

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 7, 2021

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### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAYS  
1:15 PM ENG  
2:15 POLISH

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

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

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#### 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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## IN LOVING MEMORY

### BREAD AND WINE

George Bixby

### SANCTUARY LAMP

Frank L., Bertha M. and Frank L. Jr. Ostroski

*God never gives us more than we  
can handle. He just helps us  
handle what He gives us.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021

5:00 pm + Benjamin R. Densieski (A)  
+ Perry V. Conklin, Jr.  
Health and Blessings for Lucy and Aneta Kobos

### THIRD SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021

8:00 am + Anna and Jan Gajowski  
9:15 am + Joseph Bobinski  
10:30 am Za Członków żywego Różańca i Rodzinę Radia Maryja  
(POLISH) + Jozef & Urszula Sawicki and Feliksa Sawicka  
+ Teresa Lul  
+ Zofia Czaplak  
12:00 pm + Pat Liebler

### MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021

7:00 am + Gabriel Samudio  
+ Kevin Joule

### TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

7:00 am + Marilyn Pellegrino

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021

7:00 am + Bishop Andrew Han Jingtao

### THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021

7:00 am + Gerald St. Onge  
+ Barbara Floryanczyk

### FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2021

7:00 am + Marilyn Pellegrino

### SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2021

8:00 am + Anne Doroski  
5:00 pm + Stella Karzenski / + Zofia Czaplak  
+ Sophie (A) and Clarence Anderson  
Blessings for Janina / + Antoinette Woronka  
+ Ryszard Zalewski (14th A)

### FOURTH SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021

8:00 am + Nicole Brown  
9:15 am + Helen Kruszon  
10:30 am + Jadwiga Suchta  
(POLISH) + Edward Gorski (11th A) i dusze wczyscu  
+ Stefania and Joseph Zaniewski  
Intentions of Ziggy Wilinski and Family  
12:00 pm + Joseph Bobinski

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The law was given through Moses  
(Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.

**Psalm** — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life  
(Psalm 19) or *Psalm 95*.

**Second Reading** — We proclaim Christ crucified; the  
foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Co-  
rinthians 1:22-25) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

**Gospel** — Destroy this temple, and in three days I will  
raise it up (John 2:13-25) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26,  
39a, 40-42]*.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30  
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9;  
Mt. 18:21-35  
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;  
Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17;  
Mk 12:28-34  
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14  
Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6;  
Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21  
Alternate readings (Year A):  
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;  
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

## PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED



*Nellie Tysz  
Stella Nidzyn*

## COLLECTIONS

Sunday, March 7th—Sunday Weekly and School

Sunday, March 14th—Sunday Weekly and Catholic  
Relief Services

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Sunday, February 28th	\$ 6,255	\$ 7,530

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Peter Bertolotti	Patricia Penney
Peter Kruszon Family	Giordano Family
Richard Raynor	David Vallone
Joan Kielkowski	Brittany Schacor
Camille Sulli	Marion Lynch
Anthony Naglieri	Juan Rueda
Regina Semon	Karen and Kim Finocchiaro
Irene Monahan	Eleanor Koller
Joyce Stehle	Mark Weiss
Thomas McEnany	Christine Blasko
Robert Sproston	Delberta Sprague
Mary Khulman	Gloria Keller
Claire Maffei	Grace Mary Schulteis
Denise Babinski	Victor Sechyshyn
Michael Alperti	Giuseppe Isgro
Roseanne Murphy	Wayne Rambo
Barbara Kozlowski	Richard Fehr
James West	George Angle
Maurice Vianney Lauzier	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
James/George/Barbara Jaeger	Leigh Anne Brown
Ernest and Alex Aponte	Dan Modjeska
Helen Long	Judy Zakorski
Michael Miglionico	Marie & Greg Miley
Wieslaw Luniewski	Marcjanna Stolarzewicz
Ralph Conforti	John Shuot
The Barauskus Family	Gene Esposito
Hope & Brittany Williams	Patrick Murphy
John Marion	Mike Diem
Emilia Andrychowski	Brian Crowley
Joan & Fred Meister	Louise Pampinello
Doris Donahue	Jim DeRosa
Krzysztof Olszowski	Dee DeGirolamo
Anders Ryden	Barbara Fenn
Kevin Christopher Cook	Johanna Benthall
Susan Carey	Augie & Georgianna Lucente
Doriane Bay	Theresa Jacobs
Bob	

