

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, MARCH 2, 2025

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAYS
1:15 PM ENG
2:15 POLISH

Please arrange the date of baptism through the Rectory office after the birth of your child

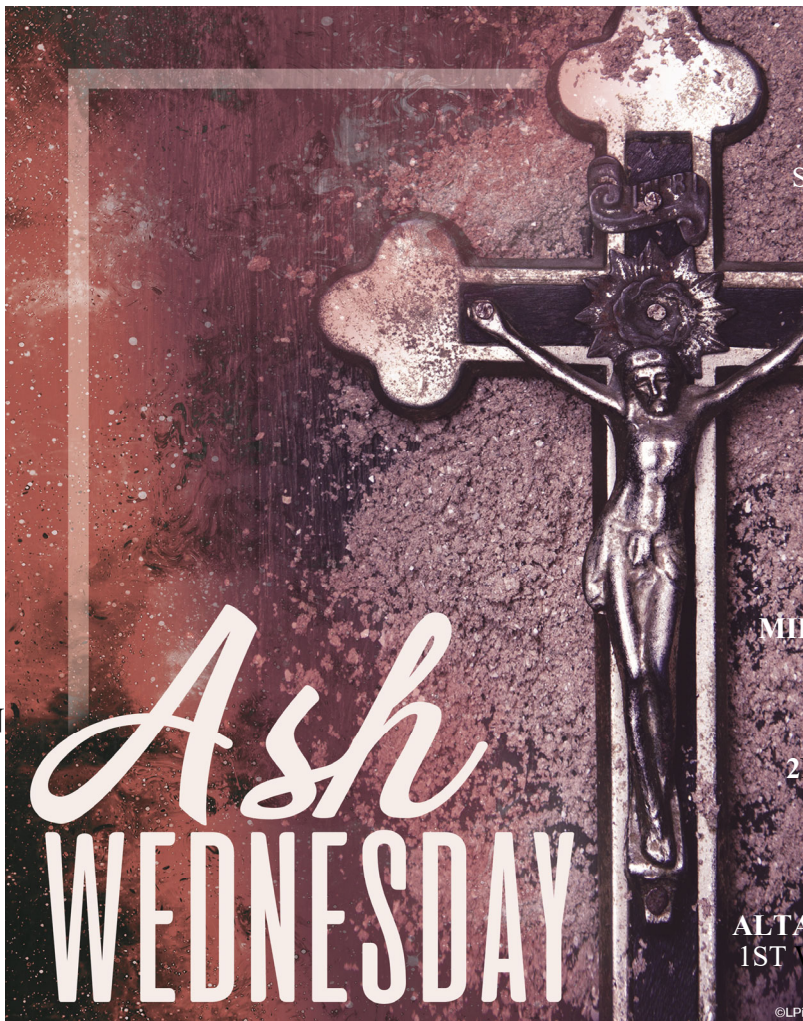
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Rectory for an appointment at least **six months** prior to the desired date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS
4:00 to 4:45 PM
and
THURSDAYS BEFORE FIRST FRIDAYS
4:00 to 5:00 PM

Other times by appointment.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

WEEKDAYS 7:00 AM
SATURDAYS 8:00 AM
SATURDAY EVENINGS
VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM
SUNDAYS
8:00 & 9:15 AM
10:30 AM (Polish)
12:00 Noon

RECTORY HOURS WEEKDAYS

9 AM to 12 Noon
& 1 PM to 4 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

TUES. 12 to 1 PM

MILLIONS OF MONICAS
TUES. 1 to 2 PM

PL PRAYER GROUP
W/ ADORATION
2ND THURSDAYS 7 PM

LAY CARMELITE
CHAPTER - 1ST SAT.
AFTER 8 AM MASS

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY
1ST WEDNESDAYS 6:30 PM
(APRIL, MAY, JUNE,
SEPT., OCT. & NOV.)

