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Sunday, March 16, 2025
Second Sunday of Lent

MASS TIMES

Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12 noon,
Monday through Saturday: 9:00 am
Holy Days: Check bulletin for schedule.
Mass in Spanish: Saturday at 7:00 pm

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM—Call Parish Office for available Saturdays or Sundays. Baptismal preparation is required prior to the baptism of ANY child.

RECONCILIATION— Every Saturday at 4:0'clock. You can also call the Parish Office to make an appointment.

MARRIAGE—Arrangements must be made at least NINE months prior to wedding. This is to allow for the necessary interviews and required marriage preparation programs. NO DATE for a wedding can be given over the phone or reserved until the couple completes the formal paperwork with a member of the pastoral staff.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK—Communal celebrations are scheduled periodically. The sacrament is available whenever there is a personal need by calling the Parish Office.

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Priests and Deacons

Rev. David Regan, Pastor, ext 229
Rev. Vincent Bulus, Associate Pastor, ext 213
Rev. Prathup Maddela, in residence, ext. 204
Rev. Richard Viladesau, in residence, (retired) ext. 209
Deacon James Bohuslaw, ext 510
Deacon Roger Mott, ext 511

Administration

Mrs. Donna Bellucci, Part-Time General Secretary, ext 200
Sr. Maureen Morgan, RSM, Office Assistant, ext 201
Mrs. Regina Kosman, Part-Time Secretary, ext 202

Family Faith Formation

Mrs. Kathy Russell-Sica, Director, ext 223
JoAnn Squitieri, Office Manager, ext 237

Music Ministry

Peggie Fabian, Director, ext. 200
Don Johnson, Associate Director, ext. 200

Outreach and Parish Social Ministry

Sr. Lisa Bergeron, OSU, Director, ext 220
Bereavement, ext. 250

VISION STATEMENT: Rooted in Jesus Christ, we desire to become a vibrant worshipping community that reaches out in warmth and hospitality as we strive to make Christ known by responding to the challenge of the Gospel.

If the **weekend** Mass intention is for your family member and you would like to bring up the gifts during the Mass, please notify the Parish Office during the week prior to the intended Mass. The day of the Mass, please arrive at church at least 5 minutes before the Mass begins and introduce yourself to one of our ushers.

MASSES, MARCH 15-16

SAT. 5:00 pm Rose & Mary Arzillo
Darielle Colefield

Spanish Mass 7:00 pm

8:00 am John A. Kuchinsky
Peggy Baran
10:00 am Robert & Irene Miller
Nancy Anne Cluen Scheyder
12:00 pm Helen Campbell
Salvatore D'Amico

MONDAY, MARCH 17

READINGS: Dn 9:4b-10 / Lk 6:30-38

9:00 am Robert J. Fuller

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

READINGS: Is 1:10, 16-20 / Mk 23:1-10

9:00 am Catherine Carlson

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

READINGS: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Rom 4:13, 16-18,
22 / Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

9:00 am Marvin Bernstein

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

READINGS: Jer 17:5-10 / Lk 16:19-31

9:00 am Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

READINGS: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-22a / Mt 21:33-43,
45-46

9:00 am Joseph Scott

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

READINGS: Mt 7:14-15, 18-20 / Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

9:00 am Souls in Purgatory

5:00 pm Rose & Mary Arzillo
Martin Arovainen

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

READINGS: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 / 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 / Lk 13:1-9

8:00 am Rev. William Karvelis
10:00 am James H. Schaefer
Gloria Fenaroli
12:00 pm Joseph Cicio
Albert DiGiantomasso

Schedule is subject to last-minute changes.

If you wish to have your loved one remembered
by having the weekly

Altar Candle and/or **Bread and Wine**
donated in their name, please contact

the office at 631-589-0540 for information.



Stewardship

A Way of Life

Stewardship is...

Everything I do and say..

AFTER I SAY I BELIEVE!

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE

*“Abram put his faith in the Lord...and the Lord made a covenant with Abram...”
During these forty days of Lent, we are called to renew our friendship (our covenant) with God. Every time we put our faith in the Lord as Abram did, the friendship grows. It’s a friendship that enables us to **trust** in God in all things.*

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

On the mountain of Transfiguration (today’s Gospel), the disciples were lifted up as they saw the pure glory and goodness of Jesus. The Lord also spoke to them about his own approaching suffering by which he would accomplish his mission.. We are good stewards when we faithfully share our gifts, whether we are experiencing moments of glory or the challenges and trials of our daily lives.

HYMNS March 16, 2025

OFFERTORY: Tis Good Lord To Be Home 136
COMMUNION: Humbly Lord We Worship You 210
CHOIR SOLO: Blessing—Katie Moran Bart
RECESSIONAL: Be Thou My Vision 410



HYMNS March 16, 10 AM Mass Only

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
OFFERTORY: Christ Be Our Light 518
COMMUNION: Create In Me 764
RECESSIONAL: Save your People 134



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

The following is a reflection of the book Overcoming the Evil Within: The Reality of Sin and the Transforming Power of God's Grace and Mercy.