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Sunday, March 7, 2021**

Gorzkie Zale 2:30 PM

**Tuesday, March 9, 2021**

Adoration from 12 to 2 PM

**Friday, March 12, 2021**

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



## DO SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL FOR GOD

**The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa**

**Sunday, March 7:** “Do you want to do something beautiful for God? There is a person who needs you. This is your chance.”

**Monday, March 8:** “How do we learn to pray? When Jesus was asked by His disciples how to pray, He did not teach them methods or techniques. He said we should speak to God as a loving Father.”

**Tuesday, March 9:** “Let us pray for peace, joy and love. We are reminded that Jesus came to bring the good news: “My peace I leave with you, my peace I give you.” He came not to give the peace of the world which is only that we do not harm each other. He came to give the peace of heart which comes from loving—from doing good to others.”

**Wednesday, March 10:** “If you are discouraged, it is a sign of pride because it shows you trust in your own power. Your self-sufficiency, your selfishness and your intellectual pride will inhibit His coming to live in your heart because God cannot fill what is already full. It is as simple as that.”

**Thursday, March 11:** “God is a friend of silence. The more we engage in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life. The essential thing is not what we say to God but what God says to us and what he says through us.”

**Friday, March 12:** “There are a few ways to practice humility; To speak as little as possible of one’s self. To mind one’s own business. Not to want to manage other people’s affairs. To avoid curiosity. To accept contradictions and correction cheerfully. To pass over the mistakes of others. To accept insults and injuries. To accept being slighted, forgotten, and disliked. To be kind and gentle even under provocation.”

**Saturday, March 13:** “I don’t know what God is doing. He knows. We do not understand, but one thing I’m sure, He doesn’t make a mistake.”

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 Krueel, Peter and Shawna Marie Clark, Cole Lamond, Jonathan Jacobs, Brendan Fitzgerald, Thomas V. D’Auria, Mateusz Marzecz and Andre DeRosa





Mrs. Mirabell's second grade students at St. John Paul II Regional School celebrated 100 days of in-person learning by dressing up as frontline workers. Students shared their frontline worker reports and wrote 100 thank you notes to frontline workers which were distributed to the local community.

## **PROJECT HOPE**

EAC Network is now a proud provider agency of New York Project Hope, which is New York State's COVID-19 Crisis Counseling Program. We are providing Suffolk County with free, confidential, and anonymous emotional support.

Contact Us: 516-510-0282 Monday-Friday:  
8am-8pm Saturday: 8am-4pm

# LENTEN PRACTICES

(from the Pieta booklet)

## Graces Received Making The Way of the Cross

At the age of 18, a young Spaniard entered the Novitiate of The Brothers of the Christian Schools at Buggedo. He took the Vow of Regularity, Perfection and Pure Love. In October, 1926, he offered himself to Jesus through Mary. Soon after this heroic donation, he fell ill, and was obliged to rest. He died saintly in March 1927. He was, according to the Master of Novices, a Privileged Soul, who received Messages from Heaven. Confessors and Theologians recognized these Supernatural facts. His Director asked him to write the Promises made by Our Lord to those who have devotion to THE WAY OF THE CROSS.

They are:

I'll grant everything that's asked of Me with Faith, when making The Way of the Cross.

I promise Eternal Life to those who pray from time to time, The Way of the Cross.

I'll follow them everywhere in life and I'll help them, especially at the hour of death.

