Obstacles

How’s your Lent going? It’s already week 4; it’s moving quickly. This week, let’s take some time and check in on our journey.

Week 1, we went into the desert to face head on our temptations, fears, doubts and struggles. To acknowledge where we need help and turn to prayer for that help.

Week 2, we went up the mountain to see the Transfigured Jesus. Did we allow ourselves to “Open the eyes of our hearts, and see Him shining in the light of His Glory?” Or hide in the blindness of our sin, doubt, worry and stress?

Then in week 3, we were invited to sit and see God face to face; to simply sit and talk with our greatest friend, the one who loves us just the way we are, nothing to hide.

This week, Jesus comes upon the ‘Man born blind.’ He tells him to go wash in the Pool of Siloam to be cleansed, be baptized, made anew and see.

What do we see this 4th week of Lent? Are we starting to let go of what holds us back? To wash ourselves of the stuff that keeps us from truly knowing and loving God.

This week, take some time to check in on the progress of our Lenten Journey, to continue to prepare ourselves to grow into a stronger, more intimate relationship with the One who loves us for who we are, His Beloved.

Together let’s pray this prayer throughout the week, as we look forward to Easter.

Redemption comes from the cross...

Night of Praise

Thursday April 4th @ 7pm

Join us at 7 PM in the Church for a celebration of the God who walks with us on our journey!
## Mass Intentions

### Saturday – March 30
- **4:30 PM** Joseph Neurohr by Sharon Burgess  
  Mary Cahalan by Sharon Burgess  
  Mary M. Stanton by Joe & Nancy Couch  
  Edmund Pater by Elizabeth Pater  
  Pamela Scattareggia by Family

### Sunday – March 31
- **7:30 AM** Sophie Guerin by Barbara & Donald Lebentritt  
  Elaine Brown 2nd Anniv by Husband  
  James Waltersdorf by Tom Maleski  
  Verna Owen by Donna Sabatino  
  Noel D. Murphy by Paul & Doris Quinlan  
  Jessie Martin by Bob & Kathy Yanni
- **11:30 AM** Intention of Aliyah by Lina Garcia  
  Salvatore Renda by Carl & Marion Rosenthal  
  Mary Margaret Kisselback by Justina & Andy Treventi  
  Vincent Cacciotti 15th Anniv by Wife & Family
- **5:30 PM** People of St. Ambrose  
  Ralph Body by Clare Daly

### Monday – April 1
- **6:30 AM** Eugene McLoughlin by Family  
  Helen Benson by Family

### Tuesday – April 2
- **9:00 AM** James Chiera, Sr. 1st Anniv by Loving Wife & Family  
  Intentions of Robyn Spateholts by St. Ambrose Catholic Community  
  Concetta Maloney by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Cullen  
  William Magee, Jr. by Lori Vanderzee Magee

### Wednesday – April 3
- **6:30 AM** Intentions of Mary Stewart by 6:30 am Mass Family

### Thursday – April 4
- **9:00 AM** School Mass  
  Jerry Minihane by Simone

### Friday – April 5
- **6:30 AM** Communion Service

### Saturday – April 6
- **4:30 PM** James Chiera, Sr. by Loving Family  
  Jean Hillje by Family  
  George Robert Hillje, Jr. by Family  
  Michelina Lento by Mary Heitzman

### Sunday – April 7
- **7:30 AM** Rosa & Antonio Incero by Clara  
  Noel Murphy by the Trzcinski Family  
  Lois Hart by Armand & Barbara Guerin  
  James Waltersdorf by John & Linda Estep
- **11:30 AM** Ellsworth & Stephen King by Wife & Mother  
  Rose Lombardi by Don & Susan O’Brien
- **5:30 PM** People of St. Ambrose  
  Judy Benedetto Wark by Megan Plekan

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**Holy Thursday**

**Family Potluck Dinner**

Please bring your family and a dish to share as we celebrate together a meal of love, just as Jesus did with His disciples at the last supper. Our Potluck Dinner will follow Holy Thursday mass in the Parish Center.

