



Saint Hyacinth

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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.

Third Sunday of Lent - Sometimes, God seems far away, mysterious, frightening. This was Moses' experience at the burning bush. The fire symbolizes God's other-worldliness - fire is the least material of all material things. It's like light; you can see it, but you can't touch it. It is burning in a bush, but the bush is not burnt up. That symbolizes that God's way of being is different from ours.



The name God reveals to Moses emphasizes the same thing: "I am who am." In other words, "I am the one who exists independently of every other being." Human existence is dependent: we come into the world through our parents; we are cared for by them, and even as adults, we need the support of a society, the companionship of others. We are dependent, God is independent. He simply is, from age to age. He has no need of anyone else. But this far-away-ness of God isn't the whole story. It's not even the most important part of the story. He may not need us, but he wants us to be close to him. Biblical scholars tell us that the Hebrew verb for "being" (used in God's name, "I am") doesn't just mean existence in the abstract. It also means to be near, to be close. God came close to Moses, and drew Moses close to him. In Christ and in the Eucharist, he does so even more.

God tells Moses that he has heard the cry of his suffering people. Christ too is God's answer to the yearning of every human heart - his definitive answer. Christ is the one who cultivates the soil around our hearts, as the gardener tends the fig tree in the parable. He wants our lives to bear the fruit of meaning, peace, and happiness. God is far away - because he is God - but he is also close by, because he cares.

God is reminding us today that he is close to us. He is always thinking of us, listening to us, and guiding us, just as he was with Moses, just as he was and is in his Son, Jesus Christ. This is a beautiful and comforting truth, and we need to think about it, to let it sink in and encourage us. But we should also think about all those people who don't know this truth, or don't believe it. For them, life is an even lonelier journey than it is for us. All they can do is hope that some day they will stumble across the secret to happiness.

God wants them to discover it. How? He is sending us to be his messengers. Lent is a time when we should double our efforts to help those around us. What greater gift could we give them than the knowledge of God's goodness and closeness? This is the Good News of Jesus Christ. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The greatest alms we can give are the news that Jesus Christ, Creator of the universe, wishes to walk by our side. In this Mass, let's ask Jesus to show us the person he wants us to bring this message to this week, and when we receive him in Holy Communion, let's promise that we will be his faithful messengers.

Parish Calendar

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

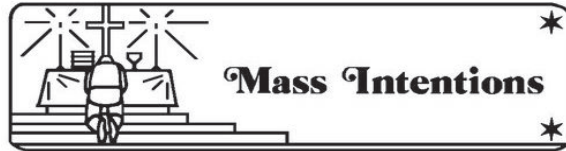
Monday, March 15 - Cleaning of the church for Easter beginning at 9:00 AM

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

Thursday, April 1 - Holy Thursday Mass at 6:00 PM

Friday, April 2 - Good Friday Services/Gorzkie Zale 12:00 to 3:00 PM. Distribution of Communion will take place at 3:45 PM.

**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
- For the 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 Orłowski
- † For All Living & Deceased Parishioners,
Benefactors & Friends of St. Hyacinth

Monday, March 8, 2010 – St. John**9:00 AM**

- † Frank & Dorothy Kupczak
Req. by their family
- † Mary Ancerewicz
Req. by her family & friends

Tuesday, March 9, 2010 – St. Frances**9:00 AM**

- † David Mijal
Req. by the Mijal family
- † John Przeslica
Req. by his wife Helen

Wednesday, March 10, 2010**9:00 AM**

- † Constance Gutc
Req. by Rita Szczepaniak

Thursday – March 11, 2010- Dantis**Friday, March 12, 2010 –****9:00 AM**

- † Rita Gnaster
Req. by Gene & Bob Lefler

Saturday, March 13, 2010**4:00 PM**

- † Frank & Mary Sienkiewicz
Req. by children, Joan, Robert & Ronny
- † Genevieve Sielagoski
Req. by Pete & Karen Larson & family
- † Martha Frontczak
Req. by her family & friends

