

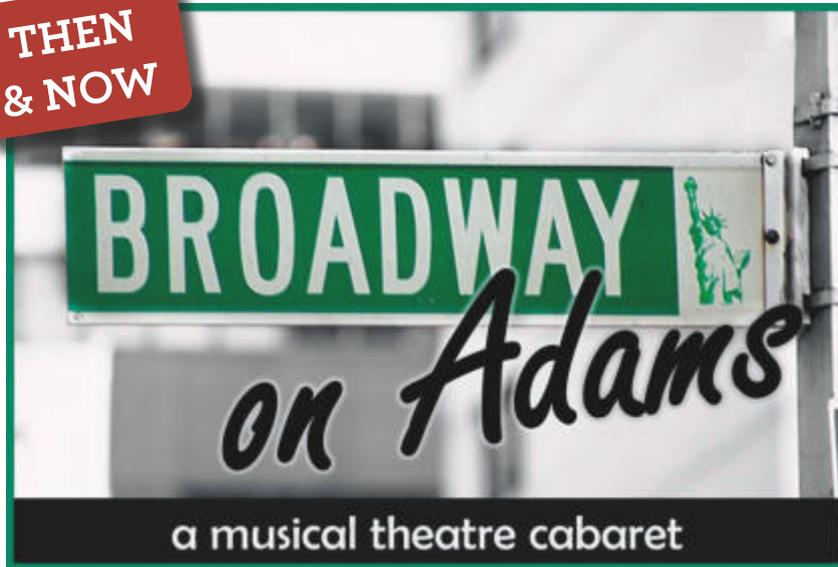


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## THE LENTEN DESERT

The night air chills.  
Day brings blinding sun and searing heat.  
There is nothing you touch that is not hard or sharp.  
The desert is stark and unforgiving.  
Water, shelter, food.  
Pay attention to the essentials, if you want to live.

In the geography of spirit  
the desert is a place for keen focus  
and hard discernment.  
Who is God?  
Who am I?  
Who is my neighbor?  
How shall we live together?

Led by a pillar of fire, Moses and the Israelites forged an identity in the desert.  
Driven there by the Spirit, the desert prepared Jesus for the hour  
when his own identity would be tested.

We, too, need the desert.  
And so each year,  
at Lent,  
Christian people create a desert.

You will not find this desert on any map.  
The features of this desert are neither stone nor sand.  
The terrain of this Lenten desert has been scored  
by generations of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving;  
and its horizon is forty days distant.

And these ancient and trusted spiritual practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving  
are not engaged to make something “spiritual” happen.  
Nor are they arbitrary burdens we accept to demonstrate fidelity to religious tradition.

These Lenten practices create the space, the barren wilderness  
where we come to revisit the core questions.  
Who is God?  
Who am I?  
Who is my neighbor?

How shall we live together?  
The long tradition of Christian wisdom tells us  
that in the desert,  
if we pay attention to the essentials,  
we can learn to live.

~ Bob Kolatorowicz



## First Sunday of Lent | Temptations in the Desert

By Bob Kolatorowicz

A few years back, I was having a conversation with a friend. We often talked about things scriptural and spiritual. During one of these conversations, my friend brought up the story of the Baptism of Jesus. It's a familiar story. Jesus is being baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist, when suddenly the sky opens up and a voice is heard saying, "This is my Beloved Son." Though the words from the sky vary slightly from Gospel to Gospel, the point is that the deepest identity of Jesus is revealed. Jesus is the Beloved Child of God.

It was at this point in our conversation my friend asked, "When your identity as God's Beloved Child is revealed and affirmed in this way, what exactly are you to do with the rest of your day? Have lunch with your friends? Go parasailing? Seek out your enemies and smite them? What would you do?"

Scripture does not leave us without an answer. The very next verse in the Gospel of Matthew says, "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil." (Matthew 4:1).

The Gospel of Luke follows the Baptism story with a rather lengthy genealogy of Jesus, then writes, "Filled with the holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil." (Luke 4: 1).

The Gospel of John describes the encounter between Jesus and John the Baptist in an entirely different way and includes no story of desert or temptations.

But it is the Gospel of Mark, which we hear proclaimed today, that I think provides the most intriguing description of what follows the Baptism of Jesus. Mark writes, "At once the Spirit drove him out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan." (Mark 1: 12-13).