(Mass at 5:30 PM + Dinner 6:30ish)

Family Life Ministry is sponsoring activities for children after they enjoy dinner.

“I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.” John 13:34

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**PARISH Support**

We are a tithe parish following God’s plan for giving

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**Deepest thanks** for your continued and generous support for our parish. Your gifts enable so much to be done in so many ways.
Third graders are working hard and learning a lot in all subject areas!

Please check out the weather video on our website.

Students worked on groups to research a particular weather topic on their chrome books, then wrote a script to present their information, and practiced being videotaped.

In math class we started measurement and they measured the mass of different objects on their balances.

In religion class it’s all about Lent. Students wrote about what lent means to them, they are tracking their Lenten sacrifices, and we’re doing the Stations of the Cross every Friday.

**Bulletin Article Due Date Reminder**

If you have an article for the Bulletin—please email it to Joan.Welch@rcda.org by Wednesday of the week before. Example—for bulletin weekend 4-7-19, your article is due 3-27-19.

**Easter Flowers and the St. Vincent DePaul Society**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be purchasing flowers to decorate the altar for Easter. If you wish to help with this endeavor, your donation, in memory of a loved one or in your family’s name, will be used to purchase Easter plants. Surplus donations will be used to continue the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in assisting the underprivileged of our parish family. More information can be found on the lavender sheets found at the entrances of church. Thank you for your continued support.

**Congratulations!**

St. Ambrose Junior Boys basketball team was a runner-up in the St. Henry’s Basketball Tournament on March 16th. The team was coached by Eric Schlaeg & the players were Ryan Martinkat, Eric Schlaeg Jr., Seth Hood, Owen Niles, Hudson Garber, Andrew Lee, Farzad Arif, Cameron Mailloux, Yarvant Bardakjian & Sean Kelly.

**Altar Server Training**

April 13th & 14th

20 minutes after the 4:30, 9:00, & 11:30 Masses

Meet Deacon Frank in the Sacristy

All Altar Servers new and old encouraged to attend.
Ministry Spotlight
ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

Do you have a devotion to our Mother Mary? Do you enjoy decorating, sewing or floral arrangements? Are you looking to build fellowship with other women who share common interests? Then the Rosary Society is right for you. The Altar Rosary Society meets the second Tuesday of the month to pray the Rosary for those in need. They also participate in outreach service projects after their time in prayer. Consider joining them as they beautify the altar for all seasons. Contact Cathy Boudreau at 518-785-3460.

EASTER FOOD BAGS PROJECT
The St. Ambrose Food Pantry Volunteers will again offer Easter dinner supplies for families in need. Market Bags will be available starting weekend of March 16th & 17th. In addition to the food list attached to the Easter bags, gift certificates from Hannaford or Price Chopper in $5, $10 or $15 amounts would be most appreciated. These will be distributed according to family size for purchase of a meat choice. Please DO NOT PLACE GIFT CERTIFICATES IN THE BAGS. Please place in an envelope or drop off no later than April 5th at the office or in offertory collection marked St. Ambrose Food Pantry or Easter Dinner. The number of families requesting assistance has increased a great deal; together we can help these families experience a most BLESSED EASTER.

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Youth Ministry

ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS ARE INVITED!
Our Q&A panel will be addressing questions on Catholicism, God, and faith. Come hear the answers! Join us this weekend for 5:30 pm Sunday Mass. From 6:30-8:30 pm there’s dinner in the parish center; games; answers from our Q&A panel; sports; Adoration; and more! Free and open to all teens. Bring a friend! We will collect more questions tonight to answer next week!
NEXT WEEK: Q&A Panel (part 2)

PARISH EASTERN EGG HUNT
The Egg Hunt Committee would appreciate your help in donating small individually wrapped candy that will fit inside plastic Easter eggs. There will be a basket available for the candy at the main entrance of the Church through April 14th. THANK YOU!