

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 16, 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

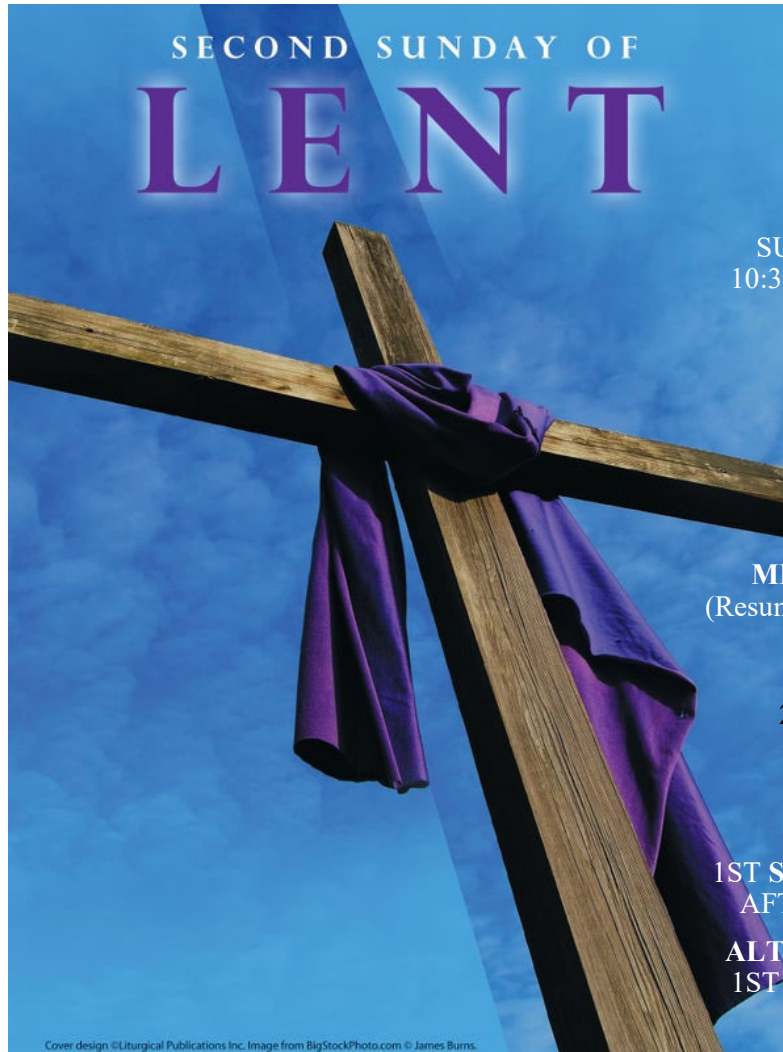
### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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 2 PM**

**MILLIONS OF MONICAS**  
(Resumes after Lent 1 PM-2 PM)

**PL PRAYER GROUP W/ ADORATION**  
2ND THURSDAYS 7 PM

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

**1ST SATURDAY DEVOTION**  
AFTER THE 8:00 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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# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 16, 2025

## IN LOVING MEMORY

### Missalettes

Walter & Michael Kielkowski

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025

5:00 pm The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased  
+ J William & Greg Stelzer & Andy Kohn  
+ Lawrence Taylor  
+ Boleslaw Polak

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 16, 2025

8:00 am + Sophie & Clarence Anderson  
9:15 am + Michael Weber  
10:30 am + Stanislaw & Jan Andrychowski  
(PL) + Zofia Czaplak / + Marcjanna Stolarzewicz  
+ Jozef & Stefania Zaniewski & Zaniewski Family  
Health for Krystyna Rutkowska  
+ Stanislaw Suchocki / + Czeslaw Drozdowski  
12 Noon + John A. Kruszon, Jr.

### MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025

7:00 am + Helen & Timothy O'Donnell

### TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025

7:00 am + Sophie Aschenbach / + Linda Caputo

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025

7:00 am + Anne T. Krueel (1st A)  
+ Joseph LaPurka & Family

### THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025

7:00 am + Marie Dunleavy

### FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025

7:00 am + Robert Kaelin

### SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025

8:00 am Intentions of the Mader & Massiello Families  
+ Joseph Rubino  
5:00 pm + Alex Sydlowski, Sr. / +Boleslaw Polak  
+ Caroline Stepnoski / + Betty Wivchar  
+ Martin J. Lennon

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 23, 2025

8:00 am + Anne T. Krueel  
9:15 am + Frank McBride (A), Daniel Donahue &  
Mildred Gatz  
10:30 am + The People of the Parish Living & Deceased  
(PL) + Ignacy, Maria i Tadeusz Zakrzewski  
+ Stanislaw i Jan Andrychowski  
+ Marcjanna Stolarzewicz / + Stefania Szymlet  
+ Stanley & Wanda Szumczyk  
12 Noon + Stanley & Wanda Szumczyk

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/ Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Every Sunday after the 10:30 AM Mass  
Gorzkie Zale

### Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Adoration 12 to 2 PM  
Millions of Monicas canceled

