



# Saint Hyacinth

*Roman Catholic Parish  
Parafia Świętego Jacka*

*3151 Farnsworth Avenue ~ Detroit, Poletown, Michigan 48211*

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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.*



Two images from nature dominate this First Sunday of Lent. In these images we find the key for living the next six weeks deeply and fruitfully. The first image is that of the desert. Saint Mark tells us in today's Gospel that the Spirit "drove Jesus out into the desert," where he experienced temptation. The Bible often refers to the desert as a place of testing where we experience our dependence on God. Water and food are hard to come by. The temperatures and emptiness are oppressive to both the body and the mind. The desert is a place where our illusions of self-sufficiency and comfort fade away. When we are in the desert, literally or figuratively, we quickly realize that we need God. In other words, the desert is the opposite of

the Garden of Eden. It is the place of suffering and hardship that sin has led us to. Both original sin and also our own personal sins have interfered with God's plan for our lives and for our world; they have put us in need of salvation.

The second image in today's Readings is the flood, the abundance of water that cleansed the world of sin at the time of Noah. That ancient flood of water foreshadowed Christian baptism, the flood of grace that purifies our souls from sin, bringing new spiritual life into the desert of our sin-damaged hearts. Sin and salvation: our sins, and Christ's loving sacrifice that leads to salvation. These are the most fundamental aspects of our Catholic faith, and these are the themes that should fill our hearts and minds throughout the season of Lent. How can we allow these ideas, these truths, to inform our daily lives during the coming weeks? Today's Psalm gives us the answer: "Teach me your paths," the psalmist prays; "Good and upright is the Lord... he shows sinners the way." Every sin is disobedience to God's will, a deviation from the path of wisdom, goodness, and everlasting life. Salvation consists in returning to that path to follow the impulse of God's grace and His will for our lives. Lent is a time to reflect on how we have deviated from God's will. We need to examine our hearts during these days to honestly see where we have gone astray. Then we need to confess these sins in the sacrament of penance to experience the unconditional mercy of God's forgiveness.

Turning away from the wrong path is only the first half our Lenten journey. The second half is renewing our commitment to follow the right path from now on. This we cannot do alone. We need the guidance that Christ gives us in prayer and through his Church's teachings and we need the strength he gives us in his sacraments. If we turn from the path of selfishness and ask God to lead us in the path of salvation, he surely will. And when he does, our lives will become fruitful oases of peace, wisdom, and courage in the desert of self-indulgence, violence, and relativism that our culture, in so many ways, has become. As we continue with this Mass and this beautiful season of Lent, let us pray in our hearts: "Lord, teach us your paths; show sinners the way."

## Parish Calendar

**Friday, March 6** - First Friday Mass at 11:00 AM. Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will follow Mass.

**Sunday, March 15** - 10:30 AM - Pope John Paul II Rosary Society - Parish Rosary for World Peace

**Saturday, March 21** - 3:30 PM Pope John Paul II Rosary Society - Parish Rosary for World Peace

**Sunday, March 22** - 11:00 AM Mass. Seventh Annual Blessing of the Polish American Dance Ensembles

**Sunday, April 5** - Palm Sunday and Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Please help support our parish and join us!

**Saturday, February 28, 2009****4:00 PM**

- † Joann Timmerman  
Req. by the Smolinski family
- † Donald Clarke  
Req. by his wife Bernice & family
- † Laurel Obodzinski  
Req. by her mother Lorraine Koss

**Sunday, March 1, 2009- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent****9:00 AM**

- † Fr. Valentine Kaznowski  
Req. by Christine Fischer
- † Frank & Dorothy Kupczak  
Req. by their family
- † David Mijal  
Req. by the Mijal family

**11:00 AM**

- † Kyle Campbell  
Req. by Grandma & Grandpa
- † John Felczak  
Req. by Fred & Mary Schultz
- † Richard Coles  
Req. by the Smigielski family
- Continued health of Don Samull  
Req. by his friends
- † For All Living & Deceased Parishioners,  
Benefactors & Friends of St. Hyacinth

**Monday, March 2, 2009****9:00 AM**

- † Mary Ancerewicz  
Req. by her family
- † For all the poor souls in purgatory

**The Holy Father's Monthly Prayer  
Intentions for March 2009**

**General:** That the role of women may be more appreciated and used to good advantage in every country in the world.

**Mission:** That in the light of the letter addressed to them by Pope Benedict XVI, the Bishops, priests, consecrated persons, and lay faithful of the Catholic Church in the Popular Republic of China may commit themselves to being the sign and instrument of unity, communion and peace.

