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

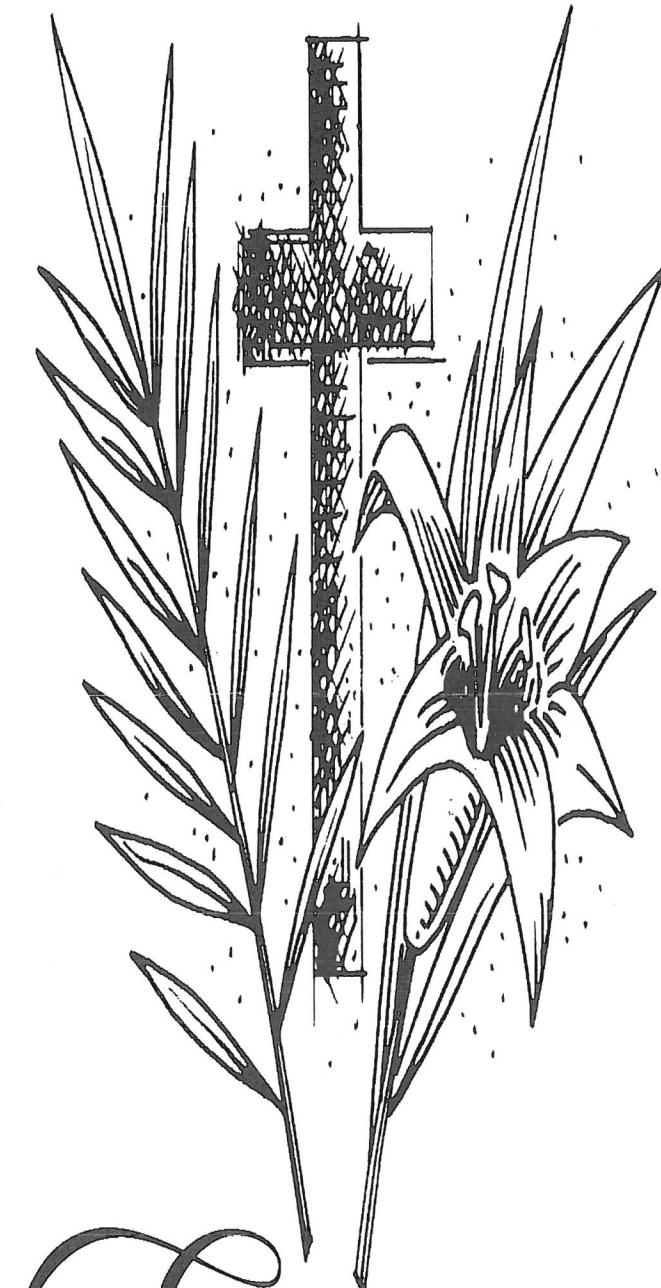
We are in the final stretch of the observance of the Great Lent, followed by Easter. The proclamation of Lent: "*Remember Man that you are dust and into dust you will return but your soul you must give back to God*" was a stark reminder that our souls need to be always ready for the day God calls us 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 these **last 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.**

+ the late Rt. Rev. Thaddeus Peplowski

Bishop Emeritus of the Buffalo/Pittsburgh Diocese



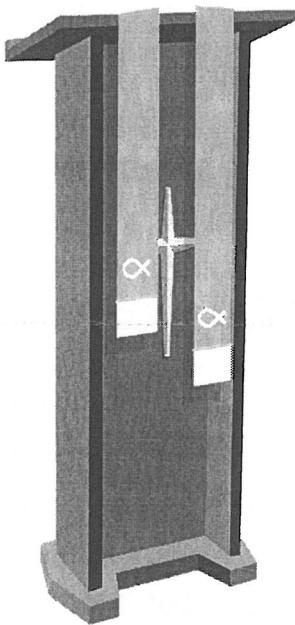
**PREPARING FOR  
Easter**

## † PARISH FAMILY MASS AND SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR APRIL †

<u>Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m.</u>	Stations of thee Cross
<u>Sunday, April 7 at 9:00 a.m.</u>	+Jennie Kolba, offered by Family
<u>Sunday, April 14 at 9:00 a.m.</u>	+Stephen, Frances, Trish Butora, offered by Dolores Butora Duke
<u>Sunday, April 14 at 9:00 a.m.</u>	+Andrew Stasko Sr., offered by Arena Red Jackets
<u>Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.</u>	Holy Thursday Mass and Liturgy
<u>Friday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m.</u>	Good Friday Evening Service
<u>Saturday, April 20 at 11:00 a.m.</u>	Holy Saturday Blessings and Liturgy
<u>Saturday, April 20 at 12 noon</u>	Blessing of Easter Food and Baskets
<u>Sunday, April 21 at 9:00 a.m.</u>	Resurrection Mass and Liturgy
<u>Saturday, April 27 at 10:30 a.m.</u>	Memorial Mass for +Victoria Ambrose
<u>Sunday, April 28 at 9:00 a.m.</u>	+John Priester, offered by Family
<u>Sunday, April 28 at 9:00 a.m.</u>	Easter Flower Memorials

