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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 †

- Sunday, April 3 at 9:00 a.m. +David Gidzinski, offered by Mike and Debbie Cushner
Sunday, April 10 at 9:00 a.m. +Stephen, Frances & Trish Butora, offered by Dolores Butora Duke
Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass and Liturgy
Friday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Evening Service. Church opened all day for meditation
Saturday, April 16 at 11:00 a.m. Holy Saturday Liturgy and Blessings
Saturday, April 16 at 12 noon Blessing of Easter food and baskets
Sunday, April 17 at 9:00 a.m. Resurrection Mass
Sunday, April 24 at 9:00 a.m. +John Priester, offered by Family

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

- ☺ to Stephen & Patricia Vaughan for their \$500.00 church offering
- ☺ to our Men's Society for their \$500.00 donation to help with parish expenses
- ☺ to Jay and Karen Miller Konar for their \$100. 00 church offering
- ☺ to Grace Fell for her \$50.00 church offering
- ☺ to our parishioners who have faithfully been supporting the parish through mail or in person with their church offerings during the pandemic.
- ☺ to Ciotoli Family/Ciotoli Heating, Chris Butora/Performance Auto and Warehouse Carpet Outlets for sponsoring our Lenten and Easter Messages on the Bill Flynn Polka Broadcasts on WNBF AM 1290 radio.
- ☺ to Stephen Pokrinchak and Wai Ling Lee for serving as administrators of our parish's notification system.
- ☺ to our Ash Wednesday evening service readers - Kelley Cooper, Ed, Terri and Christopher Kozloski, Bob and Haile Blakeslee who did an outstanding job.

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

Ed & Jeanette Samuelson, Wanda Raychel Broczkowski

Michael & Debbie Gidzinski Cushner, Dave & Pam Kelley

Dolores Butora Duke, Robert Blakeslee Sr.,

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

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.



In an attempt to lower our postage expenses we are going to try to make available the parish monthly newsletter to those who would like to receive it via e-mail. If you are interested please e-mail your name and e-mail address to: rblakeslee@stny.rr.com. If there is enough interest we would institute this type newsletter distribution in the next several months.





PALM SUNDAY
Breakfast

Our Men's Society would like to treat the parish family to a free Palm Sunday breakfast following mass on Sunday, April 10.

There will be a reservation sheet for those who will be attending church on that Sunday.

All that is asked that you appreciate it and help with the clean up at the end.

A reminder that the Men's Society will be having their first chicken barbecue of the year on Saturday, April 23, from 11:00 a.m. until gone please support them.



Easter Lilies & Mums

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** is posted in the church.

Cost of the plants will be the same as last year - \$13.00 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.



The first takeout Chicken Barbecue for 2022 will be served on **Saturday, April 23** beginning at 11 a.m. until gone. If there is a surplus they will be sold on Sunday, April 24, after mass.

The members of the Men's Society will have a work party preparing the chicken for the barbecue on Wednesday, April 20 at 5:45 p.m.

Price for a half of barbecued chicken will be \$8.00.

Let us remember all events that our Men's Society sponsors for the parish family and support this event.



Cemetery Care

With the **Spring** season here, winter clean up at the parish cemetery has begun. Please remove all Christmas wreaths and 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.



Be sure to check out our parish website. This website was created by parish family member Jason Yeomans and his mother Kelly Cooper who also financially maintain the website.

The website is located at www.allsaINTSNCC.org.



The date of the April parish council meeting has been changed to Sunday, April 3, following the 9:00 a.m. mass. Meetings will resume in the parish office.



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.



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 16 at 12 noon.



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 spiritual home, these packets are on the entrance table in the church vestibule for you to give them, plus a monthly newsletter.

MUSIC NOTES

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.

As always, our choir is in great need of singers! Contact Betty for information.

Hymn History - "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today" - Charles Wesley, the co-founder of the Methodist movement, wrote "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today" in 1739, where it was initially titled "Hymn for Easter Day". He based it on an older anonymous Bohemian hymn titled "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today". The new hymn was first performed at the first service at The Foundery Meeting House in England after Wesley had adapted it into the first Methodist chapel. Following this, Wesley published it in the *Hymns and Sacred Poems* hymnal of 1739, initially with eleven verses, which were later reduced to six, and early in the 19th century "Alleluia" was added to the end of each line. The hymn led to a more popular awareness of Alleluia being used for Easter to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. We will be singing this hymn on Easter Sunday, April 17.

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 14th 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.



The following are a **welcome addition** to our **parish family**: Julianne Ludka; Matthew and Maria Olsen and their children Harrison, Sam and Madison; Robert Jr. and Erica Blakeslee and their children - Haile, Maggie, Pat and Charlotte. *May you all find a truly Christian home here at All Saints.*

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained, that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all".

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

ATTENDANCE



Around the Church



CAMP
FIREWOOD

Many projects and repairs have taken place around the parish complex in the last several months and several more are on the drawing board.

- ✓ new roof on the church vestibule portion of the church building
- ✓ repaired water leak above the front door of the church
- ✓ cut down two trees - one next to the rectory the other on east side of property
- ✓ re-paved church parking lot
- ✓ addressed plumbing issues - outside sewer line & leaky church heating pipe
- ✓ purchased new letter board for outside sign
- ✓ need to replace landscape timbers around flower beds
- ✓ new outdoor carpet to be installed on the front and side porches of rectory
- ✓ two windows need to be replaced on the rectory
- ✓ church carpeting to be cleaned
- ✓ garage door on outdoor utility shed repaired

These and others projects have been done and are possible because of your donations, offerings and concern.

In a few months 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.



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EVENTS AT ALL SAINTS

