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whoever wants  
to become  
great among  
you must be  
your servant...

Mark 10:43

### A SERVANT OF GOD

On February 16, 1953, the Organizer, first priest and **bishop of the National Catholic Church**, was called home to his heavenly reward. On this day **63 years ago** Francis Hodur ended his earthly pilgrimage of life.

Born on **April 1, 1866**, this man of vision and great foresight was the organizer with a group of dedicated and spiritual followers who went on to form and **organize an important part of the Catholic Church on American soil**.

This small miracle did not come about without a great price. **Physical injury, insult**, and a determination by those opposing this new form of the Catholic Church who wanted to completely crush this movement was very evident in every form of life on a daily basis, especially in the Scranton area and other locations where this movement was being formed in the late 1800's into the 1900's.

Our **parish in Johnson City** began its quest to become a part of this great religious movement in **1925**, about twenty nine years after the initial movement began. It did meet with some **opposition among the religious communities** in our area, but experienced nothing like what was happening sixty five miles south of Johnson City, New York.

**Bishop Hodur's** foresight did open the doors of opportunity for many people who were looking for a **Catholic, Democratic, Free form of religion** but one that also had **discipline to the laws and commandments of God**.

Many spiritual movements of the progress of **Bishop Francis Hodur** were adopted by other religious dominations but were disguised to say it was their own ideas.

To this date the **National Catholic Church** stands on an island by itself adhering to the **Tenants of Apostolic Succession keeping it a One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church**, along with a few others.

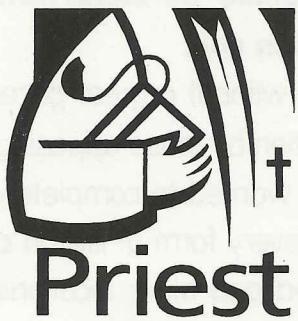
On **February 16, 1953**, when **Bishop Francis Hodur** closed **his eyes in eternal sleep**, the **World of Religion** lost a **visionary servant of God**.

## **† PARISH FAMILY MASS AND SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY †**

- Sunday, February 7 at 9:00 a.m.** +Frank, Ray, Steve and Edward Szczepanski, offered by a Friend  
**Sunday, February 7 at 9:00 a.m.** +Edward Nycz and Dominik Grassi, offered by Anthony & Debra Grassi  
**Wednesday, February 10 ASH WEDNESDAY** - Stations of the Cross at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. with Ashes  
**Sunday, February 14 at 9:00 a.m.** +Richard & Barbara Plahanski, offered by Family  
**Sunday, February 14 at 9:00 a.m.** +Nicholas Stasko ,offered by Family  
**Sunday, February 21 at 9:00 a.m.** +Robert Miller, offered by wife Terri  
**Wednesday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m.** Stations of the Cross  
**Sunday, February 28 at 9:00 a.m.** +Sophie Kokalas, offerd by John Oleski  
**Sunday, February 28 at 9:00 a.m.** +Jessie Laszewski, offered by the late +Sylvia Minol

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### **FROM THE**



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

- ☺ to **Steve and Johann Falvo** for their **\$250.00 church donation**.
- ☺ to **George Kolba Jr./Kolba Construction Co.** for his **time, labor and materials** keeping our parish complex **clean from snow and ice, saving** the parish a **huge expense**.
- ☺ to our **Men's Society and Sunday School PTA** for helping **Santa** with the **Christmas Gifts** for the parish kids and teens.
- ☺ please be sure to review the **Parish By-Laws** in this newsletter.

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### **Please remember the following in your prayers, with a 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.**

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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 used 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.**



We held our **Yearly Parish Family Meeting** for the 2015 year on **Sunday, January 24**. The past year of 2015 was a year of many good achievements and happenings. We had several successful fund-raisers and functions because of good cooperation and concern from our parish family members.

God called some of our **parish brothers** to their eternal reward: +Edward Nowakowski Sr.; +Robert Bo Miller; and +Joseph Kozloski.

