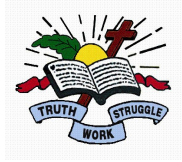


The Spirit of Our Savior



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PASTOR'S NOTE MARCH/APRIL 2017



Pastor's Note

We are now entering a period of preparation for Easter. As we enter into the season of the Great Lent, it is a time to think about the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In line with this, I am sharing a few thoughts about 'fasting,' and how it can be a great addition to our spiritual life.

ness, even through our flawed human-ness.

Fr. John

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Typically, we hear about 'giving up' something pleasurable for the duration of the 40 days. While self-denial is indeed a good spiritual practice, as it helps strengthen us against temptations to sin, I would challenge us to think of something that we would like to change about our lives as we move toward Easter. What is something that is in your life that is keeping you from increasing your relationship with God the Father, His Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit? It could be a sin that we seem to keep falling to. It could be a practice that is detrimental to us. Whatever it is in your life, choose one thing that you would like changed by Easter. During pre-Lent, take time to formulate a plan for that change to occur, and on Ash Wednesday put that plan into action.

In doing this, we will not only become better human beings, but we will also come closer to God and the Church as we strive to always move toward perfection in holi-

March 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu	Fri.	Sat.
			1 Ash Wednesday Mass at 8 AM and 5:30 PM.	2 Daily Mass	3	4
			Pierogi Making 9AM-3PM			
5 1st Sunday of Lent Mass at 10:30 AM	6	7 Daily Mass	8 Daily Mass Bible Study 1 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting in Hall	9 Daily Mass Stations of the Cross 6 PM	10	11 Monthly Dinner 4-7 PM
12 Solemnity—Institution of the PNCC Mass at 10:30 AM	13	14 Daily Mass	15 Daily Mass Bible Study 1 PM	16 Daily Mass	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
19 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 10:30 AM Parish Committee Mtg. Noon	20 Solemnity of St. Joseph Mass at Noon	21 Daily Mass	22 Daily Mass Bible Study 1 PM	23 Daily Mass Stations of the Cross 6 PM	24	25 Seniorate Retreat, Temperance, MI 10AM—2 PM
26 4th Sunday in Lent Mass at 10:30 AM	27	28 Daily Mass	29 Daily Mass Bible Study 1 PM	30 Daily Mass Lenten Penance Service 6 PM No Daily Mass	31	

Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM
Daily Mass: W @ 12:00 PM
T, Th @ 5:30 PM
Unless otherwise noted.

April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Confessions Noon-1 PM
2 Passion Sunday Mass at 10:30 AM	3	4 Daily Mass	5 Daily Mass Polka Boosters Meeting in Hall 5 PM	6 Daily Mass	7	8 Bake Sale 2 PM Monthly Dinner 4- 7 PM
		Angel Wing Making 9 AM- 4 PM			Baking Day	
9 Palm Sun- day Mass at 10:30 AM	10	11	12 Knights of Colum- bus Meeting 6 PM	13 Holy Thurs- day Mass at 5:30 PM	14 Good Friday Service at Noon	15 Holy Satur- day Blessing of Easter Baskets 2 PM Vigil at 5 PM
16 Easter Sunday Mass at 10:30 AM	17	18 Daily Mass Parish Committee Meeting 7 PM	19 Daily Mass	20 Daily Mass	21	22
23 Second Sunday of Easter Mass at 10:30 AM/	24	25 Daily Mass Feast of St Mark, Evangelist	26 Daily Mass Bible Study at 1 PM	27 Daily Mass	28	29
30 3rd Sun- day of Easter Mass at 10:30 AM						

