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Parish News

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday

April 2nd
11:00am



Maundy Thursday

April 6th
11:00am



Good Friday Pre-Sanctified Service

April 7th
11:00am



Holy Saturday Service

April 8th
11:00am
Blessing of Easter the
Baskets



Easter Sunday

April 9th
11:00am

Bishop Francis Hodur



On Easter Sunday, April 1, 1866, a son was born to Jan and Maria Hodur in the little village of Żarki, in the powiat of Chrzanów, about 35 miles from Krakow in the Austrian-ruled part of Poland which was sometimes called Galicja. He was given the name Franciszek (Francis). The Hodurs were simple, hardworking, religious people who, with their seven children, eked out a living on their farm and through part-time labor (Jan was also a tailor). After a late start in his primary school education, Franciszek immediately showed scholarly promise and completed his high school education with honors on a scholarship at the prestigious St. Anne's Gymnasium in Krakow, in 1889. After a brief hiatus in theatrical work, he enrolled as a seminary student in Krakow where he was able to take most of his course work at the renowned Jagiellonian University.

As a high school student and seminarian, Franciszek not only excelled in his academic work but also showed much concern for his people, especially the down-trodden and exploited peasants. His extensive readings ranged from the newly-issued social encyclical Reum Novarum of Pope Leo XIII to some of the socialist thinkers. An ardent follower of the activist Father Stanislaw Stojalowski, Seminarian Hodur was involved in a student group espousing Stojalowski's program for peasant rights, education, and economic improvement. (Continued on page 4)



Dine with us from 4 - 7pm each Friday for an outrageously great New England Style fish dinner with three sides! For those of you that prefer, you can substitute chicken for your fish. Coffee, Tea (Sweet and Unsweet) and Lemonade are complimentary. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Bob Canfield and he will schedule you and help you select duties. You are appreciated! The donation is \$15 per dinner (no tax, no tip) and if you want one of our famous amazing ANS desserts, they are only \$2!

YMS of R Men's Group



The next YMS of R meeting will be Thursday, April 20th at 11:30 am in the social hall. A lunch will follow the meeting at Pasta Faire. All gentlemen of the parish are invited and encouraged to join us in fellowship. If you are new to the parish, this is a good opportunity for you to meet some of the men of our parish.



To see the Amen Sandwiches menu, go to page 5 & 6 of this newsletter.

The Young Men's Society of Resurrection (YMS of R)

The Young Men's Society of Resurrection (YMS of R) of St. Paul's held their first annual men's retreat earlier in March. It was a spirit filled, thought provoking and edifying few days of fellowship. Deacon Gail Lazenby served as Retreat Master and he and Father Mark led faith and prayer sessions, along with shooting the breeze, having some laughs, enjoying meals together and just being in the Lord. The retreat is set up in a comfort agenda of not getting up too early and having some great quiet time in a camp-like setting. Accommodations were suited to the rustic, male, not too machismo style with bunk beds (no one having to climb to sleep on a top-bunk and bedding sheets, blankets and pillows were provided, lol) and so importantly, really clean bathrooms and showers! The YMS of R are already planning their next retreat, looking toward early April of 2024. All guys from within and outside the church are welcome to attend. Please see Deacon Gail after any of our 11am Sunday Masses or our Thursday, 11am Bible studies at the social hall.



For more info about The Retreat at Silver Springs, go to their website:

www.theretreatatsilversprings.com/index.html



Father Mark's bible study class meets every Thursday morning at 11:00am 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.



Birthdays

- 3rd** Adele Gitterman
Rich Tisovec
- 4th** Megan Finn-Niznik
- 7th** Ben Boogaard
- 10th** Dodo Boogaard
- 11th** Alan Kilshaw
- 12th** Claire Landi
- 13th** Donna Dreggors
Diane Hickey
- 16th** Alice Bauman
Sally Kilshaw
Sue Nordman
- 17th** DeeDee Burnham
- 19th** Jennifer Merrill
- 23rd** Tony Cipriano



Anniversaries

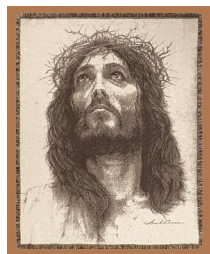
- 1st** Jacquelyn Preiss & Jeff Bender
- 5th** Richard & Donna Beach
- 8th** Ron & Linda Thompson
- 11th** Tom & Carol O'Donnell
- 24th** Gerry & Gail Zippilli
- 26th** Karl & Ruth Sarnowski
- 30th** Fr. Mark & Valda Niznik
(19th Year Anniversary)

Special Offering Envelopes



For the month of April please use your envelope for "**Easter Flower Fund**". This offering will be used for the Easter Lillies that will be

in the church on Easter Sunday.



