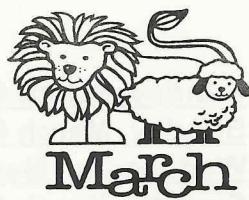


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LENT FOLLOWED BY EASTER

We have entered the most solemn observance of the Church Year - 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 these **next weeks** of the **Lenten Season**, reflect on your religious convictions, learn how to increase your 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.**

Rt. Rev. Thaddeus Peplowski

Bishop Emeritus of the Buffalo/Pittsburgh Diocese

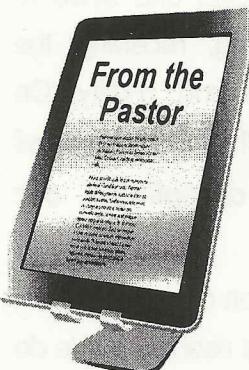


**PREPARING FOR
Easter**

† PARISH FAMILY MASS AND SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR MARCH †

Sunday, March 6 at 9:00 a.m.	+Wincenty Sperski Sr., offered by son Vincent
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Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00	Stations of the Cross
Sunday, March 13 at 9:00 a.m.	+Joseph Kozloski, offered by Genevieve Lupinsky
Sunday, March 20 at 9:00 a.m.	+Wanda Bilsky, offered by daughter Rita Yeates
Sunday, March 20 at 9:00 a.m.	+Kathryn Gidzinski, offered by Family
Sunday, March 20 at 9:00 a.m.	+Joseph Borkowski, offered by wife Theresa
Thursday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m.	Holy Thursday Mass, Liturgy and Procession
Friday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m.	Service of Good Friday
Saturday, March 26 at 11:00 a.m.	Blessing of Fire, Water and Paschal Candle
Saturday, March 26 at 12 noon	Blessing of Easter Baskets and Food in church
Sunday, March 27 at 9:00 a.m.	Resurrection Mass and Procession

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

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- ☺ to George Kolba Jr./Kolba Construction Co. his time, labor and materials snow plowing and salting the parish complex, saving the parish a huge expense.
 - ☺ to Dave and Pam Kelley for their \$50.00 church offering.
 - ☺ to our Ash Wednesday Stations of the Cross Readers: Tracy Cooper, Mackenzie Drum, Kelly Yeomans, Ed Kozloski, Debbie Grassi, Terri Kozloski, Jeanette Samuelson and Billy Kozloski.

Please remember the following in your prayers, with an Easter card, or a visit:

Joseph Nosal at Bridgewater Nursing Home
Jennie Kolba at Willow Point Nursing Home
Jacqueline Pokrinchak at Susquehanna Nursing Home
Emil Kotasek at Ideal Living Center
Edward and Vicky Ambrose
Jean Chapin
Florence Ottman
Barb Kotasek
Patricia Butora
Pam McKiernan
Mae Raychel, Genevieve Lupinsky, Lottie Rogowski

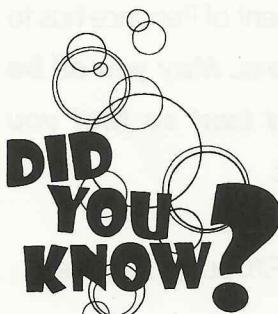


Privacy laws do not allow hospitals or nursing homes to inform priests of admission. Family members must make this notification to the priest.

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.

From Arlington Catholic Herald





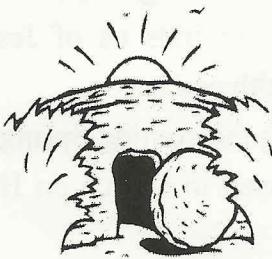
A part of the **Lenten Schedule of the church** during the **40 day period of Lent** is the conducting of the **devotion** of the **Stations of the Cross**.
This service traces the last earthly steps of Jesus before His crucifixion on the cross.
These devotions will be conducted on Wednesday March 9 and March 16 beginning at 7:00 p.m.



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.

EASTER SUNDAY MASS



Easter Sunday Mass

Our Easter Sunday Resurrection Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, March 27, at 9:00 a.m.** During the procession we will need children to carry flowers and a few assisting mothers and teenagers 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 some Womens Adoration Society members will also be taking part in the Easter Procession.

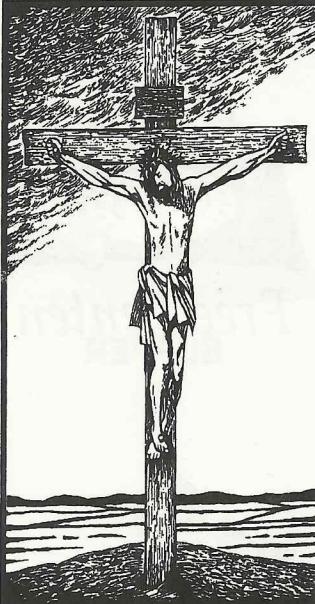
A short informational session for flower children will take place following the **7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service on March 25.**