In CCC 1423-1424, Confession is beautifully and rightly referred to as the Sacrament of Conversion, the Sacrament of Penance, the Sacrament of Forgiveness and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It's one of two sacraments that can be received both repeatedly *and* frequently (the Sacrament of the Eucharist being the other). These two sacraments sustain us in our daily journey. Confession greatly aids us in our journey to our ultimate end: Heaven, the Beatific Vision, Eternal Beatitude. But how does Confession do this?

In his encyclical *Mystici Corporis Christi* on the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ (promulgated universally in the midst of World War II in 1943), Pope Pius XII defends the practice of frequent confession — even if one has only venial sins to confess. He says that through the regular reception of the Sacrament of Confession, “genuine self-knowledge is increased, Christian humility grows, bad habits are corrected, spiritual neglect and tepidity are resisted, the conscience is purified, the will strengthen, a salutary self-control is attained, and grace is increased in virtue of the Sacrament itself.” (88).

Let's look at each of these benefits and explain them further:

1. **Self-knowledge is increased.** Saints make it clear in their writing and teaching that self-knowledge is needed to grow in holiness. This means knowing and admitting your virtues so you can advance them in your life, and knowing and admitting your vices so you can uproot them out of your life.
2. **Humility grows.** Humility is the “moral virtue that keeps a person from reaching beyond himself. It is the virtue that restrains the unruly desire for personal greatness and leads people to an orderly love of themselves based on a true appreciation of their position with respect to God and their neighbors.” Not only does the practice of frequent Confession help us to grow in the important virtue of humility, but the very act of making a good examination of conscience is humbling — and it helps us to grow in self-knowledge.
3. **Bad habits are corrected.** Through Confession and honesty with one's confessor, who will offer advice, bad habits can be overcome. Frequent, worthy reception of the Sacrament of Confession means frequent graces received from that sacrament for those bad habits.
4. **Spiritual neglect is resisted.** Regular Confession can help you “get back on track,” especially if your confessor assigns them to you as a penance and so you begin to carry them out more faithfully on your own.
5. **Spiritual tepidity is resisted.** The graces from frequent Confession can help ignite a renewed spiritual fervor that will help make your daily spiritual life grow stronger and more committed.
6. **Conscience is purified.** Confession of one's sins brings with it a purification and, importantly, peace of conscience. This is tied to the healing aspect of Confession. Confession is one of two “healing” sacraments, along with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.
7. **The will is strengthened.** Through the practice of frequent Confession, our wills become strengthened to help us more frequently choose good over evil, virtue over vice.
8. **Self-control is achieved.** Frequent Confession makes us simply want to “do better” in all aspects of daily living.
9. **Grace is increased in virtue of the sacrament itself.** Every sacrament, when it is received worthily, increases sanctifying grace in the soul. For Eucharist and Confession — this is especially true. Confession can even help to perfect the grace of our Baptism. Confession helps rid us of actual sin committed *after* Baptism. Illustrating these truths, Pope St. Paul VI, stressed the “great value” of “frequent and reverent recourse to this Sacrament even when only venial sins are in question.” When he promulgated the new rite of the Sacrament of Penance following the Vatican II, he stated that this practice “is a constant effort to bring to perfection the grace of our Baptism.” (Dec. 2, 1973).

Going to Confession too frequently out of scrupulosity is not helpful to the penitent, nor is it the intention of the sacrament. Scrupulosity may be defined as seeing sin where there is no sin. Scrupulosity can stunt one's growth in the spiritual life. Don't be your own savior — let Jesus be your Savior.

Times for Confession: Every Saturday at 4 P.M., Sundays of Lent at 11 AM, and by appointment.

Yours in the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts,

Fr. David Regan



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is no coincidence that the global inauguration of our 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope occurred on the Solemnity of the Holy Family. The Jubilee Year of Hope in this 2025 Lenten season runs through the family and fidelity to the splendors of the liberating and objective truths of Christ and the Catholic Church on Marriage and the Family.

Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving lead individual family members to Christ's light of conversion and repentance. Conversion and repentance, in turn, open families to a family spirit and daily chemistry animated by the Holy Spirit. Family patterns ensnared in the ruts of sin become family patterns transformed by the grooves of grace, humility, charity and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Jubilee Year of Hope runs through every family experiencing Christ's Cross: grief, tragedy, crisis, tension, alienation and transition.

