

# Fourth Sunday of Lent

# March 22, 2020

## MASS SCHEDULE

The Priests will celebrate a private Mass for each of the particular intentions on the day indicated. In charity, he also remembers all of the parishioners and the silent intentions of their hearts.

### Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

Margaret "Peggy" Ryan (Fr. Hahr) by Marianne Handy Hraibi, Saher, Ramzi & Nadim  
Deceased members of the Binney Family (Fr. Robert) by Terri Binney

### Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> Fourth Sunday of Lent

Those Affected by the Corona Virus (Fr. Robert) by Wanda Larrivee  
Mass for the parishioners (Fr. Hahr)

### Monday – March 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Simone Carreau (Fr. Robert) by Jules and Helen Nicole  
Pedro Lucido (Fr. Hahr) by M/M Pierre Berube

### Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> St. Oscar Romero

R.P. Sibby (Fr. Hahr) by Joanne Weymouth  
Van Danforth (Fr. Robert) by M/M Spike Wellman

### Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> The Annunciation of the Lord

Arthur Menard (Fr. Hahr) by David & Tina Houde  
Jeannette Belanger (Fr. Robert) by the family

### Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

Paul Poulos (Fr. Robert) by the Good Shepherd Catholic School  
Patricia Douglas (Fr. Hahr) by the family

### Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

Jenna Tatro (Fr. Hahr) by Amy Marcinko  
Jesus Lucido (Fr. Robert) by M/M Pierre Berube

### Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
(Fr. Hahr) by Amy Marcinko  
Richard Durocher (Fr. Robert) by the Amidon/Durocher families

### Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

Larry Carreau (Fr. Hahr) by Katrina and the girls  
Bill Mancini (Fr. Robert) by M/M Joe Simard  
Please keep our parishioners who are ill & in need of your prayers, especially: Connie, Lapage, Randy Mackay, Martin Fortin, George Thurston, Charlie Weis, Randy Thomas & Jerry Prevost.

## Schedule of Church Hours: Please Come & Pray as you Can

### St. John Church

Open Daily: 7:00a.m. – 6:00p.m.

#### Confessions:

Monday: 8:00a.m. – 8:30a.m.  
Thursday: 8:00a.m. – 8:30a.m.  
Friday: 4:30p.m. – 5:30p.m.  
Saturday: 9:00a.m. – 10:00a.m.  
3:00p.m. – 4:00p.m.  
Sunday: 5:00p.m. – 6:00p.m.

### St. Elizabeth Church

Open: Sunday: 9:00a.m. – 6:00p.m.  
Monday: 5:00p.m. – 7:00p.m.

#### Confessions:

Sunday: 9:30a.m. – 10:30a.m.  
Monday: 6:00p.m. – 7:00p.m.

### Queen of Peace Church

Open: Saturday: 9:00a.m. – 6:00p.m.

#### Confessions:

Saturday: 4:00p.m. – 5:00p.m.

## PARISH EVENTS

All Parish events are cancelled until further notice.  
(Bingo will resume 4/18)

Please consider using the Online Giving tool for your weekly offertory donations. Visit our website at: [nekatholic.com](http://nekatholic.com) and click "Give Online" to sign up! Leave your checkbook at home, and save the parish the expense of envelopes!

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/19-6/30/20 Budget: \$282,000 (\$6,000 needed per week)

Reg. Collection Year-to-date: \$187,803 + On-Line: YTD: \$89,578

### Collections and Receipts: March 15, 2020

Regular Offertory: \$3,009

The FORMED program is available to everyone in our parish. To start enjoying this free gift, please visit the FORMED website:

1. Go to: [nekatholic.formed.org](http://nekatholic.formed.org)
2. Click on REGISTER to create a personal account

### Suggested Content:

**Holy Week** by Dr. Brant Pitre

Dr. Brant Pitre takes listeners on a Scriptural walk from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday. Learn about Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, why He cursed a fig tree, the importance of the "blood and water" that flowed out from Christ's side, and more.

### Lenten Penance Preparation on FORMED

Events may be cancelled, but we can still prepare for Confession.

- **Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession** (3 sessions) and pdf guides. Children could also watch these, although they are not geared toward children
- **Forgiven for Children:** How to Make a Great Confession (12 min)
- **Lighthouse Talks**
- **The Healing Power of Confession**, by Dr. Scott Hahn

**CANCELLED.** Carmen Menard, Executive Director of Futures Pregnancy Care in Lyndonville was to speak at the Fr. Lively Center.

++++  
The Parish is looking to add Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs), and First Aid Kits at each church. If you would like to contribute to this effort please mark your donation "AED" and place it in the collection basket, or bring it to the Rectory Office. Thank you.

During this challenging time, many of the faithful may be unable to attend Mass. **Magnificat** is honored to provide complimentary access to our online version to help people pray from home. **Magnificat** Magazine has the daily Mass readings, reflections, and other prayer helps. Go to: <https://us.magnificat.net>

**PLEASE NOTE:** Confirmation has been postponed. The new date will be announced as soon as we know it. Thank you.

**Laetare Sunday** is the fourth Sunday in the season of Lent, in the Western Christian liturgical calendar. Traditionally, this Sunday has been a day of celebration, within the austere period of Lent. This Sunday gets its name from the first few words of the Introit for the Mass of the day. "Laetare Jerusalem" ("Rejoice, O Jerusalem"). The full Introit reads: "Rejoice, O Jerusalem: and come together all you that love her: rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow: that you may exult and be filled from the breasts of your consolation." ~ from Isaiah 66

**Keeping Sunday Sacred:** Although public Masses have been suspended in our diocese, there are still many ways we can give ourselves and our families to the Lord on Sunday. Even if you are alone, remember that your prayers are joined with the mystical Body of Christ, in heaven and on earth — prayer is always an invitation to enter into community. If you are home with family, please consider praying and doing these activities with one another. This is a unique opportunity to nourish the life of your domestic church (your family!).

