

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 9, 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

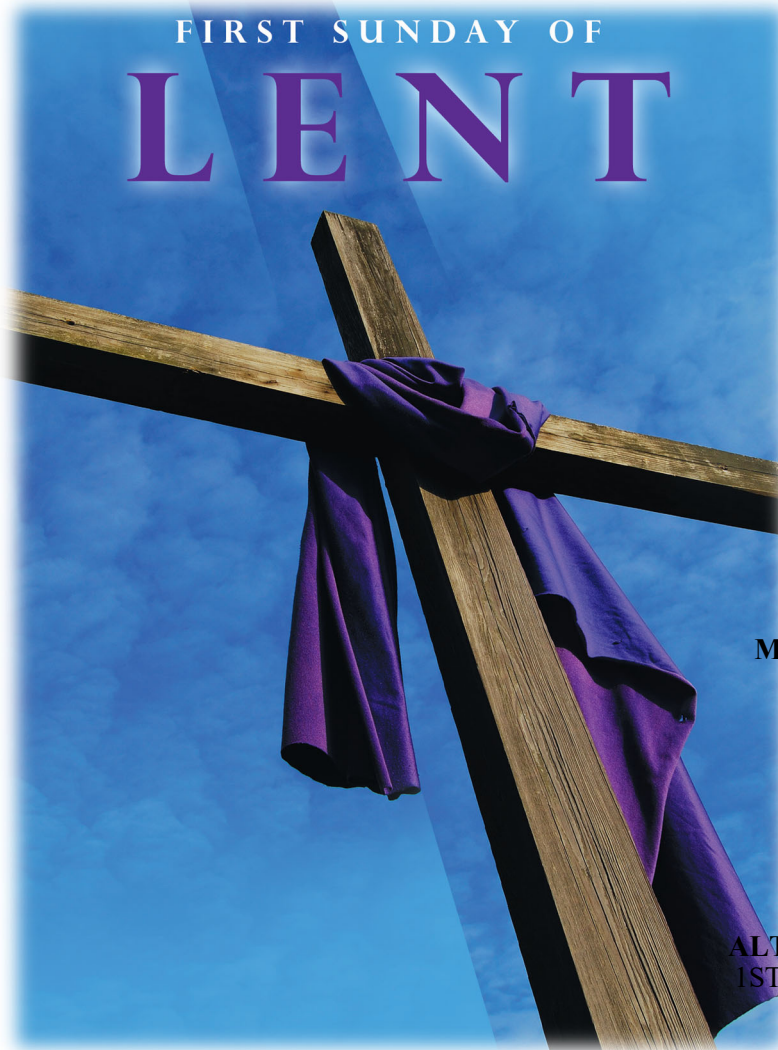
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 9, 2025

IN LOVING MEMORY

Missalettes

Walter & Michael Kielkowski

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025

5:00 pm + Robert Kaelin / + Benjamin R. Densieski (A)
Intentions of Susan Peterson / + Boleslaw Polak
+ Giuseppina Principato Zummato

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 9, 2025

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

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025

7:00 am + Stanislaw Andrychowski (1st A)
+ Eugene Lalanne, Jr.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

7:00 am + Gerald St. Onge
+ Maryann Matlak

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025

7:00 am + Paul McCusker

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025

7:00 am + Linda Malloy (A)

FIRST FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025

7:00 am + Pat Liebler

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025

8:00 am Intentions of the DeMarco & Goodale Families
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 (PL) + Stanislaw & Jan Andrychowski
+ Zofia Czaplak
+ Jozef & Stefania Zaniewski & Zaniewski Family
+ Marcjanna Stolarzewicz
12 Noon + John A. Kruszon, Jr.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next 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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Adoration 12 to 1 PM
Millions of Monicas 1 to 2 PM

Friday, March 14, 2025

Stations: English 6 PM / Polish 7 PM



PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

*John Giordano
Otar Evgenidze*



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 * William 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 Gibson * Jim Kenna * Daryl Alec * Paula George * Christina Donovan * 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 Benthal * 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 Angle * 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

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 New York City.

OUR COLLECTIONS

Today, March 9: Sunday and Debt Reduction
Next Week, March 16: Sunday and Debt Reduction
Thank you for your generosity!

REFLECTIONS OF DIVINE MERCY WITH SAINT FAUSTINA

In preparation for a deeper understanding of The Divine Mercy, we begin with the first gift of God: The Creation of the World. God, in His goodness, created the world out of nothing. This act of creating everything out of nothing reveals, in part, that creation is a pure gift from the goodness of God. This first act of love is His first act of Mercy.