Pope Francis emphasized: "All of us have received the gift and task of bringing hope wherever hope has been lost, lives broken, promises unkept, dreams shattered and hearts overwhelmed by adversity. We are called to bring hope to the weary who have no strength to carry on, the lonely oppressed by the bitterness of failure, and all those who are broken-hearted. To bring hope to the interminable, dreary days of prisoners, to the cold and dismal lodging of the poor, and to all those places desecrated by war and violence. To bring hope there, to sow hope there."¹

The Holy Family was a refugee family and they are deeply present today to every struggling refugee family in the world to rekindle their hope. The Lenten season of the Jubilee Year of Hope reminds us that while all families are imperfect and have their problems and challenges, all families are called to grow together in holiness and a missionary spirit.

And so we heed the powerful words of St. Paul as they apply to our daily family life: "Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another...Let the peace of Christ control your hearts...Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." (Colossians 3:12-17)

Our Lady invites us to have a pondering heart as we contemplate God's providential design in the past, present and future of our families, especially as we begin this Lenten season in the Jubilee Year of Hope. In unity with the Holy Family, our own families are called to transform the world and history with Christ's love and the mission of mercy of the Church which He Himself founded.

In the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, the Church presents us with the canonizations of soon-to-be Saint Carlo Acutis (1991-2006) and Saint Piergiorgio Frassati (1900-1924). As children, teenagers and young adults, they helped Christ transform their own families with their faith and their holiness as they helped Christ transform the Church and the world to this day. Together, they are asking every young Catholic to do the same in their time, in their place and in their own family.

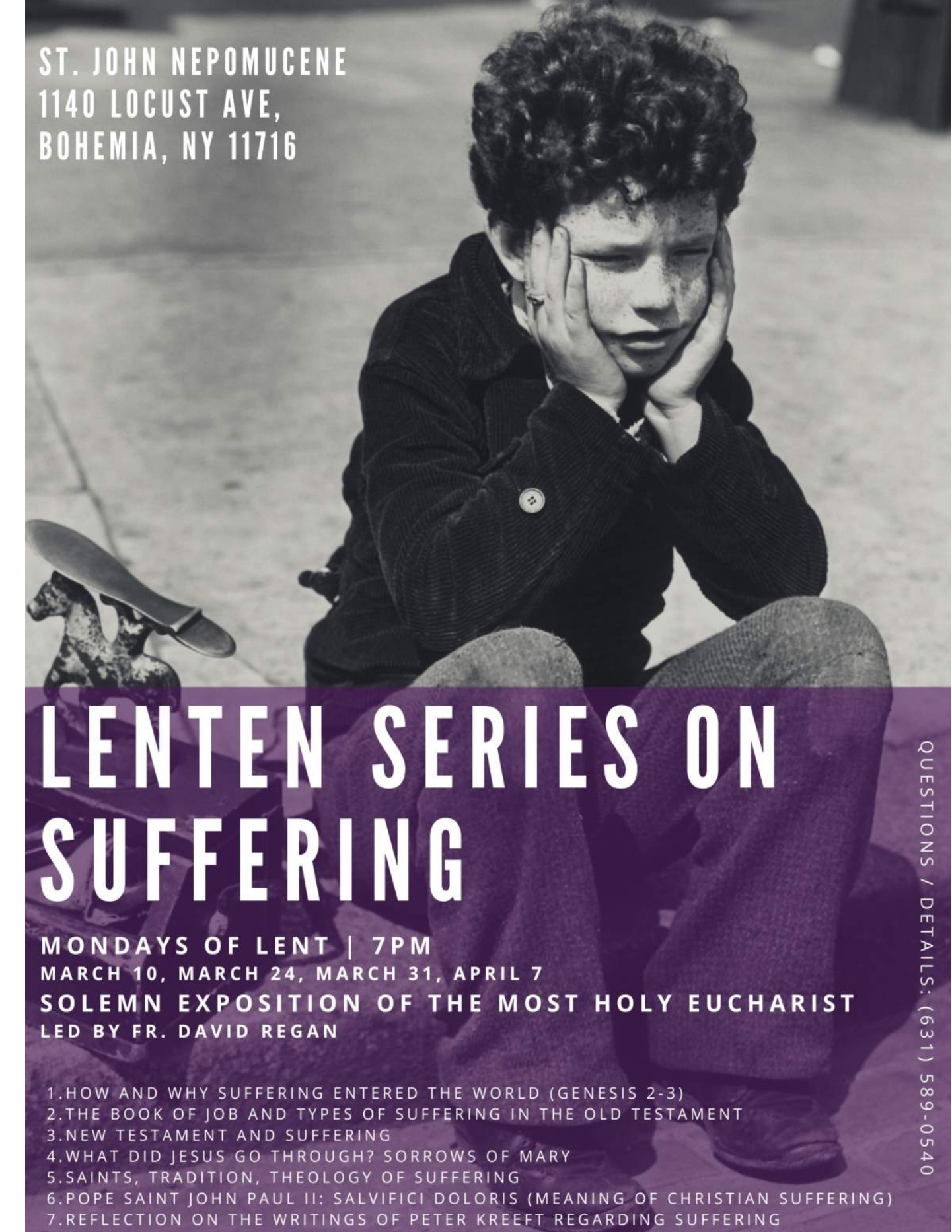
The 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope is a time for us and our extended families to cast the nets of Eucharistic charity throughout Long Island, understanding that the Eucharist is a "Fountain of Charity" -- a Fountain of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, a Fountain of the Gospel of Life and a Fountain of every dimension of Catholic Social Justice teaching.