Our Mission Statement

*Lord, God, all creation is yours, and you call us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us. May the example of St. Isidore urge us to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of mankind. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.
Saint Isidore, Pray for Us.*

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8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, MARCH 2, 2025

IN LOVING MEMORY

Missalettes

Walter & Michael Kielkowski

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025

5:00 pm The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased
+ Albert Stepnoski / + Pamela Shield
B-day blessings for Estefania Gutierrez Bonilla
+ Timothy Michael Gilmartin

8TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME, MARCH 2, 2025

8:00 am + Wanda & Stanley Szumczyk
9:15 am + Frank L., Bertha M., Frank L. Jr. Ostroski
10:30 am + Anna & Jan Gojowski
(PL) + Stanisława & Jan Andrychowski
Za Członków żywego Różańca i Rodzinę Radia Maryja
+ Benjamin & Joseph Cicilioni & Family

12 Noon + Mary Ann & Joseph Strebel

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025

7:00 am + Susan Verndran

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025

7:00 am + Dr. David Shaffer / + Bruno Madzelan

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025

7:00 am Intentions of the Bonocore Family
Intentions of the Massiello Family

Prayer Services: 12:30, 3:30, 5:30

7:00 pm (PL) + Antone & Frances Zambrzycki & Family
The People of the Parish Living & Deceased

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025

7:00 am + Patricia Liebler

FIRST FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025

7:00 am + Caroline Stepnoski

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025

8:00 am + Jennie Koroleski / + Angelo Annas
5:00 pm + Robert Kaelin / + Benjamin R. Densieski (A)
Intentions of Susan Peterson / + Boleslaw Polak
+ Giuseppina Principato Zummatto

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 9, 2025

8:00 am + Scott Bugdin
9:15 am + Carolyn Merendino
10:30 am The People of the Parish Living & Deceased
(PL) + Jerzy, Irena, Margaret, Zbigniew (4th A),
Aleksandrowicz & Fam + Ziggy Wilinski (4th A)
+ Monika Baldowska & Family
+ Stanisława & Jan Andrychowski
Birthday blessings Mieczyslaw Wasilewski
+ Jozef, Urszula i Feliksa Sawicki
12 Noon + Claire Latour

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Readings for the week of March 2, 2025

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1
Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk
10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and
17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-
15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Adoration 12 to 1 PM

Millions of Monicas 1 to 2 PM

Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025

7 AM Mass & 7 PM (PL) Mass—with ashes
Prayer Serv. with Ashes—12:30PM, 3:30PM, 5:30PM

Thursday, March 6, 2025

Confessions 4 to 5 PM

Friday, March 7, 2025

Stations: English 6 PM / Polish 7 PM



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Immaculate Conception Council

Pancake Breakfast

At Saint John the Evangelist R.C. Church
546 St. John's Place Riverhead, NY

**Save the Date! Sunday,
March 23rd / 7:30 to 12:30
\$15 per person / \$6 children**



PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

*Marcjanna Stolarzewicz
Betty Wivchar
Carol Block*

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Nancy McDonald * Brendan Gallagher * Kristy West * Josephine Barker * Paul Farber * Nicholas Steinkamp * Teresa Muenkel * Ron Danowski * Peter Kraljic * Mary Mader * Carson Whible * Dave Zazeski * Faye Anderson * Hana Cutler * James Gibson * Jim Kenna * Daryl Alec * Paula George * Christina Donovan * John & Connie Giordano * Richard Francis Harrison II * Joan Zaleski * Catherine and Charles J. Sehy * Grazyna Pawlak * Gillen Family * Blythe Fickenwirth * Jody Breitfeller * Benjamin Gonzalez * Dominique Tirado * Diana Perniciaro * Sammy * Brodie * Joseph Stepnoski * James Kenna * Douglas Clark * Jan Suchta * Justin * Dakota Harmon * Cole Faller * Halikias Family * Liana Forstein * Rosemary & Daniel Ambrosini * Thomas Ryall * Anne Marie Donlon * Dorothy Sousa * Thomas McEnany * Mary Khulman * Michael Alperti * Roseanne Murphy * Barbara Kozlowski * James West * Elizabeth Farruggia * Kelly Wine * Mary Van Duesen * Thomas DeGirolamo * William Berenger * Daria Quarlena * Eileen Borchart * Sheila Nolan * Tom Wisniewski III * Jeffrey Clark * James, George and Barbara Jaeger * Ernest and Alex Aponte * Helen Long * Michael Miglionico * Ralph Conforti * The Barauskus Family * Hope & Brittany Williams * John Marion * Emilia Andrychowski * Augie & Georgianna Lucente * Johanna Benthall * Michelle Giaccone * Gloria Keller * Howard Seifert * Ed Kennedy * Kit Z. * Dolores Contino * Agnes Brown * Anders Ryden * Kevin C. Cook * Anita Costi * Doriane Bay * David Vallone * Brittany Schacor * Karen and Kim Finocchiaro * Eleanor Koller * Grace Mary Schulteis * Victor Sechyshyn * George Angles * Marta Andreotta * Melissa Alexandra * Christian Vidal * Suzanne Thompson * Anna Grefe * Anthony Mannino * Marcella Frisen * Theresa Puglia * Brian Darmody * Leigh Anne Brown * Dan Modjeska * Judy Zakorski * Marie Miley * John Shuot * Patrick Murphy * Brian Crowley * Louise Pampinello * Barbara Fenn

