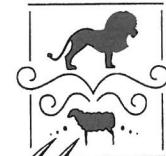


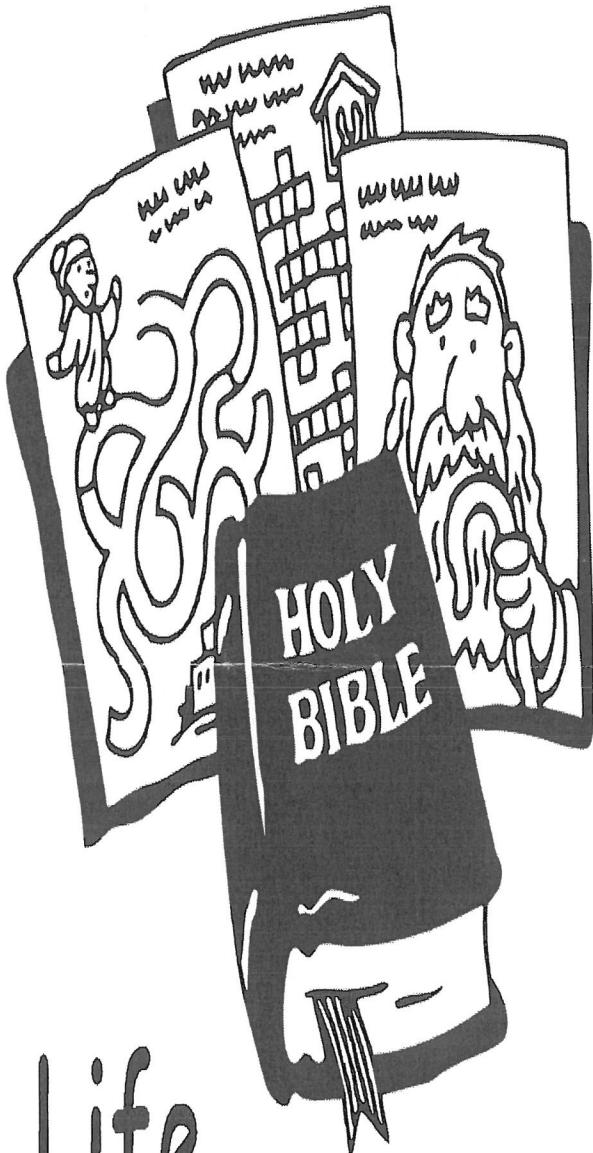
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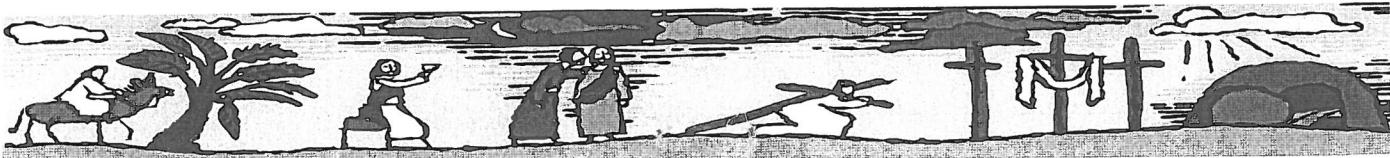
TEN LIFE LESSONS



**Life
Lessons**

- 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 3 at 9:00 a.m. +Marie Baron, offered by Gerry and Diane Baron Turock
Sunday, March 3 at 9:00 a.m. +Mary Sedlacek, offered by Biskup Family
Wednesday, March 6 **Ash Wednesday Services at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.**
Sunday, March 10 at 9:00 a.m. +Karen Rose Blanford, offered by Joseph Kot
Sunday, March 10 at 9:00 a.m. +Wincenty Sperski, offered by son Vincent
Sunday, March 17 at 9:00 a.m. +Kathryn Gidzinski, offered by Family
Sunday, March 17 at 9:00 a.m. +Joseph Borkowski, offered by wife Theresa
Wednesday, March 20 at 9:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross
Sunday, March 24 at 9:00 a.m. +Leo and Wanda Bilsky, Rita Bilsky Yeates, offered by Family
Sunday, March 31 at 9:00 a.m. +Edward Nycz, offered by Ruby Fabrizio