As the Successor of the Apostles on Long Island, I want to thank every Catholic family on Long Island and beyond for being Lights of Christ's Hope and Lights of Catholic evangelization to the world.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barnes
Bishop of Rockville Centre

¹Francis, "Opening of the Holy Door and Midnight Mass: Homily" (December 24, 2024).
<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2024/documents/20241224-omelia-natale.html>.



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LENTEN SERIES ON SUFFERING

MONDAYS OF LENT | 7PM

MARCH 10, MARCH 24, MARCH 31, APRIL 7

SOLEMN EXPOSITION OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST
LED BY FR. DAVID REGAN

1. HOW AND WHY SUFFERING ENTERED THE WORLD (GENESIS 2-3)
2. THE BOOK OF JOB AND TYPES OF SUFFERING IN THE OLD TESTAMENT
3. NEW TESTAMENT AND SUFFERING
4. WHAT DID JESUS GO THROUGH? SORROWS OF MARY
5. SAINTS, TRADITION, THEOLOGY OF SUFFERING
6. POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II: SALVIFICI DOLORIS (MEANING OF CHRISTIAN SUFFERING)
7. REFLECTION ON THE WRITINGS OF PETER KREEFT REGARDING SUFFERING

QUESTIONS / DETAILS: (631) 589-0540

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

We are united in prayer with their families and with one another as we and all the faithful departed await our rising with the Lord



*Lawrence Metzger
Maureen Cullen
Edgar Alfonso Grosso Lopez*

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Often it is requested for persons to be placed on the perpetual sick list. Sometimes it's forgotten to have them removed as necessary. Kindly contact the Parish Office for any changes to the list.

*Mark Arthus, Lauren Behr,
Meghan Brown, Mary Boland,
Katherine Buckley, Dina Bugliari,
Don Croake,
Alfred Cross, Mary Cullon,
Richard Faithfull, Marlene Garjiulo,
Cindy Humpf, Jack Hellmuth, Emmanuella Ingrisano,
Roseann Jerico, Edward Johnson,
Ted Karras, Maria King, Rose Kispert,
Mary Lane, Dierdre Lawlor,
Dawn Leder, Mylinda Lieberman, Tony Lofaro,
Jason Luca, Natale Mark,
Gene Markey, Cameron Martocci,
Thomas McCabe, Marge McGullam,
Karen McLean, Cheryl Metrick,
Joseph Moretta, James Natalie,
Paige Nelson, Braeyln Niedzwiecki,
Zachary Nowicki, Michael Panico,
Joan Parsons, Rosita Peralta, Joe Podlaha,
Eva Reimer, Lynne Roach, Steven Santana,
Gloria Sanseverino, Pat Scalza,
Andrea Schmidt, Chris Sizse
Paige Somma, Bree Stoll, Kevin Swisher,
Gerry Testa, Evelyn Toomey, Raeffela Trotta,
Taylor Vetrano, Mercedes Vera,
Kathy Wells, Kathy Wilcox, Lillian Worthington*

Baby Cecilia Jo Zafonte, Elliott Sexton



Benjamin Norman Carroll
Lou Ragosta
Joseph Panzarino, Barbara Russo

BAPTISMS

We welcome the newly baptized of the community and congratulate their parents:



*Benjamin Ray Garcia
Sebastian Tripp Garcia*

*If you have a loved one
who served in the military and would like to
donate a flag in their memory,
please call the
Parish Office
at 631-589-0540.*

PRAY FOR THOSE IN SERVICE

We pray for all our servicemen and women who gave their lives in the fulfillment of their duties. We pray for the veterans whose lives have been permanently affected by their experiences in this war.

We also remember the relief workers, contractors, Iraqi and Afghani men, women and children who have lost their lives in these conflicts.

We pray for a speedy end to these wars. We pray for all of the men and women who come from our Parish and who are now serving our Country any place in the world. We would like you to remember them in your prayers.

If you know someone you would like to add to the list, please call the Parish Office at 589-0540 and give us his/her name.