In Mark's Gospel, the Spirit doesn't gently lead Jesus into the desert, the Spirit drives Jesus into the desert, making me think Jesus has little choice in the matter. The Spirit knows that Jesus needs the desert and he needs it "at once." Why the urgency, I wonder?

Maybe it would help to consider the nature of the temptations. And for that we have to look to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, since the Gospel of Mark does not describe the temptations Jesus encounters. Most of us would remember that there are three temptations.

One of the temptations has to do with food. Jesus has not eaten in the desert, is hungry, and the tempter taunts Jesus, "If you are the Son of God, turn these stones into bread." Surely, a child of God should not go hungry.

A second temptation has the tempter take Jesus to the holy city and stand on the parapet of the temple. Here the tempter says, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down." Surely, a child of God will be protected by angels.

A final temptation has the tempter take Jesus to a high mountain where he can see all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence. The tempter promises all this if only Jesus will worship him. Surely, a child of God should have dominance over all the kingdoms of the world. These temptations are no small matter. They are, in fact, the perks that might be expected for a Beloved Child of God; exemption from hunger and suffering, the privilege of being protected and attended to, and dominance over the kingdoms of the world. In the time of Roman rule and emperors who often cloaked themselves in a mantle of divinity, exemption, privilege, and dominance were exactly what would be expected for a child of God. But this is not the way that Jesus has come to understand it.

We know that in his desert experience, Jesus rejects these temptations and rebukes the tempter. Could it be that Jesus has grown more fully into his deepest identity as Beloved Child of God? Is that the reason the Spirit wastes no time in driving Jesus into the desert? Is the desert the place Jesus learns and then teaches us what it is not to be the Beloved Child of God? Then, in what follows, in the many healing encounters, in the feeding stories, through parables, and in the profound experience of self-sacrifice, we are shown what it is to be a Beloved Child of God.

Through our baptisms we believe we too, are the beloved of God. And like Jesus, we are not free of temptation. We will question and doubt our deepest identity. So, perhaps the Spirit knows we need a desert to remind us, not just once but yearly, of what it means and what it does not mean to be a Beloved Child of God. But instead of a physical desert, the Spirit has given us a temporal desert, the season of Lent. May Lent serve us, once more, as the desert where we grow more fully into our most genuine selves.

*Bob Kolatorowicz is the Director of Adult Faith Formation at Old St. Patrick's Church.*



## OLD ST. PAT'S RACIAL EQUITY & JUSTICE INITIATIVE Lenten Equity Resource

Old St. Pat's newly formed Racial Equity & Justice Initiative invites us to use this sacred time to educate, contemplate and activate around the themes of racial equity.

Week 1 of the Lenten Equity Resource can be accessed at [oldstpats.org/reji](http://oldstpats.org/reji)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

**10 am & 5 pm Livestream Masses**

**Please join us for 10 am and 5 pm Livestream Masses next Sunday at [livestream.com/oldstpats](https://livestream.com/oldstpats)!**

**WATCH MASSES ANY TIME!**

**Archived Masses are always available at [bit.ly/osp-livestream](https://bit.ly/osp-livestream)**

"SEE YOU ON THE STEPS"

Every Sunday after the 10 am Livestream!

Do you sometimes wish you could just catch up with people after Mass like in the days before the pandemic? Well, now we can! Every Sunday after the 10 am Livestream anyone interested in chatting with others can join us "on the steps" of the church.

An OSP leader will be there on Zoom to welcome us and send us into small groups to chat about the liturgy and the season we are in. So, bring your coffee... let's get to know one another and share in some good church.

We will share the link at the end of the Livestream each week or you can bookmark it ahead of time: [bit.ly/osponthesteps](https://bit.ly/osponthesteps)



## AFTERNOON OF PRAYER AND COMMUNION

Sunday, February 28 | 12 - 4 pm | Old St. Patrick's Church

Old St. Pat's is your home, and we invite you to come home, spend time in prayer and reflection, and if desired, receive communion. We ask that everyone register in advance so we can uphold the necessary protocols that continue to keep us all safe throughout the pandemic.