Ponder the gift of creation throughout the day. Try and let your heart be filled with gratitude for all God created out of nothing. All creation reflects the splendor and beauty of our God.

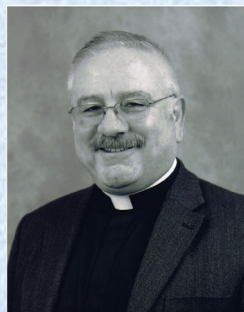
Lord, I thank You for the wonderful gift of creation. I thank You for creating all things out of love and for being the one and only source of all that is. All of creation reveals Your merciful love. Jesus, I trust in You.



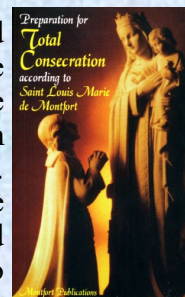
Devotion and Consecration to Mary

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.



An Examination of Love as Lent begins

(by Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila)

Over the last few years, I have spoken and written often about the importance of abiding in relationship with the Holy Trinity. The underlying principle that makes this abiding possible is the gift of God's love, which we call charity. One of the main points that I stressed is that the love that transforms us and gets us to Heaven is one that loves God first and above all things. This point cannot be understated. The Lord himself gave this command to the people of Israel, "Here, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord your God, with your whole heart, and with your whole being, and with your whole strength. Take to heart these words which I command you today" (Dt 6:4-6). Furthermore, Jesus in the Gospel tells us, "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (Jn 13:34). And he gives us the command, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you" (Lk 6:27). As we begin to ponder how Jesus is calling us to approach Lent, I offer here an examination of our love. Please pray with it and ask the Lord how he is inviting you to love him more.

1. Do you dedicate time each day to give praise and worship to God?

Daily personal prayer is necessary if we are to follow Jesus as his disciples. What we do in that time is just as important as carving the time out itself. In prayer, we want two things: to receive God's love more deeply and to love God more perfectly. I encourage you to examine how much time you spend simply telling God how much you love him, praising him for his goodness and blessing his name. "It is truly right and just" to worship the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Let us make sure that our prayer time is giving glory to the Holy Trinity and not only looking at ourselves.

2. Do you make the Lord's Day a priority?

Jesus teaches his disciples, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (Jn 14:15). If we love God above all things, his Word will shape and guide every aspect of our lives. This is nearly impossible without frequent reading and prayer with Sacred Scripture. If regular Scripture reading is new to you, begin the Gospels (especially the Gospel of Mark!). Allow the Word to speak to your heart, listening to each word from the mouth of Jesus as addressed to you personally. In his love, how is he calling you to conform your heart and behaviors to his?

3. Do you make the Lord's Day a priority?

God commanded his people to keep the Sabbath holy. In the new covenant, we honor the Lord, especially on Sunday, in remembrance of Jesus' resurrection. How do we honor the Lord on Sunday? Is it a day of rest and prayer? Or a day to catch up on work and prepare for the week ahead? Is mass something you fit in? Or is the rest of the day scheduled around it? Do you encounter Jesus as you listen to his Word and receive him in the Eucharist? Let your heart cry out, "Jesus, help me to love you in your Word and in the Eucharist."

4. Do you receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation with the intention of reconciling with God or clearing your conscience?

The sacrament of Confession is an incredible gift from God to help us receive his forgiveness and love and to grow and grace and virtue. Our disposition to the sacrament matters. Sometimes, we can be motivated to go to Confession to relieve our guilt. While we should still certainly go, it is more perfect to desire to go to Confession to reconcile with God. Do our hearts miss the intimacy we may have lost with God because of our sins? Or do we need to clear our conscience and move on?

5. Do you have worldly attachments which get in the way of your love for God?

Attachments are not necessarily always sinful, but they do prevent us from growing in charity. Our human hearts have finite abilities. Although we often think we can have it both ways, the Lord tells us we must choose one over the other. "No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or he be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon" (Mt 6:24). What attachments are preventing you from serving and loving God more fully? Are you more attached to money, judgments, political parties or work than to the love of God?

6. How do you give to those who have no way to repay you?

Jesus is the most perfect example of charity in action in a human heart. His highest act of charity is giving his life for us on the Cross. In Jesus' sacrifice, he shows us that if we truly loved, we would not consider "What's in it for me?" Through Jesus' passion, God chooses to love us and fix the mess we have made, even though we have no way to repay God for original sin or our personal daily sins. In what ways we love those who have no way to repay us or fix what they have done?