*I enter the church and quietly kneel.
I gaze upon You on the cross.
I cannot explain the emotions I feel
As I gaze upon You on the cross.
I look at the Stations and the story they tell,
Depicting Your anguish each time You fell.
The crown of thorns they placed on your head,
Bloody and beaten to the cross you were led.
You died to save us from our sins that day.
Your resurrection has shown us the way.
Let our candles glow and church bless ring.
We rejoice this Easter Day and Your praises we sing!*



Clean Kids Back Pack Program

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

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Bishop Francis Hodur

In 1892, Franciszek Hodur, then with minor clerical orders, participated in a seminary “strike” for better living conditions. His role in this “insubordination,” noted by his authorities, meant a very uncertain future for him. Leaving Europe on the last day of the year, he embarked for the United States with the hope of a new beginning as a pastor to Polish immigrants.

Upon landing in New York, Seminarian Hodur “advertised” himself in a newspaper letter. He came to the attention of Father Benvenuto Gramplewicz of Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, who brought him to the Scranton Diocese where there was a shortage of Polish-speaking clergy. He was then sent to the Seminary at St. Vincent’s Benedictine Archabbey in Latrobe (known as Beatty) in the Pittsburgh area. After several months of additional studies (lectures were given to classes of immigrant students in Latin) he was returned to Scranton. He received his major orders in one week and was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by Bishop William O’Hara on Saturday, August 19, 1893.

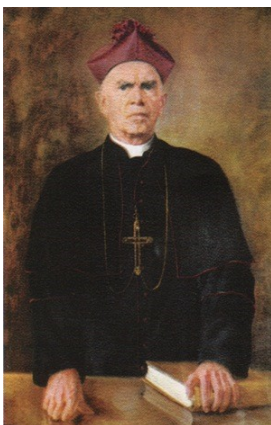
Father Hodur’s first assignment was the ethnically Polish Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary Parish on Scranton’s South Side. As assistant, he distinguished himself not only as a religiously zealous priest, but he also involved parishioners in such activities as Polish patriotic programs, plays, and a parish library. He even edited a newspaper.

In 1895, Father Hodur was assigned as pastor to Holy Trinity Parish in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania.

The organization of Saint Stanislaus parish in Scranton, PA on March 14, 1897 began a new period of activities and hard work for Father Hodur. Although the majority of the Polish people did find jobs because of their sincerity, cleanliness, and conscientious work, for years they were among the first to be fired and exploited.

Therefore, the Polish National Catholic Church not only preserved and cultivated their spiritual and cultural heritage, but also became an oasis of national pride, social equality, and strength. Bishop Hodur cared for them, loved them and protected them. He was to remain the leader of the church for fifty-six years. He became an instrument in God’s hands, teaching the Gospel of love and abolishing the spiritual and moral abuses of the “old” church. Bishop Hodur offered his followers the spiritual food they hungered for; he preserved their culture from a barbaric genocide; he offered them hope and saved them from persecution. It was the suppression of their faith and culture that led them to the organization of the Polish National Catholic Church. By organizing the church, by establishing a Fraternal Society – Spojnia, by founding many societies and organizations, Bishop Hodur carried with enthusiasm the banner of spiritual, cultural, and national freedom.

Prime Bishop Franciszek Hodur died on February 16, 1953 in Scranton, PA. He witnessed the Polish National Catholic Church grow from a single congregation of 250 families to 150 parishes in the United States and Canada, and 95 in Poland.



Bishop Hodur believed in his mission as a protector of the abused. And he did his best to effect and change their lives by setting a good example, by preaching and practicing the Word of God, and by teaching others to accept God’s Will in everything. Bishop Hodur was, is, and always will be remembered as the organizer and leader of a new religious movement among the Polish people who believed that God created the people for good, happiness and salvation and not for punishment, exploitation and abuse. Under a hail of stones, under a rain of criticism and condemnation, he sowed God’s love, equality, and justice, on the fields of the people’s hearts.

(History of Bishop Francis Hodur: pncc.org and www.centraldiocesepncc.org/history/bishop-francis-hodur)

So good!