Sunday: All Servicemen & Women
Monday: Eric Colbert, U.S. Marines
Tuesday: Sean Connell, U.S. Army Ranger
Wednesday: Maj. Joseph Cosci, Jr., U.S. Army
Thursday: Robert S. Dall, Air Force
Friday: SR Ryan Michael Damato, U.S. Navy
Saturday: SRA Ian D'Amico, U.S. Air Force

THIS WEEK — PARISH EVENTS

SUNDAY

(All Masses)
2:00 pm

MARCH 16

Outreach Collection, Church
Baptism, Church

MONDAY

8:45 am
10:00 am
4:00 pm
4:30 pm
5:45 pm
7:00 pm
7:00 pm

MARCH 17

Perpetual Novena, Church
Legion of Mary, Room 4
Sandwich Society, Lower Level
Family Faith Formation
Family Faith Formation
Heart of Long Island Chorus, Lower Level
Family Faith Formation

TUESDAY

10:00 am
4:30 pm
5:45 pm
6:00 pm
7:00 pm
7:30 pm

MARCH 18

Spiritual Growth Group, Lower Level
Family Faith Formation
Family Faith Formation
Choir Rehearsal, Lower Level
Holy Hour, Church
K of C Officers Mtg., Room 4

WEDNESDAY

2:00 pm
5:30 pm
6:00 pm

7:00 pm
7:00 pm

MARCH 19

Silent Eucharistic Adoration, Church
Altar Servers, Church
Legion of Mary, Evening Mtg., Freeman Room

Joyful Sound, Church
R.C.I.A., Staff Dining Room

THURSDAY

1:00 pm
2:00 pm

4:30 pm
7:00 pm

MARCH 20

Charismatic Prayer Group, Church
Lenten Scripture Sharing with Sr. Lisa, Conf. Room 1
FFF—L/8 Reconciliation, Church
Charismatic Prayer Group, Church

FRIDAY

6:30 pm

7:00 pm

MARCH 21

Lenten Scripture Sharing Dcn. Jim, Conf. Room 1
Spanish Stations of the Cross, Church

SATURDAY

10:00 am

1:00 pm
3:00 pm
8:00 pm

MARCH 22

Lenten Scripture Sharing, Dcn. Roger, Conf. Room 1
Baptism, Church
FFF –L/5 Reconciliation, Church
Spanish Community Prayer Mtg., Church

SUNDAY

2:00 pm

MARCH 23

Curia, Freeman Room

Parish Office Hours

The hours for the Parish Office
are as follows:

Monday - Thursday:

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday: CLOSED

Parish Office: (631) 589-0540

USE DOOR 4 (by the flag pole)



THIS WEEK—SELF HELP GROUPS

SUNDAY MARCH 16

7:00 pm NA conscious Contact, Room 4
8:00 pm AA Word of Mouth, Room 3

MONDAY MARCH 17

8:30 pm AA, Way of Life, Room 3
8:30 pm NA, KISS, Room 4

TUESDAY MARCH 18

WEDNESDAY MARCH 19

5:45 pm AA Sisters in Spirit-11 Step Mtg., Room 2
6:30 pm NA-The Recovery Group, Room 3
7:30 pm AA, Primary Purpose, Room 2
8:00 pm NA, Open Minded Men, Room 4

THURSDAY MARCH 20

7:30 pm AA-Bridging the Gap, Room 4
7:30 pm GA Gamblers Anonymous, Room 2
7:30 pm SAA, Room 6b

FRIDAY MARCH 21

6:30 pm NA, Pamphlets to Freedom, Room 2
7:30 pm AA, A Way of Life, Room 3
8:00 pm NA, Clean in Bohemia, Room 4

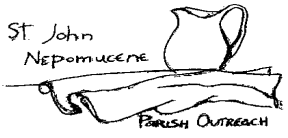
SATURDAY MARCH 22

12:00 pm AA-Sisters in spirit-11 Step Mtg., Room 2

SUNDAY MARCH 23

7:00 pm NA Conscious Contact, Room 4
8:00 pm AA Word of Mouth, Room 3





PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY - OUTREACH

United in prayer and action, may we become a visible sign of God's love.

Domestic Violence 1-800-799-SAFE
 Town of Islip 277 4700
 Suicide Prevention 1-800-639-5433
 or 1-800-952-3333
 L. I. Association for

Depression After Delivery 1-800-944-4PPD
 Crisis Pregnancy/Counseling 243-2373
 24-hour State Child Abuse 1-800-342-3720
 Baby Safe Haven Hot Line 877-796-HOPE

Post Abortion Counseling - days 722-4355
 (Project Rachel) - evenings 242-0907
 The Life Center 631-243-2373
 AA Hotline 631-669-1124
 Drug Hotline 1-800-522-5353

If your last name begins with – Please consider shopping for the following items this week –



- A - E Juice/Mac&Cheese/ Cups/SF Jello
- F - J Juice/Boxed milk/SF Jello/Canned Potatoes
- K - O Canned Fruit/Cereal/Rice/Beans
- P - T Cereal/Canned Fruit/Jelly/ Chili/Juice
- U - Z PeanutButter/Snacks/Juice Bottles/

We especially need JUICE, SF JELLO, CANNED FRUIT, BOXED MILK, PEANUT BUTTER and FRUIT CUPS.

