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2010
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rose McGee	01-02
Wesley Ball	01-04
Carolyn Cathelyn	01-14
Kaitlyn N. Ptasnik	01-19
Bette Dennison	01-20
Lisa Bryant	01-22
Fr. Jerry Rafalko	01-24
Doris Monceski	01-26
Michael Duytschaver	01-26
David Draminski	01-29

Kathy Meyer	01-15
Ed Lee Kubinsky	01-19
Denise McDaniel	01-21
Lavern Baele	01-22



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR SPONSORS**

Lu Rux	01-05	Tom Ratliff	01-06
	Clark Blair	01-10	

May God Bless You All on This Happy Day!!!

EPIPHANY VISITATIONS OF YOUR HOMES



It is very nice tradition in our Church, that after the Epiphany the pastor of the parish visits his parishioners with special blessing and prayer. According to the tradition the end of these visits is February 2nd. If you want to bless your home, please call me and set up the time for my visit.

SUNDAY MASSES IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY

January 10th - Sunday – Solemnity of Baptism of the Lord

9:00 A.M. Holy Mass + Phillip Kazubowski by Ed & June

January 17th - Sunday – 2nd in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. Holy Mass + Eileen Phelps by Shirley Rodak

January 24th Sunday - 3rd in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. Holy Mass + Leo Saey by his wife Harriet Saey

January 31st Sunday - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. Holy Mass + Janina Serwin (1st Anniversary of her death)

February 2nd – Tuesday – Solemnity – Presentation of our Lord

Holy Mass + Donald Stanley by his wife Ko

February 7th – Sunday – 5th in Ordinary Time

9:00A.M. Holy Mass + Linda Prusator by Doris Monceski

February 14th - Sunday – 6th in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. Holy Mass + Martha Ptasnik

February 17th – Ash Wednesday

6:00 P.M. Holy Mass + Donald & Gladys Thurwanger by her children

February 21st – 1st Sunday of Lent

9:00 A.M. Holy Mass+ Eugene “Geets” Prusator by Carole Goarcke

February 28th – 2nd Sunday of Lent

9:00 A.M. Holy Mass + Rita Esser by her family

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE IN THE NEW YEAR

On the edge of a new year, Lord, teach us again to order our priorities and number our days and hours. And teach us to trust – life, history, one another, You. So that even in the gray gloomy days, when the ceiling is low, we may trust the star that enabled wise men of old to live in hope and proclaim the divine promises which call us on in Jesus Christ. Amen

--Deryl Flemins



What awaits us?

We're at the starting gate of a new year. What will it hold for us? Only God knows. Yet if God knows, why not try to discover his plan for us each day? We should carry on a daily dialog with God. Following his lead is always interesting and challenging. And much of the time it's filled with wonder and joy. I remember the story of a small boy who prayed to God at the end of a fun, interesting Monday: "It's been a wonderful day, God. What do you have in mind for Tuesday?"

What does God have in mind for you in 2009? Keep in touch with him, and you'll enjoy the trip around the sun.
—Charles Ferrell

Our Events Calendar for 2010

Saturday, March 20th
4:30-7:30pm

St. Joseph Supper – Polish
Sausage, Potatoes, Pierogies,
Vegetables, Pies, Coffee
Donation: Adults: \$10.00
Children Ages 4-10: \$4.00 Under 4: Free

Sunday, April 11th
10:30 am

Easter Brunch
Polish Sausage, Ham, Potatoes, Eggs,
Pies
Children's Easter Egg Hunt
Donation: Adults: \$10.00
Children Age 4-10: \$ 4.00 Under 4: Free

Sunday, May 9th
9:00am H Mass

Mother's day & Father's day
Celebration

June 18 & 19th
Morning-Noon

More on 34, Polish Food Sale,
Polish Sausage Sandwiches, Cabbage
Rolls

Sunday, July 4th
9:30–1:30pm

**Food Stand at the Francis Park,
Polish Food Lunch in church hall**
Polish Sausage sandwich, Cabbage
Rolls, Kraut, Pierogies
Parish Picnic

Sunday, August 15th
3:30pm-?

