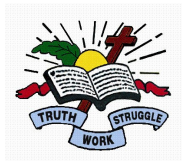


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## PASTOR'S NOTE MARCH/APRIL 2018



Usually in this space, I try to stick to the spiritual and liturgical aspects of the upcoming months. However, there is a pressing matter which I must address here.

A few months ago, Our Savior received an intent to purchase form for our property for \$3,000,000. At the Annual Parish Meeting, this was brought before the parish, and a survey was distributed. If you would like to receive a copy of the survey, please leave your name and address with the rectory at (313) 561-5233.

After reviewing the survey, even before any results come in, it seems that our parish is at a crossroads. The majority of the questions included in the survey concern selling the property. If this occurs, there are basically three major options. Closing the parish permanently, purchasing or building a smaller church, and merging with another parish (most likely Holy Cross in Hamtramck, MI). In my opinion, (and this is meant in no way to reflect on anyone involved with the Parish but myself), the best option would be to remain where we are with an emphasis on building membership in our parish. Any other option, I believe, would be detrimental to the Parish as a whole, to the Body of Christ in this area, and contribute to the decline of Christianity in the Dearborn Heights/Dearborn area.

The surveys may be returned via the collection basket, the suggestion box, or via

US Mail to the rectory. Please carefully reflect on your opinion and return your surveys by March 16, 2018.

In Christ,

*Fr. John*

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# March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Daily Mass	2	3
4 3rd Sunday of Lent	5	6 Daily Mass	7 Daily Mass Polka Boosters in Hall at 5 PM Stations of the Cross 5 PM in Church	8 Daily Mass	9	10 Pork Chop Dinner 4-7 PM
11 Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC	12	13 Daily Mass	14 Daily Mass Soup and Bread Talk 6 PM	15 Daily Mass	16	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day!
18 Passion Sunday Parish Committee Meeting	19	20	21 Soup and Bread Talk 6 PM	22 Daily Mass	23 Baking Day 9 AM- Done	24 Spring Bake Sale 10:00 AM
25 Palm Sunday	26	27 Mass of Chrism Chicago, IL	28	29 Holy Thursday Mass at 6:00 PM	30 Good Friday Service at 1:00 PM	31 Holy Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM

Angel Wing Making 9 AM- 3:30 PM

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

# April 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu	Fri.	Sat.
1 Easter Sunday Mass at 10:30 AM	2	3 Daily Mass	4 Daily Mass  Polka Boosters 5:00 PM in Hall	5 Daily Mass	6	7
8 Low Sunday Mass at 10:30 AM	9	10 Daily Mass	11 Daily Mass	12 Daily Mass	13	14 Monthly Dinner Polish 4-7 PM
15 3rd Sunday of Easter Mass at 10:30 AM Parish Committee Meeting	16	17 Daily Mass	18 Daily Mass	19 Daily Mass	20	21
22 Good Shepherd Sunday Mass at 10:30 AM	23	24 Daily Mass	25 Daily Mass	26 Daily Mass	27	28
29 5th Sunday of Easter Mass at 10:30 AM	30					

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

## Holy Thursday

*From catholic.org*

Holy Thursday is the commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, when he established the sacrament of Holy Communion prior to his arrest and crucifixion. It also commemorates His institution of the priesthood. The holy day falls on the Thursday before Easter and is part of Holy Week. Jesus celebrated the dinner as a Passover feast. Christ would fulfill His role as the Christian victim of the Passover for all to be saved by His final sacrifice.

The Last Supper was the final meal Jesus shared with his Disciples in Jerusalem. During the meal, Jesus predicts his betrayal.

The central observance of Holy Thursday is the ritual reenactment of the Last Supper at Mass. This event is celebrated at every Mass, as part of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, but it is specially commemorated on Holy Thursday.

He also establishes the special priesthood for his disciples, which is distinct from the "priesthood of all believers." Christ washed the feet of his Disciples, who would become the first priests.

This establishment of the priesthood reenacted at Mass with the priest washing the feet of several parishioners.

