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The best thing to do
behind a person's back
is to pat it.

FEBRUARY
2010

OUR SEVENTH EFFORT OF THE "BASKET SOCIAL" COMING UP NEXT MONTH

We have chosen the date of Sunday, March 21st as the date for our major fund-raiser this year. We look forward once again to the creativity of our parishioners and friends who offer the well-received baskets each year.

The site will remain as last year: the VFW Post on Fifth Street. We have reserved the facility and have again access to the kitchen for the various fare that will be offered.

Please keep this date free to help us in our major fund-raiser. Put on those thinking caps and allow your creativity to flow to offer a well-designed and well-desired basket. And let us pray that we will have our efforts blessed once again through this project.

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Great Lent and occurs this year on February 17th. Ashes will be imposed at two services: noon and 7 pm. This is a solemn day upon which we begin our very personal and intimate journey with Jesus as we follow Him through His ministry, His trial, His execution, and His Burial.

The Church provides opportunities for us to complete this journey spiritually. Lenten Devotions begin, after Ash Wednesday, during the months of March and April, and will continue for the Fridays of Lent. Please make sure your Lenten journey includes these prayer times.

We shall also be called to make our Easter Confession on the days of March 20th for the youth and the 21st for the adults. Please mark these dates and tend to your soul.

Please remember that our Parish will be holding its Annual Financial Meeting on the 28th of the month. As is parish practice, the financial matters are separated from the business meeting, so that a fuller examination may be accomplished. Please come and offer your support, not just pick up a copy of the report. We need your input!

ON SUNDAY, THE 7TH, THE YOUTH GROUP PROJECT OF OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL EFFORT "SOUPER BOWL" WILL TAKE PLACE. A FREE-WILL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN AND OFFERED TO AN AGENCY LOCALLY TO AID THEIR MINISTRY. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING SOME EXTRA OFFERINGS WITH YOU THIS MORNING.

The Serendipity Calendar project yielded two winners last month (as of this writing). Please know that we are keeping this effort going throughout the year. You may continue to ask your friends and family to support us in this effort. Even though one month has passed, there are still 335 more chances to win this year.

With a better effort we may be able to alleviate some financial strain. The potential, if all calendars are sold, would be over \$10,000! Quite enough to take care of our insurance premiums, some utility bills, and other sundry expenditures of the parish.

If each family kept one calendar and sold another, we would more than double the revenue from years past. Thanks you for your consideration!
Current total: 52 re-ups, 31 new = 83/1000

February 2010

7 – Sexagesima *Mieszapustna*

Lessons 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
1 Corinthians 15:45-49
GOSPEL Luke 6:27-38

Intentions *śp. Anthony and Estelle Elka, ofr M/M Stanley Podkulski*

Lector: Claudia Bertasso

- the Womens' Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament meets this morning.
- Coffee hour donated by the Węglinski's
- SOCL and Catechism classes will be held.
- "Souper Bowl" Project.

14 – Quinquagesima *Zapustna*

Lessons Sirach 27:5-8
1 Corinthians 15:54-58
GOSPEL Luke 6:39-45

Intentions *śp. Henry and Dorothy Planz, Alexander and Sophie Kaminski, Sigmund Kaminski, Stella Rider, Lucille Staats, Joseph and Helen Kaminski, Elizabeth and Edward Zostant, Kathy Croal, ofr by M/M John Kaminski*

Lector: Larry Panfil

- Deb Bilinski serves Coffee Hour.
- Religion classes will be held.
- Monthly meeting of the Parish committee held this morning.

**A "moderately good Christian"
is like
a "moderately good egg."**

21 – Lent 1 *1a Niedziela Postu*

Lessons Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Romans 10:8-13
GOSPEL Luke 4:1-13

Intentions *śp. Raymond Borowski (20th Anniversary), ofr by Irene Borowski*

Lector: Deacon Konicki

- The DonVito Family provides for Coffee Hour this morning.
- Religion classes will be held.

28 – Lent 2 *2a Niedziela Postu*

Lessons Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Philippians 3:17 – 4:1
GOSPEL Luke 9:28b-36

Prayer Intentions this morning will those of thanksgiving for the blessings of health from the Lord and for the people of Holy Name Parish.

- No host yet for Coffee hour this morning
- No religion classes held this morning.
- Budget 2010 parish congregational meeting conducted after Holy Mass.

He who prays fervently knows not whether he prays or not, for he is not thinking of the prayer which he makes, but of God, to whom he makes it.

St Francis de Sales



"Jesus, knowing that God had given all things into his hands ... took a towel ..." He washed the disciples' feet. He could have taken a throne, or a scepter, or a crown; but he took a towel.

Love always does what it does not have to do. People do not have to go to foreign fields and become missionaries. Love sends them there. Paul did not have to go to prison and spend nights in dark dungeons with a bleeding back and with his feet in stocks. Love sent him there. A mother does not have to watch her baby through long days and weary nights, but love makes her do it. Yes, Love always does what it does not have to do; yet love has to do what it does because it is love.

