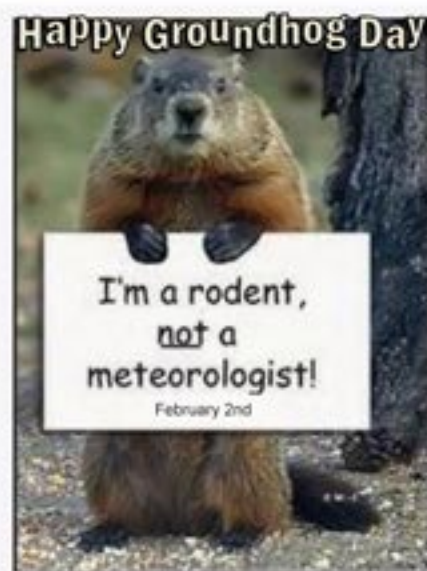


# ***All Saints NCC Newsletter February 2024***



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## IT'S LENT AGAIN - ALREADY?

I just put away the *Christmas manger, trees, wreaths and decorations* in church. And now within weeks (*St. Valentines Day - February 14, to be exact*) a whole new liturgical transformation will have to be set up and presented in church with Lent.

But I really **don't** mind because with **Lent** and the **thought of Spring** there is **hope**.

**Lent** has changed in **theory** and **philosophy** in peoples thinking over the last **several decades**. Instead of **religious way of sacrifice** during the **forty days**, it is now more of a **personal commitment** and **way of life**, instead of attending church services.

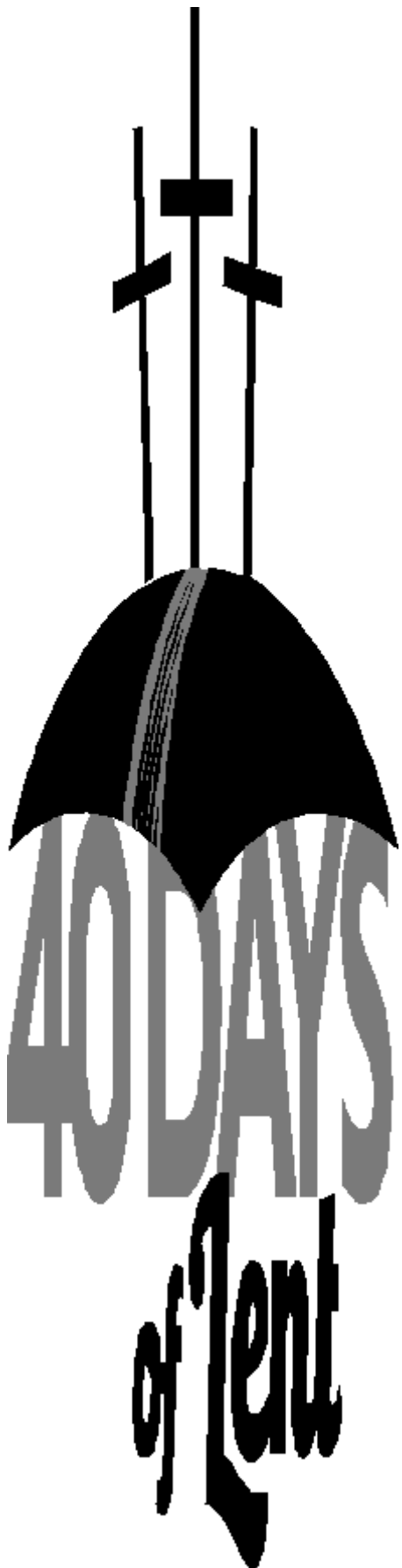
**Many** may disagree with that **statement** but ask any **pastor** - "*How is your attendance for Lenten Services and Devotions* other than **Ash Wednesday**"? And I am **sure** that the **answer** will be **very discouraging**. I am **not trying to push** the **religious/spiritual aspect** of **Lent** out of the **equation** but **trying to be more realistic** that, with some **extra sacrifice** and **discipline from material and worldly things**, a **person** can **accomplish** the **true purpose of Lent** by **toning ones living skills**.