During the Passover meal, Jesus breaks bread and gives it to his Disciples, uttering the words, "This is my body, which is given for you." Subsequently, he passes a cup filled with wine. He then says, "This is my blood..." It is believed those who eat of Christ's flesh and blood shall have eternal life.

During the Mass, Catholics rightly believe, as an article of faith, that the unleavened bread and wine are transformed into the body and blood of Jesus Christ through a process known as transubstantiation. There have been notable Eucharistic miracles attributed to this event, such as bleeding hosts (communion wafers).

The Last Supper is celebrated daily in the Catholic Church as part of every Mass for it is through Christ's sacrifice that we have been saved.

On the night of Holy Thursday, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place where the faithful remain in the presence of the Eucharist just as the Disciples kept a vigil with Christ.

Following the Last Supper, the disciples went with Jesus to the Mount of Olives, where he would be betrayed by Judas.

The Last Supper has been the subject of art for centuries, including the great masterpiece by Leonardo Da Vinci.

The cup used by Jesus is known as the Holy Grail. Although it has been rumored to exist throughout history, it is almost certainly lost to time. There is no reason to believe the cup would have been outstanding in any way, and was likely a typical drinking vessel, indistinguishable from many others. Still, many myths continue to revolve around the artifact, and it remains a target for treasure seekers and a subject of entertainment. There is an incalculable abundance of art and tradition surrounding the Last Supper which has been celebrated by Christians since the last days of Christ until now.

At every hour of every day, somewhere around the world, Mass is being said and Communion taken. This has been happening incessantly for at least several hundred years. For nearly the past two thousand years, not a single day has gone by without a Mass being celebrated in some fashion. Therefore, anyone who celebrates the Mass participates in a daily tradition that is essentially two thousand years old.

HOLY THURSDAY is the most complex and profound of all religious observances, saving only the Easter Vigil. It celebrates both the institution by Christ himself of the Eucharist and of the institution of the sacerdotal priesthood (as distinct from the 'priesthood of all believers') for in this, His last supper with the disciples, a celebration of Passover, He is the self-offered Passover Victim, and every ordained priest to this day presents this same sacrifice, by Christ's authority and command, in exactly the same way. The Last Supper was also Christ's farewell to His assembled disciples, some of whom would betray, desert or deny Him before the sun rose again.

On Holy Thursday there is a special Mass in Cathedral Churches [sometimes moved to Monday or Tuesday], attended by as many priests of the diocese as can attend, because it is a solemn observance of Christ's institution of the priesthood. At this 'Chrism Mass' the bishop blesses the Oil of Chrism used for Baptism and Confirmation. The bishop may wash the feet of twelve of the priests, to symbolize Christ's washing the feet of his Apostles, the first priests.

The Holy Thursday liturgy, celebrated in the evening because Passover began at sundown, also shows both the worth God ascribes to the humility of service, and the need for cleansing with water (a symbol of baptism) in the Mandatum, or washing in Jesus' washing the feet of His disciples, and in the priest's stripping and washing of the altar. Cleansing, in fact, gave this day of Holy Week the name Maundy Thursday.

The action of the Church on this night also witnesses to the Church's esteem for Christ's Body present in the consecrated Host in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, carried in solemn procession to the flower-bedecked Altar of Repose, where it will remain 'entombed' until the communion service on Good Friday. No Mass will be celebrated again in the Church until the Easter Vigil proclaims the Resurrection.

Birthdays for December/ January

# Happy Birthday



Congratulations to all of you

Adam Sniezek- 3/2  
Philip Perry- 3/5  
Jean Majewski- 3/8  
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

## 2018 Spring Bake Sale

Our Spring Bake Sale will be held on March 24, 2018 at 10:00 AM. We will have our famous Angel Wings available, as well as various other baked goods, just in time for the celebration of Christ's Resurrection!

Leading up to the Bake Sale, we will be making our Angel Wings on:

**March 19-22, 2018 from 9 AM– 3:30 PM**

We will have our Baking Day on March 23, 2018 from 9 AM until we are finished. Make your plans now to help out at our events, and tell your family and friends about the Bake Sale!

