

Second Sunday of Lent



Preparing Our Bodies

Reflection: A friend e-mailed me an ad for scapulars that claimed to be “the most comfortable scapulars ever made!”

“Since when were scapulars supposed to be comfortable?” he quipped, recalling the days when wearing a scapular was akin to donning a mini-hairshirt: itchy, uncomfortable, and purposefully so.

For better or for worse, the itchy days have passed. Today we expect comfort. Even fasting seems to have gone out of style. This is not necessarily a bad development; Catholics are not in the business of self-punishment or turning away from the good things in life. And surely we can all agree that a true fast consists in serving the poor and refraining from gossip, much more so than giving up sweets or lattes.

And yet our tradition bursts with examples of physical fasting. Saints and sinners alike have denied themselves good things for a time. Many a Bible hero has fasted during times of intense prayers. But why?

Fasting for a time is a way of preparing our bodies for something our eyes have not seen and our ears have not heard--something beyond even the good things of this world. We're not there yet; we're just on the cusp of it. The transfigured Christ in today's Gospel--face changed in prayer, clothes dazzling white, glorious in appearance--offers us a glimpse of what is to come.

St. Paul tells us that Jesus Christ will change our lowly bodies to conform with his glorified one. That's a moment well worth preparing for.

Meditation: At Jesus' transfiguration, the Father declares: “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.” To listen to Jesus in prayer entails finding time and space for silence. Fasting from those activities and noises that so easily distract us can help us find that time and space. What a difference it makes when we are filled with the life-giving, transforming words of Jesus!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

The 2021-22 Religious Education Program is rapidly coming to a close. It's been a second and hopefully final year of homeschooling classes. The final day of the program is Sunday, May 1st followed by May Crowning at the 11:30 am Mass.

To comply with diocese requirements, we are going to present the Safe Environment Program in March. Below is the schedule and events until Sunday, May 1st.

- Grades K, 1, 3 and 4 with students and parents in attendance completed the Safe Environment Program last week.
- On Sunday, March 13th from 10:15 to 11:15 am in the school cafeteria, a program will be presented for grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 with students and parents in attendance.
- The Sacramental classes will have their program during their regular class time. These are grades 2, 9 and 10.
- Confirmation will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 26th at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Church.
- First Communion will be celebrated on Saturday, April 30th at 10:00 am at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, teachers and staff who have helped to keep our program running during the past two years through a disruptive but necessary pandemic.

I hope to see everyone in September 2022 back in the school classrooms.

Mary Beth Meade, DRE

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

(from the Office of Family Life Education)

Jesus “went up the mountain to pray” and he was “changed.” Prayer has the power to change us. This Lent set aside a few minutes each day to pray for members of your family. Pray before each meal and if you are married, spend five minutes in prayer together.

This Week We Remember...

Monday: *March 14*

12:00 pm
Steve P. Taddeo/The Family

Tuesday: *March 15*

9:00 am
Antonio and Filomena Minutillo/Joanne Licitra

12:00 pm
For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Wednesday: *March 16*

9:00 am
Patsy Polemino, Ann/Mike and Ro Colagiovanni

**Thursday: *March 17*
*St. Patrick***

9:00 am
Mary Taft/Liz Morgan



Friday: *March 18*
12:15 pm Mass at OLP/St. P
followed by the Stations of the Cross
Jack Reale/Sister, Shirley Damiano

12:00 pm
Bob Smith/The Family

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross at St.J/HT

**Saturday: *March 19*
*St. Joseph***

4:00 pm
Felice & Nancy Belvito/Sandy, Dan & Danny
Benny and Terry Cimino/Son, Joseph
Joe Rchetta/John Piraino
Antonio and Rosa Piraino/John
Antoinette Pascarella/Ann and A.J. Palmer
Genevieve Aloï Walker (B)/Cousin, Mary Prince
Mary Brice/Louis and Angela Romano



5:30 pm at St. John's/Holy Trinity
Josephine Contrastrano/Daughter, Gloria

**Sunday: *March 20*
*Third Sunday of Lent***

7:30 am
Anne Marie DiBello/Leonard Colvita

9:00 am at St. John's/Holy Trinity
Margaret Robinson/Pamela Serio

There will be a St. Therese Society Meeting on Thursday, March 17th at 1:30 pm in the Parish Office. Hope to see you there!