**Today** people are **challenged with more obstacles than a bygone** generation and **society**. **Life and family situations** are more **complicated**, **raising the family** is more **difficult**, **life in general** needs more **energy and time to succeed**.

For the **pastors** it is **very fulfilling** to **see people** in **church** for a **Lenten service** no **matter** what **form** it is. It is **very necessary** for that **quiet time** for us to **stop** and **reflect** on what is **happening** around us and our **families**.

The **world's population** has a **weakened faith level** because of the **world's problems**. They **seem to blame God** - not realizing the **problems** of the **world rest** on our **shoulders**: - **free will** and **mankind** that has made many **wrong decisions** from our **national leaders** down to us.

**Lenten services** will be **scheduled** in all of our **parishes** with the **hope** that **everyone** will **try to improve their ways** and **become re-energized** to **build up** our **struggling parishes**. **Spring** will be with us in **several weeks**; that is when we will **see and understand** before our **eyes** the **will of God** our **heavenly Father**. FDR



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

Sunday, February 4 at 9:00 a.m. - +Jennie Kolba, offered by Family

Sunday, February 4 at 9:00 a.m. - +Debra Cushner, offered by Lilly and Jack Kinback

Sunday, February 11 at 9:00 a.m. - +Edward Nycz, offered by Family

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Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday - Stations of the Cross at 10 a.m. & 7p.m. with Ashes

Sunday, February 18 at 9:00 .am. - +Richard & Barbara Plahanski, offered by Family

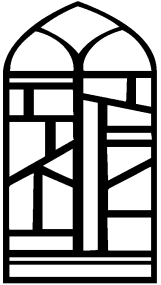
Sunday, February 18 at 9:00 a.m. - +Edward, Frank, Ray, Steven, Alice Szczepanski, offered by a Friend

Sunday, February 25 at 9:00 a.m. - +Genevieve Bagan Lupinsky, offered by son Peter and Family

Sunday, February 25 at 9:00 a.m. - +Fred Daszewski, offered by Harry and Ruth Lewis

Wednesday, February 28 at 10:00 a.m. - Stations of the Cross

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**FROM OUR  
PASTOR**

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

☺ to Jack & Debbie DeNinis for their \$400.00 church offering

☺ to Grace Fell for her \$50.00 church donation

☺ to George Kolba Jr. & Mike Arcangeli for donating their time & labor.

☺ your personal financial statement of offerings will be available on February 4

☺ to our Men's Society for sponsoring the parish family night out at Jonathan's Rest.

☺ lay readers are needed for the Ash Wednesday evening service at 7:00 p.m.

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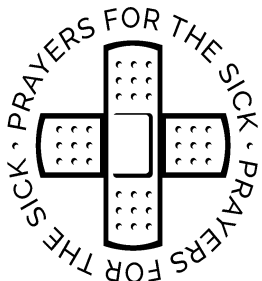
**PHONE  
FREE  
ZONE**

Please turn off your cell phones, not to mention absolutely no texting, while in the nave, parish office and choir loft in church at any time. If your phone must be on for emergencies please switch them to vibrate instead of ring tone.

Your phones and texting is permitted in the parish center etc.

This request is made not to annoy those around you or interrupt the church service.

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

Wanda Raychel Broczkowski, Jeanette Samuelson, Mike Cushner, Peter Dyman III, Dolores Butora Duke, Erica & Charlotte Blakeslee, Theresa Borkowski, Annie Kaczmarek, Dave Plahanski, Steven Ottman, Charlene Laskowski, Sally Cooper, Diane Fiacco, Patricia Vaughan, Carolyn Kolba.

Robert Blakeslee Sr.