A Message from Sister Lisa

On Saturday, March 8th, our State Senator Alexis Weiks sponsored a food drive at Giunta's Meat Farms to benefit our Pantry. We so appreciate her support, and the help of her legislative aides, Nick Davito and Anastasia Gleis. They collected at least 10 BIG bins of nonperishable food – filling empty spaces in our shelves with needed items. And I am also grateful to volunteers, Kristin Bast, Maureen Kavanagh, Barbara Maertx, Bill McDermott, Marie Meyer and Helen Webster who worked diligently to sort, box and shelve all the donations. Finally, we express our thanks to all the donors at the grocery store who contributed to the food drive. You have filled our Pantry shelves with lots of good food! Please see the photo to the far right.

Please note that the Lazarus Mass will be held **Tuesday, April 1st at 7:30.** Please join us to pray for your deceased loved ones.

Of course, you all remain in my prayer for the ways you bring God's blessings to the world by your kind generosity and support, especially to families who are struggling. Your thoughtful compassion gives them strength and greater hope, and reflects God's own good heart.

Please pray:

For Pope Francis, as he continues to recover from his respiratory infections, that he may gain in strength and health in order to be able to lead our Church and our world on the path to peace and justice.

In Memoriam Donations

*"Those whom we love and lose are no longer where they were before. They are now wherever we are."
 - St. John Chrysostom*

Donations were recently made to **Parish Outreach** and **Witness Housing** in memory of these deceased loved ones:

- Joan M. Ayers
- Marty Ayrovainen
- Margaret Bahnke
- Peggy Baran
- Edward H. & Kathryn F. Bergeron
- Russell and Grethe Brendel
- Marcie Bowen
- Ann Marie & Matt Carlson
- Carole Catera
- Antoinette Ciuffini
- Thomas Ciovale
- Ronald Clinmin
- John Creegan
- Rosalie Cuffaro
- Anthony & Marion Donadio
- Pat & Pete Ficarratto
- Philomena Genatempo
- Edwin J. Howard
- Grace Kittel
- Vincent LaSorsa
- Jane McGee
- Patty Maertz
- Ray Meyer
- Joseph Montalbano
- Gerald O'Connor
- Carole Perez
- Deacon George Reich
- Maryjane Richardson
- Bill Rossiter
- Connie and Frank Sinopoli
- Maureen Elizabeth Talarian
- Bob Walther
- Jean Williams

Let us keep them and their loved ones in our prayer.

Talbot House Needs

Talbot House, a chemical dependency program run by Catholic Charities in Bohemia, provides assistance to men and women struggling with addiction – helping them to address their substance abuse problems, and to secure appropriate employment, adequate housing, and meet other needs.

Right now, their residents could use ANY of the following (in M, L, XL, and 2XL):

- ♥ sweat pants (gently used or new)
- ♥ pajama pants (gently used or new)
- ♥ gently used bath towels & hand towels

Items can be left on our collection carts with a note indicating they are for **Talbot House**.

Thank you so very much.

Mental Health Resource

There is still a marked increase in incidents involving mental-health issues.

You may be aware of someone who needs support from a professional, trained counselor or therapist.

ANYONE can call, toll-free **988**, for a lifeline of resources that are available in our area.

If you, or someone you know and care about, is/are experiencing emotional distress or having mental health issues,

please call **988** for help,
24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Parish Outreach Good Will Offering will take place THIS weekend, March 15-16, after all the Masses.

Thank you in advance for your generous support of our programs and families.



Kindness Korner

Kindness does not have to be complicated or costly; even a simple but sincere smile can transform another person's day.



Maureen Kavanagh, one of our PSM Volunteers, and Anastasia Gleis, Legislative Aide to Senator Alexis Weiks, before VERY full Pantry shelves, due to the successful Food Drive sponsored by Senator Weiks.



Lazarus Mass of Remembrance Tuesday, April 1st, 7:30 p.m.

All who wish to pray for their beloved dead are welcome to this special Eucharistic liturgy during which we shall remember in prayer all those who have died, especially members of the parish in the last five months.

A Thank You Recently Offered

"Thank you to all who take the time to donate to help our family, among so many other families. It is so appreciated. You cannot know the great feeling you give us when we experience your care and love, especially when we remember you are doing this for people you do not even know."



Please patronize the advertisers in our Church Bulletin. Their generosity is a financial support to the Parish.

