



Saint Hyacinth

*Roman Catholic Parish
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SAINT HYACINTH PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of Saint Hyacinth Parish, while preserving and promoting our Polish heritage, welcome and serve all community members through prayer, example and good works. We seek to be a guiding light to all God's people through our spiritual and social activities.

Second Sunday of Lent - St Paul was worried about the Christians in Philippi. He had preached the Gospel in that Roman outpost for the first time, and had received a remarkable welcome. The community quickly became thriving and faithful. But since then, doctrinal and moral controversies had sprung up and caused division and strife, confusion and difficulty. And so Paul writes to them to plead with them to "stand firm in the Lord." He is afraid that the trials they are facing will lure them away from God.



In our lives too we face confusion and difficulty. We are surrounded by challenges that make it hard for us to be faithful to Christ and his Church. The normal behavior of the popular culture does not follow the Christian pattern of dignified self-control, self-forgetful love, humility, and moral integrity. Instead, the popular culture glorifies self-indulgence, exaggerated individualism, superficiality, and moral weakness – just as the pagan society of Philippi did. We too, therefore, need to be encouraged to "stand firm in the Lord," so that we don't get tired of doing what is right.

How did St Paul motivate the Philippians to hold firm and be strong? He reminded them of their true identity: "Our citizenship is in Heaven," he wrote. If we remember that our citizenship is in heaven, we will not expect life on earth to perfectly satisfy all our longings, and so we will not become slaves to the seductive pleasures and fashions of this passing world.

One reason behind "giving something up for Lent" is to remind us of this. When we purposely give up something good and pleasurable during these six weeks of preparation for the Easter Triduum, we are reminding ourselves that earth is not meant to be heaven. We are reminding ourselves that we are not supposed to look for the fulfillment of all desire here on earth. Rather, here on earth we have a job to do. We are called to live and spread the Law of Christ's love, the law of self-forgetfulness, self-sacrifice, and self-giving. We have a mission: to keep our lives, our families, and our circle of influence as Christ-like as possible. By giving something up for Lent, we refocus that attention, effort, and collaboration.

Today we can ask ourselves if that is really the motivation behind our Lenten resolutions; to remind ourselves that "our citizenship is in heaven?" As we continue with this Mass, let's renew our awareness of our true citizenship, and beg the Lord to lead us safely through earthly trials and into heavenly joys.

Parish Calendar

Friday, March 5 - First Friday Mass at 11:00 AM. Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will follow Mass.

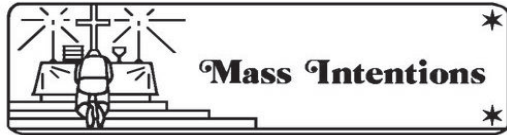
Sunday, March 14 - 11:00 AM Mass, 8th Annual Blessing of the Polish American Dance Ensembles

Monday, March 15 - Cleaning of the church for Easter beginning at 9:00 AM

Saturday, March 20 - 3:30 PM - Pope John Paul II Rosary Society - Parish Rosary for World Peace

Sunday, March 21 - 10:30 AM - Pope John Paul II Rosary Society - Parish Rosary for World Peace

Sunday, March 21 - Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner following the 11:00 AM Mass. Adult \$12.00, Child \$6.00.

**Saturday February 27, 2010****4:00 PM**

- † Joseph Thiel
Req. by Jerome & Debbie Thiel
- † John Przeslica
Req. by his wife Helen & family
- † Wladyslaw Iwan & family
Req. by his brother Fr. Janusz Iwan
- † Victoria Szalecki
Req. by Charlotte Check & Dorothy Rzeppa
- † Brenda Swarich
Req. by her family & friends

Sunday, February 28, 2010-2nd Sunday of Lent**9:00 AM**

- † Helen Janusz
Req. by her friends
- † Anna Kolasa
Req. by her family
- † Sr. Mary Laurene Smolinski
Req. by Nick Frontczak & family

11:00 AM

- † Stanislaw & Rosemarie Gajda
Req. by Maria Chudzian
- † Jane Florek
Req. by her family
- † For All Living & Deceased Parishioners,
Benefactors & Friends of St. Hyacinth

Monday, March 1, 2010**9:00 AM**

- † Donald John Clarke
Req. by his wife Bernice & family
- † Robert Weber
Req. by St. Hyacinth Parishioners

**Pope Benedict's Monthly Prayer Intentions
For February 2010**

General: For all scholars and intellectuals, that by means of sincere search for the truth they may arrive at an understanding of the one true God.

