

# St. Paul Parish Newsletter

# March 2024



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## Parish News



Stations of the Cross will be at 11:00am on the following Friday dates:  
March 1st, 8th, 15th,  
March 22nd at 7:00pm



## Holy Week Schedule



### Palm Sunday

March 24th

9:00am & 11:00am



### Maundy Thursday

March 28th

11:00am



### Good Friday Pre-Sanctified Service

March 29th

11:00am



### Holy Saturday Service

March 30th

11:00am

Blessing of Easter the  
Baskets to follow



### Easter Sunday

March 31st

9:00am & 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 in or Take out from 4 - 7pm each Friday for an amazing New England seafood style meal! Order either the Haddock or Shrimp or Chicken, that comes with sides of coleslaw, potato waves and the veggie of the day! There's also complimentary tea, lemonade and coffee! The donation is \$15 per meal, with an additional option to have your seafood pan seared. Try one of our amazing, great portioned, homemade desserts from our Adoration Society for just \$2. Word is getting out about how terrific our Fish Frys are, so please keep supporting the efforts of our Christ-centered volunteers! If you'd like to join in the fun, any amount of time you can give is greatly appreciated! Even just one Friday every other month would be great! Please contact our volunteer coordinator, Bob Canfield for details (352) 454-8677

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



The next YMS of R meeting will be Thursday, March 21st at 12:00 noon in the social hall following the bible study class at 11:00am and lunch afterwards 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.

YMS of R members and their guests meet the 3rd Tuesday, March 19th at 5pm for a casual get together at the Mancave. Usually pizza or burgers. Open to all men of the parish. For any questions please see or contact Mark Gilbert at (410) 419-0321.

## Ladies Adoration Society

### Prayer Blankets

We are in need of Prayer Blankets. If you can knit or crochet and would like to make a blanket, we would be so grateful. To date we have gifted over 100 blankets. These blankets are made with love and filled with prayers offering great comfort and support and they receive a beautiful blessing before they are given to whoever is in need of one. The blanket size is about 32 inches by 32 inches. This is just a guide, it does not need to be exact. If you have any questions, please give Dori Canfield a call at 352-233-9661 or email at: [doricandfield@gmail.com](mailto:doricandfield@gmail.com)



The Ladies Adoration Society are always in need of baked goods for the church's weekly Friday night Fish Fry dinner. You don't have to belong to the society to bake for the Fish Fry dinner. The ladies are known for their homemade cakes, brownies and pies. If this is something that you could help out with even if it's just once a month, that would be fantastic. We do ask that cakes, brownies, and pies are homemade because they are the best sellers. Baked goods can be brought to the dinner or can be put in the ANS freezer located in the social hall on the dance floor when you come to the weekend Masses. We do ask that you put your name, date and what type of baked good it is, so the ladies will know when they take them out of the freezer. To our bakers, a big, big thank you goes out to you for your donations!



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

- 1st** Debbie Emmerson  
**2nd** Lucy Dowling  
 Ray Kubacki  
**5th** Grace DelleFave  
**6th** Joanne Q. Doran  
**9th** Eileen Davis  
**16th** Russell Polisoto  
**19th** Rosalee Stein  
**20th** Joyce Casasanta  
**24th** Gary Kruck  
**25th** Paul Zimakas



## Anniversaries

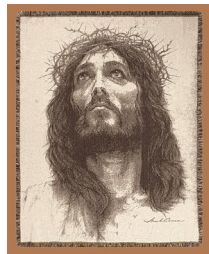
- 3rd** Sylvester & Betsy Kubacki  
**9th** John & Donna Dreggors  
**14th** Will & Sue Nordman  
**16th** Philip & Lilo Johnson-Smith  
**28th** Tom & Sheila DeFoe  
**29th** Ken & Caroline Hoffmann  
**30th** David & Jean Bailey

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

## 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.

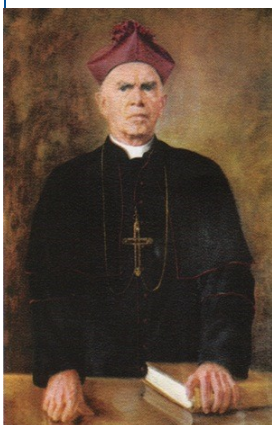
Father Hodur’s first assignment was the ethnically Polish Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary Parish on Scranton’s South Side. As assistant, he distinguished himself not only as a religiously zealous priest, but he also involved parishioners in such activities as Polish patriotic programs, plays, and a parish 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](http://pncc.org) and [www.centraldiocesepncc.org/history/bishop-francis-hodur](http://www.centraldiocesepncc.org/history/bishop-francis-hodur))

Dine in,  
Pick up or  
Delivery

# Amen Sandwiches!

So fresh!  
So good!

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

Dine in or Take out - **ask about our daily specials and party platters!**

**Pickup Orders:** St. Paul Parish 5245 SE 112<sup>th</sup> St., Belleview, FL 34420

Charitable Proceeds - No Sales Tax. Cash or Credit

**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!

Side Orders Available:

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

Stuffed Grape Leaves (6): \$7.50

Soda: \$2    Bottled Water: \$1

Full Size Sweet Treat of the Day): \$4

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)*