2025

Catholic Ministries Appeal
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Renewed by the Eucharist
Sent on Mission*



Dear Friends:

In announcing the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis asked us to celebrate, “with deep faith, lively hope and active charity.” During this most holy season of Lent, let us be reminded that we are called to discover hope in current times and to be the instruments of hope for others.

One tangible way to accomplish this is by giving to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Through our shared support of our pastoral, educational and charitable ministries, we are assisting those most in need and spreading the message of hope in the Lord.

Your gifts to the Appeal support the education of our seminarians and priests who are dedicating their lives to serving Christ and His Church; assist college students and our young people to grow in their faith and relationship with the Lord; and ensure that vital resources are made available for children and families through Catholic Charities, Respect Life, and our Parish Outreach programs.

During this time of Jubilee in the life of our Church, I ask you to consider contributing to the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal so that we can enrich the lives of others and that the hope of Christ may abound more fruitfully throughout our diocese.

Thank you for your support and prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Confession During Lent:

Each Saturday at 4 PM

Each Sunday of Lent after the 10 AM MASS (Starting the first week of Lent, March 9th) By Appointment.

Confession During Holy Week:

Monday, April 14, 2-4 PM and 6-9 PM

Good Friday, April 18, after the 3 PM Service and after the 7:30 PM Stations

Holy Saturday, April 19, 1-2 PM



**Pray for us
St. Joseph**

**Feast Day
March 19th**

SPANISH MINISTRY

Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

Las lecturas de esta semana, durante la época de Cuaresma, nos ayudaran a poder ver la Gloria de Dios, al continuar con los sacrificios que hemos ofrecido hacer, como lo es, La Oración el Ayuno y con Actos de Caridad y también inclu-en nuestras oraciones a todos los Eleguidos en todas las Parroquias, que estan buscando, recibir los Sacramentos, en la Vigilia Pascual.

Sigamos orando con fidelidad y pidamos en nuestras Oraciones diarias, poder oír con claridad la **Voz Divina** de **Jesus**, que nos llama a ser su voz al decir a los que necesitan consuelo, "Dios te ama, **BUSCALO**."

Al Salmo Responsorial responderemos:

R./ El Señor es mi Luz y mi Salvacion.

Los versos escogidos del Salmo 91, nos ayudaran a mantenernos fieles y a poder hacer la voluntad de Dios.

Todos los Sabados, a las 6:30pm, los invitamos a que nos acompañen, a rezar el Santo Rosario y a continuar con la celebracion de La Santa Misa en Español.

Si usted desea recibir el Sacramento de la Confesion (Reconciliacion), el Sacerdote esta disponible, quince minutos antes de celebrar La Santa Misa.

Les gustaria, tener la visita de la Virgen Peregrina. en su hogar? hable con Letty McCrystall o llamele por Tel.# 631-879-7971 y ella le dejara saber el dia que hay disponible.

Las charlas, para que su niño reciba el Sacramento del bautismo, llamar a Lucy a el Tel.# 631-339-3907.

ACUERDENSE DE QUE EN LA UNION,
ESTA LA FUERZA!!!

Family Faith Formation



FOR THE RIDE HOME

Today we hear how Jesus allowed his closest friends to glimpse the power and brilliance of God's glory. Jesus was transfigured! This means his appearance changed as his face and clothes shone like the sun.

If the sun shines in our eyes, we are dazzled by its brightness and the strength of its light. The light shining from Jesus was as bright as the sun. These rays of light were shafts of God's glory and a glimpse of his power and might.

If there was no light, the world would be a cold and frightening place, full of darkness and gloom. By day, the natural light of the sun warms the earth and makes things grow. At night, we use artificial light so that we can see and find our way in the darkness.

Just as light chases away the darkness so that we can see, the light shining out from Jesus that day made the disciples see that he was, indeed, the son of God. Their lives had been touched by the brilliance of God's power and love, and they were filled with the light of faith.

Questions:

1. What did Peter, James and John see on the mountaintop that day?
2. Have you ever lost electricity in your house? What happened? How did you feel?

Say this prayer together:
Jesus. Fill me with the light
of your love and faith.
Make me shine in the darkness
and touch the lives of others
with the light of your goodness.



*Please come
and pray with us..
every Tuesday evening
beginning at 7:00 pm
There is always room
for many more.*



HAS BEGUN.
There is still time
to join one of our Scripture-sharing
groups.

Lenten Scripture Sharing will once again be offered for those looking for a way to grow their relationship with God.

Give God a chance to speak with you through the scripture of the week.