Please register by visiting [bit.ly/prayerafternoons-osp](https://bit.ly/prayerafternoons-osp)





**OLD ST. PAT'S  
CHEF'S  
KITCHEN**

SERVING UP FOR A CAUSE



**Virtual Happy Hour and Cooking Demo  
Wednesday - March 10 5PM CST**

**Cook along with Fr. Hurley and Chefs from  
Chicago's own The Kerryman and The Gage.  
Learn how to make scrumptious  
St. Paddy's Day specialities!**



**Enjoy entertainment by Trinity Irish Dance, Fiddler Patricia  
Treacy, and Irish Diva Catherine O'Connell and More!**



Help us feed Chicago homeless on St. Patrick's Day by visiting  
[bit.ly/ospchefskitchen](http://bit.ly/ospchefskitchen) to register and/or donate to the event.

The event is FREE! However we are asking for good-will donations towards our ambitious goal to provide meals for as many homeless shelters as possible in Chicago on St. Patricks Day!

SUGGESTED DONATION -\$5  
Donate \$25 or more and you will receive an Old St. Pat's custom apron!



Your donation will help us feed the homeless and support the local restaurants that are providing the meals.



## WALKING WITH JESUS; ENJOYING PEACE IN HIS PRESENCE



Is Jesus calling out to you this Lent? Given all the challenges we continue to live with, are you longing for a felt sense of “God with you”? Or perhaps Jesus seems distant without you knowing why, and there is a hunger to hear his words of reassurance, comfort and hope?

During Lent our prayer in the online chapel will be grounded in a desire to develop a more personal and intimate relationship with Jesus. The readings, artwork and music will focus on getting to know Jesus as human, companion and friend. Each chapel begins with resting in God’s Presence followed by a time for reflecting on and responding to the reading, art or music of the day.

The chapel schedule is below, and you are welcome to join us whenever you are available. Register at [bit.ly/meditationchapels-osp](https://bit.ly/meditationchapels-osp) to receive the Zoom link to participate. For further details about the experience go to [contemplativecommunity.org](https://contemplativecommunity.org).

### Chapel schedule:

- Monday | 7 am CST | John Blumberg & Linda Tomasello
- Monday | 7:30 pm CST | Al Gustafson – guided Loving Kindness Meditation
- Tuesday | 7 am CST | Ed Shurna
- Wednesday | Noon CST | Al Gustafson & Bill Hassett
- Wednesday | 8 pm CST | Mary Beth McEuen & Ed Siderewicz
- Thursday | 8 am CST | Marybeth Coleman & Eileen O’Shea
- Thursday | 5 pm CST | Happy Half-Hour (30-minute meditation)
- Friday | 10 am CST | Al Gustafson
- Saturday | 7 am CST | Kate DeVries & Margie Rudnik

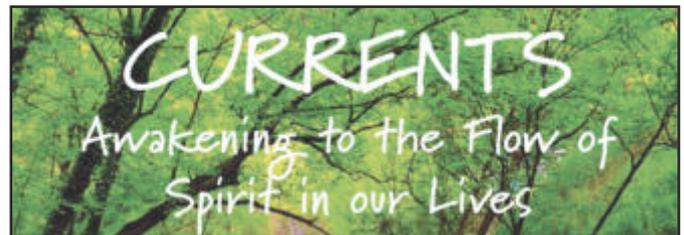
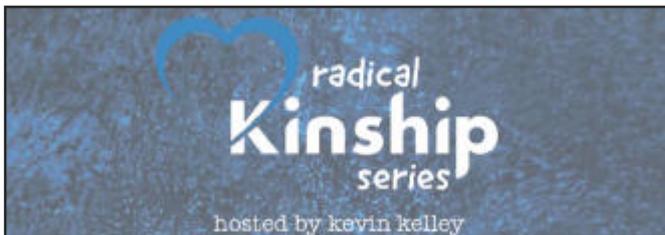


### Old St. Pat’s Podcast

Check out all of our podcast series and listen now at [oldstpats.org/osppodcast](https://oldstpats.org/osppodcast)



The OSP Podcast is hosted and produced by Kate Anderson with music by Mark Scozzafave.  
The Radical Kinship Series is hosted by Kevin Kelley.



# Evenings with Encore

...for those 50 and Better!

