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April 1, 2020

Dear Parish Family Members Friends:

As we find ourselves in these trying times, our faith in God should be at its strongest. Many things are out of our control, and we just have to be patient and use common sense. Be on guard for the unscrupulous and desperate people who have no care for the property and possessions of others.

Attached to this note is our parish's April newsletter. I ask that you read it carefully because there are many of things that have been changed from the norm because of the medical crisis

PALM SUNDAY

I am planning to bless the Palms privately and then hand them out by a **DRIVE THROUGH CURB SIDE SYSTEM** from 9:30 am to 10:00 am. You will **drive your car curb side in front of the church** and I will hand you a palm while you **STAY IN YOUR CAR**, then drive off.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

At this time, *Holy Week and Easter Sunday Services* will have **NO lay person attendance or participation, and people are to remain home.** You may access *Palm Sunday Mass, Holy Week Services and Easter Sunday Mass* on You Tube or Face Book by going to PNCC 1 or Polish National Catholic Church. There are about a half dozen or more of our sister parishes streaming these services on social media.

You may if able, send your offering envelopes through the mail or bring them when you pick up your Palm; it would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call the rectory.

Lastly, if you are showing any symptoms cold, flu or other illness, **PLEASE STAY HOME AND GET BETTER!**

You are all in my prayers and thoughts, and together we will be victorious!

God Bless & Keep the Faith

JDR

If you have a scheduled mass intention in April please call the rectory.

PARISH FAMILY MASS AND SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR APRIL †

Sunday, April 5 at 9:00 a.m.

+Joseph Borkowski (100th B.D.), offered by wife Theresa

Sunday, April 19 at 9:00 a.m.

+Jennie Kolba, offered by Family

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+Stephen, Frances, Trish Butora, offered by Dolores Butora Duke

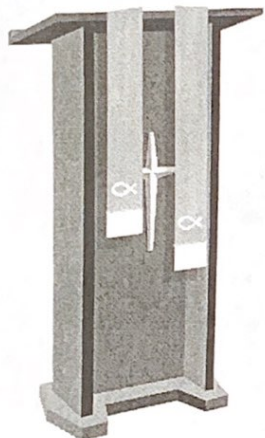
Sunday, April 26 at 9:00 a.m.

+John Priester, offered by Family

Sunday, April 26 at 9:00 a.m.

+Rev. Richard Chapin, offered by Stephen Pokrinchak Wai Ling Lee

Pastor's Thanks



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

- ☺ to Ed Kozloski for his **time and labor** helping around the **parish complex**
- ☺ to Rob Benzi for his **time and labor** helping around the **parish complex**
- ☺ to Joe Fiacco for his **time and labor** helping around the **parish complex**
- ☺ to Broome County Veterans Administration for donating an 8' by 12' American Flag for the outdoor flag memorial.
- ☺ to the Stanford Seed Co. for donating several hundred pounds of bird food for the outdoor bird feeders.
- ☺ you may bring your palms from previous years to be disposed of properly.
- ☺ to Bob Blakeslee for purchasing a life time warranty for one of our computer programs.

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

Florence Ottman at Ideal Living Center

Ed Samuelson

Edward Ambrose

Mike Cushner

Dolores Butora Duke

Dave Kelley

Alice Spach

Wanda Raychel Broczkowski

Mae Raychel at St. Louise Manor

Robert Blakeslee

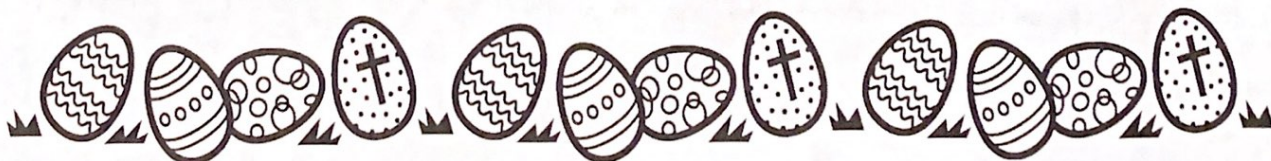


Privacy laws do not allow hospitals or nursing homes to inform priests of admission. Family members must make this notification to the priest upon admission and discharge.



CAMP FIREWOOD

Soon, some of you will be at your camp sites having and enjoying your evening camp fires. At our parish cemetery there is an enormous amount of seasoned downed trees, limbs and branches on our property in the wooded areas for your camp fires. Help yourself! But please be careful in the process.



SPRING RUMMAGE SALE



Rummage
& 27 -
25 from
12:30 p.m. &
from 4pm to
by clean up.

Proc
Rummage
the parish
to help offset
assessments
Church so
have to pass

parish family members. The parish has been
these assessments in the past from the treasury so they
to be passed on to the members.



The Parish Council will be sponsoring a spring activity -
Sale on April 25
Saturday, April
9:00 a.m. to
Monday April 26
5:30 pm followed

ceeds from the
Sale will go into
general treasury
the financial
from the National
that we will not
them on to the
supplementing
would not have

FYI

• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

ATTENTION POLISH NATIONAL UNION POLICY OWNERS -

Effective immediately; if you have any questions or business concerning
your insurance policy with the PNU you will now deal directly with the
Home Office of the PNU in Scranton PA. Their toll free phone number for
your use is 1-800-724-6352.