He has a right to criticize who has a heart to help.
- Abraham Lincoln

There is only one language that a confused world understands: a love that is not only vocal; it is not only what we say, but what we do that counts.

THANK YOU!!!

As of this writing, although there are a few homes I need yet to visit, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the parishioners who received me into their homes during the period of pastoral visitations. The time spent was very beneficial to me, for it gave me a chance to spend a bit more time with our parish families. The time spent in prayer allowed us to be in spiritual communication with our Lord and Savior. I thank you also for letting the schedule work so well, even though I am not so punctual - thank you for your understanding. Thank you also for the various offerings of food and refreshment, hospitality and conversation through which you shared with me your concern for your family's well being as well as for the Church and its programs. I also thank you for the gifts offered to my family and myself. May the prayers we prayed and the blessings we humbly requested be with you in this New Year.

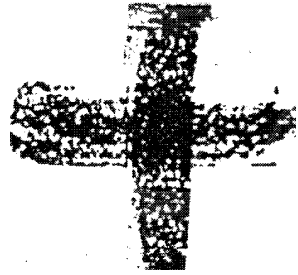
Thank you and may God reward you!

Dziękuję and Bóg zapłać!

SOME IMPORTANT DATES ...

Wednesday, February 17th

Ash Wednesday / Środa Popielcowa begins the period of Great Lent. This 40-day journey is one only we can take individually. Services are scheduled for noon and 7:00 pm. Please take advantage of the liturgies during this holy season to aid us on this journey.



We may be giving some different thinking to the tradition of the Friday evening Lenten services. Perhaps these services need to be rethought as to the spiritual needs of our congregation, especially in the formation of the faithlife of our younger brethren.

Sunday, March 21st – our seventh attempt at a fellowship activity of the "Basket Social." Check the Sunday bulletins for more information on this event.



2010 Serendipity Calendar

For now the sixth year, this effort had been taken far and wide throughout our parish population and the country. Although the number of calendars never reached even 20% of our goal, the proceeds realized were able to take care of some major financial needs in 2009.

With drawings already beginning for this year, we are not even close to the level of participation as last year. If every parishioner family would participate with only one (1 !!!) calendar, we would double this year's level and surpass last year's.

This project does help alleviate some financial burden. We need to consider other revenue to carry our budget through 2010. Please consider this effort!!!!

We had 70 subscriptions last year; so far, this year we have 52 re-subscriptions and 31 new!!!



Birthday

Wishes !!!

- 1 - Janet Spurck
- 2 - Christine Spooner
- Jean Martin
- 5 - Suzanne Heins
- Kathleen Dominy-White
- 9 - Christine Cadan
- 11 - Bob Shufelt
- Justice Smith
- Joseph Ruchalski
- 16 - Celena Maliszewski
- 18 - Paul Podkulski
- 20 - Kelly Supinski
- Lisa Kaminski
- 21 - Casey Carroll
- 28 - Patrick Clas



Anniversaries!!!

- 14 – Frederick and Louise James
- 17 – Tom and Kelley Supinski
- 18 – Stefan and Elizabeth Węglinski
- 26 – Michael and Kimberly DonVito

Come to Sunday School.

It's fun to learn together!

**Every Parish Has One,
Some Have Many**

He is always down front near the pulpit, uninspiring, silent, unsupportive in every way – and disturbing. He is the mortal enemy of the preacher. He never helps with passing the plate, exchanging the peace, singing a hymn or making the responses. He robs the preacher of his power, takes the joy out of canticles and steals melody from the anthems. He chills the saint and cheers the sinner. He doesn't whisper, he doesn't squirm, he never looks at a clock. He just sits. He advertises better than a billboard the indifference of people. He is the stabbing pain to the Savior and a delight to Satan. He cannot be moved. The only way to get rid of him is to fill him. He is the empty pew.

**Forgiveness is not an
occasional act;
it is a permanent attitude.**

We would like to again remind the parishioners concerning the Annual Financial Meeting scheduled for the 28th of this month. This meeting gives us a chance to take some extra time to examine the financial stability of the parochial experience, set the budget for 2010, and to chart a course that allows us to use our resources to carry forth the ministry as our Lord has given it to us.

May we come and hear how the Lord has blessed us and how we may return the blessings!!

*Prayer is the hospitality of the soul
entertaining the Most High.*

SEPTUAGESIMA CZAS PRZEDPOŚCIE

- began with the ninth week before Easter and includes the Polish names for the weeks dating from around 1248. The liturgical period is a prelude to Lent and a remote preparation for Easter. It serves as a time of transition from Christmas joy to Lenten sobriety. The *Gloria/Chwała* is omitted. Let this time cause you to focus on your journey with Jesus.

“BASKET SOCIAL” SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST !!!

As described at the Annual Parish Gathering, this fellowship event was placed on the parish calendar for this year.

What it basically consists of is a drawing for “baskets” of various themes. For example, in a basket, one could place all that is necessary for a spaghetti dinner (pot, colander, spoon, pasta, sauce, wine, cheese, breadsticks, etc.). *[other examples could be: picnic basket, cookie making basket, gardening basket, movie basket. The imagination boggles at the possibilities.]*

Each “basket” could have a value determined by its creator. A number of families could go in on one “basket” or a family could offer more than one.