#### Prayers:

✚ Watch Sunday Mass at home and make an act of spiritual communion (see the prayer below). Masses will be livestreamed on our diocesan website.

*"My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most holy Eucharist. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen."*

✚ Pray the Rosary.

✚ Pray other Catholic devotions, e.g., St. Bridget Prayers, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Novenas to favorite Saints, etc.

✚ Pray with the Sacred Scriptures (see on FORMED: [Into the Desert: A Lenten Study on Prayer](#))

#### Activities

✚ Make a visit to the church to pray. There are plenary indulgences available to those who pray the Stations of the Cross, or the Rosary in the church.

✚ Make a sacred space in your home. Set aside a wall, corner, or room for family prayer. Get creative!

✚ Reach out to those who are isolated. Send a letter or make a phone call to the older people in your parish or community or those in nursing homes.

✚ Sit down for a Sunday meal. Challenge everyone to put away those phones! You can discuss the Sunday Gospel together or simply share your experiences during this unique time.

✚ Make good use of those screens! Watch some Catholic content online — there are lots of excellent movies, study programs, and YouTube videos for all ages. Some suggestions:

- + Ascension Presents (YouTube)
- + Word on Fire (YouTube)
- + Catholic Central (YouTube)
- + FORMED.org

#### Consecration to the Agonizing Heart of Jesus

Place Thyself as a seal upon my heart, O my divine Master, so that I may patiently suffer the trials Thou mayst see fit to send me. Yes, my Jesus, I desire to consecrate myself to Thy Heart, agonizing under the weight of divine justice and the burden of my sins. Thou hast put aside thine own honor, thine own will; give me the courage to conquer myself, to triumph over my slothfulness and my sins; give me the strength to suffer, and the grace to love Thee forever. Amen.

#### Prayer to the Blessed Virgin for Help

**O** Mary, crowned with stars, who hast the moon for thy footstool and who sittest enthroned above all the choirs of Angels, incline thine eyes toward this vale of tears, and hear the voice of one who puts all his hope and trust in thee. Now thou dost rejoice in the endless bliss of paradise; but once thou didst endure the miseries of this our exile and thou knowest how bitter are the days of him who eats the bread of sorrow.

On Calvary thou didst hear a voice, well-known to thee, which said: "Woman, behold thy son"; that is to say, "a son in My stead". By these words thou wast appointed the Mother of all believers. And without thee what life should we have, who are the unhappy children of Adam? Each of us has a sorrow that tries him, a grief that oppresses, a wound that rankles. All men run to thy protection, as to the haven of safety and the fountain of healing. When the waves rise high in the tempest, it is to thee the mariner turns and prays for calm. The orphan flies to thee, for he sees himself as a plant in a thirsty land, defenseless before all the whirlwinds of life. To thee the poor offer their supplications when they are in want of daily bread. And not even one is left without thy help and consolation.

O Mary, dear Mother, enlighten our minds, and warm our hearts; let that pure love which streams forth from thine eyes, spread itself abroad and bring forth those wondrous fruits which thy Son hath purchased for us by the shedding of His Blood, the while thou didst suffer most bitter torments at the foot of His Cross. Amen.

#### March 25th: Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord

*"And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us ..." – Jn 1:14*

The Word of God, incorporeal, incorruptible and immaterial, entered our world [Luke 1:28-38]. Yet it was not as if He had been remote from it up to that time. For there is no part of the world that was ever without His presence; together with His Father, He continually filled all things and places. Out of His loving-kindness for us He came to us, and we see this in the way He revealed Himself openly to us. Taking pity on mankind's weakness, and moved by our corruption, He could not stand aside and see death have the mastery over us; He did not want creation to perish and His Father's work in fashioning man to be in vain. He therefore took to Himself a body, no different from our own, for He did not wish simply to be in a body or only to be seen. If He had wanted simply to be seen, He could indeed have taken another, and nobler, body. Instead, He took our body in its reality. Within the Virgin He built Himself a temple, that is, a body; He made it His own instrument in which to dwell and to reveal Himself. In this way, He received from mankind a body like our own, and, since all were subject to the corruption of death, He delivered this body over to death for all, and with supreme love offered it to the Father. He did so to destroy the law of corruption passed against all men, since all died in Him. The law, which had spent its force on the body of the Lord, could no longer have any power over His fellowmen. Moreover, this was the way in which the Word was to restore mankind to immortality, after it had fallen into corruption, and summon it back from death to life ... In death, the Word made a spotless sacrifice and oblation of the body He had taken. By dying for others, He immediately banished death for all mankind ... The corruption of death no longer holds any power over mankind, thanks to the Word, who has come to dwell among them through His one body.

~ *Saint Athanasius*