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OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

(The Right Rev.) Monsignor James St. George, OSF, Pastor
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SACRAMENTS:

Baptism

Baptisms scheduled on the Third Sundays at Morning Mass (except in Lent). Contact Parish Office.

Pre-Jordan

First Sunday of every month at 12:00pm.

Marriage

Couples are encouraged to participate in Pre-Cana, available in-person and online, please contact Parish Office for Registration and Information.

Holy Eucharist

At Saint Miriam we offer an "Open Table" at all Masses and all are welcome.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Available 30 minutes before any Mass, after all Masses, or by appointment. Please contact parish office.

Children's Faith Formation (CFF)

Please contact our Director of Religious Education (DRE) for all religious educational needs including First Holy Communion, First Penance and Confirmation.

Small Groups & Parish Life

Please contact our Parish Office for more information on becoming part of our parish life! Newcomer gatherings are twice annually!

Interested in Becoming a Practicing Catholic?

Please contact our Associate Pastor to join the classes for Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

MASS SCHEDULE:

Week Days

First Fridays at 9:15am (September - May)

Sunday

7:30 am - Early Mass

9:30 am - Morning Mass

DEVOTIONS

Adoration - Open Adoration Thursdays
from 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Rosary - Rosary welcome during Adoration and every Sunday at 8:30am

Holy Days

All Holy Days are located on our primary website under Worship > Schedules

For Pastoral Emergencies, please contact our Pastor 215-836-9800 (ext. 703)



Look! Now you can tell the seasonal color! This color will change for each liturgical time!

Dear Friends,

So, what is going on with Abraham and God in today's first reading? Heifers and she-goats and rams slaughtered, split in two and placed "each half opposite the other" on the ground? *What gives?*

While this scene seems strange to us, in Abraham's day it was the formal ritual used when two parties were making a covenant, an agreement. As a sign and promise that each would keep his part of the deal, animals were slaughtered and split in two and the split parts were placed on the ground side by side with some space in between. Then, both parties of the agreement would, first one then the other, walk between the bloody, slaughtered animals. By doing so they were proclaiming, "I promise I will be faithful to our covenant. If I am not, may what has happened to these animals happen to me."

Just a tad dramatic, I know, but it showed the seriousness of the matter and the intention of fidelity by both parties.

Now, reading the passage again, did you notice anything? A smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passes between the pieces. That, of course, symbolizes God. But what about Abraham? He stays in a trance. He doesn't pass through the pieces. What is that about?

Simply put, it's God saying, *"I got this, Abraham. This is on me. I made you the promise, and I will keep it. You, for your part, just trust. Yes, this is on me."*

God promises fidelity and faithfulness to Abraham—just as He does to us. God promises to be faithful to us always. Simply put, God says to us, *"I made the promise. I got this; this is on me."*

And what is God's promise to us? That is what we see clearly in this amazing event called 'The Transfiguration'. In the transfigured Jesus, bathed and penetrated in Light, we see our identity and our destiny: we are created to be filled top to bottom with Light, with life with God. We, and all of creation, are penetrated through and through with Divinity, with God's own life, with Love. And we will—God promises—become who we were created to be - those who share eternally the very Life of God and live eternally in the beauty and goodness, the light and love of God! That is God's promise for you and me and everyone ever created and all of creation itself. God promised it. God's got it. God is faithful. God will do this.

It can all seem so overwhelming. But again, and again we root ourselves in Jesus Christ. We give ourselves time to be still and quiet so we can hear the inner voice that says, "I got this; we got this. The promise will be fulfilled."

And then get on with the glorious work of suffering love. So, as we continue our Lenten journey towards Easter!

Peace and every good,

Father Liam

Our Newest Ukrainian Piece Is Here!

Our newest acquisition to support the people of Ukraine has arrived and is now on display in the Sanctuary throughout Lent. We will then hang it in the Main Corridor near the other art pieces that show our love and support as well as our prayer for an end to this war. Our school employs a Ukrainian immigrant to the US and we are proud to bring a piece of home here! May God bless the people of Ukraine.

THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, AND IN CHRIST...