7. Are there relationships in your life that require deeper forgiveness?

I have written before on the necessity and power of forgiveness. I reiterate that Christians are required to forgive, and I'll remind you that there is great freedom and forgiving. Ask the Lord to show you any relationships where you need to offer deeper forgiveness. Then pray, "In Jesus' name, I forgive (name) and (what), and I release them from their debt to me and ask you to bless them abundantly. Remember, forgiveness will bless you more than them! They may not even know that you were offended, yet when you forgive from the heart like Jesus, the burden, the grudge, the brooding will leave you. The love of Jesus will set you free! Take time this month to examine your love as we approach Lent. A Lenten practice that the Lord invites us into is always better than what we throw together on Ash Wednesday! Be assured of my prayers for you and may we grow in charity and more perfectly glorify our Father in Heaven

With Me in *Paradise*

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

The second word of our Lord from the Cross is, **“Today you will be with me in Paradise.”** Here we see His work of redemption already begun, even as He is hanging on the Cross. A man who is a thief, and perhaps a murderer, is forgiven. And why is he forgiven? The thief said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom”. (Luke 23:42)

Ultimately, our salvation is not something we achieve. It is looking to Jesus and saying to Jesus, “Jesus, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom. Save me because I have sinned against You.” We hope to one day hear Him say, “Today you will be with me in Paradise.” That’s the good news. That our Savior died for love of us, so that one day you and I can be in paradise because of what He has achieved.

Until that time, Jesus is with us every single day in the Eucharist. That is the great treasure that you and I have. As St. Thomas Aquinas wrote in a beautiful hymn, “O Sacred Banquet, in which Christ is received, the memory of His passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and the pledge of future glory is given.”

First Sunday in Lent

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. Luke 4:1-2a

Temptation is Real, and Painful

We rarely reflect upon all that Jesus endured and all that He suffered in His human life. Sure, we think about the Crucifixion at times, but even that is often overshadowed by our knowledge that He rose. It’s easy to miss the suffering He experienced throughout His life. And it’s easy to miss the reason He went through all that He did go through in His humanity. It’s about love for us all. It’s about God loving us so much that He was willing to endure every form of hardship and human suffering that enters into our lives. It’s about God being able to look us square in the face and say, “Yes, I do understand what you’re going through...I really do.” This is love. It’s a love so deep that God Himself was willing to experience our weaknesses and pain so that He would be able to meet us there, console us in the midst of whatever we are going through, and gently lift us out of it to the new life He has in store for us. Again, this is Love!

The Spirit “led” (Matthew’s and Luke’s versions) and even “drove” (Mark’s version) Jesus out into the desert. This was a way of telling us that this experience was the plan and will of God. It wasn’t something imposed upon Jesus by some strange happenstance. It wasn’t bad luck or an unfortunate and meaningless human suffering. No, it was suffering for a purpose. Suffering with an intention. And the intention was, in part, to experience and embrace all that we experience and must embrace. Temptation in life is real. It’s the result of our fallen human nature. It comes from our weakness but also from the evil one. Temptation can be a heavy burden and cause heavy emotional and psychological pain. And when the temptation is given in to, it causes an even deeper spiritual pain. Jesus never gave in to the temptations in the desert, nor did He give in to temptations at any other time in His life. But He endured them and suffered them.

This tells us that He can be our strength and inspiration in the midst of whatever we are tempted with each and every day. Some days we may feel the loneliness and isolation of one who is driven into the desert of our sins. We may feel as though the wild beasts of our disordered passions are getting the best of us. We may feel as though the evil one is having his way with us. Well, Jesus felt this way, also. And He freely allowed Himself to experience this in His humanity. It was the will of the Father and the working of the Holy Spirit that drove Him to this experience. For these reasons, it is Jesus Himself who is able to meet you in this desert within. He is there, waiting for you, looking for you, calling to you. He is there in the midst of anything and everything you may be going through. And it is He, the One who defeated this desert temptation, who will gently guide you out. He went to the desert to meet you and to bring you back. And just as the angels ministered to Jesus in this desert, so also does He send those angels to minister to you.

So whether your “desert” is only a slight agitation in life right now, or if it’s a struggle against complete despair, Jesus wants to meet you and bring you out. He conquered the desert once and for all, and He is able to conquer any desert in your life, also.

Lord, I acknowledge Your perfect love for me. I believe that You love me enough to endure all suffering, to understand all suffering, and to bring me out of my own interior dryness and pain. May I let you be driven into the desert of my own soul; and there, as I encounter You, may I allow You to lead me to the cool and refreshing waters. Jesus, I trust in You.

(excerpt taken from MY CATHOLIC LIFE)

LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio



Join Bishop Andrzej
For Scripture Reflection Series
on JOHN the BAPTIST
Tuesday, March 11, 2025
Wednesday, April 2, 2025
at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.

Study of Bible Texts

JOHN the BAPTIST
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