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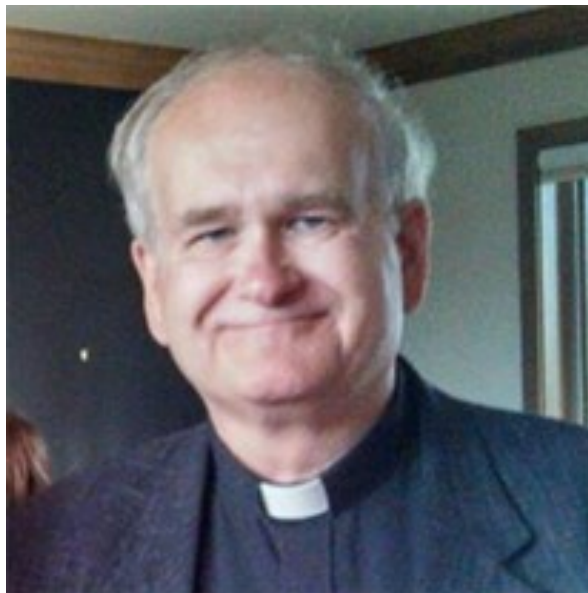
Rev. Raymond Drada Passes Away

On the morning of Wednesday March 8, 2017 the Pastor of All Saints PNCC in Sterling Heights, MI and former administrator of Our Savior PNCC, passed away after saying his morning prayers and while praying the Litany of the Passion with his beloved wife Penelope (Pennie) by his side. Fr. Drada had been battling cancer, and finally succumbed to the illness. He is now in the arms of his Savior.

The arrangements for Rev. Drada are:

- March 10, 2017:** Visitation from 3 PM to 8 PM with a service at 7 PM at E.J. Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors in Sterling Heights, MI
- March 12, 2017:** Solemn Vespers at 7 PM at All Saints Cathedral in Chicago, IL
- March 13, 2017:** Mass of the Resurrection at 11 AM at All Saints Cathedral, Chicago, IL

The family has requested any tribute donations be given to the PNCC Clergy Pension Fund c/o 920 N. Northwest Highway Park Ridge, IL 60068-2358.



**Rev. Raymond R. Drada
1958-2017**

*Requiem aeternam dona ei,
Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.*

Birthdays for March/April 2017

Happy Birthday



Congratulations to all of you

Adam Sniezek- 3/2
 Philip Perry- 3/5
 Amy Grzesik- 3/8
 Jean Majewski- 3/8
 Josephine Montgomery- 3/9
 Brian Collyer- 3/22
 Arthur Collyer- 3/27
 Ben Sniezek- 3/28

Samuel Reid 4/7
 Alice Bednarski 4/8
 Olivia Grace Galloro 4/8
 Marty Collyer 4/9
 Landon Toth 4/12
 Pat Mack 4/13
 Kristie Collyer 4/14
 Brittney Whited 4/14
 Sharon Cislo 4/29

Angel Wing Making and Bake Sale

Our Savior will be making Angel Wings from April 3, 2017– April 6, 2017 beginning at 9 AM each day. Our Baking Day will be April 7, 2017. The Spring Bake sale will be April 8, 2017 at 2 PM.

We can use as many volunteers as possible to help us with this important fundraiser for our parish. Please consider helping one, two or all four days! A lunch will be provided for all volunteers, as well as an opportunity to purchase your Angel Wings in advance of the Bake Sale.

Hope to see you there!



Bottle Return Report

In February of 2011, a bottle and can return program was initiated to support the cost of beautifying the landscape and continuing its maintenance at Our Savior Parish.

As of December 31st, 2016, this program has realized a grand total of \$1378.90. Thanks to all parishioners, K of C members, and many parish friends, who have so generously contributed to this cause! We are now averaging about \$20 per month in this endeavor. Please keep those bottles and cans coming, as we work together toward our goal of \$2000.!

Sincerely,
Pat Mack (with Karen Darnall's much-appreciated help, these past few months in getting the returnables back to the stores).



MONTHLY DINNERS

By: Agnes Cramer

So far we have been Blessed to have great turnouts for our Dinners. Since this newsletter is coming out rather late this month, you may not receive it until after this month's dinner. We will be serving:

Kielbasa
Gołąbki
Kapusta
Potato Pierogi
Broccoli
Polish Rye Bread

Next month (April), we are having:

Big Island Chicken
(Macadamia Nut encrusted with Apricot/Raspberry Sauce)
Parsley Red Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Italian Bread
SALAD BAR with all the toppings

Come on over for a treat you'll love to eat. Hope to see you there.