### Friday, March 21, 2025

Stations: English 6 PM / Polish 7 PM



## PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

*Richard Francis Harrison II  
Fred Ranghelli*



**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 SICK

Ben G. and Elizabeth \* Wm. Snyder \* 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 Gib-  
son \* Jim Kenna \* Daryl Alec \* Paula George \* Christina  
Donovan \* Connie Giordano \* 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 \* Hal-  
ikias Family \* Liana Forstein \* Rosemary & Daniel Am-  
brosini \* 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 Conti-  
no \* 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 An-  
gle \* Marta Andreotta \* Melissa Alexandra \* Christian  
Vidal \* Suzanne Thompson \* Anna Grefe \* Anthony  
Mannino \* Marcella Frisen \* Theresa Puglia \* Brian Dar-  
mody \* Leigh Anne Brown \* Dan Modjeska \* Judy Za-  
korski \* Marie Miley \* John Shuot \* Patrick Murphy \*  
Brian Crowley \* Louise Pampinello \* Barbara Fenn

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.**

## OUR COLLECTIONS

**Today, March 16:** Sunday and Debt Reduction  
**Next Week, March 23:** Sunday and Debt Collection  
*Thank you for your generosity!*

## REFLECTIONS OF DIVINE MERCY WITH SAINT FAUSTINA

### **Meditation at the 3 O' Clock Hour**

The *Diary* of Saint Faustina calls us to a new form of  
devotion in various ways. The fourth way is by honoring the  
hour of Jesus' death every day. "*Father, into your hands I  
commend my spirit!*" And Jesus breathed His last...

It was at 3 o'clock that Jesus took his last breath and died  
upon the Cross. It was Friday. For this reason, Friday  
should always be seen as a special day to honor His Passion  
and ultimate Sacrifice. But since it took place at 3 o'clock,  
it is also important to honor that hour each and every day.  
This is the ideal time to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.  
If the chaplet is not possible, it's at least important to pause  
and give thanks to our Lord every day at that time.

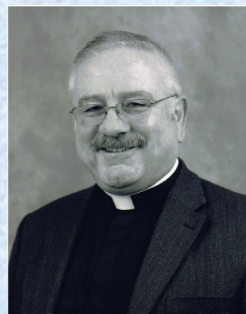
*Lord, thank You for the gift of Your ultimate Sacrifice on  
the Cross. Thank You for surrendering Your life into the  
Father's hands in this total gift of Yourself. May I always  
honor that moment of the day and daily strive to imitate  
this perfect Sacrifice of love. Jesus, I trust in You.*



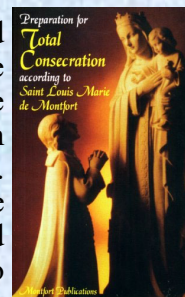
## Devotion and Consecration to Mary

**March 30-31, 2025**

Fr. Roy Tvrdik 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.



## BEHOLE YOUR *Mother*

(Reflections by Fr. Joseph Mary Wolfe MFVA—EWTN)

Jesus says, **“Woman, behold, your son...Behold, your mother.”** He first entrusts us to Mary (Behold, your son), and then He asks us to look at her (Behold, your mother). Think about the fact that the words Jesus spoke from the Cross were not just for that particular moment in time. When Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do,” that was not just for those who had put Him on the Cross. That was for all of us, all mankind, for all of human history. Similarly, when He says, “Behold, our son,” to Our Lady. He’s entrusting us in a very special way to her and her intercession.

And when He says to us, “Behold, your mother,” this is one of the great gifts that He gives us as He is hanging on the Cross, the gift of His own mother, so that she may assist us. Jesus asks us to look to Mary to learn from her, and to follow her example. We are invited to unite our own joys and sorrows to the joys and sorrows of Mary and with her, to say “Fiat,” “Yes,” to the will of God in the present moment. What sorrows can we say “fiat” with Mary to God for today?

### Second Sunday in Lent

**Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, John, and James.** *Luke 9:28b-36*

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The report of Jesus' Transfiguration is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The context for Luke's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew and Mark. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his Passion. After the prediction there is a discussion of the cost of discipleship in each of these Gospels. The placement of the Transfiguration story close to Peter's confession and Jesus' prediction encourages us to examine the Transfiguration in the larger context of the Paschal Mystery.

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospels, there is reference to conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel explains that this conversation is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as his exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection with the Israel's Exodus from Egypt.

On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus “master” instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son.

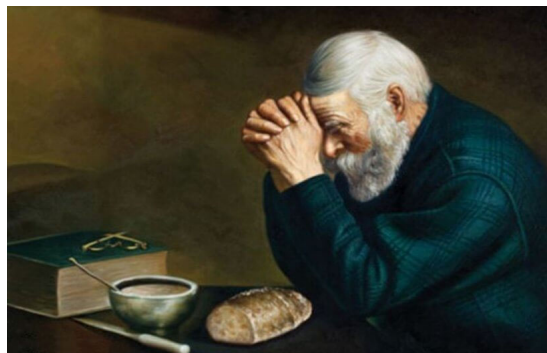
In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.