**Our growth factor in 2015 was flat and our attendance for masses and services could have been much better, and this will be something for all of us to focus on and improve in this New Year and the future.** There were a few **maintenance projects done** around the parish complex and several are planned for **2016 at the parish cemetery.**

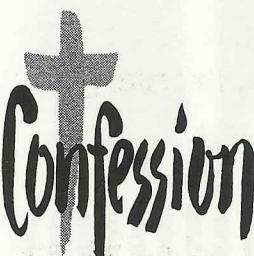
Now as our parish goes into **2016**, prayerfully with a nucleus of **God-loving and dedicated members** there are several projects in the plans for **2016**. On the list for this year will be **our normal fund raising projects sponsored by the various church organizations**. The **parish** will need your continued support and cooperation as members of the parish family. Let us all pray that God will continue to bless and approve our endeavors as we travel into this new year, and may God bless all of you with health to do the work that stands before us. FDR

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**Lenten Meal**  
  
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.

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I would like to remind parents of their responsibility of sending their **children and teens** of the **ages 8 to 15 years** who have received their First Communion **to monthly confession on the first Sunday of each month.**

**Confession**  


Church law states that these communicants must go to monthly confession in order to worthily receive Communion.

**Private confessions are heard from 8:20 a.m. until 8:55 a.m.** on the first Sunday of each month.



## MUSIC MINISTRY

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

A  
Note  
from  
the Choir  
Director

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 - good view.

The adult choir has been rehearsing music for the rapidly approaching Lenten season, all the way through the end of April. 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 performances with the adult choir on Palm Sunday and Youth Sunday (May 1). They're sounding great!

### MUSIC DONATIONS

Please contact Betty Ruda if you'd like to donate a piece of music, either from yourself, for a memorial, or for an acknowledgment of a special occasion. There is a list of pieces of music from which you can choose to donate. 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. Phone 607-797-8357, text or call 607-759-9202, or email [liz@stny.rr.com](mailto:liz@stny.rr.com).

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THANKS  
— from the —  
HEART

I would like to say a **humble and gracious "Thank You"** to all who received me so warmly and kindly into their homes during my recent pastoral visits. **Thanks for everything, the food, refreshments, gifts, dinners, remembering my 46th Anniversary of Ordination.**

As you know, I make these visits on my free personal time, so as you find time to attend church and donate your time and labor for church work, I find time to make these pastoral visitations to your homes. Thank You again for your support, church attendance and concern for our parish and your friendship to me. FDR

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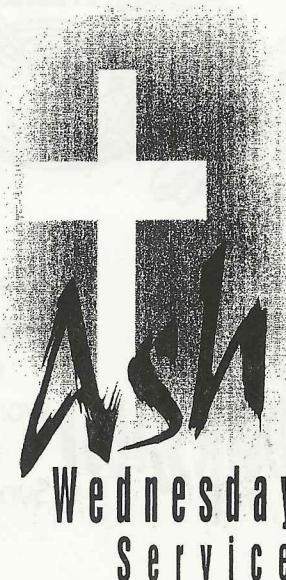
### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

The **Holy Season of Lent** begins on **Wednesday, February 10**, with **Ash Wednesday**. It is a **forty day period of self-renewal and sacrifice**. We should **refrain from meat products on Wednesdays and Fridays** during this time **as a part of fasting**.

The **following services** have been **scheduled** for Ash Wednesday for your **spiritual benefit**:

**Wednesday, February 10 at 9:00 a.m.** - Stations of the Cross, Blessing of Ashes and marking of foreheads.

**Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m.** - Stations of the Cross with marking of foreheads.



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## 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 end with **Holy Saturday March 26 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.

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## YOU ARE THE CHURCH



The bricks and mortar, the pews, and all that goes to make the building are not the church. The Church is **YOU!** You are the Church. Its strength and its weaknesses are revealed in you.

What you are, the church is also.

You are the Church, The power of its devotion to God, truth and humanity is the measure of your devotion. *You are the church. Yours is its faith. Its worship is expressed through you.* No one can take your place.