**Sunday: *March 20*
*Third Sunday of Lent***

11:30 am
Mary and Anthony/Catalino/Family
Phil and Sharon Catalino/Pam and Gary
Frank, Carmella, Victoria & John Vecchiarelli/Pam & Gary
Anthony and Vincent Caracci/Fran and Joanne
Peter Corasaniti/Patricia Covert
Giuseppe & Giuseppina DiLorenzo, Ann/Sister, Gilda
Eleanor Morelli, 10 Yr. Ann. Joe, Joanne and Family
Joseph Creno, 10 Yr. Ann./Sister, Antoinette
and Family

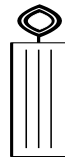
5:00 pm
Johanna Duell/Pat and Roe Barilla



Bread and Wine
For Masses Celebrated During The Week
In Loving Memory Of
Gino Fabrizi (B)
Requested By
Ruthie, Children and
Grandchildren



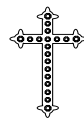
*Eucharistic Angels In Loving Memory of
Felice and Nancy Belvito
Requested By
Sandy, Dan and Danny*



Padre Pio

Devotional Candle Burning
For the Special Intentions of
Liz and Tony

BEREAVEMENT



Please remember in your prayers Frances Grenga, Louise F. Kapp and Sam Mezzo, who passed away this week. Our deepest sympathy to their families. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*

Ukraine: As we continue to pray for a peaceful resolution to the war in Ukraine, we have been asked to invite our parishioners to support the humanitarian efforts through monetary contributions. As you know, you recently received an envelope for Collection to Aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. These funds will allow the US church to partner in the rebuilding and restoring of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and to give critical and timely humanitarian aid now for Ukraine. Some may not have given to this collection and others may not have known that this collection will go to aid Ukraine. Therefore, we invite you to prayerfully consider giving over the next two weekends. Your check can be made out to the Diocese of Syracuse and indicate it is for **Ukraine**. Once the collection is complete we will send all monies to the Office of National Collections. Thank you for your donation.

MASK UPDATE: Following the recent announcement from NYS, masks are no longer mandated to wear in church...individuals who prefer to wear a mask are welcome to do so.



Lenten Fridays.....Enclosed flyer!

Please see the insert in this bulletin for the order form for the **March 25th** dinner as well as the menus for all of the remaining Lenten meals. Please note the dinner date and the due date for ordering. We are sending these forms 10 days in advance of the due date and 2 weeks in advance of the actual date of the dinner to give adequate time to respond and for us to prepare.

We are really excited about this new venture. It is another great way to support our wonderful Parish and Parish School and we hope you will be part of it...Thank you in advance...We know you won't be disappointed!

If you want to volunteer on any of the Fridays during Lent to help prepare and package, let us know at the Parish Office 315 422-7163. (Any amount of time between 2:00 and 7:00pm is much appreciated.) Call us with any questions or for more information.

Thanks again!!!



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Please contact Fr. Dan if you have any questions about our parish finances.

OLP/St. Peter Collection:

March 6, 2022 \$6,941.00

SJ/HT Collection:

March 6, 2022 \$4,322.00

Easter Flower Envelopes

You will find the Easter Flower Envelope in your next packet. If you wish to make a donation in memory (deceased) or in honor (living) of a loved one, please fill out the envelope. You may drop them in the collection box. Thank you.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS Weekend of March 19-20



4:00 pm OLP/St. P.	P. Turkett
5:30 pm St.J/HT	A. Marchbanks
7:30 am OLP/St.P.	J. Magnarelli
9:00 am St.J/HT	C. Wisniewski
11:30 am OLP/St.P.	F. Brice
5:00 pm OLP/St.P	Fr. Caruso

LET US PRAY



Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish and all those in hospitals, nursing homes and the home bound.

