

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 8, 2020**



SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH

5:00PM Mary & Charles Kryda req. by their grandchildren

SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH

8:00AM People of the Parish

9:30AM Rita Truesdell req. by James Sweetman

11:00AM Antonino & Theodora LoPiccolo req. by LoPiccolo Family

MONDAY, MARCH 9TH

9:00AM Stephen Stapleton req. by Kate & Ed Sagarese And Libby & Jim Manion

TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH

9:00AM No Intention

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH

9:00AM No Intention

THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH

9:00AM No Intention

FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH

9:00AM No Mass

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH

5:00PM Greco & Farrell Families req. by Martuscello Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH

8:00AM People of the Parish

9:30AM Marlene & Michelle Vanacore req. by the Vanacore Family

11:00AM Gerard Blenkle req. by Father Tom

We warmly welcome all our visitors to St. Mary's and Our Lady of Mercy Churches and invite you to participate and enjoy our liturgies. If you are new to our parish and would like to register as a parishioner, please call the rectory office at 236-4340 during the week.

DIVINE MERCY MEETING

On the first Sunday of each month, the Divine Mercy Group will meet in the side room of St. Mary's Church. The Chaplet will be sung at 7:30.



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung every first Saturday before the 5:00 Mass.

The second Sunday of the month, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited in Our Lady of Mercy.

On the third Sunday of each month, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited at 10:40 AM.

For more information on the organization's Mission Statement please contact, Jovita Kanz at friends06@me.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Upcoming Events:

Monday, March 9th – Confirmation Parent Meeting - 7 PM in the Hall



Monday, March 23rd – Registration will open for next year's Religion Classes

Wednesday, March 25th – 1st Communion Parent Meeting – 4:30 PM in the Hall

Saturday, April 4th - Annual 1st Communion Breakfast Reserve the date on your calendar and if you haven't received a letter asking for a head count please call the rectory

WE ASK YOUR HEALING PRAYERS FOR...



healing prayers for all in our parish who are ill or recuperating from an illness. We also ask your prayers for family members who may be caring for spouses or parents who are elderly and unable to live alone.

TITHING REPORT

February 29/March 1: Total \$4139. 122 envelope users contributed \$2516; non-envelope users, \$1623.



Your offerings for the past few weeks have been extremely generous and we thank you for all of generosity in helping us to pay all of our bills.



**BANNS OF MATRIMONY
ARE ANNOUNCED BETWEEN
ANGELO CAUCHI and DANIELA MANICHINO**



**the CARDINAL'S
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**
Sharing God's Gifts

The Annual Cardinal's Appeal began this past week. There are so many reasons why this appeal is so important, not only to those in need in the archdiocese, but also to us, in our parish community. Your support of the Appeal helps countless people and sustains the fabric of our ministries throughout our parishes. Letters from the Cardinal's Office have been mailed out to all parishioners in the diocese. Please take the time to read this material and consider giving whatever your means might allow. Thank you.



As children we were taught to "give up something" for Lent. Many adults still retain this practice. However, it seems as we get older, it gets a bit harder to "give up something" for the entire Lenten Season.

Why not try to put a little variety in your Lenten sacrifices. Some suggestions are: attend Stations of the Cross at 7pm on Friday evenings; try to attend one daily Mass each week; perhaps "give up" something different each week during Lent. Perhaps you know of someone in need. Why not try to do an extra, kind deed each week.

Or why not consider joining our Tuesday afternoon bible study and prayer group beginning at 1:00PM in the Parish Rectory. For more information, please call the Rectory. The possibilities are endless.

Please Mark this date: "Reconciliation Monday" will be on Monday, April 6th this year in the Rectory – more information will follow.



**Second Sunday of Lent
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“Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest through the appearance of our savior Jesus Christ.”

The world of advertising and consumerism tells us what we need and cannot do without. How many things do I buy or work for are only for my convenience and or satisfaction.

Lent is a time for our own buying spree. Salvation in Jesus Christ is something that I cannot do without. I speak of my need, our needs, today, and Jesus continues to support us. I want to make the same effort seeking His grace and the gift of salvation, as others do for some material thing.

This Lent is my Lent to seek, ask and find. May this second week bring me what I need the most – His saving grace.

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

This story from Exodus reveals that the Israelites, after their escape from Egypt, cast all blame for their sufferings on Moses. In this instance, they were dying of thirst. When Moses appealed to the Lord, the Lord directed Moses to strike a rock and water would gush forth.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Paul reminds the Romans that because Christ died for all people, they are acceptable in God’s sight.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman at Jacob’s Well. When Jesus indicates that whoever drinks from the water, He gives will never be thirsty again, the woman immediately answers, “Give me this water, sir...”. Jesus then reveals that she has had five husbands and tells her that He is the Messiah. The woman believes Jesus and proclaims this news to all the townspeople, who believe her and come to see Jesus.

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CHILI COOK OFF VETERAN FUND RAISER!

American Legion Post 124 is hosting its Annual Chili Cook Off on Saturday, March 14th from 12-3 pm. For \$10 per person & under 12 - \$5, lets you taste them all. If you want to enter, you must enter by March 1st. Call (845)591-8851 to register or for more information.

Did you know that *the 2020 Knights of Columbus Scholarship is for one thousand dollars (\$1,000)?*

In addition to having applications available in the public and private high schools in the area, an application is also available at the back of the church or by contacting 4th Degree Knight Raymond Leduc, Sr., Scholarship Committee Chairperson at rleducsr43@gmail.com or at 845-236-7624 (home) or 845-206-8355 (cell). The completed application, essay, letter of recommendation and official high school transcript must be received by the Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee by Monday, April 13, 2020 at the very latest.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HIGH SCHOOL ...

... will have an Open House Information Night on March 31st from 6-8 pm. All families with students in grades 7th through 10th grades are invited to attend. (131 Boardman Rd., Poughkeepsie.) If you need additional information please call (845)463-0400 ext. 1009 or email powers.kathleen@ollchs.org

**COMING SOON - GRANNY’S ATTIC
May 15th – 16th – 17th**

As you think about your spring (that’s coming too!) cleaning, please remember to save all your clean, useable items for our annual Granny’s Attic Sale. As always, we ask that you donate only clean and “working” items which you might consider purchasing yourself.

Items for the sale should be brought to the Parish Hall on Thursday and Friday, May 14th and 15th between the hours of 9AM and 2PM. We are sorry but we cannot accept:

- + clothing or shoes
- + computers or computer equipment
- + rugs
- + furniture
- + large appliances
- + exercise equipment

We request that that you do not just leave items at the doors of the church, hall or rectory. Please be considerate and call the rectory if you are not able to come during scheduled times.

The sale will begin on Saturday, May 16th from 9 am – 3 pm and Sunday, May 17th from 10 am to 2 pm.

For more information, or if you have any questions regarding items to be donated please call Jeanne DeSantis at 236-9052.

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