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

Florence Ottman
Mae Raychel at St. Louise Manor
Emil Kotasek at Ideal Living Center
Wanda Raychel Broczkowski
Edward and Vicky Ambrose
Alice Spach
Dave & Pam Kelley

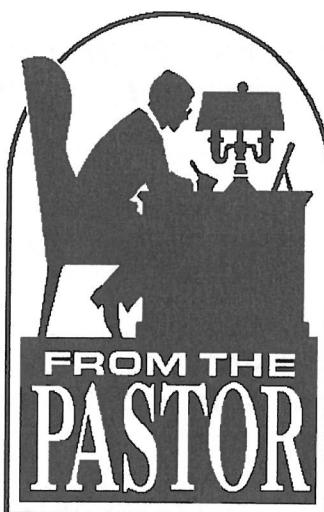
Genevieve Lupinsky
Peter Zalaffi at Willow Point
Ed & Jeanette Samuelson
Rev. Richard Chapin
Steve Falvo
Vince Sperski

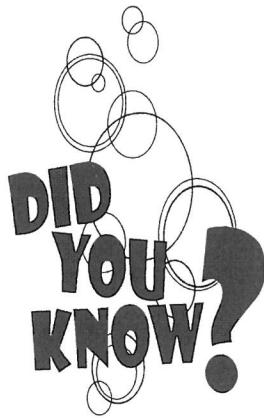
Privacy laws do not allow hospitals or nursing homes to inform priests of admission. Family members must make this notification to the priest.

I acknowledge the following who have 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.
☺ to Debbie Benzi for her time, labor and materials taking care of the altar linens & cloths.
☺ to our in house photographer Bob Blakeslee for his time, labor and materials taking the picture of our 2019 parish council and his other technical help.
☺ to Joe Kot for his time and labor helping around the parish complex
☺ to all parish family members who support our parish with their attendance, material offerings and concern.

We still need two (2) readers for the Ash Wednesday evening service on Wednesday, March 6, Stations of the Cross. 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.





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.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

The Holy Season of Lent begins on Wednesday, March 6, 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 6 at 9:00 a.m. - Stations of the Cross, Blessing of Ashes and marking of foreheads.

Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross with marking of foreheads.



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.**

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

HEBREWS 13:16, NRSV

LENT Lent LENT Lent



The attached photo below is of the **ordination** of FDR that appeared in the afternoon edition of the **Scranton Times**, page three, on **Thursday, January 8, 1970** and morning edition of the **Scranton Tribune** front page **Friday, January 9, 1970**. Pictured is the **Most Rev. Thaddeus Zielinski**, Prime Bishop of the NCC, assisted by **Frs. Robert Orstrowski and Edward Meus**. **Very Rev. Andrew Tolcz**, rector of Seminary, FDR and classmate Fr. **Joseph Krusienski**, now **Very Rev. Krusienski**, pastor of **Holy Trinity Parish** in Plantsville, CT.

Over forty nine years have passed since that photo and my **ordination**. I was planning to **retire** at the end of **2019**, however, the **retirement theory** changed due to the **shortage of clergy** to replace me plus some other changes of thinking.

With that I announced at the yearly parish meeting on January 27, 2019, that I would commit to at least two more years as pastor of All Saints.

I ask is that we continue to work together for the good and continued success of our parish.



**Fr. Dennis Ruda's Ordination
January 8, 1970**



What Are You Giving Up?

WHAT ARE YOU GIVING UP FOR LENT? - A part of the Lenten tradition is to sacrifice something from our lives that we enjoy to remember the great sacrifice that Jesus made for us.

There is a two fold purpose to this exercise: to sacrifice and to show self control.

The forty days of Lent begin with Ash Wednesday and ends with Holy Saturday April 20 at 12 noon. Sundays during Lent are not counted in the 40 days as Sunday is always a day reserved for worship to God. We also should exclude meat products from our Wednesday and Friday meals during Lent.

As we did for the Christmas season, 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. A sign up sheet will be posted in the vestibule beginning Sunday, March 3, and will remain up until filled.

Cost of the these plants this year is \$12.00 for a lily and \$11.00 for a colored mum. For lilies or colored mum donated in memory of loved ones, a mass will be celebrated at a later date in their memory.

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 beginning March 14 through April 4.

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.