Have fun with it!
 All Sessions take place in
 Conference Room 1 in the
 Parish Center:

Deacon Roger Mott
10:00 am to 11:00 am

Saturday, March 8
 Saturday, March 15
 Saturday, March 22
 Saturday, March 29
 Saturday, April 5

Deacon Jim Bohuslaw
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Friday, March 7
 Friday, March 14
 Friday, March 21
 Friday, March 28
 Friday, April 4

Please note: seating is limited, and participants are welcomed on a first call, first taken basis.

Please call the General Office at
 631-589-0540 to register



If you would like to place any decoration on a cemetery plot for St. Patrick's Day, please place on or after 3/7/25..

Items will be removed on 3/25/25.
 Thank you!

**DO YOU HEAR THE CALL TO BE A
 LECTOR or EXTRAORDINARY
 MINISTER OF COMMUNION?**

Liturgical Minister Training-Spring 2025

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A— This training is required for all those who are beginning as Ministers. This "BASIC" training is required for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One **must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training.

A **Lector Workshop** is available for both new and experienced lectors.

Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

***Lector Workshop and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion—Part A:**

Saturday, March 29th*—Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach—Parish Hall;
 9 am—12 pm

Thursday, April 3—St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Hall/RVC—Msgr. Kelly Parish Center,
 7pm—10 pm

Tuesday, April 8-St. Elizabeth/Melville-Msgr. Kane Hall;
 7 pm—10 pm

You may register for EITHER Lector OR Extraordinary Minister training at each session.

Doors open 30 minutes before the training start time. End time is an estimate, session may end prior to 10 pm, please be prepared.

*** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B**— presented in conjunction with Catholic Health

Sat., March 29*-Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach-Parish Hall;
 1 pm—4 pm

Tues., April 29—St Elizabeth/Melville—Msgr. Kane Hall;
 7 pm—10 pm

Thurs., May 8—St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Hall/RVC—Msgr. Kelly Parish Center,
 7 pm—10 pm

End time is an estimate, session may end prior to what is stated here, please be prepared.

*On **March 29th**, we are offering Part A and Part B on the SAME day. Those who attend Part A in the morning are welcome to bring lunch or leave for lunch and return for the 1 pm Part B session. Please indicate if you are doing BOTH on your registration letter from your pastor.

A letter from Fr. Regan will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions, call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.

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Lenten Day of Prayer

DEEPEN YOUR LENTEN DEVOTION
("Lent with Luke: A Time of Healing")

Join the Friends of the Seminary on
Sunday, March 30, 2025 from 9:30 to 3:30
for a special Lenten day with
Fr. Patrick J. Griffin, CM, at the:
Immaculate Conception
Retreat & Conference Center
440 West Neck Road, Huntington.

The day will include talks by Fr. Griffin,
quiet time, opportunity for Confession,
lunch and Mass.

Donation—\$60. Advance registration
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For information contact:
Seminary Development Office at:
(631)423-0483 x 102, or
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COFFEE with JESUS

Lenten Reflections on the Meaning of Season in Christian Life

Join Bishop Andrzej

All Fridays of Lent

March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11 at 3 pm
for Webinar Lenten Reflections



Registration Required
Call Suzanne at 516.744.6850
or email - westernvicariate@drvc.org
to receive Zoom Webinar Link



St. John Nepomucene Prayer Group Invites You to



A Visit with the Saints

Sarah Ryan of the Advent Shop in Massapequa was gifted with a collection of saintly relics, and she loves to share them with family and friends. Sarah will bring some of her collection to the St. John Nepomucene prayer meeting and speak to us about these precious articles of our faith. Come meet the family heroes! Deacon Roger will also be available to share his knowledge of the saints.

All are welcome!

Date: Thursday, March 27, 2025 7:30 p.m.
Place: St. John Nepomucene Church,
1140 Locust Avenue, Bohemia, NY

Elijah and Moses

Matthew 17:1-9



Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Second Sunday of Lent, the story of Jesus' transfiguration on the mountain.

The word clues are in the order in which they appear in the reading.

WORD LIST:

AFTER
 PETER
 HIS BROTHER
 LED THEM
 HIGH
 HE WAS
 BEFORE THEM
 SHONE
 LIKE THE SUN
 WHITE
 BEHOLD
 APPEARED
 LORD
 WE ARE HERE
 THREE
 ELIJAH
 BRIGHT
 CLOUD
 MY BELOVED
 PLEASED
 TOUCHED
 RISE
 THEIR EYES
 RAISED

M	B	L	I	K	E	T	H	E	S	U	N
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T	B	R	P	O	L	A	B	A	L	E	P
E	E	H	P	S	R	O	R	D	I	D	E
R	L	T	E	A	D	E	O	D	J	T	A
A	O	R	T	W	H	I	T	E	A	H	R
I	V	I	E	E	I	D	H	H	H	E	E
S	E	S	R	H	G	D	E	C	E	M	D
E	D	E	N	O	H	S	R	U	D	M	R
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