Reflections from Pope Benedict XVI

The Purpose of Lent



The purpose of Lent is to keep alive in our consciousness and our

life the fact that being a Christian can only take the form of becoming a Christian ever anew; that it is not an event now over and done with but a process requiring constant practice. Let us ask, then: what does it mean to become a Christian? How does this take place? If individuals are to become Christians they need the strength to overcome; they need the power to stand fast against the natural tendency to let themselves be carried along. Life in the most inclusive sense has been defined as “resistance to the pull of gravity.” Only where such effort is expended is there life; where the effort ceases life too ceases. If this is true in the biological sphere, it is all the more true in the spiritual. The human person is the being which does not become itself automatically. Nor does it do so simply by letting itself be carried along in surrendering to the natural gravitational pull of a kind of vegetative life. It becomes itself always in only by struggling against the tendency simply to vegetate and by dint of a discipline that is able to rise above the pressures of routine and to liberate the self from the compulsions of utilitarian goals and instincts. Our world is so full of what immediately impinges on our senses that we are in danger of seeing only details and losing sight of the whole. It takes effort to see beyond what is right in front of us and to free ourselves from the tyranny of what directly presses upon us.

Please keep all those serving in the military and their families in your thoughts and prayers especially: Nicholas Pelosi, Christopher Drowns, Jeffrey Heppner, James Fleming, Thomas V. D’Auria, Mateusz Marzec, Andre DeRosa and Garrett Bracht

Please keep Seminarian, **Nicholas Waldron**, in your prayers.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

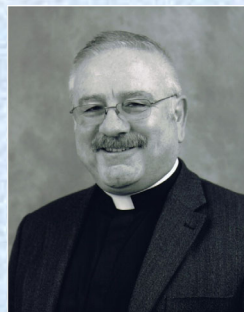
The next meeting has been rescheduled from Wednesday, April 2nd, to Wednesday, April 9th, so members can attend the trip to NYC.

OUR COLLECTIONS

Today, March 2: Sunday and Monthly School
Next Week, March 9: Sunday and Debt Reduction
Thank you for your generosity!

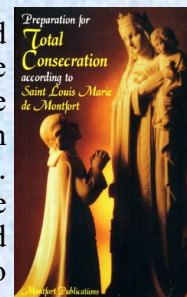
Devotion and Consecration to Mary

March 30-31, 2025



Fr. Roy Tyrdik will lead us on our mini Lenten retreat starting Sunday March 30th at 4:30pm and will continue on Monday, March 31st at 1:00pm and again at 7:00pm.

The retreat theme is Devotion and Consecration to Mary using the teachings of St. Louis Marie de Montfort. Fr. Roy will instruct us on how to consecrate our souls to Mary. During these turbulent times we need to get closer to Our Blessed Mother and consecrate our lives to her loving protection.



"COURAGE IS CONTAGIOUS"

MARCH 25, 2025



Fr Chris Alar, MIC
Hosts EWTN "Living the Divine Mercy",
Director, Association of Marian Helpers.

2025 WALK's.
GUEST SPEAKER



Rebecca Kiessling
International Pro-Life
Speaker and Attorney,
Conceived in Rape.

2025 WALK's.
GRAND MARSHAL



Fr Fidelis Moscinski, CFR
General Procurator, among the 23
pro-lifers who were unjustly
prosecuted by Biden DOJ who
unconstitutionally weaponized
the FACE ACT. Pardoned by
President Donald Trump Jan. 23,
2025 * LUNCH GUEST SPEAKER

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2 EVENTS-SAME DAY

2025
INTERNATIONAL
GIFT OF LIFE WALK-NYC

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LUNCH WITH A FRIAR
FR. FIDELIS MOSCINSKI.