# BAKE SALE

## Bottle Return Report

*Pat Mack*

Our Savior Parish continues to be SO grateful to all members and friends of the parish, who donate their returnable bottles and cans to us. So far we have realized a GRAND TOTAL of \$1,461..80 over the past 7 years. That's an average of about \$ 208.00 per year for the effort!!

With the holidays fast approaching, we hope you will remember to bring in the returnables from your holiday gatherings and parties. The parish uses this money toward the beautification and upkeep of our church grounds. God Bless all who are helping us in this endeavor.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH!**



## MONTHLY DINNERS

*By: Agnes Cramer*

Due to bad weather we have had to cancel the January Dinner, and February's dinner brought more snow with a lower than average attendance.

Well, we hope to entice you with March and April Dinners.

March will comprise a Pork Chop Dinner with our Famous Salad Bar. April we will be serving Gołąbki and Polish sausage.

Remember the dates, March 10th and April 14th. Hope to see you there..



## National Day of Prayer 2018

Once again, the Dearborn Area Interfaith Network is hosting the Dearborn National Day of Prayer on May 3, 2018 at the Chambers of the Dearborn City Hall. This is located at 16901 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, MI 48126. It will take place at 3:30 PM, and will include prayers for the community, those in civil service, local schools, government and more.

Additionally, this service is not affiliated with the National Day of Prayer Task Force, which is an evangelical Protestant organization. The DAIN event is inclusive of all expressions of faith found in the Dearborn/ Dearborn Heights communities. Please join us for this time of coming together in our community.



**CHURCH ON EASTER**





**Project: Donation***By: Nan Cramer*

It is so hard to believe that spring is just around the corner. March did indeed come in like a lion and hopefully goes out like a lamb. Getting ready for spring there are a few tools that we will need to keep the Church looking beautiful.

**Pruning Shears to help in trimming the bushes and roses**

**Hedge Clippers for the bigger things like tree branches**

**People who can offer some time to help beautify the grounds.**

**We work from 6 to 8 on Tuesdays**

Any amount of time would be appreciated. Thank you in advance for your time, talent, and treasure.

**2018 Parish Committee**

Congratulations to the 2018 Parish Committee, sworn in on February 25, 2018:

**Chair–** Mrs. Suzanne Sniezek

**Vice Chair–** Mrs. Elizabeth Kasprzak

**Recording Secretary–** Marcia Shantz

**Financial Secretary–** Donna Abraham

**Treasurer–** John Sniezek

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Adam Sniezek

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**Tribunal–** Jacqueline Kuzara

Patricia Kuzara

Thank you for your service to Our Savior Parish!

**Holy Week Schedule 2018**

Holy Week this year is the final week of March. Our schedule for this sacred time of year is as follows:

**March 25, 2018– Palm Sunday Mass at 10:30 AM**

**March 27, 2018– Mass of Chrism in Chicago, IL**

**March 29, 2018– Maundy Thursday Mass at 6:00 PM**

**March 30, 2018– Good Friday Service at 1:00 PM**

**March 31, 2018– Easter Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM**

**April 1, 2018– Easter Sunday Mass of the Resurrection at 10:30 AM**

Each service of the Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Mass) combine to tell the story of Jesus' final days on earth, as well as His Resurrection. Plan to attend all of them this year and give yourself the fullest experience of the rich Liturgical tradition of our Church.