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## 2016 PARISH COUNCIL AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ALL SAINTS

The following were duly elected at the Parish Family Meeting with **20 parish members** in attendance held on **January 24, 2016:**

**Chairman** **Mark Broczkowski ( 2 year term )**

**Vice-Chairman**

**David Plahanski**

**Treasurer**

**Terri Miller**

**Financial Secretary**

**Debbie Cushner**

**Recording Secretary**

**Kelly Yeomans**

**Envelope Secretary**

**Betty Ruda**

**Cemetery/ Family Center Secretary**

**Judy Dyman**

**DIRECTORS: Peter Dyman III, Wanda Broczkowski, Christina Dyman,**

**Michael Cushner, Chester Socha Jr.**

**AUDITOR: Daniel Derkowski** one more needed

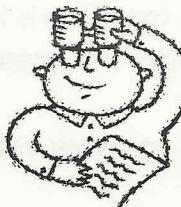
**Oath of Office & Group Photo** will be taken on **Sunday, February 7.**

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**Young Adults Membership**

To our young adults who are finished with their schooling and gainfully employed: You are encouraged to take a parish membership and become a productive member of the parish family of All Saints. **The parish needs your energy and support!**



**Look  
Out!**

The winter weather again has caused many uneven sections of our sidewalks and black top areas around the parish complex.

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

These problems usually correct themselves once the frost is out of the ground.

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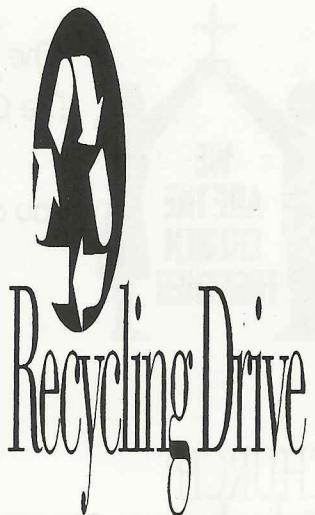
The parish council requests that if you are the last person leaving the church basement, Sunday School rooms, restrooms, parish family center or center basement please turn off the lights and help conserve energy and cost.

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What do you do with your empty ink or toner cartridges from your computer printer, copy machine or fax machine? Tired of mailing them back to the factory for recycling and getting nothing in exchange?

Our parish is collecting these empty cartridges from all printers and copy machines. They will be turned in for Staples store credit for the parish. In return, it will cut down on the cost of our office and paper supply purchases.

Bring them to the parish office in a plastic bag and we will be glad to recycle these items for you. Thank you to those of you who have been helping the parish with your used ink and toner cartridges.



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**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK** - call the office any time day or night if any parish family member is sick and wishes to be visited at home, in the hospital or nursing home. Hospitals and Nursing Homes do not inform the rectory office.

**BAPTISM** - must be arranged in person.

**MARRIAGE** - by personal appointment **at least one year** prior to the wedding date

**(do not make any other arrangements until you contact the pastor).**

**FUNERAL** - family should contact the pastor as soon as possible.

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As a courtesy umbrellas are available in the church vestibule for those moments when rain unexpectedly arrives while you are in the church. However, these umbrellas are slowly disappearing. If by chance you have used one - please on your next visit to the church return it so others might be able to benefit from it if the need arises.



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**PARISH BYLAWS**

**INTRODUCTION**

Every true Christian should be an active Christian, taking an active part in the life of the Church, participating in its services of worship, listening to the preaching of the Word of God, sharing its good news with others in the community, partaking in the Sacraments of the Church, heeding the precepts of the Church, and laboring for the establishment of God's Church on earth.

The motto of the National Catholic Church is "**By Truth, Work and Struggle, We Shall Be Victorious**". The aim of the National Catholic Church is not to dominate the people but to serve, to help, to lead onward and upward toward the ultimate realization of God's Church on earth.

**SPIRITUAL OBLIGATIONS TO THE PARISH**

1. Each member of the Church (parish) is required to receive Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Penance at least twice a year, but especially during the Advent and Lenten seasons.
2. It is the duty of a parish family member who knows of any parish family member who is ill, or who desires to receive Holy Communion, to bring it to the attention of the pastor or a member of the Parish Council.
3. It is the duty of all member parents to raise their children in the light of Christian principles. A main way of fulfilling this duty is to urge the child or adolescent to attend the School of Christian Living (Sunday School) and all religious services and programs offered by the church. This also will maintain a closer relationship between child and parent.