Please join us for our weekly Encore Zoom speaker's series. Encore initiated a weekly speaker's series via Zoom in late April 2020. The objective of this endeavor was to gather the community in a virtual shared experience meant to inform, entertain and bring respite from the isolation of COVID sheltering. This weekly Zoom series is ongoing and features talents of OSP members, presentations provided by OSP staff, who direct various parish programs, as well as a myriad of programs meant to uplift the spirit and promote a little laughter.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

A Neighbor Among Neighbors: Erie Neighborhood House – 150 Years as a Home with No Borders: Maureen Hellwig author, Co-Chair of the OSP Immigrant & Refugee Ministry committee, Vice-President of the board of the Chicago Women's History Center.

Maureen's presentation will focus on the history and development of Erie Neighborhood House. She will also discuss the contributions that Erie Neighborhood House has made to the community it serves as well as to the broader city of Chicago.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 4

Bernie Tafoya: A Chat with WBBM Reporter Bernie Tafoya

Join Bernie as he shares his life and 34-year career working in News radio in Chicago.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 11

Greg Borzo: Chicago's Fabulous Fountains

Author of the books *Chicago's Fabulous Fountains* and *Lost Restaurants of Chicago*, Greg Borzo will be our tour guide as we discover Chicago's remarkable past.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 16

Michael Velvich of the Tim O'Hare School of Irish Dancing will present: A Touch of Ireland

Two time world champion Irish dancer, Michael Belvitch, teacher with the O'Hare school of Irish dance located at the Irish American Heritage Center, will present a brief history of Irish dance and share his accomplishments in competitive Irish dancing and touring with Riverdance.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 25

Mary Kay Slowikowski will moderate a panel discussion addressing the topic *How can church communities help to heal the challenges facing our nation?*

Panelists will include Rev. George W. Daniels, Pastor of the First Baptist Congregational Church, who will address the question as it pertains to racial injustice; Sr. Patricia Crowley, OSB, founding board member of Bethany House of Hospitality, will discuss the topic as it relates to immigration; and Fr. Tom Hurley, pastor of Old St. Patrick's church, will address the topic as it relates to the vision and mission of OSP.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

An evening with Monsignor Ken Velo, President of the Big Shoulders Fund and Senior Executive of Catholic Collaboration for DePaul University as well as a beloved and frequent presider at OSP.

**To receive more information and registration information for all of these upcoming speakers' series events, please sign up for Encore emails at [bit.ly/ospencore-email](https://bit.ly/ospencore-email)**



## GIVING TO OSP

### Thank You for Your Generosity!



You've heard us say it again and again... and never has it been more apparent: your commitment to Sunday Giving truly sustains us. It funds the day-to-life life of Old St. Pat's — a life that, despite our inability to safely gather in large groups — is more vibrant than ever before!

Your generous support — your expression of your gratitude for God's gifts to you — ensure we can continue to bring livestream mass to thousands each Sunday and throughout the week, while welcoming safe numbers of people into our pews. Your support ensures we can build our faith community through sacramental preparation and celebration; through spiritual direction, faith formation, and education of our members and friends, both young and old. Your support ensures our Pastoral Care and Ministry of Care can walk with the many, many people who are hurting right now due to illness, loneliness, and grief. And your generosity helps us work toward true kinship and justice throughout our city, through the North Lawndale Kinship Initiative, our Immigrant & Refugee Ministry, and so many other social justice and outreach ministries.

We are grateful you have committed to contributing a share of your resources — with gratitude and generosity — in support of the mission of Old St. Pat's. For our part, we pledge to responsibly and transparently steward our resumes in the spirit of our shared Catholic faith.

**Text to Give**

Please text **"OLDSTPATS"** to **77977** and follow the prompts to make a gift through our secure giving platform, Pushpay.



Vehicle Donation:  
Careasy.org/old-st-patricks-church

**As you shop for essentials online, be sure to log into smile.amazon.com and select Old St. Pat's as your beneficiary.**

### LOOKING FOR YOUR 2020 GIVING STATEMENT?

In light of significant USPS delays as well as our commitment to "Going Green," we are making 2020 Giving Statements available via download in myOSP, or upon request. To access your statement yourself, simply log into myOSP and follow these steps:

- \* click on the involvement tab
- \* on the financial tab, click on the three dots in the top right corner
- \* select giving statement
- \* under "quick date range," select last year
- \* select deductible (or both, if you'd like to see all of your giving)
- \* click run

If you'd prefer to receive it from us via email or the USPS, please contact Polly Mulhearn at pollym@oldstpats.org or Molly Galo at mollyg@oldstpats.org. We'll be happy to get it to you promptly.

