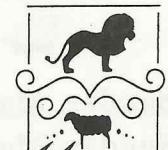




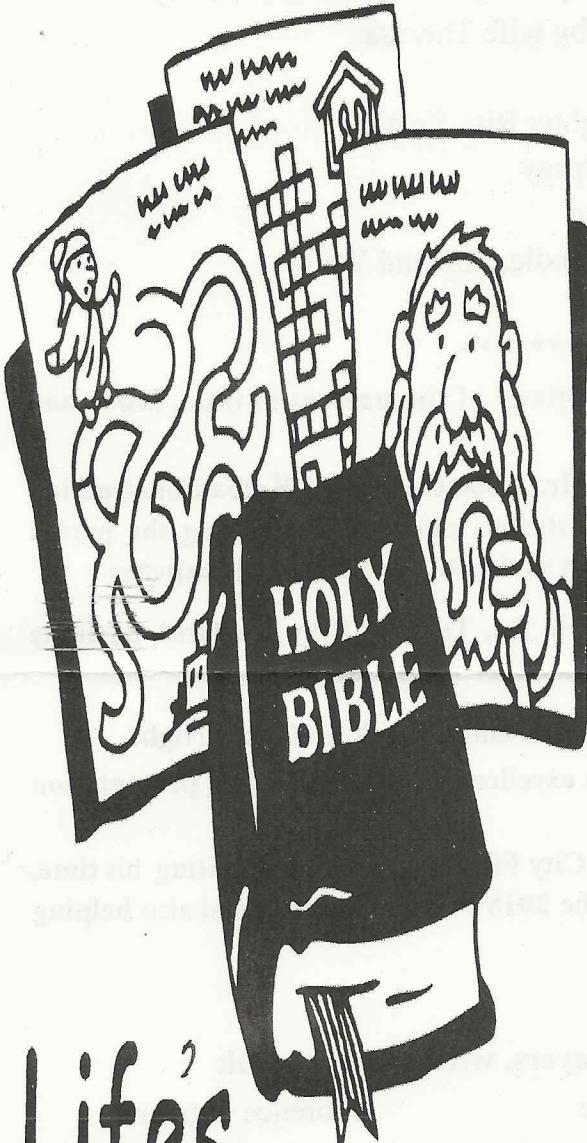
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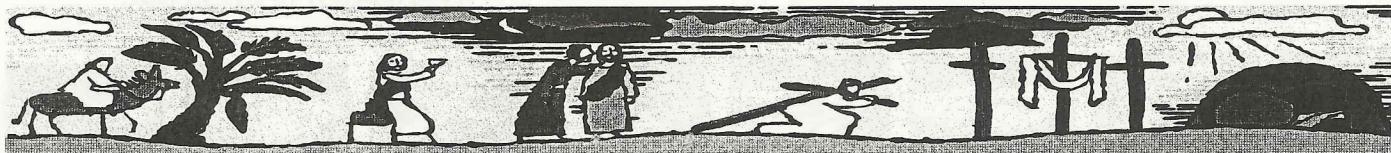
TEN LIFE LESSONS



Life's
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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

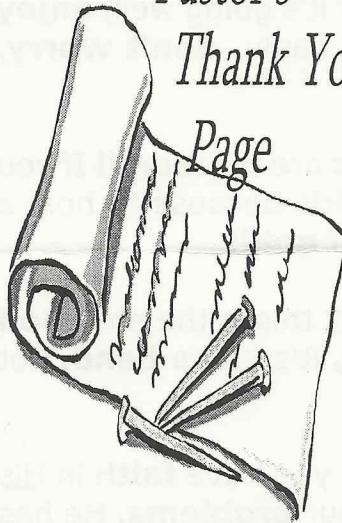


PARISH FAMILY MASS AND SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

Sunday, March 4 at 9:00 a.m.
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Wednesday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 18 at 9:00 a.m.
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Wednesday, March 21 at 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, March 25 at 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m.
Friday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 31 at 11:00 a.m.