## Editor's Note

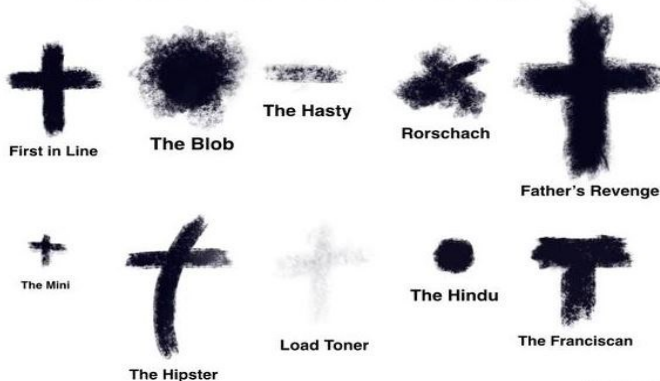
Thank you for reading the March/April 2018 edition of *The Spirit of Our Savior*. We hope that you enjoy this issue and find it informative. There are some great events coming up, as well as Holy Week and Easter, so make sure to check out the details in this issue.

We are still looking forward to Elizabeth Kasprzak being able to take over the reins as editor (none more so than myself,) but for now, enjoy our efforts.

Happy Easter!

Rev. John A. Cramer  
Temporary Editor

### A Catholic Guide to Ashes



### Suggestions

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.

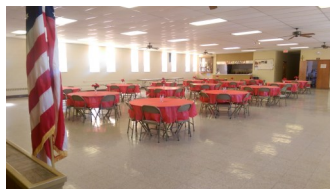
***All suggestions - comments must be signed by the writer/ submitter.***

### Parish Hall Now Available for Rent

The Our Savior Parish Hall is now available for Rent. Anyone looking to rent a hall for an event can now contact Our Savior and have a nice place to gather.

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.







## Homestyle Pork Chop Dinner

**March 10, 2018**

### Menu

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## Polish Dinner April 14, 2018



### Menu

Polish Sausage  
Gołabki  
Kapusta  
Potato Pierogi x2  
Broccoli  
Rye Bread  
\$10.00

*Desserts, Soft Drinks and Water available*

4-7 PM April 14, 2018

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## 2018 Northeast Seniorate Retreat

The 2018 Northeast Seniorate Retreat was held on February 24, 2018 at Resurrection Parish, PNCC in Temperance, MI. The retreat was well attended, with 52 present, including Pat and Fred Mack, and John and Suzanne Sniezek from Our Savior. Bishop Stanley Bilinski, Bishop Ordinary of the Western Diocese PNCC also attended and participated as a presenter.

The theme of the retreat was *One Family United in God*. This was conceived by Father Senior Jaroslaw Nowak of Holy Cross Parish, Hamtramck, MI. Fr. Sr. Nowak also gave the welcoming address to the participants.

The first talk was entitled *God our Father and We His Children*. This was given by Fr. Jason Soltysiak of St. Mary's Parish in Parma, OH. He spoke about how we are children of God, and brought in the topic of *The Year of the Family*, which is the theme for the year from the PNCC Future Directions Committee.

The second talk, *The Holy Family as an Example of Life*, was given by Fr. Sr. Nowak. In focusing on the Holy Family, he brought out how Joseph took responsibility to protect His family. He also talked about Mary's *fiat*, how she gave her will to that of God and brought the Savior into the world. Then, he spoke of how Jesus was obedient to His parents, loved them and along with them as a family observed God's Law.

The third talk was given by Bishop Bilinski on the topic *The Church and Parish as God's Family*. He spoke on how the Parish, as well as the Church, should be Christ-centered. He also emphasized how everything we do should point to Christ and His teachings.

The fourth talk was given by Fr. John Cramer with the topic *The Family as a Place for the Beginning and Formation of Christian Life*. Fr. Cramer stated that there is no longer a 'typical' family, but there are some things that we can do to help form our children correctly. We must be informed in and ever strengthening our faith, show Jesus' love to our children and others, know and live in the fact that God loves you, participate regularly in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, accept God's mercy and forgiveness, constantly strive to improve and make ever more sacred our relationships with our spouse/partner and children, join our Parish family in the formation of all our children, constantly grow in our own love and knowledge of God as an example to our children.

The retreat ended with a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation led by Bishop Bilinski and a delicious lunch provided by the people of Resurrection Parish.



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Our Savior was established in 1916 at 5271 Chopin St. in Detroit, MI and moved to its current location in 1970.

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