Sunday, March 14, 2010-4th Sunday of Lent**9:00 AM**

- † June & Fred Hattey
Req. by their neighbors
- † M/M Casimer Kowaleski
Req. by the Smolinski family
- † Mary Ancerewicz
Req. by her family & friends
- † Helen Zabrzenski (Anniv.)
Req. by her son David & Darlene

11:00 AM

- † David Sobczak
Req. by his Godmother Trudy
- † Zenon & Anna Kolasa
Req. by their family
- † Irena Lukaszewicz (26th Anniv.)
Req. by daughter, Krystyna Kobersy
- † Deceased members of the Szczepaniak family
Req. by Kobersy family
- † For All Living & Deceased Parishioners,
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**Pope Benedict's Monthly Prayer Intentions
For March 2010**

General: That the world economy may be managed according to the principles of justice and equity, taking account of the real needs of peoples, especially the poorest.

Missionary: That the Churches in Africa may be signs and instruments of reconciliation and justice in every part of that continent.

Please keep our sick and caregivers in your prayers:

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| 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 | Doris Bishop |



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.

Sick List Updates - Our sick list has been growing and growing. Some of the names have been on the list for some time now. We ask that you please inform the rectory if your name is on the list, or you had a name added to the list that is no longer in need of Prayers for the Sick. Please let us know so we can keep this space up to date. Prayers for the sick are an important part of our faith. Help us help those in need by keeping our prayer list current.

**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.

Donations of baked goods are needed to serve our guests during the social hour. If you would like to share your favorite recipe, please just bring it to the school hall before 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.



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.

Parish Food Pantry - The parish food pantry is running low on supplies. Part of our Lenten commitment is almsgiving. Please consider helping the needy of our parish by contributing to the food pantry. Non-perishable items can be brought to Mass or dropped off at the rectory.

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>

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving - The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The key to renewed appropriation of these practices is to see their link to baptismal renewal.

Prayer: More time given to prayer during Lent should draw us closer to the Lord. We might pray especially for the grace to live out our baptismal promises more fully. We might pray for the elect who will be baptized at Easter and support their conversion journey by our prayer. We might pray for all those who will celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation with us during Lent that they will be truly renewed in their baptismal commitment.

Fasting: Fasting is an ancient Lenten practice. In fact, the paschal fast predates Lent as we know it. The early Church fasted intensely for two days before the celebration of the Easter Vigil. This fast was later extended and became a 40-day period of fasting leading up to Easter. Vatican II called us to renew the observance of the ancient paschal fast: "...let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind".

Fasting is more than a means of developing self-control. It is often an aid to prayer, as the pangs of hunger remind us of our hunger for God. Fasting should be linked to our concern for those who are forced to fast by their poverty or are in need for any reason. Thus fasting, too, is linked to living out our baptismal promises. By our Baptism, we are charged with the responsibility of showing Christ's love to the world, especially to those in need. Fasting can help us realize the suffering that so many people in our world experience every day, and it should lead us to greater efforts to alleviate that suffering. Abstaining from meat traditionally also linked us to the poor, who could seldom afford meat for their meals. It can do the same today if we remember the purpose of abstinence and embrace it as a spiritual link to those whose diets are sparse and simple. That should be the goal we set for ourselves—a sparse and simple meal.

Almsgiving: It should be obvious at this point that almsgiving, the third traditional pillar, is linked to our baptismal commitment in the same way. It is a sign of our care for those in need and an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given to us. Works of charity and the promotion of justice are integral elements of the Christian way of life we began when we were baptized.

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

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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.

Ushers Club Raffle - The winning ticket for the February Ushers Club 50-50 Raffle was #0330. The lucky ticket holder won \$190.00. Please remember to support our ushers by supporting the monthly raffle. Just ask and usher and they will be happy to assist you.

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PASTOR: Rev. Janusz Iwan

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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.

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