*If you are hospitalized, please call the rectory. Privacy laws do not allow hospitals or nursing homes to inform priests of admission.*



## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

The **Holy Season of Lent** begins on **Wednesday, February 14**, 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, February 14 at 10:00 a.m.**

*Stations of the Cross, Blessing of Ashes and distribution.*

**Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m.**

*Stations of the Cross with distribution of ashes.*



**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**Ash**  
**Wednesday**  
**Service**

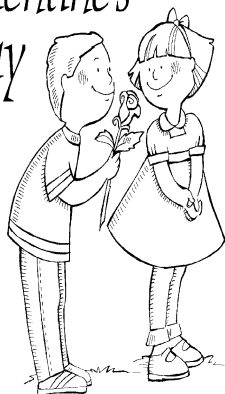
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**Lay readers are needed** for the **Ash Wednesday evening service** on **Wednesday, February 14, Stations of the Cross**. I would like to **recruit seven [7] adult/teenage readers** for the **service**. Each reader would **read the two narratives of the station assigned to them** from the **church pulpit**. Please contact **Fr. Ruda** as soon as possible if you would like to **participate**.



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*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**.

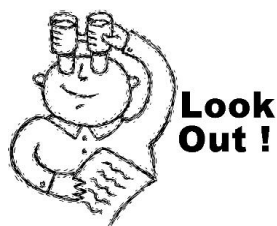
People who could not write could use the **X** as a legal signature. Those who could write placed the cross after their signature to show good faith and honesty. To emphasize their sincerity in a formal agreement, the person was required to kiss the mark {as the Bible was frequently kissed when an oath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

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The **winter weather** has caused many **uneven sections of our sidewalks and black top areas** around the **parish complex**.

Please be careful and **watch out** for **uneven or sunken parts and slippery areas**.

These **problems** usually **correct** themselves once the **frost** is out of the **ground**.





The following were duly elected at the Yearly Parish Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 21:

Parish Council Chairman.....**Dan Derkowski** (Final Year)  
 Parish Council Co-Chairman..... **All parish directors**  
 Treasurer.....**Terri Miller**  
 Financial Secretary.....**Kevin Cushner**  
 Recording Secretary.....**Tracy Cooper**  
 Envelope Secretary.....**Betty Ruda**  
 Parish Family/Cemetery Treasurer.....**Judy Dyman**  
 Directors: **Peter Dyman III, Dave Plahanski, , Cliff & Barbara Butler, Mike Cushner, Honorary Director.**  
 Auditors: **Dan Derkowski and Joe Fiacco**  
 Oath of Office and Picture will take place on Sunday, February 11.

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Something to  
Think About



**Two items to consider** - Are you able to receive your monthly newsletter electronically via e-mail? Are you signed up for our parish notification system?

Receiving your monthly newsletter via e-mail is quick and easy and saves the parish the cost of postage every month.

The parish's notification system informs you of any time changes, cancellations and postponements of parish masses, services and activities.

Come into the parish office on Sunday before or after mass or call the rectory and the information will be gladly given to you.

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

Our weekly choir rehearsals are now on Thursdays at 2:00 PM. We are in **great need** of singers! 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 or contact Betty. Comfortable seats - good view - beautiful robe - great company!

The adult choir has been rehearsing music for the rapidly approaching Lenten and Easter seasons, and all the way through June. 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](http://www.jwpepper.com).

Our thanks to the Vassil and Hall families for their \$20 donation to our music fund.



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Looking ahead to the next several months:

- ★Parish Family Social Night at Jonathan's Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. February 9.
- ★Ash Wednesday February 14, services at 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
- ★Palm Sunday Breakfast March 24, following mass.
- ★Easter Sunday March 31,
- ★Chicken Barbecue Saturday, April 20 - 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- ★Tentative Spring Rummage Sale Saturday April 20.
- ★Confirmation Sunday - May 19 at 9:00 a.m.



# February 2024

## EVENTS AT ALL SAINTS



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