**Tuesday, March 3, 2009****9:00 AM**

- † Henrietta Brys  
Req. by Delphine O'Dowd
- † Walter Brys  
Req. by Delphine O'Dowd

**Wednesday, March 4, 2009****9:00 AM**

- † Stanley Jozefczyk (60<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Req. by his family
- † Wanda Zwolinski  
Req. by her friends

**Thursday – March 5, 2009 - Dantis****Friday, March 6, 2009 – First Friday****11:00 AM**

- † Frank Sedlarik  
Req. by St. Hyacinth Jackowo Social Club
- † Cassie Schultz  
Req. by her son Fred & Mary

**Saturday, March 7, 2009****4:00 PM**

- † Martha Frontczak  
Req. by John & Marilyn Zahorchak
- † Cecilia Kirkegaard  
Req. by Kathleen Esdale, RNC
- † Cynthia Malinowski  
Req. by the Fronimos family

**Sunday, March 8, 2009- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent****9:00 AM**

- † Helen Zabrzenski  
Req. by her son David & Darlene
- † Stella Jordan  
Req. by Bill & Donna Smolinski
- † Rita Gnaster  
Req. by Dorothy Rzeppa & Tish Germain

**11:00 AM**

- † Gertrude Jendrzewski  
Req. by Fred & Mary Schultz
- † Charles & Esther Gar  
Req. by their family
- † Leocadia Mackiewicz  
Req. by her family & friends
- † For All Living & Deceased Parishioners,  
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**Please keep our sick and caregivers in your prayers:**

|                           |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Fr. Francis Skalski       | Willie Howard         |
| Ann Bush                  | Frank Score           |
| Joe Pelak                 | Fr. David Przedwiecki |
| Frank Szymanski           | Marion Bobryk         |
| Virginia Barnowski        | Genevieve Stoneberg   |
| Christine Storms          | Tish Germain          |
| Emily Pakos               | Sophie Koper          |
| Laura Muklewicz           | Joseph Konfara        |
| Danny Mason               | Adela Krajenka        |
| Arthur Wiczko             | Kathleen Novak        |
| Mrs. Bogunia              | Nancy Milewski        |
| Jessie Osmialowski        | Lorraine Koss         |
| Nicholas Frontczak        | Carol Miloser         |
| Ester Wichlacz            | Jennifer Formella     |
| Lillian Demska-Tylenda    | John Majewski         |
| Mary Skalski              | Barbara Sokol         |
| Elizabeth Posluszny       | Christine Wandas      |
| Sylvia Russell            | Ray Skalski           |
| Richard Ludwig            | Cheryl Taranowski     |
| Ronald Sienkiewicz        | Charlotte Check       |
| Nancy and Frank Davis     | Dianne Zamojski       |
| Dorothy Rzeppa            | Lottie Machowski      |
| John Lesneskie            | Phyllis Kubicki       |
| Irene Stadnik             | Larry Milobowski      |
| Ingrid Pilarowski         | Almond Cormier        |
| Rita Szczepaniak          | Allen Shooks          |
| Veronica Kuskowski        | Jane Paterka          |
| Daniel and Susan Pietrous | Arthur Tomaszycycki   |
| Tom Przybylinski          | Don Samull            |
| Christine Jarzombek       | Stella Shooks         |
| Genevieve Pielack         | Raymond Noble         |
| Michael Fennelly          | Theresa Mander        |
| Mary Antoncew             | Matthew Moshe         |
| Clara Tomaszycycki        | Jonathan Smith #79    |
| Andrew Czajka             | Adnan Alshab          |
| Barbara VanAssche         | Emily Wiklanski       |
| Kenny & Violet Tyminski   | Lorraine Klekotka     |
| Lucia Matelonek           | Joseph Troszak        |
| Joan Bratto               | Gloria Arendoski      |
| Maxine Taylor             |                       |



We will be happy to include the name of the those whom you wish to pray for. Also please help us keep the listing up to date by notifying us when a requested prayer intention may be removed. If you have someone to add to the sicklist, or have an update, please call the Rectory at 313-922-1507. Thank you.

**Habitat for Humanity** - Do you have any cancelled stamps? The Renaissance Vicariate is having a used stamp drive to support the Outreach to the Habitat for Humanity. If you'd like to help by donating cancelled stamps, just place them in an envelope marked with "Cancelled Stamps for Outreach for Habitat for Humanity, your name and Saint Hyacinth Parish". You can place the envelope in the collection basket or give to one of the ushers. Please support this worthy effort.