+ Marie Baron, offered by Gerry & Diane Turock
+Karen Rose Blanford, offered by Joseph Kot
+Wincenty Speerski, offered by son Vincent
Stations of the Cross
+Wanda Bilsky, offered by daughter Rita Yeates
+Kathryn Gidzinski, offered by daughter Debbie and Family
+Joseph Borkowski, offered by wife Theresa
Stations of the Cross
+Leo Bilsky, offered by daughter Rita Yeates
Holy Thursday Mass and Liturgy
Good Friday Evening Service
Holy Saturday Blessing of Candle, Fire and Water

Pastor's
Thank You



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

- ☺ to parish family members George Kolba Jr. & son George III/Kolba Construction Co. for donating their time, labor and materials plowing and salting the parish complex whenever it is needed day or night saving the parish a huge expense.
- ☺ to our Ash Wednesday evening readers: Ed, Terri & Billy Kozloski, Jeanette Samuelson, Dan Derkowski, Kelly Yeomans, Kevin Cushner
- ☺ to our Men's Society for treating the Parish Family to a free Hockey Night
- ☺ to the children/Youth choir for doing an excellent job with their song presentation during the mass on Sunday, February 11.
- ☺ to Robert G. Blakeslee, retired Johnson City Fire Marshall, for donating his time, talents and material taking the photo of the 2018 Parish Council, and also helping with computer updates.

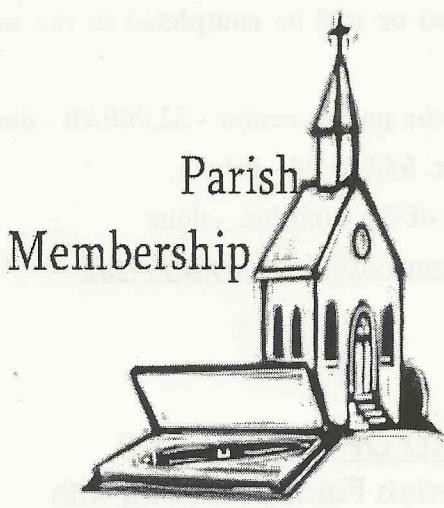
Please remember the following in your prayers, with a card or call:

Joseph Nosal at Bridgewater Nursing Home
Jennie Kolba at Willow Point Nursing Home
Emil Kotasek at Ideal Living Center
Wanda Raychel Broczkowski
Edward and Vicky Ambrose
Alice Spach
Jean Chapin

Florence Ottman
Mae Raychel
Genevieve Lupinsky
Peter Zalaffi
Kay Arcangeli
Pam McKiernan
Ed Samuelson

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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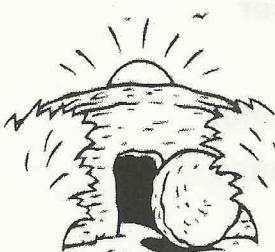
Our parish membership obligations for 2018 have remained the same for this year.

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 offering 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.*

EASTER SUNDAY MASS



Easter Sunday Mass

Our Easter Sunday Resurrection Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, April 1, at 9:00 a.m. During the procession we will need children (there aren't many) to carry flowers and a assisting mother to help.

I ask that flower children and altar servers be at church no later than 8:40 a.m. on Easter morning for final instructions.

Members of our Men's Society and hopefully some Womens' Adoration Society (former members) will take part in the Easter Procession.

A short informational session for flower children will take place following the 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service on March 30.



Easter Lilies & Mums

An Easter Flower donation sheet has been posted for those of you who would like to offer an Easter Lily or Mum Plant as a donation or in the memory of a departed one. The sign up sheet is posted in the vestibule and will remain up until filled.

Cost of the these plants this year is \$12.00 for a lily and \$11.00 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.

Coffee fellowship is held every Sunday in the parish family center following the 9:00 a.m. mass. It is a time of "fellowship", conversation and a moment to slow down.