Thank you for your generosity to Old St. Pat's, and for your support of our efforts to both save money and go green!

## IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE MINISTRY UPDATES



### Refugee Families' February Wish List

Old St. Pat's Immigrant & Refugee Ministry (IRM) is currently sponsoring five family households. Here is a list of some of their needs/wants just in case you can give them a hand by donating new or gently used items,

- **Gift/grocery cards (Target, Aldi, Walmart, Amazon, etc.)**
- **Uber Gift Card (for one family member who takes three buses to 3rd shift work)\***
- **Used (but still operating) tablets/iPads**
- **Disney movie DVDs**
- **Reusable face masks in adult and children sizes**
- **Disposable diapers (size 3)**
- **Space heaters (new only, please!)**

If you have other items available that **are** in good condition, please let us know and we will determine if our families have a use for them. Please send a photo of your donation item to Keri Kolozsi-Greene at [kkg0511@gmail.com](mailto:kkg0511@gmail.com) or text to 872/529-7444.

\*Contact Keri for details on Uber gift card.

## IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: A LENTEN FAITH JOURNEY

February 21-27, Week One

**First Sunday of Lent.** The desert journey happens today for immigrants searching for a better life. How can we remove the “Satan” challenges they face and welcome them? [See Mk 1:12-15]

**Monday.** “Tend the flock of God in your midst... willingly as God would have it.” [See 1 Pt 5:1-4] Find ways to support and aid immigrants and refugees in your community, especially during the pandemic.

**Tuesday.** “If you forgive men their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you.” [See Mt 6:7 - 15] Reflect how you can forgive those with whom you disagree or have offended on immigration issues.

**Wednesday.** Like Jonah, the immigrant community is sent to preach repentance to a people who do not see their own sins. [See Jonah 3:1 - 10] In what ways have immigrants opened your eyes? What meaning do these words have: Liberty and justice for all.

**Thursday.** Matthew reminds us to ask and seek. [See Mt 7:7-12] Call upon the new administration to support immigration reform. Use these resources to guide you: JFI Transition Documents – Justice for Immigrants

**Friday.** “Go first and be reconciled with your brother.” [See Mt 5:20 – 26] Pray for reconciliation between immigrants and non-immigrants in this country. Search out someone who needs to reconcile with you.

**Saturday.** “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” [See Mt 5:43 - 48] Who are the enemies of our family - God’s family? Pray for them. Ask God how to love them.





**2021 LENTEN RETREAT**  
**Finding Christ in the Crisis:**  
*What the Pandemic Can Teach Us*

*an online virtual event*

**Saturday, March 13, 2021 | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m**



**Michael R. Heinlein**  
 Editor, *Our Sunday Visitor's Simply Catholic*



**Fr. Harrison Ayre**  
 Pastor, *St Peter's in Nanaimo*  
 Co-host, *Clerically Speaking*

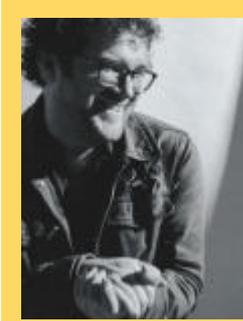
**Register | [clgchicago.org/retreat](http://clgchicago.org/retreat)**



*At the Intersection of Art and Spirituality*

**A MORNING WITH PÁDRAIG Ó TUAMA**  
 February 27, 2021 9:30 AM – Noon (CST) online

**Creativity, Generosity, Forgiveness and Justice**



Irish poet and theologian Pádraig Ó Tuama's work centers around themes of language, power, conflict and religion. He is the author of four books of poetry and prose: *Daily Prayer with the Corrymeela Community*, *In the Shelter*, *Sorry for your Troubles*, and *Readings from the Books of Exile*. He presents the podcast Poetry Unbound with On Being Studios, where he also has responsibilities in bringing art and theology into public and civic life. From 2014-2019 he was the leader of the Corrymeela Community, Ireland's oldest peace and reconciliation community. He is based in Ireland.

