



Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral
Sunday Mass 8:00a & 11:00a
Visitors warmly welcomed!
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Views from the Pews Spring 2017

Lent is here and Easter isn't far behind. There's still time to make some changes and Lenten promises. Read on.

If you have an item or comment about the newsletter, please contact (call, text or email) Janice Jones at janicejones@prontomail.com or 864-9856 (cell). Please do not contact Anne Marie.

Welcome to our new church members Maura Krause, Sharon Kysor, and Mary Ann Turkla. Kindly send a picture to Anne in the church office. An informal selfie is fine! We are truly blessed to have all these wonderful people as members of our congregation.



Around the Board Room

Church Committee Elections

And the winners are . . . all of us. We welcome new and returning board members. Here is a list of all of our board members:

- Kevin Hartman – Chairman
- Kim Hartman – Secretary
- Norm Glowka – new Treasurer
- Frank Russo – vice-chairman & chair of Mission & Evangelism Committee
- Sharon Kysor, Maura Krause, Cindy Pecynski, Christel Saxon and David Bett – new committee members
- Beverly Basinski – financial secretary
- Ed Dudek Jr. – maintenance, facilities & cemetery
- Debbie and Jerry Ruzala
- Janice and Richard Jones
- Chuck Daehn

And a heartfelt thanks to out-going board members Don Barnes, Christina Giczkowski, Janice McJury, and Dave Pecynski who continue their efforts and contributions within the church in other ministries.

Branding our church – YES YOU CAN!

In a recent meeting about the future of the church, board member Janice Jones came up with the idea of using the moniker, YES YOU CAN! Branding tells people who you are and what you stand for. It's usually a catchy phrase. You will start to see banners and other materials with this logo as part of a marketing effort to bring others into the church. Many Roman Catholics do not attend a church because they are divorced, feel not welcomed, or don't see the value in a church community. Well, we hope to change that. Under the leadership of Jerry Ruzala, we're going to reach out to others to show them what the National Catholic Church has to offer.

Lots more information on this to come as we're just getting started because **Yes WE Can!!**

Church Office and Social Media

Our church office has been humming along with new computers and software. Next on our list, a new web site and updates to Facebook. We have contracted with SOS Computers not only to update our web site, but show us how to better market the church as well. Do you know that there's a way that HMRC can be first on the google list? Other important marketing tips from them to implement. There will be a half-day training session so that a few people can change the web site, rather than just one. Interested? Contact Anne Marie in the church office. Sherry Mack and Anne Marie have been updating and adding to our Facebook page. A HUGE thanks to Colleen Babcock for her help in this. Have a picture to share? Forward it to the church office at admin@hmrcncc.org. Selfies of an event are most welcome!

Other Events

Bowling has started! The national bowling tournament will be in New Jersey, very close to NYC, this year. Don't bowl but want to go along for the ride? Lots of touristy things to do in the big city.

Towel Bingo heading your way on April 30th. Sponsored by the YSM of R. Towels and auction items needed.

The Spring Dance is coming featuring Crash Cadillac. Dust off those dancing shoes and mark your calendar for May 13th. Bring a friend or two or three and enjoy the evening! Can't dance? Just move your feet –what great exercise and great fun to boot. You deserve a good time so, it's time to have some fun.

SOCL

Youth – There's a class for everyone! Get your child involved in church activities at an early age. We have wonderful, caring teachers who make religious education well, educational, but also fun!



Lenten Bible Study – Come join Bishop Mack and others as they examine “Give Up Something Bad for Lent.” every Tuesday at 7:00 in the board room. An easy read and good discussion. It's never too late to give up something bad. Some ideas from the book include giving up harsh or condemning judgments, bitterness, envy, apathy, pettiness or ill will. Giving up that candy or sweets doesn't really help us grow spiritually. Not judging others can make us a much better person. Try catching yourself if you're guilty of one of these things.

Adult – Bishop Peplowski continues to dazzle us with his knowledge of history and the Bible. All are welcome!

Mission & Evangelism Committee



Movie night is coming! Sit outside, grab some popcorn and watch a movie outdoors this summer. A committee is looking to make this happen. The movie will have a Christian theme and will be open to everyone in the community. This is part of our outreach to the community. Bring a chair and bring a friend to these events.

Remember to carry a few church business cards with you. You never know when you might find someone to give it to.

HMRC Concert Series

Please come with your family and friends. The concert series is coordinated by Beverly Basinski as the church takes on a music ministry. Watch the bulletin for more information.



Did you know?

Chris Giczkowski shared some little known facts about Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper.

- The Last Supper was actually painted on a wall in Milan, Italy. It's not a framed painting like you usually see in a museum.

- Taking a trip to Italy? Stop at the Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie to see it. You only get to stay 15 min. and only 25 people are

allowed at one time to view the painting. Tickets are available online, like everything else these days.

- It's big! The original is about 15 ft. by 29 ft.

- The painting has been restored many times but much of the original painting is gone.

You learn all kinds of interesting things at adult Bible study on Sundays.

Is God still your travel and vacation buddy!

Remember to talk with (not at) God as you drive to work or your Dr.'s appointment or do your errands. God is always in the driver's seat of our lives or sometimes rides "shotgun" with us but He always is nearby. I'm sure we sometimes wonder about that. So that's the perfect time to have a chat with God and renew your faith in Him. With God all things are impossible. And, only God can do the impossible.



Your Church Face

We enter the church, happy to be here. Bless ourselves with holy water. Entering the cathedral continues to be a "divine experience" for me. The beauty of the carvings and stained glass windows. The candles burning. The Mass. Receiving of Communion. And then we exit the church on our way to . . . Do we continue to have on our "church face?" Or does that go out the window as we leave the church grounds? Judgmental? Negative? Think YOU'RE always right? Negativity is very catchy. You can be in the best of moods and someone says something negative and BAM, puts you right in that same mood, doesn't it? So

put a smile on your face and extend a helping hand. Hold the door open for the next person. Let another car pull in front of you. Ask the cashier how his or her day is going. Compliment someone you don't know. In other words, make someone's day. Pray for those who really get your ire (anger) going – they need your prayer. Like Jesus said, "Lord forgive them for they know not what they're doing."

Health News

Need a good reason to go to the dentist? Well here are two. Regular dental cleanings and brushing your teeth twice a day has been shown to reduce the risk of heart attacks and even Alzheimer's. Some patients in hospitals can reduce their risk of pneumonia by having their teeth brushed on a regular basis. Your mouth carries all kinds of bacteria. So brush those tootsies and make your dentist your best friend.

No time to exercise? Too tired? Well even 10-15 min. a day can help. Take a stroll outside or go to your favorite store or mall. You'll feel energized and can better tackle that next project.



Love that chocolate? The darker the chocolate, the fewer carbs in it. That mean less sugar. But can you eat just one block? That's the catch. Some studies show that eating at least one square of 70% or higher dark chocolate might decrease your risk of heart disease and may reduce blood pressure. That's a treatment we would all love!

Church Scavenger Hunt

The objects below are located somewhere in the cathedral. Your mission, or your children's, is to find it. Too often, we take for granted our beautiful altars and stained glass. Appreciate the beauty of our church.



Who might this person be?

And what/who is he looking at?



Who is this person?

What is he carrying?

Non-picture scavenger hunt – Can you find the picture of Abraham about to kill his son Issac? You probably look at it at every service. Where oh where can it be?

Go to Facebook and share your answers on the church's web site. While you're there, upload a picture of a church function as well.