

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT—FEBRUARY 21, 2021

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAYS
1:15 PM ENG
2:15 POLISH

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;
teach me your paths.

Please arrange the date of baptism through the Rectory office after the birth of your child.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Rectory for an appointment at least six months prior to the desired date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS
4:00 to 4:45 PM
THURSDAYS BEFORE
FIRST FRIDAYS
4:00 to 5:00 PM
Other times by appointment.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

WEEKDAYS
7:00 AM
SATURDAYS
8:00 AM

— Psalm 25:4

SATURDAY
EVENINGS
VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM
SUNDAYS
8:00 & 9:15 AM
10:30 AM (Polish)
12:00 Noon

RECTORY HOURS
WEEKDAYS
9 AM to 12 Noon
& 1 PM to 4 PM
SATURDAYS
By Appointment Only

EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION
W/ BENEDICTION
Tuesdays 12:00
Extended to 2:00 PM
During Lent

Our Mission Statement

*Lord, God, all creation is yours, and you call us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us. May the example of St. Isidore urge us to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of mankind. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.
Saint Isidore, Pray for Us.*

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2021

5:00 pm Intentions of the Stepnoski Families
+ Thomas Farruggia
+ Frank and Justyna Doroski
+ Deceased Members of Cichanowicz and Donahue Families

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021

8:00 am + Steven (A) and Paul Podlas
9:15 am + Frank L., Bertha M. & Frank L. Jr. Ostroski
10:30 am + Szymon Runowski
(POLISH) + Antoni Karwowski (16th A)
+ Jerzy (A), Irene & Malgorzata Aleksandrowicz and Family
+ Mary and John Zmyslony
+ Zofia Czaplak
12:00 pm + Lina Guardino

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021

7:00 am + Gabriel Samudio
Health and Blessings for Sharon Washick

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021

7:00 am + Perry V. Conklin, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

7:00 am + Bertha Stepnoski (A)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021

7:00 am + Gabriel Samudio

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021

7:00 am + Marie Pfaff

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021

8:00 am + Marie Dunleavy
5:00 pm + Anna and Charles Mickaliger, Sr.
+ Zofia Czaplak
+ Thomas Farruggia
+ Perry V. Conklin, Jr.
Health and Blessings for the Peter Kruszon Fam.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021

8:00 am + Walter J. Danowski (A)
9:15 am + Joseph Bobinski
10:30 am + Szymon Runowski
(POLISH) + Jan Harasimowicz
+ Teresa Lul / + Zygmunt Grabowski
+ Mariusz and Tadeusz Borowski
12:00 pm + Marie Pfaff

"You must accept your cross; if you bear it courageously it will carry you to Heaven."

— St. John Vianney

"In truth, if the earth and all it contains must one day disappear by fire, the goods of this world are no more to be esteemed than wood and straw. What point is there, then, in making them the object of our desires and cares? Why seek to build and leave marks of our genius and power where we have no permanent abode, and where the form of this world will be removed, like a tent that has no travelers to shelter? It may be said that it will be a thousand years before this frightening cataclysm takes place; but Christ has said that a thousand years are but an instant compared with eternity, and when the moment comes—when, from the land of the future life, we are the witnesses and actors in that supreme drama—the whole span of humanity will seem so short to us that we shall scarcely consider it to have lasted a single day ... Christ tells us to meditate upon these great teachings, for it is certain that we shall be taken by surprise, and that the time will come sooner than we think."

— Father Charles Arminjon

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalm — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel — Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10,
15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED



Sylvester Sabbatino
Agnes Economos
Jacqueline Silano
Katherine Vlavianos

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Peter Kruszon Family	Doriane Bay
Richard Raynor	Bob
Joan Kielkowski	Patricia Penney
Camille Sulli	Giordano Family
Anthony Naglieri	David Vallone
Regina Semon	Brittany Schacor
Irene Monahan	Marion Lynch
Joyce Stehle	Juan Rueda
Thomas McEnary	Karen and Kim Finocchiaro
Robert Sproston	Eleanor Koller
Mary Khulman	Mark Weiss
Claire Maffei	Christine Blasko
Richard Okula	Delberta Sprague
Denise Babinski	Gloria Keller
Michael Alperti	Grace Mary Schulteis
Roseanne Murphy	Victor Sechyshyn
Barbara Kozlowski	Philip Schmitt
Sr. Angelina Costano, O. Carm	Giuseppe Isgro
James West	Wayne Rambo
Agnes Economos	Richard Fehr
Maurice Vianney Lauzier	George Angle
Louise Lejay	Marta Andreotta
Jimmy Blomberg	Melissa Alexandra
Elizabeth Farruggia	Christian Vidal
Cecilia Murphy	Suzanne & Peter Thompson
Kelly Wine	Anna Grefe
Virginia Todd	Joanne Iovino
Mary Van Duesen	Helen Condzella
Thomas DeGirolamo	Anthony Mannino
William Berenger	Chris & Susan Kane
Daria Quarlena	The Curry Family
Eileen Borchart	Marcella Frisen
Sheila Nolan	Vera Doroski
Tom Wisniewski III	The Huntley Family
Jean Reyes Carroll	Theresa Puglia
Lynn Markowski	Brian Darmody
Corinne & Jeffrey Clark	Greg Alty
Grzegorz Radziwonski	Leigh Anne Brown
James/George/Barbara Jaeger	Dan Modjeska
Ernest and Alex Aponte	Judy Zakorski
Helen Long	Marie & Greg Miley
Michael Miglionico	Marcjanna Stolarzewicz
Wieslaw Luniewski	John Shuot
Ralph Conforti	Maureen Tighe
The Barauskus Family	Gene Esposito
Hope & Brittany Williams	Patrick Murphy
John Marion	Mike Diem
Dan Massiello	Brian Crowley
Emilia Andrychowski	Louise Pampinello
Joan & Fred Meister	Jim DeRosa
Doris Donahue	Dee DeGirolamo
Krzysztof Olszowski	Barbara Fenn
Anders Ryden	Johanna Benthall
Kevin Christopher Cook	Augie & Georgianna Lucente
Susan Carey	Theresa Jacobs

Please keep all those serving in the military and their families in your thoughts and prayers especially: 1st Lt. Nicholas Santorelli, Christopher Drowns, Thomas Gallo, Jeffrey Heppner, James Fleming, Justin Kruel, Peter and Shawna Marie Clark, Cole Lamond, Jonathan Jacobs, Brendan Fitzgerald, Thomas V. D'Auria, Mateusz Marzecz and Andre DeRosa

COLLECTIONS

Sunday, February 21st—Sunday Weekly and Church In Need
 Sunday, February 28th—Sunday Weekly and Debt Red.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Sunday, February 14th	\$ 6,206	\$ 4,260

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, February 21, 2021

Gorzkie Zale 2:30 PM

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Adoration from 12 to 2 PM

Friday, February 26, 2021

Stations of the Cross in English 6 PM / Polish 7 PM



DO SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL FOR GOD

The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

Sunday, February 21: “Love can be misused for selfish motives. If I love you but at the same time I want to take from you as much as I can, even the things that are not for me to take. Then there is no true love anymore.”

Monday, February 22: “Whether one is a Hindu or a Muslim or a Christian, how you live your life is proof that you are or are not fully His. We cannot condemn or judge or pass words that will hurt people. We don’t know in what way God is appearing to that soul and what God is drawing that soul to: therefore, who are we to condemn anybody?”

Tuesday, February 23: “If someone feels that God wants him to transform social structures, that’s an issue between him and his God. We all have the duty to serve God where we feel called. I feel called to help individuals, to love each human being. I never think in terms of crowds in general but in terms of each individual person. Were I to think about crowds, I would never begin anything. It is the person that matters. I believe in person-to-person encounters.”

Wednesday, February 24: “Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.”

Thursday, February 25: “Sweetest Lord, make me appreciative of the dignity of my call and its many responsibilities. Never permit me to disgrace it by giving way to coldness, unkindness, or impatience.”

Friday, February 26: “Intense love does not measure, it just gives. How intense is your love?”