Coffee, Hot Chocolate and Tea are provided at no charge. All we ask is that if you would like goodies to go along with your coffee, please sign the sheet and volunteer your baked goods.





The following projects have been completed or will be completed in the near future:

- ★ cut down two large trees that were growing over the parish center - \$2,000.00 - done
- ★ cleaning and painting the church steeple - approx. \$4,000.00 - future
- ★ cleaning out all the rain gutters on the buildings of the complex. - done

The above and more are possible through your generous offerings to the parish.

2018 PARISH COUNCIL AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following were duly elected at the Parish Family Meeting with 14 parish members in attendance held on January 28, 2018:

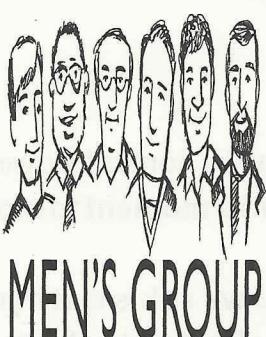


Chairman	David Plahanski (Final year)
Vice-Chairman	Kevin Cushner
Treasurer	Terri Miller
Financial Secretary	Debbie Cushner
Recording Secretary	Kelley Yeomans
Envelope Secretary	Betty Ruda
Cemetery/ Family Center Secretary	Judy Dyman
Directors: Peter Dyman III, Michael Cushner, Tracy Cooper, Debra Benzi, Chester Socha Jr. Auditor: Daniel Derkowski	

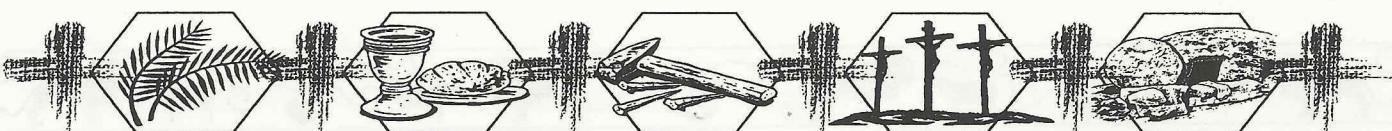
Church Leadership



Our adult choir is busily rehearsing music for the upcoming Easter season and beyond. We'd love to have more singers! Just come to a Thursday rehearsal at 6:45p.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!

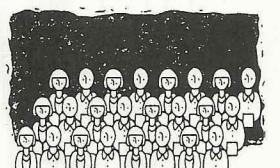
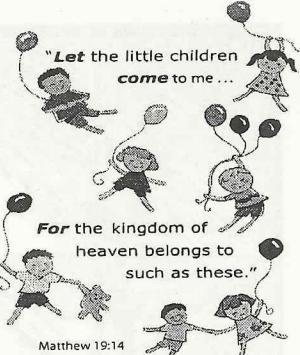


The next scheduled meeting of our Men's Society will be on Sunday, March 18. An invitation is extended to all men of our parish family to become a member of our society. Our Men's Society is a back bone organization of our parish sponsoring many activities and supporting our children and teen programs. New members who join the society at this meeting will be extended the courtesy of no membership dues for this year. Your participation and attendance is welcome.





A fun part of Easter Sunday after the spiritual celebration is following the mass when the children and teenagers take part in the **Easter Egg Hunt and Balloon Release**. These festivities will take place again this year. Anyone who will be having guests joining them for Easter Worship, please notify Fr. Ruda so enough of the Easter Goodies will be available for all.



Clergy Conference



Flower Children

Father Ruda will be attending the Spring Conference of the Clergy of the Central Diocese, of which he is the Vice-Chairman, on Tuesday of Holy Week March 27, at Saint Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton, PA at 10:00 a.m. Following the Clergy Conference the **Mass of Chrism** (*blessing of the oils for the church year*) will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. If you must contact him, please do so by his cell phone - 343-6596.

