

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 18, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 17 ~ **Vigil/1st Sunday in Lent**
5:30 PM David & Anna C. Barbuti,
Frank & Gussie Stiano
Sunday, February 18 ~ **1st Sunday in Lent**
9:30 AM Frank Schmaus,
Frank Orlando/healing
Monday, February 19 ~ **PRESIDENTS' DAY**
9:00 AM **No Mass**
Wednesday, February 21
9:00 AM
Friday, February 23
9:00 AM The People of the Parish
Saturday, February 24 ~ **Vigil/2nd Sunday in Lent**
5:30 PM Christina DiMartino, Bertha Russo
Sunday, February 25 ~ **2nd Sunday in Lent**
9:30 AM Frank Schmaus

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, February 24 ~ **Vigil/2nd Sunday in Lent**
5:30 PM Al Ceriale
Sunday, February 25 ~ **2nd Sunday in Lent**
9:30 AM Beth Texter

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, February 24 ~ **Vigil/2nd Sunday in Lent**
5:30 PM Kathy Fayol (a), Barbara Cinque (c)
Sunday, February 25 ~ **2nd Sunday in Lent**
9:30 AM Lisa Dyer (a), Colleen Wall (c)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

Alexandria Baker-Bonitz (Navy) Dylan Bonitz (Navy)
Sarah Bowen (Navy) Juan Gonzalez (Navy)
Kaila McGowan (Marines) Joseph Ruize (Navy)
Robert Pape-Laucella (Marines)
Pashko Shkreli (Army) Carissa Tironi (Army)
Nicholas Turner (Army) Elliott Weidel (Marines)

PRAY FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Barbara Ceriale, Gina Lempka,
Rosemary Osborn, Regina Parthesius, Elissa Zahn

"HOW OFTEN I FAILED IN MY DUTY TO GOD,
BECAUSE I WAS NOT LEANING ON THE
STRONG PILLAR OF PRAYER." ST. THERESA OF AVILA

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Marion Andersen, Pat Arlotta, Bridget Auer, Joanne Bach,
Rob Brosnan, Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, Barbara Ceriale,
Brad Ceriale, Lois Chanofsky, Brian Cross, Nicole Dawson,
John & Lorraine DiCicco, Anna DiMare, Marie DiMare,
Maria Elena DiMare, Michael DiMare, David Felter,
Agnes Ferrone, Anna Gallo, Joe Gallo, Margaret Hale, Mike Hurd,
Julie Oparski, Marianna Oparski, Carol Orlando, Frank Orlando
Kerry Roberson, Helen Ryan, Frances Salewski, Sue Schmaus,
Chris Strobl, Joanne Trumball, Terry Waterson

LOOKING AHEAD

Helping Hands Food Pantry
Every Other Saturday by Appointment. 845-733-1477

AA Meetings

Sundays 3:00 PM ~ Thursdays 6:30 PM

Monday, February 19
Presidents' Day ~ NO Mass ~ Office Closed

Tuesday, February 20
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

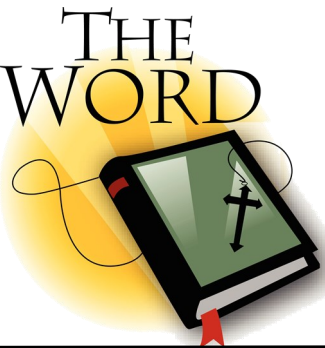
Wednesday, February 21
Ladies Guild Meeting ~ 1:00-3:00PM

Friday, February 23
Stations of the Cross ~ 7:00 PM

Tuesday, February 27
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

Friday, March 1
First Friday Holy Hour ~ following 9 AM Mass
Stations of the Cross ~ 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 3
"Whom Shall I Send" Musical Drama
performed by The Xavier Company
4:00 PM followed by supper



Today's Scripture
1st Sunday
in Lent

Genesis 9:8-15
I Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15



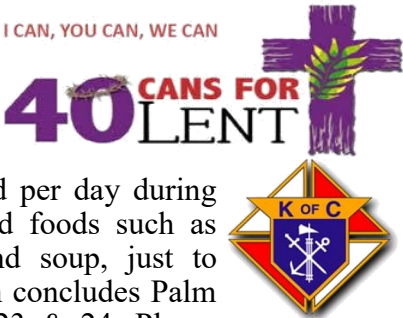
ABOUT THE LITURGY:
The Lenten Dessert

One way to understand Lent is to see it as a desert wilderness. From the Old Testament, we learn that Moses and the Israelites wandered in the desert after coming out from Egypt. All the while, God was with them, teaching them the Law and how to live as his chosen people.

Going forward a few centuries, and we see the desert wilderness as a special place for both John the Baptist, and Jesus. For them, the desert is harsh, lonely, desolate, and yet, a place to prepare for important work to come. From the desert, John emerges to begin his ministry as the herald of the coming Messiah. In the Gospel Reading today, we see Jesus driven by the Spirit to be alone in the desert so as to be tempted and tested. Knowing how the story ends up, we also know that he too emerges from the desert to begin his ministry.

If we look at Lent as a desert wilderness for us, then we too are invited to enter and reflect. Lent becomes an opportunity to take stock of our lives and our priorities and to reassess how we are spending our time and resources. It becomes a privileged moment for hearing God's call. We are invited during this time to look over, pray, listen to the Gospel, and see how our lives are in line with the Gospel. Any shortcomings can be given over to God for healing, and anything that we are happy with can be strengthened by a deeper desire to be more loving, kind, and faithful.

The Mamakating Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the "40 Cans for Lent" project and are asking Parishioners to contribute one can of food per day during the Lenten Season; canned foods such as vegetables, fruit, tuna, and soup, just to name a few. The campaign concludes Palm Sunday weekend, March 23 & 24. Please bring your cans in a bag to Mass each week and place them in the Gathering Area of the Church. The food will be distributed to the Pantries of St. Joseph's Church, Our Lady of the Assumption, The Community Church of Wurtsboro, and Sullivan County BOCES.



Mass Attendance/Collection
At Mass on February 10 & 11: **118**
Weekend Collection: **\$1,833**



Friday, March 8th
PRE-ORDER to EAT IN or TAKE OUT!



Sponsored by the
Mamakating Knights of Columbus

St. Joseph's Hall
180 Sullivan St., Wurtsboro 4:30 to 6:30 PM

FISH ♦ FRIES ♦ COLE SLAW ♦ DESSERT ♦ WATER

Make Reservations by March 4, 2024

\$15.00 per dinner



RESERVATIONS:

Jack Haley
845-888-0928
jhaleym13@hotmail.com

RESERVATIONS:

Juan Colon
845-699-2610
jcolon3@hvc.rr.com

Whom Shall I Send?

Sunday, March 3
4:00 pm

Followed by
a light supper



A musical drama

Our Lady of the
Assumption Church
17 High St.
Bloomington, NY
845-733-1477

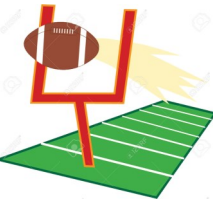
ALL ARE WELCOME ~ Free Will Offering

Light Supper to follow with Cast & Director.

To stay for supper, please call the Parish Office: 845-733-1477

Super Bowl LVIII Football Pool

Thanks to everyone who participated in our first annual event — the OLA Super Bowl Pool. This year's winners were: Carl Bonitz (1st quarter), Chris Herschel (halftime score & 3rd quarter); and Stefan Chevalier (final score). Congrats, all!!



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