

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
FEBRUARY 14, 2016**



**LENT**

We begin the Holy Season of Lent with hope. Our hope is for a successful Lent, where we grow in the grace that Jesus gives us. Our hope is for the repentance of sinners, remembering that we, too, are sinners in need of redemption. Our hope is for the fallen away Catholics who have stopped practicing the faith that they take courage to return to God's grace. How can we make the most of this penitential season? We certainly can follow what the Gospel tells us to do: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

For Catholics prayer is centered around Jesus, especially in the most perfect prayer of the Eucharist or the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Our prayer is enriched when we make a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament or when we make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the chapel. Special graces are given to those who are guardians of the Blessed Eucharist, because they dedicate one hour weekly before the Blessed Sacrament in prayer. It is true that prayer can take place in our homes and even by ourselves in private. Prayer before Our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is fruitful and enriching. Praying the Mass is an obligation on Sundays and Holy Days but it is also a great gift.

Fasting or depriving ourselves for a short period of time is a great way to strengthen our will. By practicing some sort of fasting, we purify ourselves and we reset ourselves to be more open to God. There are many different kinds of fasts. The Church calls us to fast on one meal and two smaller meals on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Other fasts include eating only bread and water to maintain strength. Still other fasts call for water only or nothing at all for a certain period. The practice of abstaining from eating meat on appointed days comes from an old discipline of depriving oneself of a main staple.

Almsgiving is a practice people often forget. The giving of money to help the poor or to help a particular cause is an obligation that we cannot forget. God uses us to help others in need. Often God will allow us to be fortunate so that we might help those in need. Almsgiving allows us to give of our time, our talent or our treasure. Consider giving a gift to help the poor of our area or to help the unfortunate elsewhere. Give a gift to the parish Church, to Catholic Charities or to the Cardinal's Annual Appeal.

As we proceed in the Lenten Season, let us do our best to grow in the grace of God by these practices: prayer, fasting and abstinence. May God bless us this Lent.

SAT:	5:30pm	Elizabeth Kennerk
Sun:	7:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Filippo & Antonio Mansueto Rafael Zambrana
LATIN:	9:00am	Living & Deceased Members of Joseph Bertolozzi Family
	11:30am	Jacob & Helen Wontz
	1:00pm	Carmen Valverde Palma
MON:	7:30am	Nicola Di Iorio
	12:10pm	Antonio, Lena & Andimo Sacco
TUE	7:30am	Michaele Svizzero
	12:10pm	Filomena Biasi Dauksher
WED:	7:30am	Theodore Kasica
	12:10pm	Antonio & Filomena Levato
	7:00pm	Raymond Francis La Place
THUR:	7:30am	Jimmy & Margaret Tirpak's Intentions (living)
	12:10pm	Michaele Svizzero
FRI:	7:30am	Carol Di Domenico (living)
	12:10pm	Ralph Turi, Jr.
SAT:	8:00am	Giovanna & Rosa Biasi
	5:30pm	Martin F. Grenzhauser
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Theresa Reidy Marion Mc Lean
LATIN:	9:00am	Governer "Gov" Hendley
	11:30am	Klein, Vereline & Di Domenico Family
	1:00pm	Angelina Carino

**PRAY FOR**

Lynn Stewart  
Frank Garcea  
Frank Capalbo  
Kim Muller-Floyd  
Ann Garvey  
Raul Cid

*Note: Monday through Friday, 12:10 mass is offered for an increase in vocations. An additional intention may be requested.*

## APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER

Parishes of the Orange County Vicariate are uniting in prayer each day throughout the year for the members of our beloved clergy. Please remember:

February 14	Most Rev. Dominick Lagonegro, DD
February 15	Rev. Emmanuel Anyansi Rev. Michael Kissane, O.Carm
February 16	Rev. John Bonnici Deacon Vincent Cookingham
February 17	Rev. Andrew Kurzyna Rev. Bernard Heter
February 18	Rev. George Hafemann Deacon James Faulkner
February 19	Rev. Herb De Garis Rev. Stephan Huy Tran, O.Carm
February 20	Vocations Seminarians

## PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Father's charitable works through the Peter's Pence Collection. Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. Your generosity is an act of solidarity with the universal Church, answering the call to become a witness of charity. May God bless you.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Christians throughout Orange County are invited to take part in the National 40 Days for Life effort. All are asked to pray and fast to end evil of abortion in our land. In addition you are asked to consider volunteering to pray near Planned Parenthood, Coates Drive, Goshen. You may volunteer for any hour. Our parish is committed to covering the vigil on Monday, February 17 – Monday, March 16. We will need at least 2 volunteers for each hour from 7am until 6pm. For more information call Deacon Mike Brescia at 845-341-7357.