Saturday, February 27: “It is not the magnitude or our actions but the amount of love that is put into them that matters.”

Did you know?

Our Lady of Kibeho – 1981 – 1989

Our Lady of Kibeho first appeared to adolescents in Rwanda in November 1981. She was revealed to the teens as “Mother of the Word” and “Mother of God”. She first appeared to Alphonsine in late November 1981, then to another teen, Nathalie, in January 1982 and eventually to Marie-Claire. The main messages of Our Lady in Rwanda were very similar to that of her other apparitions: a call to prayer, conversion of sinners, warnings about the evil in the world, a prediction of coming war and violence, and to love God as well as our neighbor.

The apparitions of the Blessed Mother in Rwanda were notable for two main reasons. First, that the predictions of violence came to fruition with the genocide and warfare that gripped the nation in the 1990’s. Second, the apparitions reinvigorated interest in the medieval prayer ritual known as “The Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows of Mary”, because Our Lady asked one of the visionaries to specifically disseminate that message with a call to devotion to that ritual prayer.

The genocide of the Hutu against the Tutsi tribe in Rwanda in 1994 was horrific and the neglect for respect of human life was shocking to the rest of the world. The visionaries reported that Our Lady of Kibeho told them her concerns was not just for Rwanda, but for all of Africa and the fallen world...**attack on religious liberty and the increased amount that God is being replaced by secularism and relativism. The moral code of society is being slowly stripped away, and the farther we are from God, the more lost we will be as a society and an international community.** The message of Our Lady of Kibeho is essentially that the world is in a bad place and that we must repent and pray. The faithful are called by Our Lady to pray for all those who are lost. Our Lady said the answer is prayer, especially the Holy Rosary and also the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows of Mary. She asked that the devotional chaplet commemorating **the Seven Sorrows be prayed on Tuesdays and Fridays** in conjunction with the Sorrowful mysteries of the Holy Rosary. It is a prayer that is meant to be a *repentant prayer*. It is suggested that it begins with an Act of Contrition, next recite the Our Father, the First Sorrow of Mary followed by reciting seven Hail Mary’s. The format is the same for the remaining sorrows. These prayers reflect on the sorrow and grief that Our Lady experienced.

Our Lady of Kibeho asks us through the visionaries to obey the Church, to love our neighbor unconditionally, and to love God in truth. *Our Lady also spoke of the need for suffering, that nobody enters Heaven without suffering.* Acts of charity for the poor make us beautiful in the eyes of God. These messages from Our Mother challenge the societal views on suffering and run directly opposite to the “every man for themselves” message conveyed by the world. How often in our societal discourse has someone said, “if it feels good, then do it?” This goes against our Catholic teachings and the messages of the Gospel. We are called as Christians to love and serve others, especially the poor, the elderly, the disabled, those who have less than we do, and the dying. We are called to love our neighbor as ourselves. This is all part of the messages in Rwanda and the other Marian apparitions.

As we begin our Lenten journey, maybe it’s a good time to begin this “journey of repentance” and include the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows of Mary, embrace our sufferings and unite them to the Passion of Christ. Happy Lent!

Seven Sorrows of Mary

Act of Contrition

Our Father - The First Sorrow – The Prophecy of Simeon – 7 Hail Mary’s

Our Father – The Second Sorrow – The Flight into Egypt – 7 Hail Mary’s

Our Father – The Third Sorrow – The Child Jesus Lost in the Temple – 7 Hail Mary’s

Our Father – The Fourth Sorrow – Mary Meets Jesus Carrying the Cross – 7 Hail Mary’s

Our Father – The Fifth Sorrow – Mary at the Foot of the Cross – 7 Hail Mary’s

Our Father – The Sixth Sorrow – Mary Receives the Body of Jesus – 7 Hail Mary’s

Our Father – The Seventh Sorrow – The Burial of Jesus – 7 Hail Mary’s



There is a brand new program from Stop & Shop that works to fight hunger in our local community. From February 26th through the month of March, Saint Isidore Food Pantry has been selected to receive a \$1 donation for every \$9.99 “Bloomin’ 4 Good Bouquet” with the red circle sticker (pictured below) sold at the store located here in Riverhead.