Saturday, Sept. 18th
(Time will be announced)

Wiener Roast

Saturday, October 16th
4:30–7:30pm

Polish Sausage Supper
Polish Sausage, Potatoes, Kraut, Corn,
Green Beans, Pies, Coffee
Donation: Adults: \$10.00
Children Ages 4-10: \$ 4.00 Under 4: Free
Order time for the Polish Food

November 1st-24th

December

Christmas Party- Ladies Miss. Society

Saturday, December 4th
10:00am-1:00pm

Polish Food Sale
Pierogies with Kraut or Potatoes;
Cabbage Rolls. Polish Sausage
Lunch in the Hall –Polish Sausage
Sandwich, Kraut
Bake Sale

Saturday, December 11th **Parish Christmas Party**
4:00pm

FEBRUARY

- Lee Hoburg 02-01
- Donna Kubinsky 02-03
- Deb Rednour 02-03
- Shirley Dennison 02-06
- Nancy Rennick 02-09
- Nathan Dennison 02-16
- Rick Sundberg 02-23
- Rodney Jennings 02-28



Jerni Tyler Warner 02-27

SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 7TH

First Sun. of the month

SPECIAL ANNUAL MEETING WITH PARISH REPORTS WILL FOLLOW UP THE HOLY MASS



**Sunday, February 14th -
Valentine's Day**

After the Holy Mass we will have

BIRTHDAY PARTY AND BRUNCH

for all who celebrate Birthday in January and February

All members of the parish are invited.

OUR SPECIAL EVENT IN MARCH

St. JOSEPH SUPPER

Pierogies and Sausage Supper



Saturday; March 20th

Two sittings: # 1. 4:30 - 5:45p.m.

2. 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Polish Sausage, Pierogies, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Kraut, Corn,
Green Beans, Coffee, Pies.

Carry-outs available

50/50 tickets at the door 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00



Donation for the meal: Adults \$.10.00, Children 6-10 -\$.4.00,
Under 4. free

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OUR WISH LIST FOR THE YEAR 2010

- 1. Special prayer for more members**
- 2. Renewing the outside appearance of our church – new siding for the church**
- 3.**

The meaning of Epiphany

Epiphany begins on January 6 each year. It gets its name from the Greek word epiphaneia, meaning 'to appear, to show or to manifest.' The ending date of the Epiphany season is determined by Ash Wednesday, which is determined by the date of Easter.

Traditionally, Epiphany Day marks the coming of the Magi to worship the infant Jesus. The significance of Epiphany for Christians is that it symbolizes the first recognition of Christ by non-Jews.

The season of Epiphany emphasizes the divine nature of Jesus - a truth that justifies his perfection as the model of real life.

The color of Epiphany is green to symbolize life, growth, hope and eternity, which are all characteristics of the Epiphany emphasis.

When the new year begins for us

In 46 B.C., Roman emperor Julius Caesar first chose January 1 as the date of the new year. Six hundred years later, the Roman church proclaimed that the new year would henceforth be March 25, the date of the Feast of the Annunciation (when the angel spoke to Mary).

March 25 was the accepted New Year's Day for almost 1,000 years. In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII moved it back to January 1.

Thinking of Christian unity

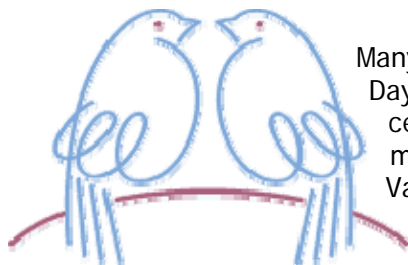
January is the month when many Christians think about and pray for Christian unity. One of our Lord's last prayers included his petition "that all of them may be one ... that the world may believe ..." (John 17:21). Our Lord knew that if Christians were fiercely divided, those outside the Christian faith would not likely want to be followers of Christ.

Sincere loving Christians will work and pray for Christian unity. A good example of two Christians who took Christ's prayer — "that all of them may be one" — seriously, may be seen in the account of the Methodist bishop, Everett Palmer, visiting the ailing Pope John the XXIII at the Vatican.

The kindly pope received the Protestant leader with genuine friendliness and affection. Later, while shaking Bishop Palmer's hand, the pope smiled warmly and said, "Let us forget the sad centuries when we met only to quarrel, and let us meet to love one another."

