

PENANCE -The Renewal of the Heart



Through Jesus
the forgiveness
of sins is
proclaimed
to you.

Acts 13:38



If GOD FORGIVES our sins and we accept that forgiveness, then why should we do penance? "**PENANCE**" has more than one meaning. Penance is one name for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, but it also refers to voluntary actions that express sorrow for our sins and desire to draw closer to God.

Penance is a part of continual conversion to Christ. In baptism, we receive the life of Christ; throughout our lives Christ calls to us to renounce sin and seek salvation.

Penance is especially important for this upcoming Lenten Season (**March 2**) when the Church asks us to reflect on our baptism, acknowledge our sins and return to the Lord.

More than a set of mechanical actions, **penance** is a matter of the heart. This interior conversion or desire to reorient one's life toward God and away from sin seeks outward expression in various forms of penance. The church recommends fasting, prayer, donations and works of charity, helping others, which express conversion in relation to ourselves, God and others.

PENANCE IS AN ACTION - A particular penance may be given by the priest as part of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Penances are also actions we choose ourselves in order to express our sorrow for sin and our desire to share more fully in the life of Christ.

PENANCE IS AN ATTITUDE - Sorrow for our sins and a determination to turn to God and away from sin. An attitude of interior conversion, penance helps us recognize and be sorry for our sins.

PENANCE IS A SACRAMENT - which the bishop or priest acts for the Church in the place of Christ to forgive sins. It is necessary to confess mortal sins and small faults (venial sins) as a means of spiritual growth and experience the healing power of Christ.

† Parish Family Mass Schedule for February †

- Sunday, February 6 at 9:00 a.m. - +Edward Nycz, offered by Children
Sunday, February 6 at 9:00 a.m. +Jennie Kolba, offered by Children
Sunday, February 13 at 9:00 a.m. +Richard & Barbara Plahanski, offered by Children
Sunday, February 20 at 9:00 a.m. +Frank, Edward, Steve & Ray Szczepasnki, offered by a Friend
Sunday, February 20 at 9:00 a.m. Christmas Memorials
Sunday, February 27 at 9:00 a.m. +Genevieve Bagan Lupinsky, offered by son Peter and Family
Sunday, February 27 at 9:00 a.m. +John Watts offered by Vincent Sperski

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

Ed & Jeanette Samuelson, Wanda Raychel Broczkowski

Michael Cushner, Dave & Pam Kelley

Dolores Butora Duke, Robert Blakeslee Sr.

Cliff Butler Sr., Gerry Turock, George Kolba Jr.

Our local hospitals are in a Covid lock down. If you are hospitalized, please utilize the Catholic Hospital Chaplain.

Privacy laws do not allow hospitals or nursing homes to inform priests of admission.

Family members must make this notification to the priest.

From the

Pastor



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

- ☺ to Theresa Nycz, Debbie Nycz Grassi and Ted Nycz for their \$200.00 church offering in memory of father Ed Nycz
- ☺ to Joanne Miller for her \$50.00 church donation
- ☺ to Grace Fell for her \$50.00 church offering
- ☺ your personal parish offering statement will be available on Sunday, February 6
- ☺ to the Perchinsky sisters - Karen, Jeanne and Linda for their \$80.00 cemetery donation.



As we begin February 2022, the parish council would like to remind you about your **2022 parish membership**: Membership for 2022 will remain the same at \$175.00 for a family unit and \$100.00 for a single unit. *These obligations may be taken care of on Sundays in the parish office. They may also be paid in installments from now to the end of the year. If you are unable to fulfill your 2021 parish membership obligations because of financial difficulties, please contact Fr. Ruda.* This will be kept confidential.

You can **lend a helping hand** with your cooperation and assistance with the following items - please do not leave the staples from your newsletter or your used tissues on the pews or in the book rack. Thank You!





The following were duly elected at the Yearly Parish Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 23:

Parish Council Chairman..... Kelley Cooper
Parish Council Co-Chairman..... Dan Derkowski
Treasurer..... Thekla Miller
Financial Secretary..... Debra Cushner
Recording Secretary..... Tracy Cooper
Envelope Secretary..... Betty Ruda
Parish Family/Cemetery Treasurer..... Judy Dyman
Directors: Peter Dyman III, Kevin Cushner, Dave Plahanski, Debra Benzi, Joe Fiacco, Mike Cushner, Honorary Director
Auditor: Rob Benzi

Oath of Office and Picture will take place on Sunday, February 6.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

The Holy Season of Lent begins on Wednesday, March 2, 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, March 2 at 9:00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross, Blessing of Ashes and distribution.

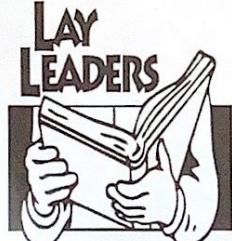
Wednesday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross with distribution of ashes.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Lay readers are needed for the Ash Wednesday evening service on Wednesday, March 2, 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.