CFN

TELETHON '21

ANNUAL TELETHON

Join Catholic Faith Network for the 2021 Telethon on Saturday, February 27th from 2-10pm and Sunday, February 28th from 12-10pm. This exciting weekend will feature guests from around the world, thrilling performances and inspirational interviews. CFN is available on your local cable providers as well as on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android and the free CFN app. The Catholic Faith Network continues to be there for you during these challenging times and we ask that you help us continue in our mission. If you have capacity to give this year, please do. Consider making a donation by phone or by visiting www.CFNtv.org.

Lenten Parish Mission

Facilitated by: Fr. John Paul Ouellette,
CFR

Sponsored by the Franciscan Friars
of the Renewal

Monday, March 1st – Thursday,
March 4th

Monday 1-2 PM and 7-8 PM:
Exposition, Talk, Benediction
Theme: *Where are You? God's Love*

Tuesday 1-2 and 7-8 PM:
Exposition, Talk, Examination of Con-
science, Meditations, Confessions
Theme: *The Infinite Mercy of God*

Wednesday, 1-2 and 7-8 PM:
Exposition, Talk, Eucharistic
Healing Procession
Theme: *Christ's Healing Power
and Discipleship*

Thursday, 7-8 PM:
Closing Mass
Theme: *The Kingdom of God is at
Hand for You ... the Church and Our
Lady*



MEDITATIONS OF THE DAY

How We Pursue Him and Find Him

(Venerable Mother Mary Magdalen of Jesus in the Eucharist, C.P.)

I would like to end this letter by speaking of prayer...I am sometimes distracted, although distractions come and go without causing me any disturbance. I could almost say that I hardly advert to them. My will is united to God and no one can separate it from Him. It is a fortress which no one can penetrate and Jesus is its master. I have given Him the key and no one but He can enter...Formerly it was not so. When distractions came, I would be disturbed and annoyed and fear that I had not done all I could to reject them. In this way I lost that complete quietude of spirit which is so necessary for conversing with God.

I am a child and Jesus treats me that way...He wants me to see what I am and what I could be without Him so that I will realize my incapacity for all things and will experience my own nothingness. At the same time, he makes me understand that he is within me and that I should be strong in faith and love... Love gives us courage to carry the yoke of the Lord. Yes, love makes everything easy, and more than anything else, the practice of prayer. Prayer is such an urgent need for anyone who loves God that he cannot find anything else to replace it. And if for any reasonable cause he has to leave it, he seeks God in everything he does and he finds Him. How good the Lord is to souls that seek Him and how He lets Himself be found in all places!

I believe that for now I have told you enough about my practice of prayer. It is so simple that there is not very much to say. It is the prayer of little souls, because everything in me is little, except my love. I do not want my love to be little; I want it to be great, very great. When God takes me in His arms, I give myself to Him at once, without thinking of my unworthiness or smallness.

A Prayer After the Heart of John the Baptist

Venerable Francis Xavier Nguyn Van Thuan
(Imprisoned by the Vietnamese government for 13 years)

Your Will be done.

Father, I firmly believe without hesitation,
that you work and act in me.

I am the object of your affection and tenderness.

I ask you to realize in me
all that can bring you greater glory.

I ask only for our glory.
that is enough to satisfy me and to make me happy;
this is my greatest aspiration,
the most urgent desire of my soul.

Father, I firmly believe
that you have entrusted me with a mission,
engraved entirely with your love.

You prepare the way for me.
I will not cease readying myself,
and being firm in my resolution.

Yes, I have resolved
to become a silent offering.
I shall serve as an instrument
in the Father's hands.

I will offer my sacrifice,
moment by moment,
through my love for the Church.

Here I am, I am ready!

It is consummated.

My beloved Father!

United to the sacrifice
of the Eucharist celebration...

I kneel at this moment
and speak this word
that comes from my heart: "sacrifice."

A sacrifice that accepts humiliation as well as glory
a joyful and complete sacrifice
that sings of my hope and of all my love.

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