Coming Lent 2025 to Saint Miriam

Each year, we search for an inspirational image to help us honor the Holy Season of Lent. Over the past few years, since the pandemic and the War in Ukraine, Saint Miriam has set aside funds to help bolster artists in Ukraine who have been greatly impacted by the terror of war. Our last acquisition, "Resurrection of Christ" by Ulyana Tomkivych, hangs proudly in the Main Corridor outside of our beautiful sanctuary.



This year, we are pleased to welcome a new piece, from ICONART in Lviv, Ukraine,

Through Christ, With Christ, and In Christ

by artist Kateryna Haneychuk! This stunning piece will be our central focus this coming Lenten Season and is made from acrylic on glass media.

The ICONART Gallery, located in the historic heart of Lviv, in the old Armenian quarter of Lviv, Ukraine, is committed to promoting, collecting, and offering the very best in contemporary sacred art. Traditional sacred themes and folk-art motifs combine in pieces with unusual color palettes and modern designs that inspire the heart and delight the eye. Our thanks to Marianna Baran at ICONART for her kind assistance in our acquisition again this year!

We pray for the people of Ukraine.
We invite you to experience Lent with us this year.



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Celebrate Holy Week 2025
at Saint Miriam

- Palm Sunday**
Sunday, April 13th, 2025 (Regular mass times with 7:30am
Blessing of the Palms and palm procession with donkey at 9:30am)
- Holy Thursday**
Thursday, April 17th, 2025 at 6:30pm
- Good Friday**
Friday, April 18th, 2025 at 3:00pm
- The Great Vigil of Easter**
Saturday, April 19th, 2025 at 8:00pm
- Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of our Lord**
Sunday, April 20th, 2025 at 7:30am and 10:00am

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Celebrant Mass Calendar for the Month

March 16th (2nd Sunday of Lent)	March 30th (4th Sunday of Lent)
7:30am Father Ken 9:30am Father Liam	7:30am Father Liam 9:30am Father Liam
March 23rd (3rd Sunday of Lent)	April 6th (5th Sunday of Lent)
7:30am Father Bryan 9:30am Father Bryan	7:30am Father Ken 9:30am Father Jerry

Mass Intentions Needed

The Sacrifice of the Mass is a way to honor those we love!
Complete the envelope on the Mass Stand directly to the left of the Sanctuary doors, or submit online today under "Support"! Thank you!



Upcoming
EVENTS

- March 16th - **2nd Sunday of Lent**
- March 17th - **St Patrick's Day**
- March 18th - **Recovery Inc. 6:30pm (UL)**
- March 19th - **Contemplative Prayer 6:30pm (Sanctuary)**
- March 20th - **Adoration 4:00pm-6:00pm (Sanctuary)**
- March 21st - **AA Sunrise Meeting - Main Level**
- March 23rd - **3rd Sunday of Lent**



Please pray for...

- Kristen Neumuller
- Chuck Ronca, Deacons Chet and Donna
- Angela and Bishop Ken Denski
- Kaitlin Brassell
- Jen, Conor, Declan & Family

In Loving Memory of Deacon Tom Hall by Saint Miriam Ministry Team
**In Honor of His Holiness, Pope Francis, for Healing*

In Loving Memory of Alton & Ruth St. George by Katelyn & James St. George
In Loving Memory of Rose and Louis Catallo by Katelyn St. George

***In Loving Memory of Michael Feeney by Father Bryan**
In Loving Memory of Saint Miriam Memorial Society Intentions

In Loving Memory of Constance Markowski by Donna and Chester Mack
Our Candle Memorial Intentions for February

Our Saint Miriam Memorial Society Honor Roll
-In Loving Memory of Brian Bozzone by Roseanne Bozzone

In Loving Memory of Hugo, Helen, and Dorothy by Dorothea Hatt and Bob Brock
In Loving Memory of Ed, Rita, Larry, Dolly, and Lawrence by Dorothea Hatt and Bob Brock

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Give instead of Giving up

this Lent Season

Giving is one of the three pillars of Lent.

Please Help Us An Offering Today and PLEASE Set up Automatic, Recurring Giving to Help us Plan ahead!



Our School Has Openings!

We are hiring! Full-time, Part-time, teachers and assistants in both our daycare and preschool! You must be able to get clearances and be willing to work in a wonderful environment! Spread the word! Director@mySaintMiriam.org

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