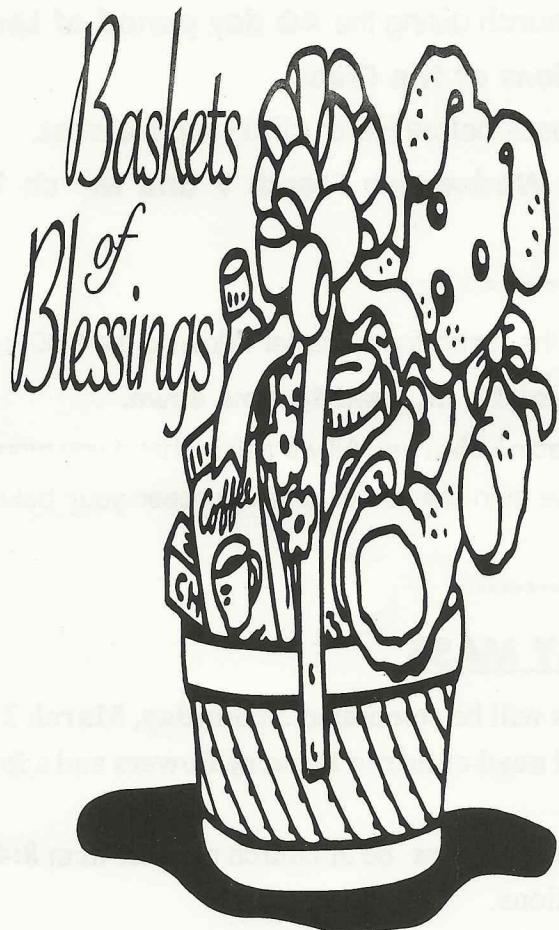
THE CROSS AND DOGWOOD BLOSSOMS

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.





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.

Easter baskets and food will be blessed in church on Holy Saturday, March 26 at 12 noon.

An Easter Flower donation sheet has been posted for 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. The **sign up sheet** is posted in the vestibule beginning and will remain up until filled.

Cost of the these plants this year is \$11.00 for a lily and \$10.00 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.

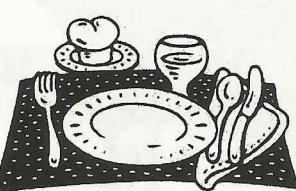
Red's Kettle Inn once again will be **donating two free Lenten Meals** on **Wednesdays or Fridays** during Lent to our parish. Every Sunday an offering envelope will be selected from the collection basket and the lucky person(s) will be the winner of two Lenten Meals from Red's Kettle Inn menu. You can win only once and must have your meals during the season of Lent - February 17 through March 25. Drawing will begin on Sunday, February 14.

Easter Flower Children are needed for the **Easter Procession** on **Sunday, March 27 at 9:00 a.m.** A short rehearsal will be held following the **Good Friday 7:00 p.m. Service** on **Friday, March 25.**

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



Free Lenten SUPPER





Join the Choir...

You'll Be Glad
You Did!

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!

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.**

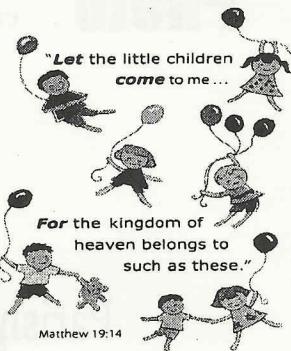
The last time Easter fell on March 22 was in 1818, and that will not happen again until 2285.

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

The most common dates are 11 times April 10 and April 17; March 29, April 1, 05, 06, 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.



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.



Matthew 19:14



Our Men's Society and Sunday School PTA will host and treat the Parish Family to a Hockey Night at the Floyd L. Maines Arena on Friday, March 11 at 7:05 p.m.

If you would like to be a part of this fellowship, please sign the reservation sheet in the church vestibule. Cut off date is March 6. Tickets are \$12.00 per person. You will receive your ticket(s) and pay the cost of the ticket(s). When you attend the hockey match your ticket price money will be reimbursed to you. This fellowship is open to non-parish members but they will not receive the free ticket offer.

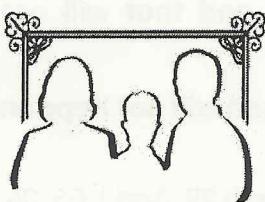


Father Ruda will be attending the Spring Conference of the Clergy of the Central Diocese which he is the Vice-Chairman on Tuesday of Holy Week March 22, at Saint Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton, PA at 10:00 a.m. Following the Clergy Conference the Mass of Chrism (*blessing of the oils for the church year*) will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. If you must contact him please do so by his cell phone - 343-6596.



The next scheduled meeting of our **Men's Society** will be on **Sunday, March 20**.

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.