(excerpt from LOYOLA PRESS)

## Add This Penitential Practice For Lent 2025 (by good catholic—*The Catholic Company*)

**If only you knew how good it is to have the mind empty of all creatures, to admit only the image of Jesus Christ and Mary, the purest created reflections of the Invisible. Converse with them..."**

**A Carthusian monk**



I have never been good at fasting. Even if I skip a meal or two on a fairly regular basis because I forget or am too busy, it's easier than fasting. The minute I *intentionally* skip a meal, it becomes measurably more difficult. Yet I recognize the value of fasting in the spiritual life; I understand why it is a practical act that draws me closer to Christ.

Each time I fast, even if only in a small way, I am seeking a renewed reliance upon God. When I fast, it helps me truly focus on God and the importance of His primacy in my life.

### A Different Kind of Fast

I recently read a small book entitled *The Doors of Silence*, written by an anonymous Carthusian monk. In it, he urges his fellow monks to put a stop to those pesky thoughts that wreak havoc within the soul. He appeals to the monks with this question: "Are you not tired enough of conversing with men that you dialogue again with them now in your soul or imagination, to bring them to your reasoning?" As I read this I thought to myself, "If holy monks have these interior conversations with themselves, no doubt we all do!"

I know the conversations he's talking about: the interior dialogues that often go unchecked and have free rein over my thoughts. Or those conversations that take place in my mind long after the actual conversation has ended.

### We Can Fast From Things Other Than Food

If we think about the spiritual benefits of fasting from food and drink, it's not hard to see how curtailing the unnecessary inner monologues might also be of great benefit to us. At the very least, instead of time spent in unnecessary conversation with ourselves, it will foster more conversation with God. I am always less peaceful whenever I justify anger, resentment, or envy by harboring such feelings in my heart or entertaining interior dialogues about them. None of these thoughts add one day to my life but instead bring with them useless worry, agitation, and distraction. Or worse, they bring sinful thoughts or actions.

### Practice Arrow Prayers This Lent

Instead of obliging or entertaining those useless inner thoughts, the wise monk and author of *Doors of Silence* suggests that we have at our disposal arrow prayers or little messages of the heart to recite as a countermeasure.

These can be short prayers such as the *Glory Be*, the Jesus Prayer (*Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner*) or lines from a Psalm (*The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want* [Psalm 22], *Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love* [Psalm 51]) and so on.

Lent is the perfect time to try and eliminate our habit of worthless interior conversation. To "fast" from such indulgences.

After all, we are often reminded that this penitential season is a time to do the things that will help the Lord to prune us, to allow good fruit to come forth. It is an opportunity to unite ourselves with our suffering Lord.

Perhaps we might add this as a penitential practice for Lent—a practice that closes the door on the interior noise in our head and opens the door of silence in our heart.

## Make Your Lent Fruitful with These Three Acts



### **The Necessity of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving**

Traditionally speaking, three kinds of penitential acts form the Hermit's Lenten observance. These are **almsgiving, fasting, and prayer**.

#### ***Why do the hermits perform these three kinds of acts during Lent?***

All basic human goods fall into one of three groups:

1. Those goods which are external to us (e.g., money, homes, cars, etc.)
2. The goods of the body (e.g., bodily health, various sensible pleasures, etc.)
3. The goods of the soul (e.g., our intellects and wills themselves, knowledge, virtue, etc.)

By **giving up** these three kinds of goods for the honor and glory of God, we can, by His grace, make reparation for our past sins and **fortify ourselves against future sins**.

- When we give alms, we deprive ourselves of some external good(s) for God's glory
- When we fast, we deprive ourselves of some good(s) of the body to give honor to God
- And when we pray, we raise our hearts and minds to God and thereby surrender these very goods of the soul to God Himself.

#### **St. John the Apostle teaches that the three causes of sin are:**

- 1) "concupiscence of the flesh," 2) "concupiscence of the eyes," and the 3) "pride of life" -1 John 2:16

**The first** of these causes of sin is uprooted, or at least weakened, by **fasting**, the **second** by **almsgiving**, and the **third** by **prayer**.

Thus, when, by God's grace, we give alms, fast, and pray for the glory of God, we make reparation for our past sins and fortify ourselves against future sins. **And this is why we perform these three kinds of acts during Lent.**

### **3 Practical Suggestions for Your Lenten Observance**

While you spend more time praying during Lent, **strive also to pray better**. *For example*, don't be content with saying the Rosary as a vocal prayer. But try to focus your mind and heart as much as possible on the Divine Mysteries of the Rosary. Or, try to pray the Stations of the Cross with greater fervor and devotion.

**Try giving up the foods that you particularly like or find tasty** (e.g., desserts, drinks, etc). We can also "*fast*" from the use of electronics, and devote our extra time to spiritual reading or additional prayer.

Almsgiving can take many forms. It can involve giving extra clothing and other goods to the poor. It can also include giving material goods, including charitable donations with *greater generosity* than normal.