Even if they have more sins than blades of grass in the fields, the grains of sand in the sea, all of them will be erased by The Way of the Cross. (Note: This promise doesn't eliminate the obligation to confess all mortal sins, and this, before we can receive Holy Communion.)

Those who pray The Way of the Cross often, will have a special glory in Heaven.

I'll deliver them from Purgatory, indeed if they go there at all, the first Tuesday or Friday after their death.

I'll bless them at each Way of the Cross, and My blessing will follow them everywhere on earth and, after their death, in Heaven for all Eternity.

At the hour of death I won't permit the devil to tempt them; I'll lift all power from him in order that they'll repose tranquilly in My Arms.

If they pray it with true love, I'll make of each one of them a living Ciborium in which it will please Me to pour My grace.

I'll fix My Eyes on those who pray The Way of the Cross often; My hands will always be open to protect them.

As I am nailed to the Cross, so also will I always be with those who honor Me in making The Way of the Cross frequently.

They'll never be able to separate themselves from Me, for I'll give them the grace never again to commit a Mortal sin.

At the hour of death I'll console them with My Presence and we'll go together to Heaven. Death will be sweet to all those who have honored Me during their lives by praying The Way of the Cross.

My Soul will be a protective shield for them, and will always help them, whenever they have recourse.

St. Alphonsus Liguori wrote: *"If you pray you are positive of saving your soul. If you do NOT pray, you are just as positive of losing your soul."*

## LENTEN PRACTICES (from the Pieta booklet)

### “Why Should I Go to Mass Everyday?”

*“The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!” (Pope Paul VI)*

For each Mass we hear with devotion, Our Lord sends a saint to comfort us at death. (Revelation to St. Gertrude the great)

Padre Pio, the stigmatist priest, said, the world could exist more easily without the sun than without the Mass.

The Curé d’Ars, St. Jean Vianney said, if we knew the value of the mass we would die of joy.

A great doctor of the Church, St. Anselm, declares that a single Mass offered for oneself during life may be worth more than a thousand celebrated for the same intention after death. St. Leonard of Port Maurice supports this statement by saying that one Mass before death may be more profitable than many after it.

*“The Holy Mass could be of greater profit if people had it offered in their lifetime, rather than having it celebrated for the relief of their souls after death.” (Pope Benedict XV)*

Once, St. Teresa (of Avila) was overwhelmed with God’s Goodness and asked Our Lord, *“How can I thank you?”* Our Lord replied, **“ATTEND ONE MASS.”**

The Blessed Virgin Mary once told Her faithful servant Alain: *“My Son so loves those who assist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that, if necessary, He would die for them as many times as they’ve heard Masses.”*

### HOLY COMMUNION

Each time we receive Holy Communion our venial sins are forgiven.

Christ revealed to St. Gertrude the Great that each time 1 person receives Holy Communion something good happens to every being in heaven, on earth and in purgatory.

The Curate of Ars said that a Communion well received is worth more than any amount of Francs. (NFF)

Each time we receive Holy Communion our place in heaven is raised forever, our stay in purgatory shortened.

### SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The value of a spiritual communion well made is enormous. We can and must make one frequently. Simply think on Jesus and how much He loves us and how much we love Him, then ask Our Blessed Mother to ask He Divine Son to come in to our hearts. We can offer these Communions for the interest of the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, noting our special intentions.

After receiving Holy Communion Our Lady said we should pray: *“Most Sacred Heart of Jesus may the whole world burn with love for You!”* (revelation to Gabrielle Bossis in France.)

By a rescript of November 24, 1922, the Sacred Congregation of Indulgences approved the following formula for a spiritual communion.