Kroger Rewards

April is the time to renew your chosen charity of Our Savior on your Kroger Plus Card. Let's face it, we all go shopping, so why not help the parish as you shop? There is no extra cost involved to you, and it helps the parish with extra funds. If you need to renew, just go to: www.krogercommunityrewards.com, click 'sign in', enter your e-mail and password, click 'enroll now', put in the number 91251 or type 'Our Savior', check the correct group and click 'enroll'.

If it is your first time enrolling though, you will have to register your Kroger card. To do that just go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and follow the instructions. This is a great, easy way to help the parish just by going grocery shopping. Thank you for taking a few minutes and doing this!

If you need help, see a Parish Committee Member or Fr. John



"Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for Me."
Matthew 25:40

Project: Donation

By: Nan Cramer

A big shout out to all of those who have helped out so far with Project Donation. As always there is always a need for things to help keep Our Savior running. If it is possible we have a few items that would be beneficial to us in the running of our kitchen.

Rubber Spatulas Small Tongs for our Salad Bar.

As always, we thank you in advance for your generous donations: Time, Talent and Treasure.



Ubly Update

On February 18, 2017, Fr. John and Nan Cramer traveled to the Thumb area of Michigan, to the town of Snover, and celebrated Mass with the group in Ubly who are looking to possibly join our PNCC.

At their March meeting, they will debate over whether they would like a monthly Mass celebrated in their area. We are awaiting their response, as well as notification of their intent to incorporate as an official Polish National Catholic Parish. Please offer your prayers for this group as they discern their future.



Lent and Easter Schedule

The Lenten and Easter schedule of events for Our Savior Parish is as follows:

- March 12– Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC Mass at 10:30 AM
- March 19– Third Sunday of Lent, Mass at 10:30 AM
- March 23– Stations of the Cross at 6 PM, following 5:30 PM Mass
- March 25– Northeast Seniorate Retreat in Temperance, MI 10 AM-2 PM
- March 26– Fourth Sunday of Lent, Mass at 10:30 AM
- March 30– Lenten Penance Service at 6 PM
- April 2– Passion Sunday, Mass at 10:30 AM
- April 6– Stations of the Cross at 6 PM, following 5:30 PM Mass
- April 9– Palm Sunday, Mass at 10:30 AM
- April 13– Holy Thursday Mass at 5:30 PM
- April 14– Good Friday Service at Noon
- April 15– Blessing of Easter Baskets 2 PM and at Easter Vigil at 5 PM
- April 16– Easter Mass of the Resurrection at 10:30 AM

We look forward to having you join us at these events!

Editor's Note

In an attempt to introduce a new editor for this issue, some complications arose and more training in the publication process is needed for Mrs. Elizabeth Kasprzak before she formally takes over. Therefore, apologies all around for, firstly, a very late newsletter which now covers March and April, and secondly for the late publication of the same. As we work out our new system, we ask for your patience, dear reader, as we try to make this the best possible publication for our parish.

As we head through Lent and into Easter, I would like to take the time to thank our contributors from the last year: Patricia Mack, Donna Abraham, Suzanne Sniezek, Nan Cramer and anyone else who has contributed for the benefit of the *Spirit of Our Savior*.

Have a blessed season and enjoy this issue.

Rev. John A. Cramer
Temporary Editor

Suggestions

by Kris Krysztof

Please note that there is a suggestion box located on the shelf by our church office window.

Please feel free to make suggestions or comments that will benefit our parish. If you like or dislike something that our parish is involved with, your comment -suggestion will then be heard at a parish council meeting.

All suggestions - comments must be signed by the writer/ submitter.