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## Pastor's Thanks



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

- ☺ to George Kolba Jr./Kolba Construction Co for his time, labor and materials plowing and salting the parish complex - saving the parish a huge expense.
- ☺ thank you to the family and friends of our sister of blessed memory +Genevieve Bagan Lupinsky who donated \$760.00 to the parish cemetery fund memory.
- ☺ to our Men's Society for purchasing a big screen television for the parish family center.
- ☺ to Peter & Judy Dyman for their \$100.00 donation to the choir music fund.
- ☺ to Fr. Richard Chapin for donating to All Saints his personal chalice and paten which he used during his ministry.
- ☺ to Ken and Jean Perchinsky Williams for their \$150.00 donation - \$50.00 to the cemetery fund in memory of +George & Katherine Perchinsky and +Edmund & Anna Kozloski and \$100.00 toward current church expenses.
- ☺ to our Ash Wednesday readers - *Ed, Terri and Christopher Kozloski, Tracy Cooper, Kelley Yeomans, Debbie Benzi, Fr. RichardChapin.*
- ☺ to the Berner Perchinsky Family for their \$50.00 church & cemetary donation in memory of +George, Katherine and Carole Ann Perchinsky.

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*In Christian Sympathy*  
Genevieve's Wishes

Words of sympathy and condolences are extended to the Bagan, Dyman and Lupinsky Families on the passing of our sister of blessed memory Genevieve Bagan Lupinsky who passed away on February 25, 2019. Genevieve was a dedicated and faithful member of the parish family of All Saints serving in many, many capacities of the parish. *May she rest in peace*

It was one of the last wishes of our departed sister Genevieve Lupinsky to bequeath to the parish cemetery of All Saints \$10,000.00. This is over and above her previous donation of \$20,000.00 to the parish cemetery.

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The first Chicken Barbecue of the season will be held on SATURDAY, APRIL 6 in conjunction with the spring rummage sale from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The price per half chicken will be \$7.00 per half. Members of the men's society will meet on Tuesday, April 2 at 5:30 p.m. for a work party.



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

Florence Ottman

Peter Zalaffi at Willow Point

Mae Raychel at St. Louise Manor

Ed & Jeanette Samuelson

Emil Kotasek at Ideal Living Center

Rev. Richard Chapin

Wanda Raychel Broczkowski

Steve Falvo

Edward Ambrose

Vince Sperski

Alice Spach

Dave & Pam Kelley

Terri Miller

*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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### **EASTER SUNDAY MASS**

Our Easter Sunday Resurrection Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, April 21, 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 along with the flower children and priest 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 April 19.

## **Easter Sunday Mass**



### **SPRING RUMMAGE SALE AND CHICKEN BARBECUE**

The Parish Council and Men's Society will be sponsoring a combined activity - Rummage Sale and Take Out Chicken Barbecue on Saturday April 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Proceeds from the Rummage Sale will go into the parish general treasury to help offset the financial assessments from the National Church so that we will not have to pass them on to the parish family members. The parish has been supplementing these assessments in the past from the treasury so they would not have to be passed on to the members.

You may bring your treasures to the family center through Thursday, April 4, set up also on this day at 5:00 p.m.

**HERE IS THE HARD PART** -We will need your help setting up, during the sale, and of course cleaning up and packing up items for the Salvation Army to take away after the sale.

During the sale day the Men's Society will have their spring Chicken Barbecue and if any chicken is left over will be sold on Sunday, April 7, after mass.

# 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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.



## Cemetery Care

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.

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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!

## HELP WANTED!!!!!! ALL SAINTS NEEDS YOU !!!!!



Prayerfully, your parish is asking those who are physically able to make your parish more of a part of your routine above and beyond the one hour a week you attend mass. The parish is asking, begging, entreating those of you from the parish family to become more involved in the life of the parish if you have not been. There are many ways you can help, regardless of your age. The success and growth of our parish depends on those who volunteer their help. God has given all of us special talents; we each need to find the time to give back to God, and you can do that through your parish participation with the following:  
★attendance at mass, ★being a part of the Parish Choir, ★Mens Society, ★Sunday School teacher/helper, ★Altar Server, ★Parish Council, ★helping at Fund raisers, ★church greeters.

We do a lot as a parish - but there is so much more we could do as a parish family if we had more help.

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Father Ruda has prepared a welcome pamphlet and packet to give to people who are looking for a spiritual home. If you know of someone who is searching for a church, please contact Fr. Ruda and he will give you a packet to give to the individual or family.