*“O Jesus I turn toward the holy tabernacle where You live hidden for love of me. I love you, O my God. I cannot receive You in Holy Communion. Come nevertheless and visit me with Your grace. Come spiritually into my heart. Purify it. Sanctify it. Render it like unto Your own. Amen.”*

*“Lord, I am not worthy that Thou should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.” (A Partial Indulgence may be received)*

It was the Curé of Ars who said, *“A spiritual communion acts on the soul as blowing does on a cinder – covered fire which was about to go out. Whenever you feel your love of God growing cold, quickly make a spiritual communion.”*

## DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

### Lent 2021

Dear Friends:

"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan...After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God."(Mark 1:12 – 14) Each year on the First Sunday of Lent, the Church presents for our reflection and prayer the experience of Jesus in the desert. Jesus's experience in the desert follows immediately upon His baptism by Saint John the Baptist and immediately precedes His public ministry and proclamation of the Kingdom of God, in word and in deed. Saint Mark points out to us that the Spirit, who had just descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove, drove Jesus into the desert. The desert was a barren place, a place of lifelessness, the home of the devil and evil. The Spirit sends Jesus into the desert to prepare himself for the years of His public ministry, ultimately leading to His Death and Resurrection. Jesus spends time away from the world to prepare himself. But He also goes forth into the desert to begin His battle against evil, sin and death. Jesus goes into the very dwelling of evil to begin the confrontation. This battle will continue throughout the rest of Jesus's life. The ultimate victory will come on Good Friday through His ultimate act of love on the Cross. Our yearly experience of Lent, our forty day "desert experience," can be viewed in the same way. We are inspired and sent by the Spirit to spend some time apart from the world of noise and recover the beauty of silence. But, we are also sent to do battle. Our experience of true silence should allow us the opportunity to both listen to the voice and promptings of God as well as to better know ourselves. This personal battle against sin and evil can be painful, because we come to realize that we are all in need of constant conversion. There are real changes each and every one of us need to make in our lives and our hearts this Lent. But like Jesus, we are not alone. The Lord was ministered to by angels during His forty days in the desert. We are constantly aided by our guardian angels, by the angels and saints in heaven, by the community of the baptized, and by the grace of the sacraments of the Church. Like Jesus, we need to emerge from the desert ready to take on the evils of the world and work to spread the Gospel. It was only a few short weeks into Lent 2020 that the experience of Covid-19 made radical changes to our society, our Church, and our families. The experience of desert isolation was no longer a metaphor but a lived reality. The experience of having our parishes locked down for months was painful for all of us. Many of us still experience this isolation in many ways. But as Christians we always remain men and women of hope. We know that the Cross of Good Friday leads to the empty tomb of Easter Sunday. Pope Francis has declared this year as a special Year of Saint Joseph. In Saint Joseph we find a man of profound hope and strength as well as prayerful silence. Scripture does not record one word spoken by Saint Joseph. But Scripture does tell us of his unwavering faith and trust, which go beyond words. Following Jesus, and like Saint Joseph, men and women in the first centuries of the Church began to leave the towns and villages and settle in the isolation of the desert. Like the Lord, they sought to rid themselves of the distractions of everyday life so they too could do battle with evil, and through their quiet example proclaim the Kingdom of God. This continued throughout the history of the Church, even to our present moment. Saint Antony, Saint Benedict, Saint Bruno, and so many others show us the lived experience of the desert is not an escape from the reality of life but a privileged encounter with the Lord and a revelation of our true selves. While most of us are not called to the monastic or solitary life, the last twelve months have given each of us an experience of solitude. We are encouraged to remain "socially distant." In the midst of the real suffering and hardships this has caused, perhaps the hidden grace is that it has led us to be "temporary monastics." Our typical Lenten "desert experience" of forty days has lasted a bit longer. But we will come out of it! And like the Lord, when we emerge our goal is to proclaim the Gospel of God according to our vocation and the graces given to us. In addition to our personal sins and the evils present in our own hearts, we live in a world that is right now suffering from real physical illness as well as real division and hurt of every kind. Jesus emerged from the desert bringing the healing presence of God to all he encountered. As the baptized, the Church, the continuing presence of Jesus in the world, we need to do the same. The same Holy Spirit that drove Jesus into the desert is driving us on.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres Bishop of Rockville Centre

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