Missionary: That the Church, aware of its own missionary identity, may strive to follow Christ faithfully and to proclaim His Gospel to all peoples.

Tuesday, March 2, 2010**9:00 AM**

- † Constance Gutc
Req. by the Rita Szczepaniak

Wednesday, March 3, 2010**9:00 AM**

- † Poor souls in purgatory

Thursday – March 4, 2010- Dantis**Friday, March 5, 2010 –****9:00 AM**

- † Cassie Schultz
Req. by her son Fred & Mary
- † Laura Muklewicz
Req. by Rita Szczepaniak

Saturday, March 6, 2010**4:00 PM**

- Continued good health for Frank Score
Req. by Ted & Dianne Zamojski
- † Bob Taylor
Req. by his wife Maxine
- † Barbara Biernat
Req. by Chester & Clara Tomaszycycki
- † Bernice Stankowski (Anniv)
Req. by her family

Sunday, March 7, 2010-3rd Sunday of Lent**9:00 AM**

- † Sr. Mary Laurene Smolinski
Req. by Rita Szczepaniak
- † Zenon & Anna Kolasa
Req. by their children
- Continued good health of Martin & Alice Ginder
Req. by St. Hyacinth parishioners

11:00 AM

- † Conrad Piebiak (4th Anniv)
Req. by his wife & family
- † Chester & Theda Mae Ochylski
Req. by Edward Ochylski
- † Deceased Members of the Kolasa family
Req. by friends
- † James Jerzylo
Req. by John Orlovski
- † For All Living & Deceased Parishioners,
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If God sends you many sufferings, it is a sign that He has great plans for you and certainly wants to make you a saint. ~ *St. Ignatius Loyola*

Please keep our sick and caregivers in your prayers:

Father Francis Skalski	Willie Howard
Ann Bush	Frank Score
Joe Pelak	Father David Przedwiecki
Frank Szymanski	Marion Bobryk
Virginia Barnowski	Genevieve Stoneberg
Christine Storms	Tish Germain
Danny Mason	Sophie Koper
Arthur Wiczko	Joseph Konfara
Mrs. Bogunia	Adela Krajenka
Nancy Milewski	Kathleen Novak
Lorraine Koss	Jennifer Formella
Ester Wichlacz	Lillian Demska-Tylenda
Carol Miloser	Barbara Sokol
Mary Skalski	John Majewski
Elizabeth Posluszny	Ray Skalski
Cheryl Taranowski	Christine Wandas
Richard Ludwig	Dianne Zamojski
Lottie Machowski	Phyllis Kubicki
Dorothy Rzeppa	Larry Milobowski
Irene Stadnik	Allen Shooks
Ingrid Pilarowski	Jane Paterka
Rita Szczepaniak	Stella Shooks
Veronica Kuskowski	Raymond Noble
Charlotte Check	Matthew Moshe
Daniel and Susan Pietrous	Adnan Alshab
Tom Przybylinski	Jonathan Smith #79
Michael Fennelly	Paul Zamierowski
Mary Antoncew	Joan Bratto
Frank Jarzombek	Maxine Taylor
Kenny Tyminski	Lucia Matelonek
Ellen and Sharon Cassonte	Anne Wisniewski
Andrew Czajka	Gloria Arendoski
Dana Lynn Kaszubowski	Beverly Billotti
Austin Lowry	Laura Stannis
Ed Schapko	Stephen Hart
John Sosnowski	Billy Skinner
Bernadine Miesik	Marsha Podlasek
Sharon McEvoy	Irene Gardula
Elvera Koper	Phyllis Vymazal
Clara & Chester Tomaszycski	Janice Nelson
Heather Delisle	Brenden Thomas Huizdos
Mary Day	



If you know someone who is sick and wish to have them added to the sick list, please call the Rectory 313-922-1507. Help us keep the listing updated by notifying us when a requested prayer intention may be removed.

Prayer for the Sick - Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.

**Polish American Dance Ensembles
Blessing Mass**



The Eighth Annual Blessing Mass will take place on Sunday March 14th, at the 11:00 AM Mass. This annual event is sure to please your heart and soul as Saint Hyacinth will host hundreds of Detroit area Polish dancers. Mark your calendar now so you don't miss this beautiful Mass and tribute to these dancers who work so hard to perpetuate our beautiful heritage. Social hour will follow the Mass.