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There are several items available as Memorial Gifts for the parish: **Carillon Music Programs, Candle Sticks for altar of sacrifice, church banners for the Advent season.**



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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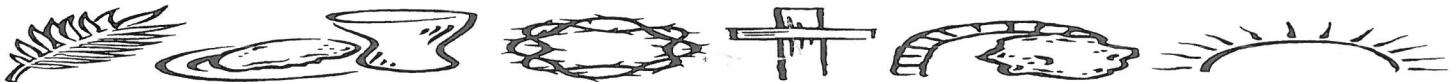


Words of sympathy are extended to the Ambrose Family on the passing of our sister Victoria Ambrose in Plattsburgh, NY, on March 17, 2019. Vicky was a dedicated parish family member of All Saints as well as St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton. Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday, April 27, 10:30 a.m. at All Saints. Burial will be in St. Stanislaus Cathedral cemetery. May she rest in peace.

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From time to time people ask "**What is the proper offering for a mass to be said?**" In ancient times offerings consisted of food, milk, poultry etc. for the priest. But in this modern time of the church the offering begins at \$10.00 and up according to the individual and their financial conditions. For the sacrifice of the mass to be celebrated, the following elements are needed:  
**1. A priest to offer it to God. 2. An altar on which it is offered. 3. A visible gift.**





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, April 20 at 12 noon.

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The wet weather and frost of this year's fall and winter has caused many uneven sections of our sidewalks and black top areas around the parish complex and at the parish cemetery.

Please be careful and watch out for uneven or sunken parts, especially in the parking lot, sidewalks and lawn.

If there are permanent problems they will be addressed once the frost is totally out of the ground.

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#### MUSIC MINISTRY

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

Our weekly choir rehearsals are on Thursdays at 6:45 PM. We welcome anyone who would like to join us. If you like to sing for God and can carry a tune, just come to a rehearsal. Comfortable seats and good view.

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](http://www.jwpepper.com).

Our Sunday School students have been enthusiastically rehearsing for their performance with the adult choir on Youth Sunday (May 5). They're sounding great!



Choir Notes

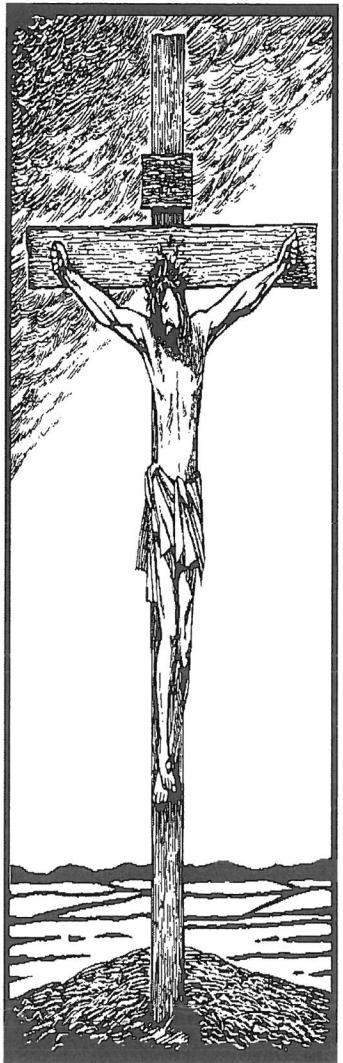


## THE CROSS AND DOGWOOD BLOSSOMS

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.



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 April 17, 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.

## LENTEN HISTORY

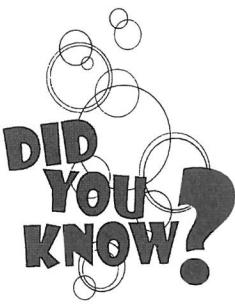
Lent becomes more regularized after the legalization of Christianity in **313 A.D.**

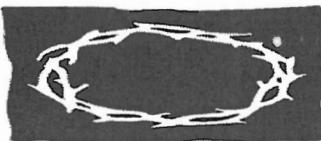
**40 days** had special spiritual significance - **Moses** prepared for 40 days and nights before receiving the **Ten Commandments** from God.

\***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*





# Holy Week Schedule



## HOLY WEDNESDAY - April 17

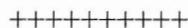
9:30 a.m. - Flowering and preparation of the Altar of Repose.  
Volunteers are needed.

6:45 P.M. Choir Rehearsal



## HOLY THURSDAY - April 18

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



7:00 P.M. - Evening Service

**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

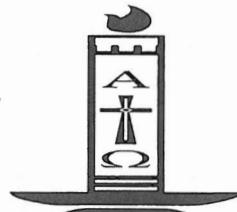


## HOLY SATURDAY - April 20

10:00 A.M. - Altar Preparations - Volunteers are needed

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.

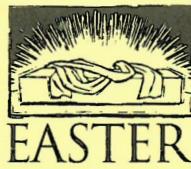
12 noon - Blessing of Easter Food and Baskets in Church.

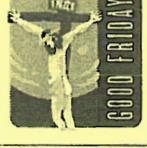




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## EVENTS AT ALL SAINTS



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