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GOD'S PROTECTION

It is hard to believe that we are coming up on the one year anniversary of the pandemic.

Many changes have taken place in many lives throughout the world because of this virus.

People have died, people became sick, people lost their jobs and security, the livelihood of businesses have been taken away.

So, people have been very skeptical about God and his protection of His creation. But if one seriously looks at the happenings of this past year as seriously and scary as it was could it have been more serious and devastating? I am sure the answer is yes. If one reads the bible and the situations of not only the past but what about in our life time. How soon the world forgets about past pandemics and diseases in our lifetime.

Yet the world and its population is still here, sad to say over 500,00 people to date have lost their life, some directly from the virus very prematurely, others through complications from the virus.

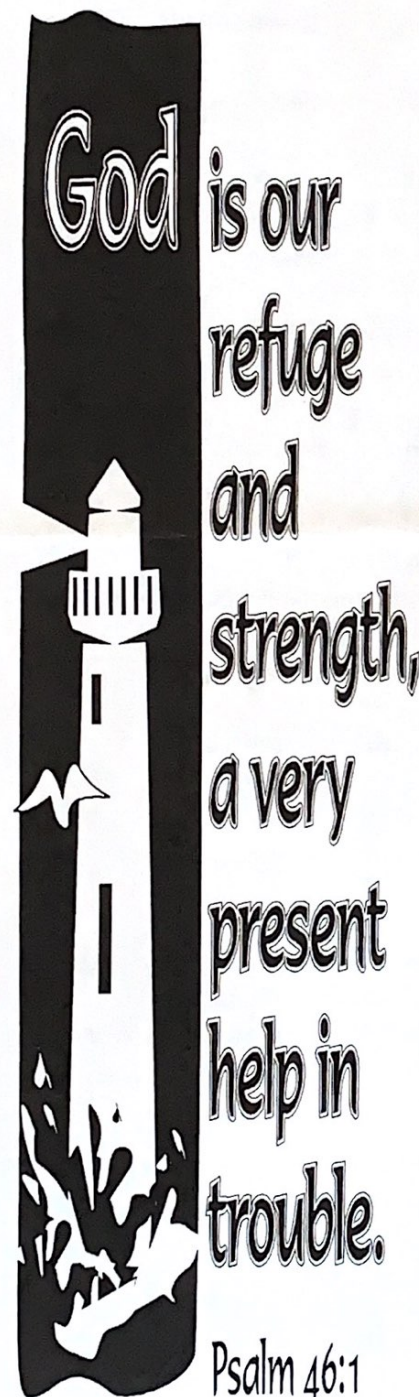
With all this happening in our presence right before our eyes there is a small percentage of inhabitants of our world thanking God for the protection and graces that still shield all of us on a daily basis

Our human nature sometimes doesn't make any sense or logic but that is the result of free will of conscience that God has given us.

Even dark times and negative events that happened when Jesus walked this earth in human form, He healed the sick and rebuked the negative situations that surrounded Him.

Lent gives us the opportunity to take a serious inventory of our lives and events around us. What is transpiring around the world could be a test or challenge - not only the virus, the weather, other diseases and world situations.

Let us try to be a part of a humble solution just by our actions, and not put all of our concern in material things that we can lose in the blink of an eye compared to the promise of an eternal reward.



†PARISH FAMILY MASS AND SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR MARCH †

Wednesday, March 3 at 9:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross
Sunday, March 7 at 9:00 a.m. +Vincenty Sperski Sr. offered by son Vincent
Sunday, March 7 at 9:00 a.m. +Marie Baron offered by Gerry and Diane Baron Turock
Sunday, March 14 at 9:00 a.m. +Mary Mae Raychel, offered by All Saints ANS Society
Sunday, March 21 at 9:00 a.m. +Kathryn Gidzinski, offered by Michael & Debbie Gidzinski Cushner
Wednesday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Sunday, March 28 at 9:00 a.m. +Alice Spach, offered by St. Marys Sodality & All Saints PTA



