

# ***All Saints NCC Newsletter March 2023***



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## **SIX WEEKS OF LENT FOLLOWED BY EASTER**

We are at the **beginning** of the **observance** of the **Great Lent**, followed by **Easter**. The proclamation of **Lent**: ***“Remember Man that you are dust and into dust you will return but your soul you must give back to God”*** was a **stark reminder** that **our souls** need to be always ready for the day God calls us from this life. We need to **repent of sin** and wrong doing and strive to **increase our spiritual activities of praying, receiving the Sacraments** and doing **works of mercy and charity**. On **Wednesdays and Fridays** we added the **obligation of abstaining from flesh meat** thus **disciplining our physical lives** with a **healthier diet**.

**Easter**, or more precisely, the **Resurrection of our Lord from the dead**, is time to proclaim our faith to the risen Lord. We do this in our greetings and salutations to one another: ***“Christ is Risen!”*** and expect the response: ***“Christ is Risen, Indeed!”*** These are the ancient forms of proclaiming the joy and truth of Easter, and a reminder for each of us and all others that this truth of faith which the resurrection proclaims is the hallmark of faith. Christ’s resurrection from the dead is the powerful Message that can change the hearts and minds of people, but it must be proclaimed in truth and deep conviction on our part. We cannot just be spectators of our faith, watching and waiting for others to defend our beliefs; rather we must be activists by living our faith, thus reflecting the image of Jesus Christ.

During this **Lenten Season** let us **reflect** on our **religious convictions**, learn how to **increase our faith**, and you will **begin** to **share in the glory** that **Easter promises**. Avail yourself of the **reconciling blessings** that the **Sacrament of Penance** has to offer. **Plan to walk the Way of the Cross**. ***May you all be blessed with God’s Grace this Great Lent so that you might have a joyous and holy Easter.***

*article by the late + Rt. Rev. Thaddeus Peplowski*



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

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

**Wednesday, March 8 at 9:00 a.m.** - Stations of the Cross

**Sunday, March 12 at 9:00 a.m.** - +Robert Bo Miller, offered by Anne Ludka Family

**Sunday, March 19 at 9:00 a.m.** - +Raymond Henkiel, offered by Fr. Dennis & Betty Ruda

**Wednesday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m.** - Stations of the Cross

**Sunday, March 26 at 9:00 a.m.** - Kathryn Gidzinski, offered by Family

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

- ☺ to **Thomas Jr. & Cindy Novobilski** for their **\$175.00 church donation** in memory of **Thomas Sr. & Irene Novobilski** and **Geraldine Kubeli**.
- ☺ to **Jay and Karen Miller Konar** for their **\$100.00 church donation**
- ☺ to **Grace Fell** for her **\$50.00 church donation**
- ☺ to **Mike Arcangeli** for **his time & labor helping** around the **parish complex**
- ☺ to **Cliff & Barb Butler** for their **time & labor helping** around the **parish complex**
- ☺ to our **Men's Society** for **treating the parish family** to the **social night**.
- ☺ to our **Ash Wednesday evening service readers**: **Ed, Terri, Christopher Kozloski, Janet Ottman, Aggie Dedrich, Robert Jr. & Hallie Blakeslee**.
- ☺ to our **parish photographer Bob Blakeslee Sr.** for his **time, labor and materials** taking the **2023 parish council picture**.

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

Jeanette Samuelson, Wanda Raychel Broczkowski, Rick Machalek. Michael Cushner, Dave & Pam Kelley, Dolores Butora Duke, Theresa Borkowski, Bob Mnahoncak, Carolyn Kolba, Erica Blakeslee.

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

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 \$12.00 for a lily (lower price) and \$11.00 for a white or 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.**





The following were **duly elected** as the **2023 parish council** of **All Saints** at the **parish family yearly meeting** held on **Sunday, January 29** and took their **oath of office** on **Sunday, February 12:**

**Chairman**.....Daniel Derkowski (2 year term)  
**Vice Chairman**.....All parish council Directors  
**Treasurer**.....Terri Miller  
**Financial Secretary**.....Open  
**Recording Secretary**.....Tracy Cooper  
**Envelope Secretary**.....Elizabeth Ruda  
**Family Center /Cemetery Secretary**.....Judy Dyman  
**Directors:** *Peter Dyman III, David Plahanski, Michael Cushner, (honorary), Joe Fiacco., Kelly Cooper, Kevin Cushner.* **Auditor:** Dan Derkowski

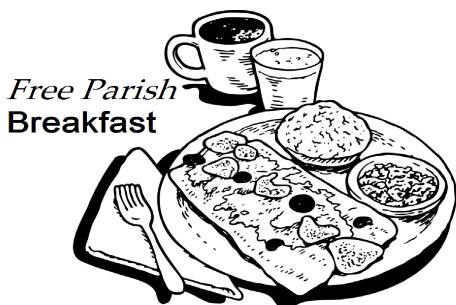
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## DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

- † *Fast from hurting words and say kind words.*
- † *Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.*
- † *Fast from anger and be filled with patience.*
- † *Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.*
- † *Fast from worries and have trust in God.*
- † *Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity*
- † *Fast from pressures and be prayerful.*
- † *Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.*
- † *Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.*
- † *Fast from grudges and be reconciled.*
- † *Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.*

*From Pietra Fitness*

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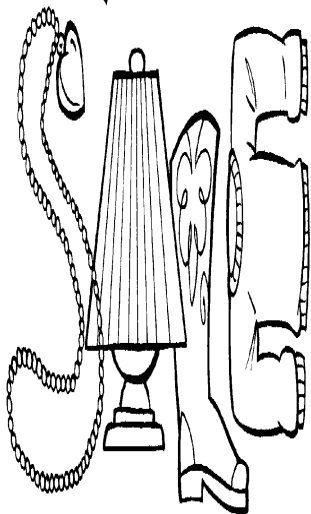
*Free Parish  
Breakfast*

On **Sunday, April 2 (Palm Sunday)**, immediately following the end of mass, our **Men's Society** will **treat the parish family members** to a **free breakfast** served in the parish family center.