Easter Flower Children are needed for the **Easter Procession** on Sunday, April 1 at 9:00 a.m. A short rehearsal will be held following the **Good Friday 7:00 p.m. Service** on **Friday, March 30**.

If you cannot make the **rehearsal** but will be participating, please **contact Fr. Ruda** so the **proper amount of flowers** may be ordered. *Also a mom will be needed to supervise.*



Blessing of Easter Baskets

Easter is the most holy of holidays in Christianity. In the Christian doctrine it is the time when Jesus Christ was crucified, died and rose from the dead. But celebrating Easter has become more than a religious tradition. It has turned into a celebration of the spring - the happy, carefree feeling that spring brings along and family integrity.

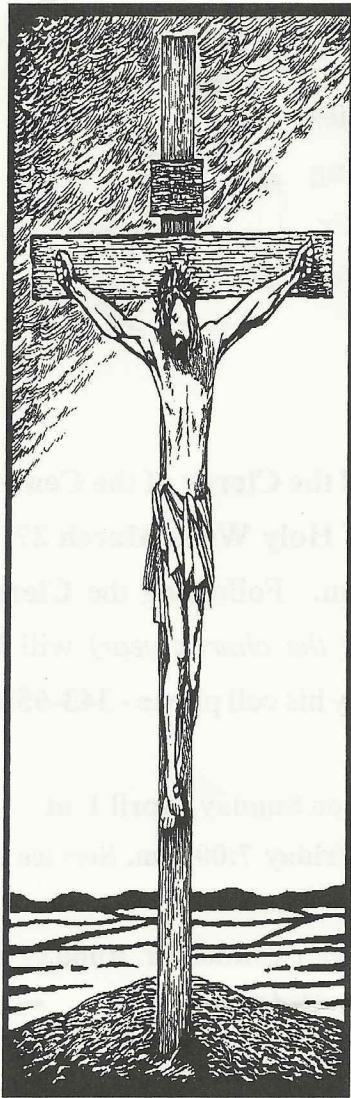
The “**blessing basket**” is one of the essential Easter traditions. People prepare the “**blessing basket**” Saturday morning before Easter. They put into a basket colored eggs, bread, cake, butter, salt, pepper, a sample of Easter meats and other items of choice and go to church to have the basket and food blessed.

It is believed that the “**Great Lent**” - forty days of **fasting before Easter** – *is over only after the blessing of the basket.*

Everything in the basket has a symbolic meaning. The colored eggs symbolize the risen Christ, the bread reminds us of Jesus multiplying the loaves of bread, salt- good health and successful life. Meat expresses a wish for enough food during the coming Spring.

Sadly, this is a tradition that is rapidly disappearing but can be kept alive with your participation.

Easter baskets and food will be blessed in church on **Holy Saturday, March 31, at 12 noon.**

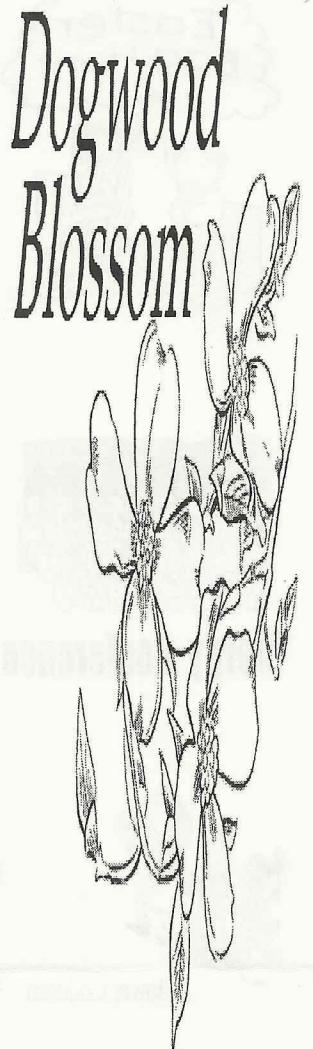


THE CROSS AND DOGWOOD BLOSSOMS

Legend has it that the material of the cross of crucifixion was dogwood, which at that time was as mighty a tree as the oak. But Jesus, in His own agony, sensed the distress of the dogwood timbers over the cruel duty they were compelled to perform. In His great compassion for all persons and things concerned with His crucifixion, He included the dogwood, saying:

"Because of your sorrow and pity for my suffering, you shall henceforth grow slender, bent and twisted so that your wood can never again be used as a cross. You shall bear blossoms that will appear as a crown of thorns, while the petals will carry at their outer edges nail prints, brown as rust and also stained with red, so that all who see them will remember."