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

- ☺ to the estate of +Chester Gidzinski for remembering the parish with a \$1,000.00 Gift.
- ☺ to Eugene Appleton Jablonoski for his \$780.00 church donation
- ☺ to Christopher Butora/Performance Auto, Warehouse Carpet and Ciotoli Heating and Air Conditioning for sponsoring our parish's Easter Message on the Bill Flynn Polka Show on WNBK radio AM 1290
- ☺ to Mark and Janine Pokrinchak Dubik for their \$100.00 church donation in memory of + Mark Riccio
- ☺ to Grace Fell for her \$50.00 church donation
- ☺ to Andy Stasko Jr. for donating his time, labor and materials repairing and improving some of our electrical equipment.
- ☺ to our Ash Wednesday readers: Ed, Terri & Christopher Kozloski, Tracy Cooper, Debbie Benzi, Loreen Plahanski and Kelley Cooper.
- ☺ to our parishioners who have faithfully been supporting the parish through mail or in person with their church offerings during the pandemic
- ☺ to Richard & Jeannine Ambrose \$100.00 donation in memory of +Ed Ambrose

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

Jeanette & Ed Samuelson	Shirley Michno
Wanda Raychel Broczkowski	Dave & Pamela Kelley
Dolores Butora Duke	Rick Machalek
Michael Cushner	Robert Blakeslee



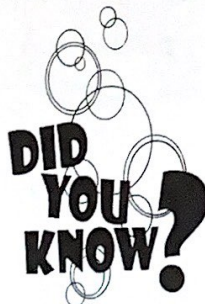
**Prayers
for the
Sick**

Please remember privacy laws do not allow hospitals or nursing homes to inform priests of admission. Family members must make this notification to the priest upon admission and discharge. Priests are not allowed into hospitals or nursing homes for visitations at this time due to the pandemic.

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.

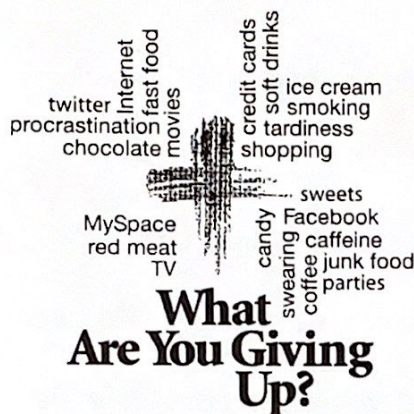




Easter Lilies & Mums

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 7**, and will remain up until filled.

Cost of these plants this year is \$13.00 for a lily and \$11.00 for a colored mum. For lilies or colored mum donated in memory of loved ones, a mass will be celebrated at a later date in their memory.



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 ends with **Holy Saturday April 3 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.

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**.



Tentatively, the first **Chicken Barbecue** of the season will be held on **SATURDAY, APRIL 10**. The price per half chicken will be \$7.00 per half. A work party preparing the chickens will be announced.



Not listed in the memorial list of Christmas Poinsettias was: **In memory of +Robert and +Jean Blakeslee** offered by son Robert.



Church Council

The following were **duly elected** as the **2021 parish council** of **All Saints** at the **parish family yearly meeting** held on **Sunday, January 24** and took their **oath of office** on **Sunday, February 7:**

Chairman.....Kelley Cooper (2 year term)
Vice Chairman.....Kevin Cushner
Treasurer.....Terri Miller
Financial Secretary.....Debbie Cushner
Recording Secretary.....Tracy Cooper
Envelope Secretary.....Elizabeth Ruda
Family Center /Cemetery Secretary.....Judy Dyman

Directors: Peter Dyman III, David Plahanski, Michael Cushner, Debbie Benzi, Joe Fiacco.

Auditors: Dan Derkowski and Rob Benzi.



Do not neglect
to **do good** and to
share what you have,
for such **sacrifices**
are **pleasing** to God.

HEBREWS 13:16, NRSV

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.**



Palm Sunday service will be **celebrated** on **Sunday, March 28**. Mass will be **celebrated** at **9:00 a.m.** with the **blessing** and **distribution of palms**. Due to the **pandemic**, the **service** will be **toned down**, eliminating the **procession of palms** and **certain parts** of the **liturgy**.

For those of **you** who are still being **cautious** with **virus**, **palms** will be **available** after the **service** and the **church** will be **open** for **you** to **come in** and **take your palm** at your **convenience**.



Please make note that the **March meeting** of the **Men's Society** will be held on **Sunday, March 7**, following **mass** in church **instead** of the **usual third Sunday meeting date**.



March 2021

Events at All Saints



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