**MATERIAL OBLIGATIONS TO THE PARISH**

1. Membership fees are set by the Parish Council and congregation during the yearly congregational meeting held in January. A family unit (husband and wife) and a single unit (widow, widower, and single) must pay these membership fees to be parish family members in good standing. A single person must become a member when financially independent.
2. Every adult member is required to have offering envelopes (or an assigned number) and use them. This helps to meet the current expenses of the parish. It is suggested that every member donate a minimum of \$3.00 per week in their envelopes, if possible, for the upkeep of the church, rectory, and parish center.
3. Other contributions and donations for various projects and needs may be given of the member's own free will.
4. **If a member fails to meet the parish financial obligations without a reason acceptable to the Parish Council, membership in the parish will be canceled. If, however, the delinquent obligations are satisfied, membership, with its rights and privileges, will be restored.**
5. Every member fulfilling the required obligations shares in the rights and privileges guaranteed by these Bylaws.

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6. Burial in the parish cemetery is reserved for members in good financial standing with this PARISH or any NATIONAL CATHOLIC PARISH. A person who leaves the Church, neglecting the material obligations to the parish, will not be considered a member in good standing. The parish has the right to withdraw the cemetery deed, burial lot, and rights. If the deceased person's family is willing to satisfy the delinquent financial obligations, the right of burial in the cemetery will be reinstated, with the concurrence of the Parish Council. To satisfy the financial obligations (*as voted on and approved by the Parish Council on March 29, 1978*), "delinquent parish dues must be paid at the current rate up to a maximum of five years and \$3.00\* a week per envelope for 52 weeks for each year. This situation can occur only once; if it occurs a second time, fees must be paid as far back as they are delinquent. If the individual cannot pay, arrangements can be made through the Parish Council for payment."

\* The amount will be reviewed by the Parish Council annually and amended, if necessary, to adjust to the rate of inflation.

## ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Members of the National Catholic Church are expected to appreciate the brotherhood of their church fellowship by becoming members of the various organizations and to respect and understand the aims and goals of the societies for the betterment of our National Catholic Church.

Our parish has many organizations for its members: Young Men's Society of Resurrection, Women's Society of the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Sunday School PTA, Christian Youth Group, altar servers, parish choir, Polish National Union of America Branch 73.

*Bylaws were adopted on May 6, 1970.*

*Revisions to the Bylaws were made and passed on June 3, 1984, and January 21, 1996.*

## ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE PARISH FAMILY OF ALL SAINTS????



**Our Church Family**

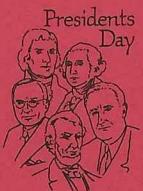
What makes you a member of the Christian Community? What makes Christian members of a Church? What makes you a member of your Church? **Support, Cooperation and Attendance** seem to be the most appropriate terms to use when measuring our membership in anything.

Either by birth or by your own conviction, you might think you are a member of All Saints Church, but are you a registered and supporting member? a. Do you regularly attend church to worship God? b. Are you willing to be helpful and work for the good of this parish? c. Are you willing to contribute to the support of the church with your participation and attendance?  
d. Are you really concerned with the welfare and well-being of the parish?

If you do not support the church, who will? If you do not cooperate with your church, who will? If you do not take part in the services and activities of your church, then who?



February 2016



Events at All Saints

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Feast of the Presentation of Jesus 	3	4 6:45 p.m.  Choir Rehearsal	5	6
7 8:20 AM Priv. Confession 9:00 AM Holy Mass with Oath of Office & Council Picture 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM Sunday School/Music	8	9 Services at 9am & 7pm 	10 Wednesday	11 6:45 p.m.  Choir Rehearsal	12 Lenten Fast 	13
14 9:00 AM Holy Mass 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM Parish Council Mtg. 10:00 AM Sunday School/Music St. Valentine	15	16 +Bishop Francis Hodur 1953	17 Lenten Fast 	18 6:45 p.m.  Choir Rehearsal	19 Lenten Fast 	20
21 9:00 AM Holy Mass 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM Men's Society Mtg. 10:00 AM Sunday School/Music 	22	23	24 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross Lenten Fast 	25 6:45 p.m.  Choir Rehearsal	26 Lenten Fast 	27
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