Be sure to check out our new and improved parish website. This new web-site
was created by parish family members Jason Yeomans and his mom Kelley
Cooper Yeomans.

The web-site may be found at www.allsaintsncc.org.

The following are church web-sites that you also might be interested in
exploring: National Catholic Church : pncc.org - Central Diocese of the NCC:
centraldiocesepncc.org, All Saints Parish: allsaintsncc.org - Polish National
Union: www.pnu.org.



EASTER CELEBRATION 2020

On **Sunday, April 12**, after a very long boring winter, the celebration of **Easter** will bring an end to this year's **Lenten Observance** and bring us into that season of **Resurrection and Hope**. Once again, the spiritual world will celebrate the **Resurrection of Jesus** from the dead - that **promise of eternal life**.

The spirit and the hand of God will be busy at work restoring the world of nature around us. The brown carpets of grass are starting to come alive, the spring flowers are already poking their heads above ground, the frozen ice has loosened its grip from streams and ponds.

In our personal lives, it will remind us of the promise once again of life after death and that, as creations from the hands of our heavenly Father, we must strive to make ourselves worthy of this great promise.

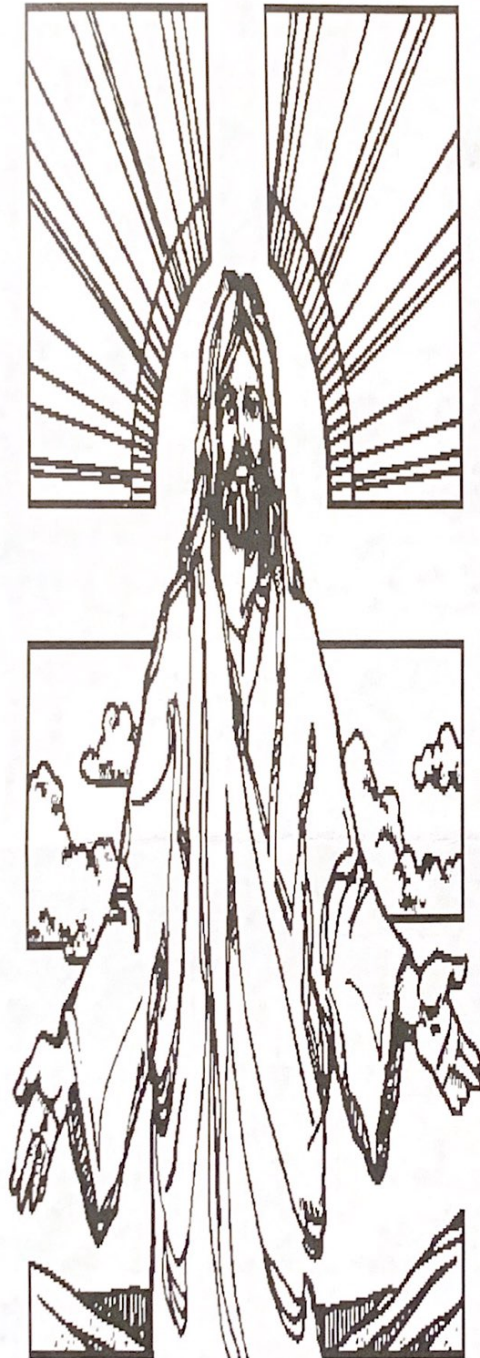
Easter is the oldest and most sacred of Christian holy days for a good reason. From its earliest days to present, the Christian Church has never hesitated to stake her whole case on the claim that this event really happened. "If **Christ had not risen**," the apostle Paul told the Corinthians, "then our gospel is null and void, and so is your faith."

[1 Cor. 15: 14.]

Without **Easter**, the Christian religion might long ago have withered and died, as did many faiths that preceded it. **But Easter's theme - hope, revival and survival - is indestructible.**

So, on this upcoming **Easter Sunday and Season**, abound in the joy to which you are entitled. It is the day and time of glory and victory. We, too, must be raised from our spiritual faults and negative ways that we may walk in a new life full of love and respect.

Easter not only brings us the joyful memory of the victory of Christ, but also brings a solemn reminder of the truth of our faith



**"Why do you look for the living
among the dead?**

He is not here but has risen."

Luke 24:5

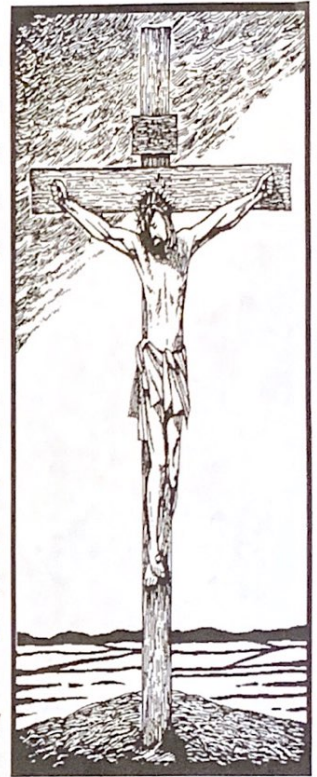


THE CROSS AND DOGWOOD BLOSSOMS

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.