## CHOIR REHEARSAL

Choir rehearsal for Easter (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil only, NOT Easter Sunday) begin Thursday February 18 in the church choir loft starting at 7pm, and continue on Thursdays until Holy Week. These rehearsals are required in order to sing with the choir at these particular Masses. Everyone is welcome. Speak to our Music Director Joseph Bertolozzi after Mass if you have any questions.



## PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Lent began this past Wednesday. This is the season for us to fast, pray and do penance in order to come closer to Jesus, our Merciful Redeemer. It has particular importance during this Jubilee Year of Mercy. One practice that you might adopt is to give Jesus an hour of adoration each week. Give up that TV program, the weekly bowling game or whatever and come kneel before Jesus and talk to Him. He will renew you and deepen your faith. Pray for your children, your parents, friends and enemies. Let His Mercy flow out onto everyone.

The chapel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Surely there is at least one hour you can give to Jesus. He gave His life for you.

### Hours of special need are:

**Monday 3-4AM**  
**Tuesday 1-2AM**  
**Tuesday 3-4AM**  
**Tuesday 4-5AM**  
**Wednesday 3-4AM**  
**Wednesday 4-5AM**  
**Thursday 1-2AM**  
**Friday Midnight-1AM**  
**Saturday Midnight-1AM**

(For Winter Closings, Call 341-0587)

## OPEN HOUSE

Saint Therese Classical Academy, located in Middletown, NY will be hosting an OPEN HOUSE on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM for all prospective families and students in grades PreK – 12 at their location: 113 Cottage Street Middletown

STCA is a liberal and fine arts academy offering students a classical curriculum along with enrichment classes in art, music (choir, harp, strings, music theory, and lessons), dance, Martial Arts and video production.

For information please visit our website at [www.stcacademy.org](http://www.stcacademy.org) or call Mrs. Terri Raciti at 845-926-7510. *Come Grow with Us!*



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**Reminder:** All classes resume this week.

As part of their alms-giving during Lent, Religious Education Children and their families are supporting Holy Childhood Association this will provide support for needy children in underprivileged countries. This activity occurs during the Holy Season of Lent to familiarize children with the spirit of alms-giving and the personal sacrifices we offer to God in preparation for the celebration of the Easter season.

Reminder:

In Case of inclement weather please call the Religious Education Office to find out if classes were cancelled (845) 343-4415. Thank You

### ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH WINNING CALENDAR NUMBERS

Jan 29 - # 3605	Feb 5 - # 3001
Jan 30 - # 3522	Feb 6 - # 3019
Jan 31 - # 2397	Feb 7 - # 2006
Feb 1 - # 2675	Feb 8 - # 3747
Feb 2 - # 2416	Feb 9 - # 3049
Feb 3 - # 2943	Feb 10 - # 3275
Feb 4 - # 3398	Feb 11 - # 2304

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses discusses the power God has displayed in freeing his people from oppression and leading them to a rich land. He tells the people that they should make offerings to God to show their gratitude, and then celebrate over the great things he has given them.

### Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Paul tells us that if we proclaim, "Jesus is Lord" and truly believe that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved. For God shows his mercy toward everyone who calls upon his name.

### Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Jesus fasted in the desert for forty days, then Satan appeared to him and tempted him to turn stone into bread. After Jesus refused, Satan promised him great powers if Jesus would worship him. Jesus replied that he would worship God and no one else. Then Satan tried to persuade Jesus to put God to the test, but again Jesus resisted his temptation.

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## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be conducted on Wednesday's after the 12:10pm Mass and on Fridays' at 7:00pm in the main Church.

## SHORTER NOTICES

†**ST. JOSEPH'S LAY APOSTLES** will meet today, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Everyone is welcome. Come and join us. For more information, call 1-845-673-5339.

†**PORK DINNER** – The meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the meeting room/gymnasium. Anyone interested in helping is asked to attend this meeting.

†**CATHEDRAL PREP/COLLEGE** – Did you attend Cathedral College or Cathedral Prep? If so or you know someone who did, the College/Prep Alumni Assoc. would like to add you to its mailing list. To register go to: <http://bit.do/cccpaa>

†**PARISH VISITORS OF MARY IMMACULATE** will be having a Silent Auction/Baskets on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm. It will be held at Sacred Heart School Gym, 26 Still Rd., Monroe, NY. Refreshments & entertainment - \$5.00 per person.



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday

Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

#### Monday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

#### Tuesday

Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

#### Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

#### Thursday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

#### Friday

Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

#### Saturday

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48