Join poet and theologian Pádraig Ó Tuama in a workshop exploring the practices of generosity, forgiveness and justice. A long-time peace and conflict mediator, Pádraig has an interest in how poetic form, language and bravery can support people as they explore these important themes in their artistic and public work.

Some of this retreat will build on the practice of Collect writing explored in the earlier Collect Writing Workshop offered by Anawim Arts. If you didn't attend the earlier workshop, it's okay - you can catch up on the broad practice of Collect through this twenty-minute video: [youtu.be/\\_efjUgNtRxs](https://youtu.be/_efjUgNtRxs)

Registration information can be found at: [anawimarts.com/a-morning-with-padraig-o-tuama/](http://anawimarts.com/a-morning-with-padraig-o-tuama/)

*In collaboration with Tau Center, A Spirituality Ministry of the Wheaton Franciscans.*





Old Saint Patrick's 2021 Lenten Opportunities for Service  
 Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD)  
 4100 West Ann Lurie Place (42nd Place), Chicago

**Regular Monthly Service Gigs:**

2nd Tuesday: March 8th, 9-12 noon  
 2nd Saturday: March 13th, 8:30-11:15 am

**Additional Service Opportunities for Lent:**

4th Thursdays: February 25th, March 25th, 9-12 Noon

For complete information, contact our coordinators. Please provide your email address and phone number(s).

Weekdays: Jim Holbrook - 773.237.2625 or 312.450.4291 | jamesjholbrookjr@yahoo.com

Saturdays: Mary Beth Riley - 630.460.7889 | mbriley07@yahoo.com

**Hunger Never Takes a Holiday**

You are invited to join our OSP community in helping to stamp out hunger in Cook County. Even if you have never worked at the GCFD, you are urged to unite with our Old Saint Pat's contingency for our Lenten opportunities for service. Administrative assignments for those not able to stand for three hours might be available upon request. Fourteen is the minimum age to volunteer. It is imperative that you pre-register; the number of volunteer spaces is limited.

NO ONE should go hungry, yet more than 815,000 people in Cook County...1 in 6...are unsure of when they will receive their next meal; for children: 1 in 5. The number of people the Greater Chicago Food Depository Cook County's Food Bank network serves has increased dramatically, but the GCFD continues to fight hunger. It is getting harder and harder for families to make ends meet, and many people are finding themselves skipping meals or cutting back on the quality or quantity of food they purchase for themselves and their families.

Please come! Join the fun! Help Hungry Neighbors!

**ROSA MYSTICA: MARY SORROWFUL MOTHER | MARCH 9**

We hope everyone is staying safe as we navigate the pandemic and vaccine distribution. Thank you to everyone who has participated in our *Rosa Mystica: A Journey of Renewal and Restoration* series. We hope you found inspiration in the visual theology of Marian Art.

The purpose of Rosa Mystica in showcasing Marian art has been a source of spiritual nourishment for all who have participated. Through her images, we can imagine Mary as a person, no more or less than any of us, but with an enormous capacity for inner tranquility that enabled her to act with courage, faith, and love.

We invite you to join us for our third lecture, *Rosa Mystica: Mary Sorrowful Mother*, on March 9, 2021, featuring Dutch artist Vincent van Gogh's Pietà. Inspired by Eugène Delacroix's Pietà which he considered a true work of art, van Gogh created a modern version while also commenting on his own personal suffering from mental illness.



For this program, the Illinois Patrons is proud to host:

Rev. Richard N. Fragomeni, Ph.D., Rector of The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii in Chicago, a local site of Marian devotion. The Shrine is unique in that it is a destination Church for pilgrimage and spiritual reflection in the ethical values of compassion, peace, care for creation, justice, and solidarity with the poor.

Dr. Rebecca Long, the Patrick G. and Shirley W. Ryan Associate Curator of European Painting and Sculpture at the Art Institute of Chicago, will also offer artistic perspectives on the Pietà. As curator of the Art Institute's recent El Greco exhibit, her expertise will provide us with insight into the artist's imagination.

We will also update you on the status of The Annunciation restoration and recent discoveries that may verify its 16th century Italian origin. This painting is being restored by The Conservation of Chicago through the generosity of the Mazza Foundation.