Our Sunday School program has been cancelled for this year Our **Sunday School** and activities began on the **Sunday** after **Labor Day** and continued until the **Pandemic**.

We were very fortunate to have a **dedicated staff of Sunday School Teachers and Assistants:** *Terri Kozloski, Teacher; Shirley Michno, Teacher; Mary Perkins, Crafts; Betty Ruda, Music; Tracy Cooper, Treasurer.*

Also, a **thank you** to our **parents** who **see the need** for their **children** to attend this **religious education program**. Also, to our **parish family members** and **non-parish family members** who **support the fund raisers** for the **Sunday School** making it **self sufficient** and **non taxing** upon the **parish general treasury**.

The start of **classes** for the **2020/ 2021 school year** will be announced in **September**.



**THANK YOU TO OUR
TEACHERS & STAFF**



There are several items available as Memorial Gifts to the parish: **Carillon Music Programs, altar frontals, two candle sticks for Offertory Altar, stained glass window** in the nave of the church.

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.



Blessing of Easter Baskets

Easter is the most holy day 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 with 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.

Though we will not be able to bless Easter Food & Baskets you still may prepare one for your home as a symbolic celebration of Easter.

MUSIC MINISTRY

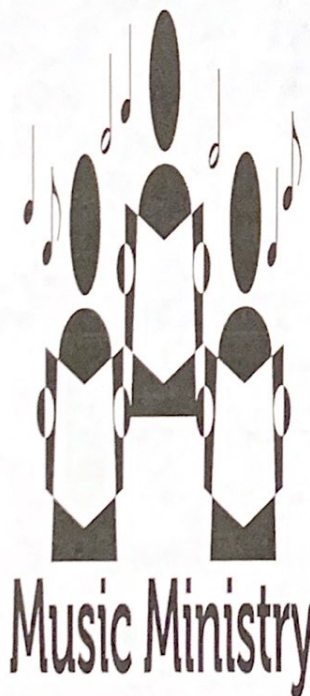
"O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!" - Psalms 98:1

The adult choir has been rehearsing music for Masses all the way through the end of the summer. We have many new and inspiring (and exciting) anthems for the congregation to enjoy! You may listen to most of our Sunday anthems at www.jwpepper.com.

MUSIC DONATIONS

A sincere "thank you" to Dave and Sherry Laskowski for their donation of "God Will Take Care of You".

Please contact Betty Ruda if you'd like to donate a piece of music, either from yourself, for a memorial, in honor of someone, or for an acknowledgment of a special occasion. Cost is \$25 each. Your name will be printed on the front of each piece, in the monthly newsletter, and on the weekly Mass music program. You will also receive a copy of the music to keep. Contact Betty Ruda - Phone 607-797-8357, text or call 607-759-9202, or email liz@stny.rr.com.





SYMBOL AND MEANING OF THE EASTER LILY

The **Easter Season** is masked with several legends and folklore about the **Easter Lily** and its religious significance. **Easter Lily** is the traditional flower of **Easter** and is highly regarded as a joyful symbol of **elegance, beauty, spirituality, hope** and **life**. In the Christian world, the lily has come to symbolize the **resurrection of Jesus Christ** because of its **delicacy of form** and **snow white color**.

Every year on the **first Sunday** after the **first full moon**, churches are filled with exquisite **Easter Lilies**.

The importance rests even more clearly on a **legend** that the **blood of Jesus**, as it fell from the **cross**, was by a **miracle** transformed into **flowers** that filled **heaven and earth**. The popular **Easter lily** we use **today** to celebrate **Easter** is referred to as "**the white-robed apostle of hope**." These beautiful trumpet shaped white flowers were brought to the **United States** in **1875** from **Japan** by an **American tourist** and named after the **florist** who made it popular. The **flower** retells the **resurrection story** with its **life cycle**. These snow white **flowers** symbolize **new life** and **hope**.

The **bulb** of these flowers **buried** in the ground **represents** the **tomb of Jesus** and the **glorious white trumpet-** like fragrant flowers grown from the **bulbs** symbolize **His life and death**. The snowy white color stands for the **purity** of the **Divine Savior** and the **joy** of the **resurrection**, while the **trumpet** shape signifies **Gabriel's trumpet call to rebirth** and **new life**.

Taken from the Holy Trinity newsletter Plantsville CT.

With the **Spring** season here, winter clean up at the parish cemetery has begun. Please remove all Christmas wreaths and fall decorations from the graves as soon as possible.

Top soil is available at the cemetery for your **planting** and **grave maintenance** needs.

There are **several** **grave stones** and **meditation benches** that need **attention**. It is the **policy** of the **Cemetery by-laws** that, as long as there are **surviving** family members, it is their responsibility of **maintaining** their **grave stone** or **meditation bench**. If there are no **surviving** family members, the **cemetery board** will see that the **work** is **taken care of**.



Cemetery Care