RESERVE YOUR early bird SEAT Here:



2025 INTERNATIONAL GIFT OF LIFE WALK-NYC

This year will be the 9th Annual pro-life walk in NYC. Every year we honor the vision of St. John Paul II when he designated March 25, as the International Day of the Pre-born Child. The mission of this Walk is claim the Personhood of all humans at the moment of conception. With that carries the recognition of the worth and dignity of every human being, from conception to natural, true death.

GRAND PRO-LIFE MARSHAL **Rebecca Kiessling** International Pro-Life Speaker, Conceived in Rape

Rebecca Kiessling has been an international pro-life speaker and adoption speaker since 1995, speaking for various pro-life organizations, including right to life groups, crisis pregnancy center fundraisers, 40 Days for Life events, rallies, churches, high schools, universities, Students for Life, women's conferences, attorney conferences, adoption events, etc., throughout North America, Europe, and Latin America about 50 - 75 times/year, legislators across the U.S., Canada, Europe and Latin America.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER, FR.

CHRIS ALAR, MIC is a priest with the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception. Father Chris wrote and produced the popular "Divine Mercy 101" and "Explaining the Faith" DVD series. He is an international speaker and is a regular host and guest on EWTN. Watch his talks and programs on DivineMercyPlus.org.

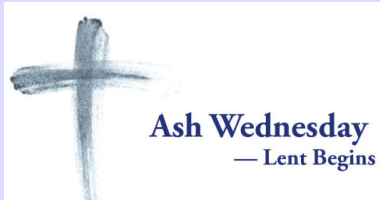
RALLY & WALK LOCATION:

11AM RALLY
FOLEY SQUARE
148-152 WORTH STREET
NYC, NY 10013

LUNCH @ CARRAGHER'S NYC

TIME: 1:30-4:30PM
LOCATION:
17 John Street, NY, NY
10038

*****CALL (631) 487-7578 for BUS information*****



ASH WEDNESDAY—MARCH 5

Catholics and many Christian religions observe Lent. Here are the Catholic guidelines for fasting and abstinence.

Significance of Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday service is not mandatory in the Catholic Church, so going to Mass is a personal choice. However, many Catholics observe this day by attending Mass and receiving ashes on their forehead. The priest may say the words, *“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return,”* emphasizing the virtues of penance and humility.

Why Ashes on Ash Wednesday?

On Ash Wednesday, wearing ashes on your forehead can feel like a bold proclamation of Faith, drawing curious or puzzled glances from others. Remember, this visible sign of repentance and humility is an opportunity to witness to Christ with quiet confidence and a joyful heart.

Purpose of Lenten Season

Lent is a time of spiritual preparation, self-examination, and penance leading up to the celebration of Easter. Catholics use this time to imitate Jesus’ forty days of fasting in the desert. It is an opportunity for us to deepen our relationship with God, seek forgiveness for sins, and grow in spiritual discipline. Catholics focus on self-denial, prayerful reflection, and charitable acts as a means of drawing closer to God.

Can You Eat Meat on Ash Wednesday?

Thousands search Catholic.com every year for things like Lent rules, Lent fasting, Catholic fasting rules, and Catholic Lent rules. So here are the Ash Wednesday fasting rules for Lent.

~ Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. ~

The Code of Canon Law says:

Can. 1251: Abstinence from eating meat or some other food according to the prescripts of the conference of bishops is to be observed on **all Fridays**, unless a solemnity should fall on a Friday. Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Can. 1253: The conference of bishops can determine more precisely the observance of fast and abstinence as well as substitute other forms of penance, especially works of charity and exercises of piety, in whole or in part, for abstinence and fast.

FASTING Guidelines on Ash Wednesday

We know that fasting and abstinence are observed on Ash Wednesday. Use these simple tips to guide you.

Catholics aged eighteen until sixty are required to fast.