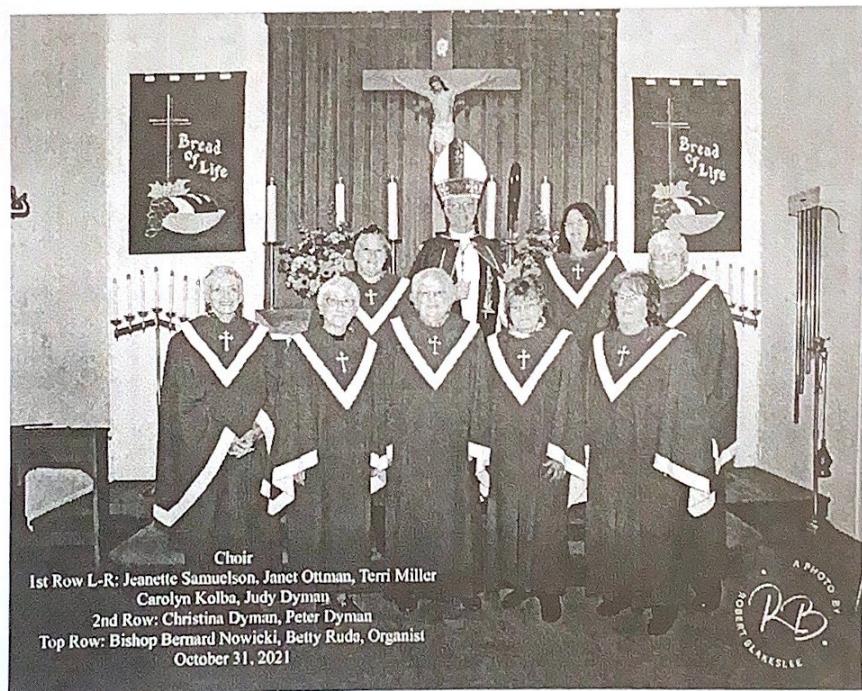
Why are love letters signed with an "X" for a kiss? The custom dates back to the Christian era when a cross mark or X symbolized a sworn oath. The cross was a religious symbol, referring to the cross of Calvary. It is also the first letter of the Greek word for Christ.

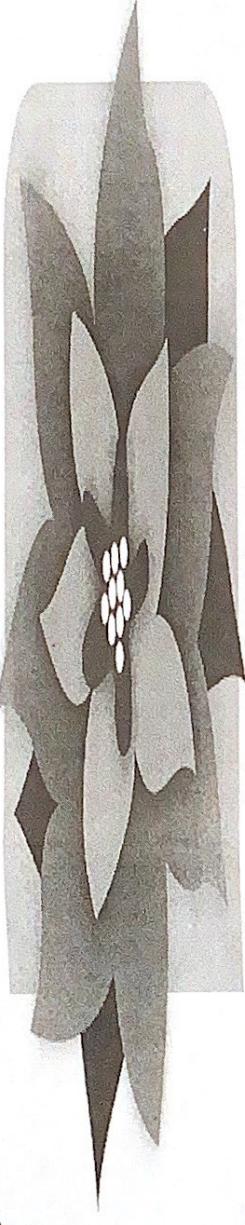
People who could not write could use the X as a legal signature. Those who could write placed the cross after their signature to show good faith and honesty. To emphasize their sincerity in a formal agreement, the person was required to kiss the mark {as the Bible was frequently kissed when an oath was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

Confirmation Class and Sponsors – October 31, 2021



Parish Choir – October 31, 2021





Poinsettia DONATIONS

Through the generosity of the following, our church was festively decorated with Christmas Poinsettias:

In memory of +Stanley and Veronica Podkulski by daughter Terri;
In memory of +Philip & Jacqueline Pokrinchak, +Justine Stasko & Betty Pokrinchak, + Mark Riccio by Stephen Pokrinchak & WaiLing Lee; In memory of +John Ludka & Michael Kapogiannatos by Julianne Ludka; **In memory of +Chester & Stella Gorgol by Grandchildren;** **In memory of departed members of the +Sperski Family,** **In memory of departed members of the +Drozdowski Family,** by Vincent Sperski; **In memory of +Deceased members of the Turock & Baron Families & Tom Demilio** by Diane & Gerry Turock; **In memory of + Carl Ottman by wife Beverly and Family;** **In memory of +Ruth Campbell, +Edward Sr. & Beverly Nowakowski;** by Edward Jr. & Yvonne Nowakowski; **In memory of departed members of the +Arcangeli & +Kvassey Families** by Gail Arcangeli; **In memory of +Joseph & Edith Nosal by daughter Nancy;** **In memory of +Mike, Rob, Michael & Andy Mnahoncak by Bill & Mary Perkins;** **In memory of +Richard & Barbara Plahanski by son David;** **In memory of Pat Fendick & Helen Benzi by Rob & Debbie Fendick Benzi;** **In memory of +Chester Sr. & Stella Socha, +Joseph & Nellie Kot by Chester Socha Jr.;** **In memory of +Carl Ottman by wife Beverly,** **In memory of +John & Jean Borowski, +Gerhard Tischler by Carole Borowski Muller;** **In memory of the departed members of the +Cushner & Gidzinski Families** by Cushner Family; **In memory of +Bruce Ottman, Susan Ottman Turner, Gilbert Vandling by Janet Ottman;** **In memory of +Patti Jones by Stephen Pokrinchak & Wai Ling Lee;** **In memory of the departed members of the +Kozloski & Babuka Families** by Terri & Ed Kozloski; **+In memory of +George Sr. & Jennie Kolba, Harold & Elma Card by George Jr. & Carolyn Card Kolba;** **In memory of +George, Katherine & Carol Ann Perchinsky, + Teofil & Mary Kowalczyk by Perchinsky Granddaughters & daughters Karen, Jeanne and Linda;** **In memory of +Bertha & Michael Gidzinski, Stanley Gidzinski, Mary Gidzinski Sedlacek, Peter & Frances Biskup by Barry & Emilia Biskup;** **In memory of +Joseph Borkowski by wife Theresa;** **In memory of +Ed Nycz by Morrison & Nycz Family;** **In memory of +Rod Fell, Tony Winik, Frankie Hauback, Larry Rivenbark, Rose Ciocca, Eddie Schmidt, Peter & Julie Zalaffi by Grace Fell.**

Donations for Poinsettias were received from Fred & Wanda Daszewski, Fred & Mary Kocan, Kelley Cooper, Donna Jablonoski Medlin.

Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, February 20 at 9:00 a.m.



February 2022

EVENTS AT ALL SAINTS



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