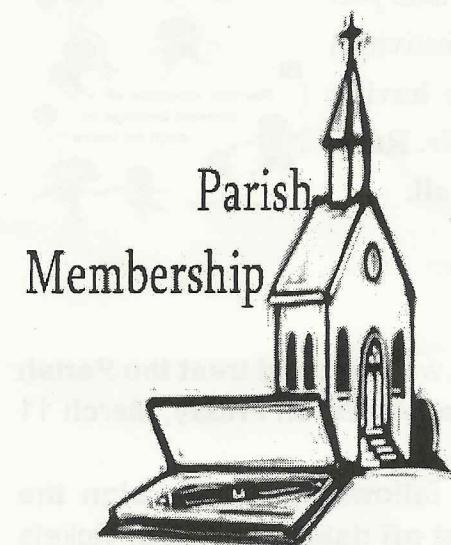
Church Council Photo

The Parish Council thanks Bob Blakeslee for his time, labor and processing in taking the picture of the 2016 Parish Council.

A copy of the photo will appear in a future newsletter.

Bob has been very helpful in different ways many times to All Saints. He is one of our go to guys when we encounter computer problems, and is one of our installers of our computer software and equipment. Bob has also taken exterior pictures of the parish complex - all this at no charge to the parish.

Bob is the retired Fire Marshall of the Johnson City Fire Department and is a commissioned photographer for the Gettysburg National Park.

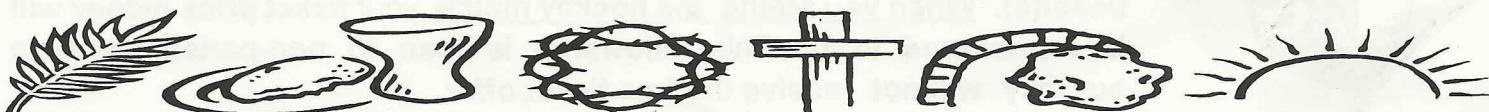


Our parish membership obligations for 2016 have remained the same for this year.

Membership for a family unit is \$155.00 and \$85.00 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.*



ADULT
NIGHT OUT

Our Men's Society and Sunday School PTA will host a Social Night Out on Friday, April 1, @ 7:00 p.m. at Jonathan's Restaurant on East Main Street in Endwell.

This will be a social evening of fellowship and relaxing.

Men's Society members and Sunday School PTA members will be free of charge. Non society members from the parish family and outsiders will be charged \$10.00 per person for the food and non-alcoholic beverages.

This event is not open to parish children or teenagers.

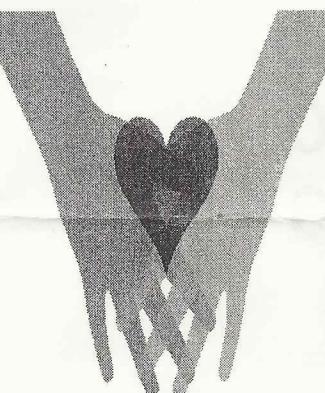
The first takeout Chicken Barbecue for 2016 will be served on Sunday, April 24, from 10:00 a.m to 11:30 am.



The members of the Men's Society will have a work party preparing the chicken for the barbecue on Thursday, April 21 at 5:45 p.m.

Price for a half of barbecue chicken will remain the same at \$6.00 per half.

We should consider removing the following from our lives not only for Lent, but the rest of our lives:



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

HEBREWS 13:16, NRSV

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.

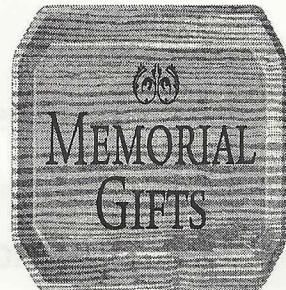
The Quick Fix - Rarely does true transformation happen overnight.

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.**

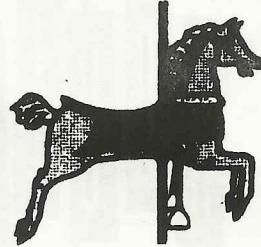
There are several items available as Memorial Gifts to the parish: **Stained Glass Window, Carillon Music Programs, Sanctuary Banners, Church Vestments for various occasions, altar frontals, outdoor statue and other church appointments.**

If you are interested in donating any of the above, either as a donation or in memory of a departed loved one, please contact Fr. Ruda for more information.





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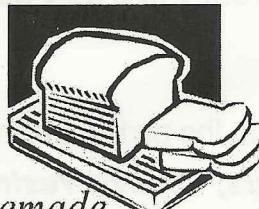
LENTEN MENU SPECIALS

Serving - Wednesdays and Fridays
5:00 p.m. til 9:00 p.m.

Broiled Cod	\$11.00
Breaded Scallops	\$10.50
Fish Fry	\$10.00
Breaded Shrimp	\$10.00
Fish and Chips	\$9.50

Above dinners include salad, potato or pierogi

Frozen home-made potato pierogi \$8.00 per dozen & cabbage pierogi \$10.00 per dozen are available for take out.



*Homemade
Raisin Bread*

Home-made Easter raisin bread will be available from Red's Kettle Inn . Price will be \$8.00 for a pound and a half loaf.

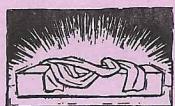
Please call 797-8222 for information and pick up dates for raisin bread and pierogi.

St. Patrick's Smorgasbord will be served on Saturday, March 5 (Parade Day) and Thursday, March 17. Call for smorgasbord pricing.



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