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The Hall is available for meetings, bridal and baby showers, wedding receptions, parties and other events. There is even a discount for parishioners. If you wish to book the hall for your next event, contact Deacon Kasprzak at (313) 278-3969, or go to <http://www.oursaviorpncc.com/Hall-Rental.html>

We will let you know the availability, rates and be your guide to help planning a successful event.





**Polish Dinner
March 11, 2017**



**Dinner Menus for March and
April**

Menu

- Polish Sausage
- Gołębki
- Kapusta
- Potato Pierogi x2
- Broccoli
- Rye Bread
- \$10.00**

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4-7 PM March 11, 2017

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*Big Island Chicken
Dinner*



April 8, 2017

Menu

- Macadamia Nut Crusted Chicken w/Raspberry
Apricot Glaze
- Parsley Red Potatoes
- Mixed Vegetables
- Italian Bread
- Full Salad Bar

All for Only \$10.00

Desserts, Soft Drinks and Water available

4-7 PM April 8, 2017

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Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC

By The PNCC Future Direction Committee

The Church is the Body of Christ, with Christ as the Head and all baptized people as Her members. The Church is a community of people who practice what Christ taught us, so that we can receive salvation. It is people who believe in Jesus Christ and His teachings. These people are baptized and joined together because of what they believe.

The part of the Catholic Church to which we belong is the Polish National Catholic Church. Our Church was organized on March 14, 1897 in Scranton, Pennsylvania by Father Francis Hodur and a group of Polish people.

At the end of the 19th Century many thousands of Polish people came to the United States because they wanted an increased opportunity for a better life and freedom. When these Polish immigrants arrived in America, they continued their Catholic faith and the traditions that they brought with them.

Being an immigrant was a difficult thing, but they found jobs in their new country. They worked hard to provide for themselves and their families, as well as to support the Church. They even built new churches where they could worship God with their families and their friends. Many European immigrants were unhappy by the way they were being treated by the clergy. This was the situation in the south side of Scranton, Pennsylvania. When difficulties developed and problems were not resolved between the people and their priests and bishop, the group of people in Scranton began constructing a new church building. They would name it St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr, Church. When the bishop would not support their efforts and refused to bless their new church, they asked Father Francis Hodur to be their pastor and leader.

As Father Hodur and these people began praying and working together, they developed the National Church Program. This program set forth their vision not only for their parish, but also for spiritually grieved immigrants in other cities. The National Church program contained four points:

Legal ownership of church properties by the people

Parish governance in secular matters by parish committees elected by the parishioners

Appointment of pastorates of priests approved by parishioners

Appointment of Polish Bishops in America by Rome with input by clergy and laity

Father Hodur realized the importance of the printed word to communicate the National Church Program and other related ideals and principles to members of the church and others who could benefit from them. Therefore, the Straz – The Guard newspaper was created in 1897 as a publication of St. Stanislaus Church and as a missionary tool.

In the next few years new parishes were organized in various parts of the United States. In 1904 Father Hodur called a synod for this emerging religious movement. A synod is a convention of both clergy and lay delegates from affiliated parishes; the delegates make decisions and set policy for the Church. At the First Synod in 1904 the delegates officially organized the PNCC; a Church constitution was adopted that set forth the administration of parishes; the Straz became the official newspaper of the PNCC; Father Hodur was elected a Bishop; and a decisive break was made with the Roman Catholic Church.

The PNCC is not a new Church, but it is an integral part of the Church founded by Jesus Christ Himself in Jerusalem. Therefore, our Church is One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic, yet democratic as well.

Father Hodur was consecrated a Bishop at St. Gertrude's Cathedral in Utrecht, Holland on September 29, 1907 by bishops of the Old Catholic Church. This consecration gave Bishop Hodur and the PNCC Apostolic Succession and valid, indisputable Orders of the Priesthood.

At the Third General Synod of the PNCC in 1914 Bishop Hodur, with the clergy and lay delegates, established the Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC. This synod determined that it would be celebrated on the second Sunday of March each year.

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