Bunny Breakfast - Please join us and your fellow parishioners for breakfast with the Easter Bunny. The breakfast will take place on Sunday, March 28th. Breakfast will include scrambled eggs, ham, potatoes, roll and butter and a beverage. Adult meals will be \$7.00 and children's meals will be \$4.00 There will also be games for the children, a bake sale and raffles.

Donations Are Needed - Donations to support the bunny breakfast are welcome. Items that would help include candy, children's prizes, Easter Baskets and baked goods. Financial support is also welcome. Please contact the rectory if you can help.

Polka Mass - The 11:00 AM Mass on March 28th will be a Polka Mass. The music for the Mass will be provided by the ~~Musicians~~ **Polka Mass Rescheduled to April 18th**. Please join us for Mass and then Breakfast with the Easter Bunny!

Church Cleaning - We are looking for volunteers to help clean the church in preparation for the Easter season. It is a big job and the more helping hands the better. The cleaning will be 9:00 AM on Monday, March 15. Please help make our church clean and beautiful for the Easter celebration.

Volunteers are Needed - Have some spare time and want to help out a worthy cause? There are many opportunities right here in the parish where your assistance would be welcomed. Help will soon be needed to clean and decorate the church for Easter; organizers are needed to help plan the Marriage Vows Blessing in June and the Parish Picnic in the summer; volunteers are needed to plan the school reunion. Please consider taking an active role in our parish by volunteering for these or other activities. The more that pitch in, the more we can do.

Saint Hyacinth on the Web - Now there are two ways to keep up with Saint Hyacinth Parish on the web. Saint Hyacinth now has a Facebook Fan Page in addition to our web page (www.sainthyacinth.com). The address for the Facebook page is:
<http://tinyurl.com/sainthyacinthfacebook>



The Scrutinies: Examining our lives - The primary way that the Church assists the catechumens (called the elect after the celebration of the Rite of Election on the First Sunday of Lent) in this conversion process during Lent is through the celebration of the rites called Scrutinies. These ritual celebrations on the Third, Fourth and Fifth

Sundays of Lent are communal prayers celebrated around the elect to strengthen them to overcome the power of sin in their lives and to grow in virtue. To scrutinize something means to examine it closely. The community does not scrutinize the catechumens; the catechumens scrutinize their own lives and allow God to scrutinize them and to heal them. However, there is a danger in celebrating the Scrutinies if the community thinks of the elect as the only sinners in our midst who need conversion. All of us are called to continuing conversion throughout our lives, so we join with the elect in scrutinizing our own lives and praying to God for the grace to overcome the power of sin that still infects our hearts.

Many parishes today seek to surface the concrete issues that the elect need to confront; these issues then become the focus of the intercessions during the Scrutinies. Some parishes extend this discernment process to the wider community so that all are called to name the ways that evil continues to prevent them from living the gospel fully. Even if the parish does not do this in an organized way, every Catholic should spend some time reflecting on what obstacles to gospel living exist in his or her own life. Then when the Scrutinies are celebrated, we will all know that the prayers are for us as well as for the elect.

Taking seriously this dynamic of scrutiny and conversion gives us a richer perspective on Lenten "giving up." What we are to give up more than anything else is sin, which is to say we are to give up whatever keeps us from living out our baptismal promises fully. Along with the elect we all need to approach the season of Lent asking ourselves what needs to change in our lives if we are to live the gospel values that Jesus taught us. Our journey through these forty days should be a movement ever closer to Christ and to the way of life he has exemplified for us.

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Sick Calls - Are you or a loved one hospitalized or homebound and desire a visit by Father Janusz. If so, please call the rectory to make arrangements and schedule a visit. Father Janusz would be happy to visit you or your loved one.

**Mark your calendar to join us for Breakfast
with the Easter Bunny March 28th!**

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PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Jerry Sielagoski

SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (English)

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (Polish) & 11:00 a.m. (English)

HOLYDAYS: 6:00 p.m. (English)

DAILY MASS: 9:00 a.m. Monday thru Friday*

FIRST FRIDAY OF MONTH: Mass at 11:00 AM*

CONFESSIONS: Saturday, 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.

BAPTISMS: Every Sunday of the Year at 10:00 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday thru Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Evening Hours: By Appointment Only

SICK CALLS: Anytime.

MARRIAGE: Couples wishing to be married at Saint Hyacinth are requested to contact the Rectory at least six months prior to their wedding date.