Words of sympathy and condolences are extended to the Yeates Family on the passing of our sister of blessed memory Rita Bilsky Yeates on February 5, 2019. Rita was a dedicated and faithful member of the parish family of All Saints. May she rest in peace



2019 Parish Council

1st Row Seated Left to Right: Debbie Cushner, Financial Secretary, Betty Ruda, Envelope Secretary, Terri Miler, Treasurer, Judy Dyman, Parish Center/Cemetery Secretary, Tracy Cooper, Recording Secretary, Debbie Benzi, Director
Back Row Left to Right: Dan Derkowsky, Auditor, Dave Plahanski, Director, Kevin Cushner, Chairman, Fr. Dennis Ruda, Kelley Yeomans, Co-Chairman, Mike Cushner, Director, Peter Dyamn III, Director

February 10, 2019

R.G. Blakeslee

Church Council



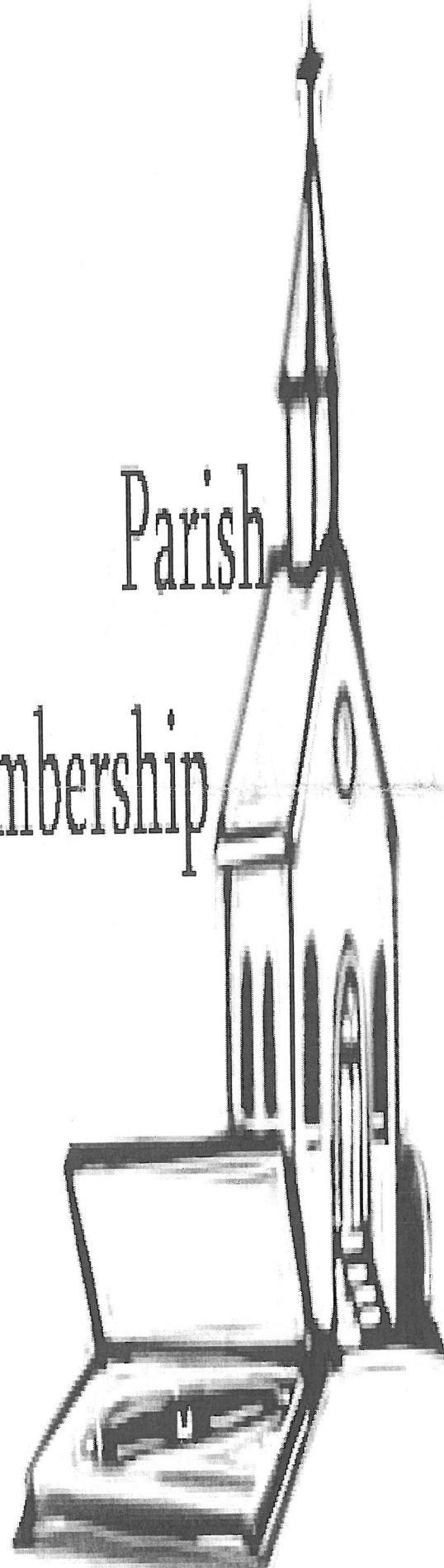
Pictured above is the **2019 Parish Council of All Saints** elected at this year's parish yearly meeting:

seated left to right - **Debbie Cushner**, Financial Secretary, **Betty Ruda**, Envelope Secretary, **Terri Miller**, Treasurer, **Judy Dyman**, Family Center/Cemetery Secretary, **Tracy Cooper**, Recording Secretary, **Debbie Benzi**, Director.

Standing second row - **Dan Derkowsky**, Auditor, **Dave Plahanski**, Director, **Mike Cushner**, Director, **Peter Dyamn III**, Director.

Back row: **Kevin Cushner**, Parish Council Chairman, **Fr. Ruda**, **Kelley Yeomans**, Parish Council Co-Chairman. Absent **Chet Socha Jr.**





As we begin March 2019, the parish council would like to remind you about your 2019 parish membership: Family unit is \$175.00 and a single unit is to \$100.00.

Occasionally the question of "*Why does a person have to pay a membership obligation to belong to the parish?*" is asked. The answer to that is very simple. *When you pay your church membership, you are making a commitment to the parish and in turn the parish makes a commitment to you.*

The *commitment of the parish* is that you are entitled to the services of the church for your spiritual benefit and even material needs - Baptism, Religious Education, First Communion, Confirmation, Visitation of the Sick, Burial Rights, Weddings, Funerals, use of the parish family center (*if available*), use of tables and chairs for your functions etc. However; these services and privileges can not be extended through you to your relatives and friends who are non church members.