Amen Sandwiches!

So fresh!

352-553-8404 Open Mon, Tues, Wed, 10 am – 2 pm.

Dine in or Take out – *ask about our daily specials!*

Pickup Orders: St. Paul Parish 5245 SE 112th St., Belleview, FL 34420

No Sales Tax. Cash or Credit Card (3.5% service fee): Visa, MC, Discover, Amex.

Business and organization deliveries available, call for details.

Party Platters available!

Menu

Free delivery on orders over \$300!
(up to 30 miles)

Our enormous Sandwiches are made with Artisan Bread and come with one side: Chips or Pasta Salad or Pickled Beets. Complimentary Bottled Water & petite Sweet Treat!

Gluten Free
Available



HOT Sandwich Selections

We use:



Rustica Riot (\$15) – You will rave over our pressed Shredded Chicken, Spinach, Sun Dried Tomato, Red Onion, Provolone, Creamy Garlic Sauce! (*substitute Shrimp, add \$2*)

Alpine Combo (\$15) – A pressed Ham & Turkey avalanche with Swiss, Honey Mustard!

Primal Screamer (\$18) – Saddle up for a pile of perfect Prime Rib sliced, Grilled Peppers & Onions and oh yes, the very best Mozzarella & Provolone! *Somebody, can I get an Amen?!*

The Grecian Meltdown (\$15) – Zorba the Greek wept tears of joy over this pressed veggie combination of Red Onion, Sundried Tomato, Spinach, Provolone, Roasted Red Peppers, Gouda & Feta Spread, House Dressing!

Key West Club (\$16) (**our best seller!**) – Even Hemingway couldn't find the words for how good this Grilled Shrimp, Lettuce, Tomato, Bacon Spread is!

The Haddock Monster (\$16) – This insanely huge, mouthwatering ocean prize from New England is made to order. Lightly Breaded, Lettuce, Tomato, side of Tartar Sauce!

Look!

Side orders

Chips or Pasta Salad or Pickled Beets: \$2.50 ea.

Stuffed Grape Leaves (6): \$7.50

Soda: \$2 ea.

Bottled Water: \$1.50 ea.

Sweet Treat of the Day (full size): \$4 ea.

Gluten Free
Available



COLD Sandwich Selections

Italian Stack (\$15) – A New York favorite with savory Salami, Pepperoni, Ham, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Banana Peppers, Provolone, House Dressing!

Veggin' Out (\$15) – Relax for a moment with a plenteous portion of creamy Roasted Red Pepper Hummus, Red Onion, Tomato, Cucumber, Spring Mix, Marinated Peppers, Sprouts, House Dressing!

Mr. Egg Sullivan (\$15) – Put it together for a really big show, featuring Homemade Egg Salad, Lettuce, Tomato with an encore of Bacon Spread or Veggie Spread!

Turkey Twister (\$15) – A Category Yummy! Loaded with Turkey, Lettuce, Tomato, Provolone, and Bacon Spread or Veggie Spread!

Ham it Up (\$15) – Just the way mom made them, except way bigger! Loaded with Ham & American Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Mayo!

Gluten Free
Available

Our Salad Selections!

Served with Complimentary Bottled Water and petite Sweet Treat!

The Giant Chef (\$15) – Enjoy this bounty of Greens, Ham, Turkey, Hardboiled Egg, Tomato, Cucumber, Onion, Bacon Crumbles, Swiss & American Cheese!

The Greek Mountain (\$15) – An Olympian Classic! Cascade through this majestic combination of Romaine Lettuce, Ham, Tomato, Onion, Cucumber, Greek Olives, Stuffed Grape Leaves, Feta, Greek Dressing!

My Great Aunti (\$15) – Mangia Mangia! Feast on Mixed Greens, Fine Italian Meats & Cheeses, Marinated Peppers, Tomato, Cucumber, Onion, House Dressing and a scoop of Pasta Salad! *Somebody, can I get an Amen?!*

The Garden of Vegan (\$15) – This collection of vegan friendly items is just too long to list! It has a definite WOW factor that will impress everyone around you! Served with our House Dressing!

“Et Tu Brute” (\$15) Caesar died over this salad! An emperor-sized combination of Romaine, Croutons, Fresh Grated Parmesan, House Caesar Dressing, Grilled Chicken! (*substitute Shrimp, add \$2*)