**Poletown Church Pilgrimage:** Saint Hyacinth will once again be included in the Pilgrimage of Poletown Churches. The American Polish Assistance Association (APAA) will host the 2009 Holy Thursday Pilgrimage of Poletown Churches on Thursday, April 9th. This year, the pilgrimage will include St. Hyacinth, St. Albertus, Sweetest Heart of Mary, St. Florian, Our Lady Queen of Apostles, and Holy Cross P.N.C.C. Bus transportation will be available from Eastpointe, and possibly other Macomb county locations depending upon interest. The first stop for the pilgrimage will be Saint Hyacinth to attend the 6:00 PM Mass. The pilgrims will enjoy dinner in the school hall following the Mass. Advanced reservations are necessary. Please call the APAA office in Eastpointe for reservations and additional information at (586) 778-9766. Office hours are Wednesday through Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

**FOCA** - The United States is facing one of the most serious threats to pro-life beliefs ever in the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA). The wide spread bill would create a right to abortion the government could not limit and foster a national abortion policy far beyond the Roe v. Wade decision of the U.S. Supreme Court. Abortion would become an entitlement the government must fund and promote. Citizens would lose the freedom we now have to enact even modest regulations of the abortion industry. In its current form FOCA would:

- Force Americans taxpayers to fund abortions
- Force every state to allow partial birth abortions
- Strip parents of their right and responsibility to be involved in their minor daughters' abortion decision
- Eliminate requirements for informed consent.
- Eliminate the safeguarded rights of conscience of physicians, nurses and hospitals to not perform abortions based on moral, religious and ethical grounds

Your voice is needed now more than ever:

- Write the president and your congressional in both the U.S. House and U.S. Senate. Politely let them know of your opposition to FOCA and ask where they stand and why.
- Write to the editor of your local newspaper
- Join one of the many groups engaged in the fight to prevent FOCA from becoming law
- Pray that our elected officials will see the light and not vote in favor of FOCA
- Educate yourself and your family on FOCA.

The Archdiocese of Detroit's website, [www.aodonline.org](http://www.aodonline.org) has more information on FOCA and how you can get involved in preventing its adoption.

**The Call of St. Paul: Evangelizing and Building Communities of Disciples**

- Walk with Saint Paul on his missionary journey and reflect on the words and themes of his Letters to the Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians. Delve into the culture of St. Paul's time and understand how his message speaks to us today. This series is presented at Sacred Heart Major Seminary on Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM on March 21, April 18, and May 16, by the Department of Parish Life and Services, Office for Evangelization. The series is free; however, there will be a free-will offering to cover the cost of refreshments. No registration is required. For more information, call 313-237-5762.

**Saint Hyacinth's Detroit Tiger Outing**

- Please join parishioners and friends as the Detroit Tigers play the Oakland Athletics on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and include a pregame all you can eat buffet (hamburgers, hot dogs, coleslaw, potato salad baked beans, chips, pop and bottled water). The buffet opens at 5:30 PM. Game time is 7:05 PM. The Tigers are sure to be an exciting team and tickets for this outing will go fast. Take advantage of this opportunity and order yours early by calling Tom Baranski at (586) 739-7771. Tickets are on sale now.

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**Stations of the Cross** - Telling the story of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus was an important part of the early Christian's experience. In the late fourth century, people began making pilgrimages to the Holy Land, where they would follow the path that Jesus took to Calvary. During the Middle Ages, when outbreaks of war made it impossible for people to travel to the Holy Land, people created a Via Dolorosa, or "Sorrowful Way," in their towns and villages. They erected paintings or sculptures depicting the Passion of Christ along a processional route or inside a church. By the middle of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, the number of stations was fixed at 14 and the devotion known as the Stations of the Cross, also called the Way of the Cross, became widespread.

The object of the Stations is to help the faithful to make in spirit, as it were, a pilgrimage to the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death, and this has become one of the most popular of Catholic devotions. There is no devotion more richly endowed with indulgences than the Way of the Cross, and none which enables us more literally to obey Christ's injunction to take up our cross and follow Him. This is why we practice this devotion on a regular basis during Lent at Saint Hyacinth. In addition to joining us for the Stations prior to Masses on Saturday and Sunday, you are also encouraged to practice this devotion at home during the week.

**Polish American Dance Ensembles Blessing Mass**

The seventh annual Blessing Mass will take place on Sunday March 22, 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.

## Saint Hyacinth Roman Catholic Parish

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**PASTOR:** Rev. Janusz Iwan

**PARISH SECRETARY:** Darlene Zabrzanski

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**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.