will and Testament was to leave All Saints Parish a bequest of \$5,000.00 for the needs our parish.

We remember Jean as a lover of animals and her strong faith and belief in her Christian Heritage and the Church. *May she rest in peace.*



THANKS —from the— HEART

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 49th 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.

After 46 years of consecutively making these Epiphany visits to the members of All Saints, I will be discontinuing this beloved traditional custom.

Thank You again for your support, church attendance and concern for our parish and your friendship to me all these past years and the years to come.



It is never too early to look ahead for readers for the Ash Wednesday evening service on Wednesday, March 6, 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.



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

Florence Ottman

Genevieve Lupinsky

Mae Raychel at St. Louise Manor

Peter Zalaffi at Willow Point

Emil Kotasek at Ideal Living Center

Ed & Jeanette Samuelson

Wanda Raychel Broczkowski

Rev. Richard Chapin

Edward and Vicky Ambrose

Steve Falvo

Alice Spach

Dave & Pam Kelley

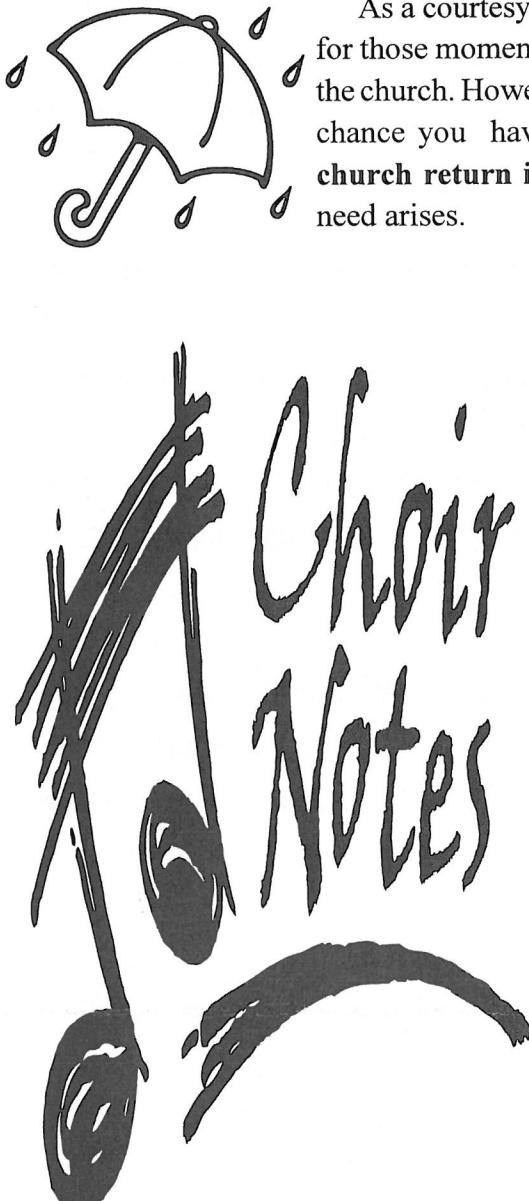
Privacy laws do not allow hospitals or nursing homes to inform priests of admission. Family members must make this notification to the priest.

Valentine's Day



Why are love letters signed with an “X” for a kiss? The custom dates back to the Christian era when a cross mark or X symbolized a sworn oath. The **cross was a religious symbol**, referring to the **cross of Calvary**. It is also the first letter of the **Greek word for Christ**.

People who could not write could use the X as a legal signature. Those who could write placed the cross after their signature to show good faith and honesty. To emphasize their sincerity in a formal agreement, the person was required to kiss the mark {as the Bible was frequently kissed when an oath was sworn upon it.} This practice of writing the letter X led to its becoming a symbol for a kiss.



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.



"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 24** and on **Youth Sunday (April 28)**. *They're sounding great!*

MUSIC DONATIONS

Our thanks to David and Loreen Plahanski for their \$25 donation for an anthem in honor of John and Lottie Plahanski 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. 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

YOU ARE THE CHURCH

The bricks and mortar, the pews, and all that goes to make the building are not the church.

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.



Congratulations to first time grandparents David and Loreen Plahanski on the birth of their grandson *Owen Louis Plahanski* to Tyler & Emily Plahanski on November 29, 2018 in the Baltimore area.

After a slow start Owen is doing very well!

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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????

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?



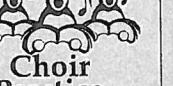
Our Church Family



February 2019

Events at All Saints



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| 3 8:30AM Priv. Confession 9:00AM Holy Mass with blessing of candles 10:15AM Coffee Fellowship 10:15AM Sunday School Music | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 6:45 PM  Choir Practice | 8 | 9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 9:00 AM Holy Mass with Oath of Office 10:00 AM Parish Council Mtg. 10:15AM Coffee Fellowship 10:15AM Sunday School Crafts | 11 | 12  | 13 | 14 6:45 PM  Choir Practice Valentine's Day  | 15 | 16 +Bp. Francis Hodur - 66 years | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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