Not long afterwards, the gentle pope — sometimes called the "Protestant Pope" because he insisted that Protestants no longer be called "heretics" but separated brethren — died. Bishop Palmer also died within a few years, but not before writing *The Glorious Imperative*, the moving story of his visit with the dying bishop of Rome.

Be a love bird



Many stories about the origin of Valentine's Day have come down through the centuries. There's no definitive story, but most revolve around the imprisonment of Valentinus (St. Valentine) for his disregard of Roman laws.

Many legends are also associated with Valentine's Day. For example, because birds seemed to arrive and mate in some countries in mid-February, human couples came to be called "love birds."

In 1667, the first recorded Valentine card was printed. Today, people will give their sweethearts countless millions of cards and acres of heart-shaped boxes filled with candy. But why wait for Valentine's Day to share love with others? Remember Jesus' words in John 13:34 (NRSV): "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another."

Thinking of Lent

Advent prepares us for Christ's birth; Lent prepares us for the glorious act of Christ's resurrection. Churches have special services during the weeks of Lent, but it's what each of us does regarding our spiritual life that makes Lent most meaningful.

Lent is a good time to read, study and inwardly digest the four gospels. (The word gospel means "good news.")

A college student decided to work his way through Matthew, Mark, Luke and John for his Lenten devotional time. Soon he was fascinated by the stories, such as the Pharisees and Sadducees trying to trap Jesus in debate. The brilliant Jesus handled every occasion with wisdom, leaving the authorities dumbfounded.

During his devotional time, the student was filled with laughter and amazement at the brilliant son of God, who was only in his 30s. Get to know the good news, and you'll understand the young man's amazement.

Seventy years

By the time you're 70 years old, you will have spent nearly a quarter of a century sleeping. The average person spends about 23 years of his or her life in bed. Here are estimates of how most Americans spend their waking hours during those 70 years:

- 11 years working
- 8 years in leisure pursuits
- 6 years eating
- 5 years grooming
- 4 years being educated
- 3 years talking
- 2 years reading
- 6 months worshipping God

Perhaps Sunday morning worship isn't as long as it seems.

Lent begins

On Ash Wednesday, February 17, Lent begins. During this 40-day period, Christians reevaluate their spiritual lives. It's a time for us to have a spiritual check-up and to strive to live the Christian life more faithfully and more intentionally.

One might go on a spiritual retreat, for example, spending time with a

prayer warrior, Bible expert or theologian. During Lent, attending the various church services and study opportunities can help people grow spiritually and become more informed about the Christian faith. Our pilgrimage through Lent should inspire us to serve God more faithfully in our daily lives.

Why ashes?

On Ash Wednesday many pastors dip a finger or thumb in black ashes and make the form of a cross on the foreheads of worshipers. Many Christians keep the symbol on their head for the entire day. It is a reminder of one's sorrow for one's sins. It is a sign of humility and the need for forgiveness. Also, the cross on the forehead reminds us of the death of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins.

Thoughts for Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day, a time when thoughts turn to love. But what is love? Is it a box of chocolates, or a pretty valentine? Is it a red rose, or maybe a dozen? Is it a peck on the cheek, a fond embrace, or a big bear hug? Well, sometimes love is known in those ways. But love, real love, is how we relate to God and to one another if life is what it ought to be - beautiful!

How to keep warm in church

1. Rush to the front of the sanctuary. That will warm you up, and you'll avoid the draft in the back of the church.
 2. Invite your neighbors and friends, and sit 12 people to a pew.
 3. Seat yourself near the pulpit. Much hot air is emitted from that area.
 4. Wear thermal underwear (in the appropriate liturgical colors, of course).
 5. Wait for an unfamiliar hymn — and then watch the sparks fly!
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**THERE MAY BE MANY DIFFERENT WAYS YOU WILL
USE YOUR TIME DURING THIS YEAR.**

Please consider these following options:

Take time to work--it is the price of success.

Take time to think--it is the source of power

Take time to read--it is the fountain of wisdom

Take time to worship--it is the highway to reverence

Take time to be friendly--it is the road to happiness

Take time to laugh--it helps to lift life's load

Take time for God's Word--it brings Christ near and it washes the dust of earth from your eyes.

Take time for God--it is life's only truly lasting investment.