Showcased within opportunities for snacking and fellowship, the auction would begin with the bidders bidding and the “basket” going to the winner.

This being our seventh effort, many plans need to be reviewed from last year. If you’d like to be helpful with the planning, a “basket”, the refreshments, or whatever, please give your name to Father Stan.

Whenever you have your basket or baskets prepared please give a call to Father Stan. This way we will be able to keep track of how many baskets we can anticipate for the day of the event.

Again, we are planning this for Sunday, March 21st, beginning after our worship, at the site of last year’s event – the
Hall

VFW
on
Fifth



Avenue. Please place this date on your calendars for March.

Thanks!

Forms for the 65th YMSR Bowling Tournament have been received; the deadline for registration is 31 March!!! Our Cathedral Parish in Scranton, PA is hosting this year’s event!!! If you’re interested in joining in on the fellowship of this yearly event, please see Father Stan. Thank you!

Remember when we hosted this event???

Please remember the fine fellowship and gracious compliments that were extended to us in our efforts. May we keep in prayer our brothers and sisters in Scranton who will be taking on this task for this year.

In my view, God educates us through our deceptions and mistakes, in order to make us understand at last that we ought to believe only in Him, and not in man.

-- Jacques Maritain--

Some other Dates of note:

March 14 – Feast of the Organization of the PNCC

- Beginning of Daylight Saving Time

March 28 - April 3 – Holy Week

April 4 - Solemnity of our Lord’s Resurrection

April 30 - May 2 - Mission & Evangelism Seminar, All Saints Cathedral, Chicago

A Word about the Service observing the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ...

WONDERFUL! There were many fine comments acknowledging your efforts in providing for those who came to share in the 102nd annual observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Father Urban expressed his thanks and appreciation for the efforts put forth by our congregation. He had mentioned that Bishop Hubbard, Bishop of the Albany Roman Catholic Diocese, was very pleased with the attendance, and being able to be a part of the afternoon prayer. The Bishop further remarked on the expansive repast that was served following the service.

Thanks to Liz and the choristers for leading the musical portions of the worship, as well as to Deacon Jim, Larry and Claudia for their roles in the liturgical service. The service in church seemed to move so quickly along.

Close to \$275 was taken up in the collection and, as announced, will be divided among a relief effort for the Haiti relief as well as a portion given to the local InnerCity Mission.

We can take a historical perspective in that it is very rare for a Roman Catholic Bishop to attend a parochial event outside of his diocese. We thank Father Urban for his invitation to the Bishop as well as the bishop finding time to attend. (He traveled to New York City upon leaving our church for a meeting Monday morning.)

It is also of note that an affirm-ative outcome of the dialogue that is on going between the Polish National Catholic Church and the Roman Catholic Church would allow and promote such an interaction as we were privileged to witness last month. It was most probably a first for this parish to experience such an event.

We are looking to add those who dedicate a couple of hours a month to the Bingo project of our parish. If you have just a few hours to share or need information, please see Father Stan. Why not come and play BINGO!!! This would also serve as a way of helping the parish financially (and yourself, hopefully) as well as giving you a chance to see how the operation is run, meeting those who weekly work the Bingo, and get an idea of both the challenge and joy it is to do this on a weekly basis.

There is a new game that is anticipated to bring renewed interest and perhaps a bit more revenue to our parish. However, in order to implement it, we need some additional helpers. Our current teams

are stretched to their limit and cannot take on a new task. If there would be someone or someones who would be able to offer 3 hours of time on a Saturday evening, please speak with Father Stan. Come on and join in!!!

2010 Lenten Schedule

Friday, February 26 // Stations of the Cross, 7 pm

Friday, March 5 // Stations of the Cross, 7 pm

Friday, March 12 // Stations of the Cross, 7 pm

Friday, March 19 // Stations of the Cross, 7 pm

Saturday, March 20 // Youth Lenten Confession

Sunday, March 21 // Adult Lenten Confession

Friday, March 26 // Stations of the Cross, 7 pm

Sunday, March 28 // Palm Sunday

Monday, March 29 – Saturday, April 3 // Holy Week

AS ANNOUNCED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, THE DATES FOR SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS ARE:

SUNDAY, MAY 30 –

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 –

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

IT CAN ALSO BE REPORTED THAT WITH THE ABOVE SCHEDULE IN PLACE, THE CELEBRATION OF FIRST PENANCE FOR OUR CLASS OF YOUNG PEOPLE SHALL BE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 20TH DURING THE YOUTH LENTEN CONFESSION SERVICE AT 10 AM. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THEIR LIVES, OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WILL EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF RECEIVING RECONCILIATION FROM THE LORD. IT SHALL BE THE FIRST STEP IN A SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE THAT THEY WILL CARRY WITH THEM THROUGHOUT THEIR LIVES. LET US PRAY FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE AS THEY TAKE THIS IMPORTANT FAITH-STEP!