**To watch the previous webinars, visit [bit.ly/3pJgFbU](https://bit.ly/3pJgFbU). To register for the upcoming webinar please visit [bit.ly/3tus0i4](https://bit.ly/3tus0i4). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email.** If you have any questions, please contact us at (312) 534-5351 or [illinoispatrons@gmail.com](mailto:illinoispatrons@gmail.com).

Yours truly,  
 Anne Shea, President



# The First Friday Club *of* Chicago

## Wilton Cardinal Gregory

Archbishop of Washington



### *A First Friday Video Conversation*

**Friday, March 5 | 12 Noon**

This is a Free Virtual Event | Registration Required

TO REGISTER, GO TO: <https://www.firstfridayclubchicago.org/events>

**Link Will Be Sent the Week of March 5th**

*Program Goes Live @ 12 Noon*

## FROM CARTHAGE TO CARDINAL

It all began when Wilton Daniel Gregory, a fifth grade student at St. Carthage grade school, informed his parish priest that he wanted to be a priest. Told by the priest that he was not even a Catholic, young Wilton Gregory responded with a question that began a most amazing journey: "Then what do I have to do?"

He became a Catholic. He went to the seminary for 12 years. He made a stop as a deacon in Park Ridge. He was ordained a priest. He served in Glenview. He then lived in Rome earning his doctoral degree. Upon his return, he was a professor at the seminary from which he was ordained. He was ordained a bishop for the Archdiocese of Chicago. A few years after that, he became Bishop of Belleville, Illinois. He was elected by his brother bishops to be President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. He was called to serve as Archbishop of Atlanta, Georgia, and currently he serves as Archbishop of Washington, D.C. In November 2020 Pope Francis elevated Archbishop Wilton Daniel Gregory to the College of Cardinals, the highest rank in the Catholic Church, after the Pope.

Not a bad journey for a kid from the Englewood community on the South Side of Chicago!

The First Friday Club has invited Cardinal Gregory to join us on March 5th at noon to reflect, reminisce, and offer his insights on key moments and highlights of his remarkable journey from a grade school in Chicago to a College of Cardinals.

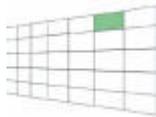
Please join us for this memorable event.

**This is a Free Virtual Event | Donations Greatly Appreciated**  
 Non-Members: \$20 (suggested Donation)  
 Member: \$10 (suggested Donation)

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Questions? Go To [www.firstfridayclubchicago.org](https://www.firstfridayclubchicago.org)  
 Contact: Judy Murphy @ 312-466-9610 or  
[ffcc@firstfridayclubchicago.org](mailto:ffcc@firstfridayclubchicago.org)

First Friday  
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 Mission



Provide a forum for men and women to make connections between work, faith, values and issues that affect their daily lives.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

## Sunday, February 21, 2021

Readings: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

### Mass Remembrances:

8:00 am Thelma Lee Moore (†)  
Catherine Klien (†)  
George Frankovich (†)  
Sandra Curry  
Rose Grafrath (†)  
Jack Brusky (†)  
Benjamin Calacci (†)  
Miodrag Michael 'Dragan' Bajagich (†)

10:00 am Robert Kennelly (†)  
Bert and Audrey Price (†)  
P Kevin Reidy (†)  
The Doran Family  
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5:00 pm John Patrick Van Petten (†)  
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Book of Patrick: Janice Caruso, Michael Casey, Madeleine Grace Chabura, Jaeannie Marie Burke-Molitor, Thomas J. Roche, Debby Malloy Winkler, Lucille Szura, Robert D. Hughes

## Monday, February 22, 2021

Readings: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

Book of Patrick: Joyce Bross, Brian Doyle, Senator Edward Kennedy, Mildred Neme, Meghan M. Riley, Florence and Frank Siuda, Lois Michels

## Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Readings: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15

Book of Patrick: John Candor, Jr., Joan Carroll, Michael J. Piorkowski, William G. Skelton, Frank Russo-Alesi

## Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Readings: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32

Book of Patrick: William V. Fritz, Mark H. Gonzalez, M.D., George Goodridge, Donald P. Kelly, James Murphy, Sr., Maria De Los Pintado, Martin L. Regan, Rosemary Shiro Schultz, Devera Stevenson, Patty Stiles, Samuel R. & Phyllis Thompson, Judith Ann Zemaits

