

St. Paul Parish Newsletter

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Parish News



Our Annual Parish Meeting was held on Sunday, February 16th. There were 35 parish members who attended the meeting. Officers, Board of Directors, Auditors and Tribunal positions were voted on. A letter has been sent to our Diocesan Bishop Stanley Bilinski, for the approval of these positions. The results will be posted in next month's newsletter.

Happy St. Patrick's Day



Lenten Season



The season of Lent begins on March 5th, Ash Wednesday. There will be one Mass with the distribution of ashes at 10:00am. At 6:00pm there will just be the distribution of ashes.

Stations of the Cross



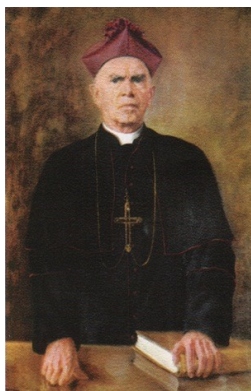
Stations of the Cross will be at 10:00am on the following Friday dates:

March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

April 4th, 11th

There will be one Friday night Stations of the Cross which will be announced at a later date by Father Mark.

Institution of the PNCC



Rt. Rev. Francis Hodur
PNCC Organizer

Each year, the second Sunday in March is designated for the Institution of the Polish National Catholic Church. Below are some facts of our organizer, Bishop Francis Hodur.

His Early Life

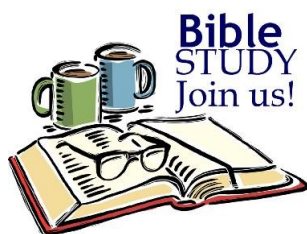
- Francis Hodur was born near Krakow, Poland. One of seven children in a poor family.
- While preparing for the priesthood at the Jagiellonian University, he was an exceptional student.
- He emigrated to the U.S. in 1893. That same year, he was ordained as a priest.
- On the 14th of March 1897, Father Hodur became pastor of St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton, PA.
- On Sept 29, 1907, Father Hodur was consecrated bishop by Old Catholic Bishops in Utrecht, Holland.

For more information on Bishop Hodur and the PNCC, please go to the website: pncc.org



We welcome our new members of our church family who have joined in the month of February.

Jack & Judy Brennan
Leo Ianaro



Father Mark is conducting bible class on Thursdays, 10:00am here at St. Paul's social hall. This ongoing class is for everyone interested in finding out more about their faith. Father Mark brings us many pearls of Scripture each week and whether you are a first time bible reader or an astute learned scriptural connoisseur, there's something special in the Word of God for everyone. You are encouraged to bring a friend.

Backpack Program



Our mainstay charitable program provides local homeless school children personal care/hygiene items all year round. Please drop off items anytime on the rectory porch or at church on Sundays, in the bins in the back of the church.



Birthdays

- 1st** Donna Custer
Debbie Emmerson
Mary Ann Marchewka
- 2nd** Hank Charpentier
Lucy Dowling
- 3rd** Fran Chadwick
- 4th** Joseph Berdechowski
Alex Yackowski
- 6th** Joanne Q. Doran
- 7th** Ed Ball
- 8th** Jim Hamuka
- 11th** Marie Brown-Hurley
- 15th** Marissa Pfouts
- 18th** Landon Maynard
- 19th** Rosalee Stein
- 20th** Hank Charpentier
Nancy Kirschenbaum
- 21st** Diane Duguay
Dale Maynard
- 24th** Jim Long
- 25th** Mary Ann Cafaro
John DalNegro
- 26th** John Turan
- 29th** Meghan Cimini
- 31st** Patricia Rockefeller



Anniversaries

- 5th** John & Mercy Turan
- 8th** Bob & Emily Maciok
- 10th** Ed & Debie Ball
- 14th** Will & Sue Nordman
- 29th** Ken & Caroline Hoffmann
- 31st** Jack & Donna Ross

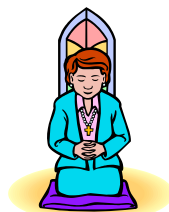
* Members, if your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please inform Debbie Niznik.

Daylight Savings



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on March 9th.

Women's Prayer Group



There will be no Prayer Group March 5th - Ash Wednesday. The Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, March 19th.

Rosary at 3:00pm

Prayer Group at 3:30pm.

All the ladies of the parish are welcome.

Spaghetti Dinners



Come and bring your friends to our weekly all you can eat spaghetti dinners on Fridays 4:00-7:00pm. Dinners include salad, roll & butter and your choice of a free beverage, either coffee, iced tea or lemonade. Adults are just \$6.00 (note price change) and Children 12yrs and younger are FREE. There are also homemade desserts from our Ladies ANS Society for only \$1.00 each. If you are bringing a large group, please contact Bob Canfield at 352-454-8673 and let him know how many in your party and what time you will arrive, and he will reserve your table(s) for you.

Words for Thought

*God is everywhere and yet invisible,
silent, seemingly absent and indifferent...
We need more than a watchmaker who
winds up the universe and lets it tick.
We need love and mercy and forgiveness
and grace - qualities only a personal
God can offer.*

Philip Yancey

Sunday Coupon Flyers

Debbie Niznik wants to thank all of you for bringing in your Sunday coupon flyers each week. At the annual parish meeting held on February 16th she showed everyone the 230 free items that she was able to obtain for the Backpack Program. This is an ongoing project for Debbie.



Name Badges

We have name badges for all the members here at St. Paul Parish. They are magnetic badges, not pins, so they will be easier to wear. We encourage you to wear your name badge each week to church, so everyone will know each other! We also encourage you to wear them at any of our church functions. If you have joined the church in the last month, your name badges are on order.

Member Info

To all members:

If you have moved or you have a new phone number, please inform Debbie Niznik of these changes so she can update your record information.

Thank you.





ANS Retreat Feb 6th-8th



One of the Church windows at the retreat.



Guest Speaker Janet Perez Eckles with Dori Canfield, ANS President



Going to the Cross

ANS Victorian Tea Feb. 22nd



Guest Speaker Clare Spiegel