It is sad to say that many people do not think of these various services that are available to them through the church and do not think about it or make their commitment until there is a need and sometimes a serious need . Then the pastor or parish council must use the dreaded word - **NO.**

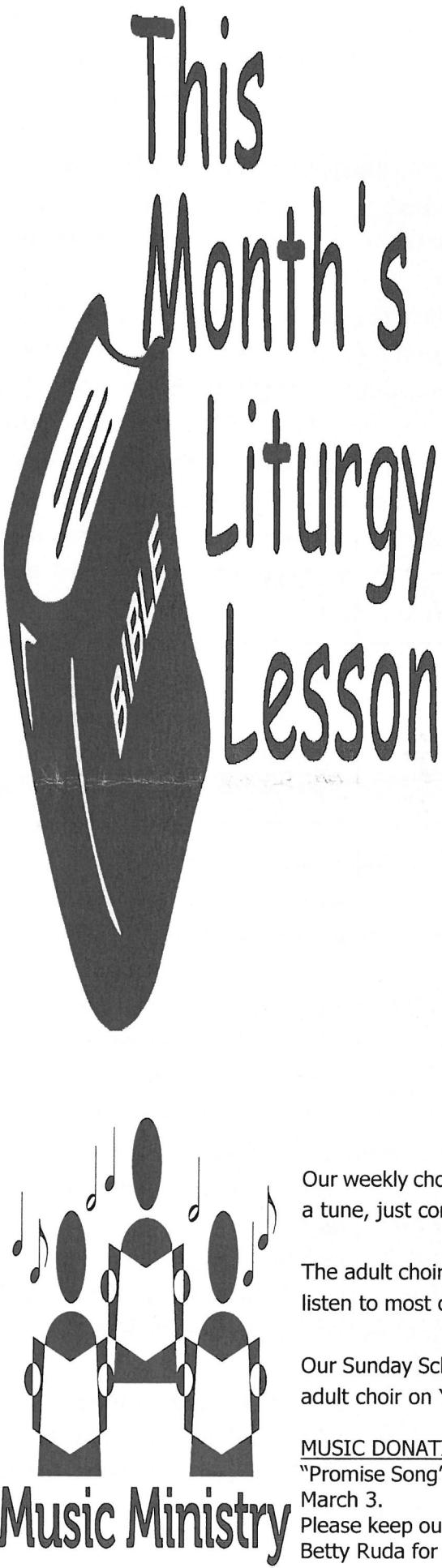
Now, please do not get the impression that all you have to do is fulfill the membership obligation and everything is in place. *According to our parish by-laws there are other commitments both spiritual and material that need to be fulfilled.*

Finally, no one that I know of in our parish has ever been denied the services of the church because of a financial hardship or honestly cannot satisfy the membership obligations of our parish. But again, is a *sincere effort through church attendance and participation in church activities being made even though the financial obligations cannot be made?*

Some parish family members might think that our membership obligations are high, but many of our sister parishes of our church have membership obligations that are double and even triple to ours.

Please contact Fr. Ruda in private if these parish membership increases are a financial difficulty for you.

Your attendance, participation and concern for our parish are just as important as your financial assistance, and some times even more valuable!



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) and 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 many 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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

"I will praise the Name of God with a song" - Psalm 69:30

Our weekly choir rehearsals are on Thursdays at 6:45 PM. If you like to sing for God and can carry a tune, just come to a rehearsal! Comfortable seats - good view.

The adult choir has been rehearsing music for the Lent and Easter seasons and beyond. You may listen to most of our Sunday anthems at www.jwpepper.com.

Our Sunday School students have been enthusiastically rehearsing for their performance with the adult choir on Youth Sunday.

MUSIC DONATIONS

"Promise Song", donated by David and Louise Martin in memory of Mary Sedlacek, will be sung on March 3.

Please keep our program of music donations in mind. - "\$25 donation for a piece of music. Contact Betty Ruda for details. Phone 607-797-8357, text or call 607-759-9202, or email liz@stny.rr.com.



March 2019

Events at All Saints



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