

# MARCH 23, 2025 + 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, March 15 ~ Vigil/2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
 5:30 PM Rose Wall, Charlotte Zupetz

**Sunday, March 16 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
 9:30 AM

**Monday, March 17**  
 9:00 AM

**Wednesday, March 19**  
 9:00 AM The People of the Parish

**Friday, March 21**  
 9:00 AM

**Saturday, March 22 ~ Vigil/3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
 5:30 PM Rose Wall, Charlotte Zupetz

**Sunday, March 23 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
 9:30 AM



## Pray For Facility Residents

Barbara Ceriale, Brad Ceriale, Gina Lempka,  
 Rosemary Osborn, Regina Parthesius, Sue Schmaus,  
 Fran Salomone, Elissa Zahn

## Looking Ahead

**A.A. Meetings**  
 Thursdays 6:30 PM      Sundays 3:30 PM

**Tuesday, March 18**  
 Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

**Wednesday, March 19**  
 Ladies Guild Monthly Meeting ~ 1:00-3:00 PM  
 Mamakating Knights of Columbus Meeting at OLA ~  
 6:00/supper, 7:00/meeting

**Friday, March 21**  
**Stations of the Cross ~ 7:00 PM**

**Sunday, March 23**  
 Xavier Company presents **"No Greater Love"**  
 4:00 PM followed by a Light Supper  
*Free Will Offering (see more info at right)*

**Tuesday, March 25**  
 Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

**Friday, March 28**  
**Stations of the Cross ~ 7:00 PM**

**Saturday, March 29**  
 Faith, Food & Fun ~ special activity f  
 or Religious Education students & their families.  
ALL parishioners are invited!

**Tuesday, April 1**  
 Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM  
**Fire Drill during classtime**

**Friday, April 4**  
**Stations of the Cross ~ 7:00 PM**

**Tuesday, April 8**  
 Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM  
**Reconciliation for Students & Parents**

## Ministers of the Word

**Saturday, March 22 ~ Vigil/3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
 5:30 PM Al Ceriale

**Sunday, March 23 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
 9:30 AM Sam Osborne

## Eucharistic Ministers

**Saturday, March 22 ~ Vigil/3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
 5:30 PM Connie Pollis (a), Joe Herschel (c)

**Sunday, March 23 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
 9:30 AM Colleen Wall (a), Denise Turner (c)

## Pray For Those Who Serve

Alexandria Baker-Bonitz (*Navy*)      Dylan Bonitz (*Navy*)  
 Juan Gonzales (*Navy*)  
 Kaila McGowan (*Marines*)      Joseph Ruize (*Navy*)  
 Robert Pape-Laucella (*Marines*)  
 Pasko Shkreli (*Army*)      Carissa Tironi (*Army*)  
 Nicholas Turner (*Army*)      Elliott Weidel (*Marines*)

## Pray For the Infirm

Marion Andersen, Bridget Auer, Joanna Bach,  
 Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, S.C., Brian Cross,  
 Nicole Dawson, John & Lorraine DiCicco, Walter Earl,  
 Anna Gallo, Rocco Gallo, Margaret Hale, Nicole Langer,  
 Fr. Joe Komonchak, Julia Oparski, Marianna Oparski,  
 Carol Orlando, Frank Orlando, Sal Rappo, Helen Ryan,  
 Fran Salewski, Arthur Seaman, Deacon &  
 Fran Trapani, Kevin Uffelman, Terry Waterson

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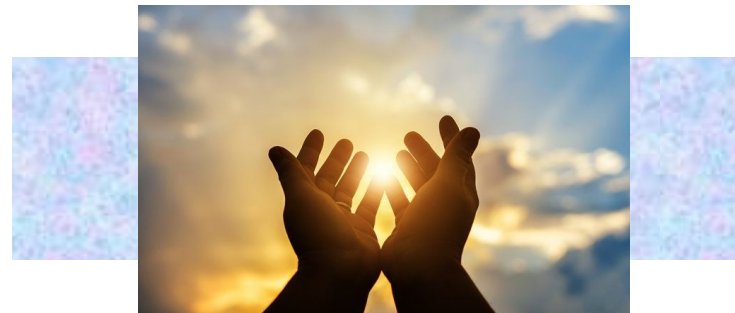
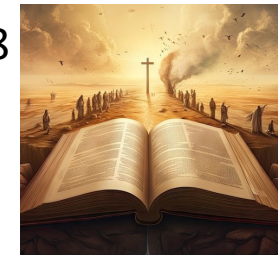
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## Today's Scripture Readings

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Philippians 3:17—4:1

Luke 9:28b-36



## LIVING THE LITURGY

## Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving

"Grant, Almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ." This Collect for the first Sunday of Lent provides a framework for thinking about the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: we aren't doing these things for God, but it is God who desires to do something for us through these practices.

Prayer is simply conversation with God. We listen to God and discern where he is leading us. We share our honest feelings and deepest longings. Communion with God in prayer will transform our minds and our hearts, leading us to see ourselves, others, and the world differently.

Fasting is a tool that can conform us to Christ. Whatever we may give up the act of going without creates a space for us to sit with our deepest appetites. What is it that I truly crave? Companionship? Understanding? What is holding us back from surrendering all to Christ? Fasting is not so much a diet plan as a way to create a space in our souls for God to dwell.

Almsgiving is a complement to fasting. Lent is not only a season to give things up, we must also share what we have with others. From God's abundance, we have received, and so we generously show the same mercy and love with others. What is of most value to me? Do I generously share what God has given me with others?



## Knights of Columbus 40 Cans for Lent



The Mamakating Knights of Columbus are sponsoring "40 Cans for Lent" 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 will kick off the weekend of March 8 & 9 and conclude on Palm Sunday weekend. Please bring your cans in a bag to Mass each week and place them in the Gathering Area of the Church at the direction of the Ushers. 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. *Thank you!*



## No Greater Love

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 Sign Up  
 in the  
 Gathering  
 Area



*The Passion of Christ*  
 in Drama, Song and Dance

**Sunday, March 23**  
 at 4:00 pm

*In the Church*  
 Followed by a Light Supper  
 in the Parish Center/Lower Level  
 Free Will Offering