March 23, 2025 + 3RD Sunday in Lent

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 22 ~ Vigil/3rd Sunday in Lent 5:30 PM Frank & Augusta Stiano, Rose Wall, Charlotte Zupetz

Sunday, March 23 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:30 AM Marilyn Pierce/healing

9:30 AM Marilyn Pierce/healin Monday, March 24

9:00 AM Raymond Agueros **Wednesday, March 26**

9:00 AM Carmella Ordones **Friday, March 28**

9:00 AM Matilda Morales

Saturday, March 29 ~ Vigil/4th Sunday in Lent
5:30 PM Rose Wall, Charlotte Zupetz

Sunday, March 30 4th Sunday in Lent 9:30 AM

Ministers of the Word

Saturday, March 29 ~ Vigil/4th Sunday in Lent 5:30 PM Ted Wall

Sunday, March 30 4th Sunday in Lent 9:30 AM Eric Halahan

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, March 29 ~ Vigil/4th Sunday in Lent 5:30 PM Kathy Fayol (a), Barbara Cinque (c) Sunday, March 30 4th Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 30 4th Su 9:30 AM Liz K

Liz Klimczak (a), Seema Cristallo (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) Caris Nicholas Turner (Army) Ellio

Carissa Tironi (Army) Elliott Weidel (Marines)

Pray For the Infirmed

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, Richard, Helen Ryan, Fran Salewski, Arthur Seaman, Deacon & Fran Trapani, Kevin Uffelman, Terry Waterson

Pray For Facility Residents

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

Looking Ahead

A.A. Meetings

Thursdays 6:30 PM Sundays 3:30 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 ~ 3:30-5:00 PM

Faith, Food & Fun ~ special activity for Religious Education students & their families. <u>ALL</u> parishioners are invited! (More info to right)

Tuesday, April 1

Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM Fire Drill during classtime

Friday, April 4

First Friday Holy Hour after 9:00 AM Mass Men's COR Group Meeting ~ 5:30-6:45 PM Stations of the Cross ~ 7:00 PM

Tuesday, April 8

Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM Reconiliation for Students & Parents

Friday, April 11 Monastic-Style Simple Soup 5:45-6:45 PM

followed by Tenebrae at 7:00 PM

HOLY WEEK BEGINS April 12th

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Today's Scripture Readings

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Luke 13:1-9



Now is the Time!

There are many things given to us to consider in the Readings for this Sunday. We are reminded of the human temptation to blame others when they suffer some disaster. They must have done some bad sin, that is why God is punishing them. These words do have a familiar ring to them! Instead, the Lord Jesus turns things around as he continues to reveal to us the true nature and desire of God. He points out such people are no more guilty than we are, and that we can just as easily suffer a terrible fate. The call is for all of us to repent now of our sins.

Repentance is the major theme for Lent, not sacrifice. We are invited during these 40 days to look carefully within our hearts and see how faithful and loving we have been towards God and our neighbors. It doesn't matter how my guilt compares with yours, whether you are more guilty, or I am more guilty. The real call is for both of us to seek out now the love and mercy of God as we strive to turn our lives over, repenting of all our sins.

Saint Paul is very clear on this matter, "These things have been written down as a warning to us...Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall." (1Cor 10:11f). He reminds us of the importance of looking inward with the aim of purifying our hearts and desires. We are called to deeper compassion and deeper conviction to work for peace and justice in the world. Now is the time to begin. At the end, then, what judgment will we receive? Will we have borne fruit?

How could you show support for family or friends who are suffering?

The next step after Repentance is to go to Confession. How are you preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the next few weeks?



"Jesus wept" (Jn 11:35) **Bereavement**

Group Reunion Wed. April 2

All who have participated in our past Bereavement Groups are invited to come and share on Wednesday, April 2 at 1:30 pm in the Parish Center. Questions? Contact Bridget Auer, Alice Cross, or Gary Texter.



Mamakating Knights of Columbus are still accepting your donations of canned goods which will be shared with the OLA Food Pantry, St. Joseph's Food Pantry, the Community Church of Wurtsboro's Pantry, and Sullivan County BOCES. The deadline for bringing them to Church is Palm Sunday weekend, April 12-13. You may place them in the designated spot in the Gathering Area.

Faith, Food & Fui

Religious Educations students and their families are encouraged to participate in this planned activity session next Saturday, March 29 from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM. There will be a special craft project, music, snacks and more! Please sign up TODAY in the Gathering Area so we that we can plan supply quantities.