A **reservation sheet** will be in the **vestibule** in **March** so the **Men's Society** will know how much to **prepare**. Please **sign the sheet** with your **reservation**.

LENT *Lent* LENT *Lent*

# RUMMAGE



A Spring Rummage Sale will be held on **Saturday, April 22**, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm and **Monday April 24**, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., followed by clean up and putting away tables.

Our Rummage Sale and the Salvation Army will not accept the following items: underwear (men/women), wigs, used hygiene products, encyclopedias, broken furniture/broken household items.

You may begin to bring your clean clothing and workable items to the parish center beginning **Monday April 3**, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

Final set up for the sale will be on **Thursday, April 20** at 5:30 p.m. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Please when you bring items place them on a table, if possible, thereby eliminating bending down to pick them up. Also, tables will be labeled of where things should go.

P.S. Volunteers will be needed after the Lenten Breakfast on April 2 to set up tables for the sale.



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.

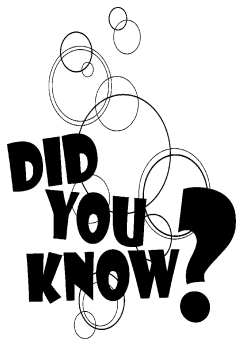
**Ungratefulness** - You have been blessed in a way greater than you realize.

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.**

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Our adult choir is busily rehearsing music for the upcoming **Easter season**. **We'd love to have more singers!** Just come to a **Thursday rehearsal at 2:00 p.m.** You don't have to know how to read music-we'll help you! **There's a robe and a padded chair waiting for you!**



## 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.

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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 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**.

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**Tentatively**, the first **Chicken Barbecue** of the season will be held on **SATURDAY, APRIL 22**. The price per half chicken will be **\$8.00** per half.

We are **changing** our **volunteer work philosophy** **due to changing times**. Instead of having **just workers** from the **Men's Society** for their **fund raisers** we are **asking** for **workers** from the **entire parish family** to **give a helping hand**.

Here is the **reasoning** for this **change of philosophy**: Our **Men's Society** is very **generous** with their **funds** toward the **parish family** - **sponsoring free breakfasts, social night out, purchasing supplies for the weekly coffee fellowship after mass etc**. They would just like some **extra hands** with the work that **has to be done** in order to have these **successful events**.

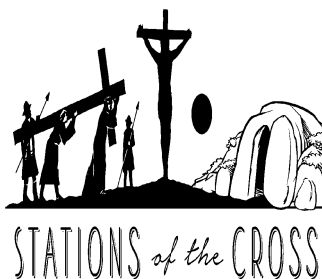
*We would like to institute this type of a volunteer work policy not only for our Men's Society barbecues but for any scheduled parish fund raiser.*

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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** at alternating times and dates **March 8 at 9:00 a.m.** , **March 22 at 7:00 p.m.**







## MUSIC MINISTRY

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

**Our weekly choir rehearsals are now on Thursdays at 2:00 PM.**

We are **happy to welcome two new choir members - Gerry Turock and Barb Butler!** If you like to sing for God and can carry a tune, just come to a rehearsal! **Comfortable seats - good view - beautiful robe.**

The **adult choir** has been **rehearsing music** for the **Lent and Easter seasons and beyond.** You may **listen to most** of our **Sunday anthems** at **[www.jwpepper.com](http://www.jwpepper.com).**

## MUSIC DONATIONS

Please keep our **program of music donations** in **mind.** **\$25 donation** for a **piece of music** to be **sung** during a **future mass**, and a **copy** of the **music** for you to **keep.** **Contact Betty Ruda for details.** **Phone or text 607-759-9202, or email [liz@stny.rr.com](mailto:liz@stny.rr.com).**

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If you have any **old dried out palms** from **past Palm Sundays** you can bring to the **church vestibule** and **place them** in the **box marked old palms.**

These **old palms** are then **burned** and their **ashes** are **used** for **Ash Wednesday** marking of **foreheads.** They are also **used** for **starters** for the **making** of the **fire** for **Holy Saturday.**

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**Christian sympathies and love** are extended to the **Cushner Family** on the **passing away** of our **sister of blessed memory Debra Gidzinski Cushner** on **February 2, 2023.** **Debbie** was a **driving force** and **involved** in **many phases** of our **parish life:** *Financial Secretary* of our **Parish Council**, **Sunday School teacher**, *helper at parish dinners, rummage sales and Men's Society functions.*

*May She rest in peace.*

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Our **parish membership obligations** for **2023** have remained the same for this year.

**Membership** for a **family unit** is **\$175.00** and **\$100.00** for a **single unit.**

These **obligations** are **far below** what is **mandated** by the **National Catholic Church.** The **balance** that our **parish** is **responsible** for from our **membership obligations** to the **National Catholic Church** is **supplemented** from our **parish treasury**, which is why **your church attendance** and **envelope offerings** are very **crucial** and **important.**

If there is a **financial hardship** in **meeting** these **membership obligations**, please **contact Fr. Ruda** in **private.** *Please do not avoid church because you cannot support it financially - there are other means that are also important to God in serving His church and mission.*





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