This involves eating one full meal and two smaller meals. The total amount of food consumed in the two smaller meals should not be equal to a full meal. **Additionally, all Catholics over the age of fourteen are expected to abstain from meat on this day (and Good Friday).**

In Pope Benedict XVI’s homily on Ash Wednesday 2006 he said:

“Lent reminds us, therefore, that Christian life is a never-ending combat in which the “weapons” of prayer, fasting and penance are used. Fighting against evil, against every form of selfishness and hate, and dying to oneself to live in God is the ascetic journey that every disciple of Jesus is called to make with humility and patience, with generosity and perseverance.”

Beginning Lent

FATHER, *Forgive Them*

(During these next several weeks of Lent, I'll be printing the reflections by Fr. Joseph Mary Wolfe, MFVA, Chaplain of EWTN.)

As we enter the holy season of Lent, I want to help you grow in your love for Christ, the one who was “pierced for our sins, crushed for our iniquity,” the one who bore the punishment that makes us whole,” and the one whose wounds have healed us (Is 53:5).

As Jesus was on the cross, He spoke seven phrases, “the Seven Last Words,” that are now recorded in Scripture. Through these reflections, I will guide you through the meditations on these final words before His Death. This is designed to help you grow closer to Jesus, the Suffering Servant, as we meditate on His final words from the Cross and to help us prepare for our eternal journey. Let His words speak directly to you, and let Him transform you. (written by Fr. Joseph Mary)

FATHER, *Forgive Them*

We learn to forgive by looking at Jesus on the Cross. As Jesus hung in agony, He looked at the men who had crucified Him, and He looked at them in love. He cried to His heavenly Father and begged not for revenge or even justice, but mercy.

As we contemplate these words of Jesus, something of His power to forgive is imparted to us. **“Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.”** We cannot do it by ourselves, but as we contemplate our Lord on the Cross, we can ask for the grace to forgive so that we are able to say, “Father, forgive them for what they have done.”

When we forgive, however, it does not mean that we are necessarily going to feel forgiveness. Our emotions are what they are. We cannot always control the feelings that rise up in us, and sometimes the hurt just gets brought up again—but we can choose the way of Jesus. We can choose to forgive. Forgiveness really is a choice. I choose to forgive. I choose to pray for that very person who hurt me. I choose to treat them with charity and to ask the Lord to help them with the graces they need. That’s what Jesus did.

DECREE DESIGNATING THE BASILICA PARISH OF THE SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY, SOUTHAMPTON AS A SACRED JUBILEE SITE OF PILGRIMAGE

“I hereby decree that the Basilica Parish of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Southampton, be designated as a Sacred Jubilee site of pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year of 2025.”

This is such great news for those of us who live on Long Island! Earlier the Pope stated that one could only receive the Jubilee Blessing and Plenary Indulgence by going through the Holy Doors in Rome, but he has now decided that “the faithful may receive the Jubilee Plenary Indulgence granted by participating in any of the following: (cf. *Decree on the granting of The Indulgence During the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025 Called by His Holiness Pope Francis*).

- devoutly participating in Holy Mass (where liturgical norms allow for it, the Mass of the Jubilee might fruitfully be chosen, or one of the Votive Masses for Reconciliation for the Remission of Sins, for the Promotion of Charity or to Foster Harmony); a ritual mass for the conferral of the sacraments of Christian Initiation or the Anointing of the Sick.
- A celebration of the Word of God
- The Liturgy of the Hours (Office of Readings, Lauds Vespers)
- The Via Crucis (Stations of the Cross)
- The Marian Rosary
- The recitation of the Akathist hymn
- A penitential celebration, which ends with the individual confessions of the penitents, as established in the Rite of Penance (form II)

The following conditions must be fulfilled in order to obtain the Plenary Indulgence

- 1) Detachment from all sin, even venial
- 2) Confession of sins in the Sacrament of Penance
- 3) Reception of Holy Communion
- 4) Prayers for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff (Our Father, Hail Mary)
- 5) It is sufficient that these sacred rites and prayers be carried out within several days (about 20) before or after the indulgenced act.
- 6) Indulgences can always be applied either to oneself or to the souls of the deceased, but they cannot be applied to other persons living on earth.

“Having fulfilled these conditions, the faithful who participate in such a pilgrimage will benefit from the Indulgence.”

+ *Most Reverend John O. Barres, STD, JCL, DD* (Dated February 18, 2025)