## Thursday, February 25, 2021

Readings: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12

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Mass Remembrance: Suzanne Smith (†)

Book of Patrick: Elaine Becker, William Becker, Kenneth Craig Breigel, Maureen Joan Danaher, Elsie Janos Dragisic, Helen E. Hinkes, John J. & Dorothy Jiganti, John C. "Jack" Pettigrew, Don Hernando, Elejalde Toro, Daniel J. Josephs

## Friday, February 26, 2021

Readings: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26

Mass Remembrances: Ernest "Ernie" Sroor (†)

Book of Patrick: Betty and Lee Conlon, William Cuda, James Cunningham, Richard Degnan, Dorothy Jordan, Emmett Morrissay, Frank Reynolds, Anne Schauz, William L. Schiffler, Mary Agnes Treanor, Carole Valela, Kathleen & Wilbur Woodrow, Susan Troyke, Anna Mae Durkin, Hugh Fletcher Campbell

## Saturday, February 27, 2021

Readings: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Book of Patrick: Dorothy Borger, Anne and Philip Brokenshire, Mary Ann Butler, Tessie Cody, Joanne Gresik, F. Owen McKeane, Mary, Francis & Thomas Shimandle

## Sunday, February 28, 2021

Readings: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

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## Saint Peter Damian

### Saint of the Day for February 21

Maybe because he was orphaned and had been treated shabbily by one of his brothers, Peter Damian was very good to the poor. It was the ordinary thing for him to have a poor person or two with him at table and he liked to minister personally to their needs.

Peter escaped poverty and the neglect of his own brother when his other brother, who was archpriest of Ravenna, took him under his wing. His brother sent him to good schools and Peter became a professor.

Already in those days, Peter was very strict with himself. He wore a hair shirt under his clothes, fasted rigorously and spent many hours in prayer. Soon, he decided to leave his teaching and give himself completely to prayer with the Benedictines of the reform of Saint Romuald at Fonte Avellana. They lived two monks to a hermitage. Peter was so eager to pray and slept so little that he soon suffered from severe insomnia. He found he had to use some prudence in taking care of himself. When he was not praying, he studied the Bible.

The abbot commanded that when he died Peter should succeed him. Abbot Peter founded five other hermitages. He encouraged his brothers in a life of prayer and solitude and wanted nothing more for himself. The Holy See periodically called on him, however, to be a peacemaker or troubleshooter, between two abbeys in dispute or a cleric or government official in some disagreement with Rome.

Finally, Pope Stephen IX made Peter the cardinal-bishop of Ostia. He worked hard to wipe out simony—the buying of church offices—and encouraged his priests to observe celibacy and urged even the diocesan clergy to live together and maintain scheduled prayer and religious observance. He wished to restore primitive discipline among religious and priests, warning against needless travel, violations of poverty, and too comfortable living. He even wrote to the bishop of Besancon complaining that the canons there sat down when they were singing the psalms in the Divine Office.

He wrote many letters. Some 170 are extant. We also have 53 of his sermons and seven lives, or biographies, that he wrote. He preferred examples and stories rather than theory in his writings. The liturgical offices he wrote are evidence of his talent as a stylist in Latin.

He asked often to be allowed to retire as cardinal-bishop of Ostia, and finally Pope Alexander II consented. Peter was happy to become once again just a monk, but he was still called to serve as a papal legate. When returning from such an assignment in Ravenna, he was overcome by a fever. With the monks gathered around him saying the Divine Office, he died on February 22, 1072.

In 1828, he was declared a Doctor of the Church.

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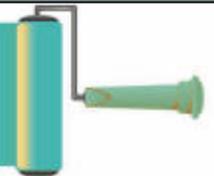
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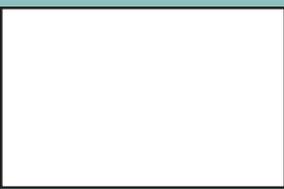
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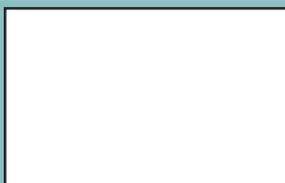
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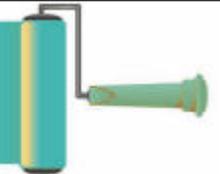
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