In late April or early May, check out the dogwood blossoms on the two trees in front our rectory - FDR.



DID YOU KNOW?

WHY DOES THE DATE FOR EASTER CHANGE?

The usual statement, that Easter is the first Sunday, after the first full moon that occurs next after the vernal equinox, is not a precise statement of the ecclesiastical rules. The full moon involved is not the astronomical Full Moon but an ecclesiastical moon (determined from tables) that keeps, more or less, in step with the astronomical Moon.

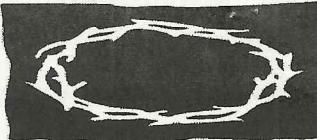
Easter falls on the first Sunday following the first ecclesiastical full moon that occurs on or after the day of the vernal equinox; this particular ecclesiastical full moon is the 14th of the new moon and the vernal equinox is fixed as **March 21**. **Easter can never occur before March 22 or later than April 25.**

The last time Easter fell on March 22 was in 1818, and that will not happen again until 2285.

The last time Easter fell on April 25 was 1886, and 1943, and will not happen again until 2038.

The most common dates are 11 times for April 10 and April 17; March 29, April 1, 05, 06, and 21 can occur 10 times. The year to year sequence is so complicated that it takes 5.7 million years to repeat.

Article from Holy Trinity Parish, Plantsville Ct./ The Very Rev. Jusie Krusienski.



Holy Week Schedule



HOLY WEDNESDAY - March 28

9:30 A.M. - Flowering and preparation of the Altar of Repose.
Volunteers are needed.



6:45 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

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HOLY THURSDAY - March 29

7:00 P.M. - Holy Mass with the liturgy of the day and procession.



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GOOD FRIDAY - March 30



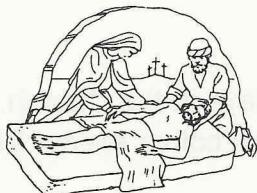
Please note only one service is scheduled for Good Friday
Members of the Men's Society will participate as honor guard at the grave during the evening service.

A short rehearsal for flower children for Easter morning will be held following the 7 p.m. service.

The church will be open all day for your visitation and meditations

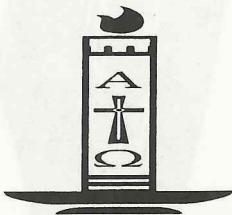


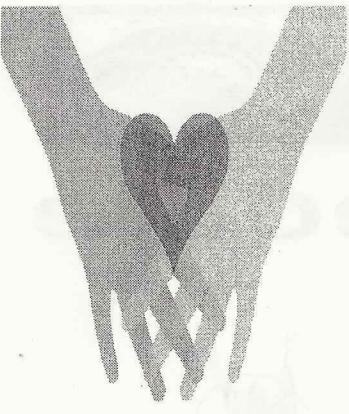
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HOLY SATURDAY - March 31

10:00 A.M. - Altar Preparations
11:00 A.M. - Blessing of the Paschal Candle, Fire and Holy Water.
Following the 11 am. service - finishing up of altars for Easter if needed.
12 noon - Blessing of Easter Food and Baskets in Church.





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

LITURGICAL COLORS FOR CHURCH YEAR

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) 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 some 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.

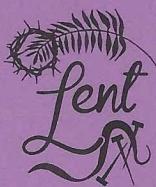
This Month's Liturgy Lesson

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