Christopher Aldrich, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Grayce Costantini, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Joni Uva DelGiorno, Gen DiMento, Ginny and Erin Donovan, Aaron Doty, Jenny Emmi, Mary Ann Felicia, Marilyn Ferretti, Beverly Frey, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Keith Horton, Josephine Indelicato, Mary Isgar, Dory Jones, Shirley Kerr, Jane Kwasigroch, Rosemary Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Maria Luisi, Diane Mackey, Norm MacKenzie, Peggy Miccinelli, Diane Moro, Jean Padden, The Pavia Children, Philomena Piraino, Joe Ruggeri, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Anthony Sobon, John Sobon, Timothy K. Suppes, Carmen Surace, Barbara Traino, Maryann Vigliotti, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins and Fred Wheeler.

**Annual Friends
Day of Recollection**

Wednesday, April 6th, this year we will be at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church from 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Our Homilist is Rev. Daniel Caruso. Donation: \$20 pp. For reservations (due by March 31st) or for more information call the Parish Office, 315-422-7163 or JoAnne Merola, 315-425-9673. Registration will begin at 9:30 am. If you have been to this retreat, you know how gratifying it is and if you have not, please plan to do so for a very spiritual time. **This event is for all of our friends, men and women!**



**BASKET BONANZA TICKETS
GO ON SALE NEXT WEEK**

Tickets will go on sale next weekend (March 19th) for our ever so wonderful...ever so fun... annual Basket Bonanza. It is being held on Saturday, April 23rd in our school cafeteria! We hope you will get your tickets soon and join in!!!

If you attended the Basket Bonanza in the past we know you will want to come again this year. If you haven't been before we hope you will join us and see what it's all about!!! Get a table together or come and join others, either way you will have a great time!!!! We know it will be another fantastic Bonanza with great opportunities to win incredible items.

The cost is only \$10.00 which includes your admission, chance to win door prizes and 2 free raffle tickets to use towards your chances to win whatever baskets you choose to take a chance on. It also includes incredible food and of course, as always, lots of fun and comradery!!! We hope you will be part of it!!

If you are interested in donating a raffle basket or item we would be so very grateful!! Just let us know!!!

Visit us after all the masses starting next Saturday or call or visit the Parish or School offices for tickets, questions, more information or if you are interested in donating!! 315 422 7163.

Thanks so much for your always wonder-

**HOLY NAME
50/50 RAFFLE**

Don't forget the 50/50 Raffle sponsored by the Holy Name Society. If you have not purchased your ticket yet, consider doing so because there are **only so many tickets left**. Here's your chance to contribute to our fundraiser and maybe win something too!!

Tickets are still available for you to purchase and they are only \$50.00 each. The drawing will be on **May 11, 2022 (think spring!)**. You may want to give a ticket (or two) as a gift!

Please Larry Cimino, 315-430-5645 or Joey Cimino at 315-430-0338 if you want a special number, it will be on a first come, first served basis. We thank you for your support.



**Gertrude Hawk orders
scheduled to arrive in 2 weeks.**

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale. We are expecting shipment the week of **March 28th** so your orders will be available for pick up the weekend Masses of **April 2nd and 3rd**. If you would like them earlier that week just give us a call and we will arrange for that.

Thanks again for your wonderful support! Give us a call with any questions 315-422-7163!



Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

The Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter will host Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Sunday, **April 10th** from 9:00 to 11:00 am in the school cafeteria. Please mark your calendars and consider joining us for this always delicious and fun event. The Easter Bunny will be attending and sure to delight young and old. So bring the family or come alone ...we would love to see you!

GOLF NEWS

Golf season will be here before you know it! OLP/St. P. Golf League is calling all golfers to join them on Tuesday, May 3. If you are interested, please call Jamie Lanza at 315-256-4540 after 2 pm.