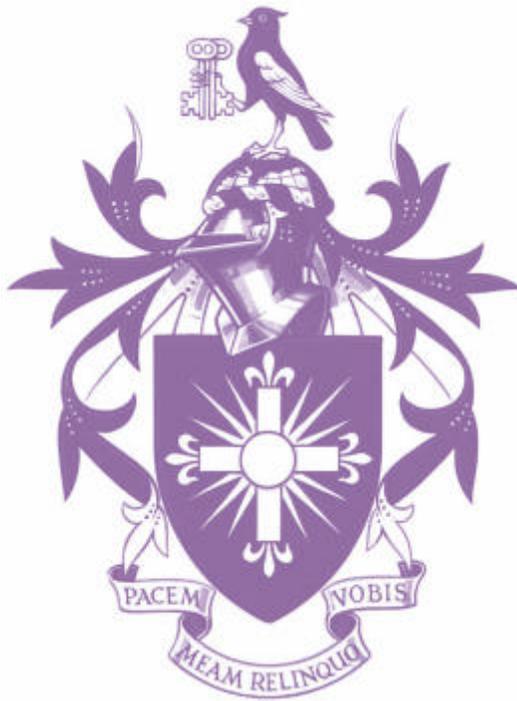


SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 28, 2021



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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Sundays

5:30 PM Saturday (anticipated); 8:00 AM, 11 AM (High Mass) 8:30 PM

Weekdays

8:00 AM (Monday through Friday)

12:10 PM (Monday through Saturday)

Messe en français, mardi 13h10 (septembre – juin)

Holy Days of Obligation

8:00 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM

Novenas and Devotions - Immediately after the 12:10 PM Mass

Monday: Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday: Recitation of the Holy Rosary for peace in the world

Wednesday: Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Thursday: Recitation of the Holy Rosary

Friday: **Exposition of The Most Blessed Sacrament from
12:35 to 2:00 PM**
Sacred Heart Novena

(during Lent: Stations of the Cross replace Exposition, Novena and Benediction)

CONFESSIONS - SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday from 11:55-12:05 PM and from 5:00 PM to 5:25 PM

Sunday from 10:30 AM to 10:55 AM and 8:15-8:25 p.m.

Monday through Friday from 11:55-12:05 PM

At other times please stop by the rectory

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are administered on Sundays at 12:15 PM. An instruction class is required for the parents and godparents. Please contact Fr. Murray for an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact Fr. Murray at least six months in advance of your proposed date of marriage. Pre-Cana instruction is required for the engaged couple.

VISITATION OF THE SICK - COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact Fr. Murray for visitation of the sick at home or in the hospital.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - CCD

For the religious education of children in grades first through seven (including preparation for First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation) please contact Mrs. Elizabeth Rivera at the Parish Office.

Adults who would like to join the Catholic Church are asked to contact Fr. Joseph Chacko. Baptized Catholics who need to receive First Confession, First Communion and/or Confirmation are asked to contact Fr. Joseph Chacko.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to Holy Family! Please register in the Parish Office or on-line.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 28TH, 2021

Sunday, February 28 th – <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	
5:30 p.m. (Saturday)	Mario, Gloria and Anthony Sergi +
8:00 a.m.	Maria Lafranca Lovoi +
11:00 a.m.	Neil Savasta +
8:30 p.m.	Nancy and Luke A. Foye, Sr. +
Monday, March 1 st – <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Darren Huennkens (L)
12:10 p.m.	Geraldine Rogers +
Tuesday, March 2 nd – <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Jose V. Andaya, Jr. +
12:10 p.m.	Mario, Gloria and Anthony Sergi +
Wednesday, March 3 rd – <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Tosha Andrews +
12:10 p.m.	Dr. Fredrick Ganon +
Thursday, March 4 th – <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Celebrant's Intention
12:10 p.m.	Fr. Piotr Przemielewski +
Friday, March 5 th – <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Priscilla Villavicencio +
12:10 p.m.	Milica Arsic Novakovic (L)
Saturday, March 6 th – <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	
12:10 p.m.	Priscilla Villavicencio +
5:30 p.m.	Mario, Gloria and Anthony Sergi +

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF

February 28th, 2021 (Year B, Cycle I). May be found:
<http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/inspiration.asp>

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays from 11:55–12:05 p.m. and 5:00–5:25 p.m.

Sundays from 10:30–10:55 a.m. and 8:10– 8:25 p.m.

Monday through Friday from 11:55–12:05 p.m.

“The primary sacrament of the New Evangelization is the Sacrament of Penance.”

His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Christmas - December 25th: 12 midnight, 8 am, 11 am *

Mary, Mother of God - January 1st: 5:30 pm (anticipated), 8 am, 11 am * (**If Christmas and January 1st fall on a Sunday, there is also an 8:30 PM Mass.*)

Ascension Thursday, Assumption of Mary - August 15th

All Saints - November 1st, Immaculate Conception – December 8th, 5:30 p.m. (anticipated), 8 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:30 pm*

*(*Please note: if January 1st, August 15th or November 1st fall on a Saturday or a Monday, they are not Holy Days of Obligation, as decreed by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops.)*

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark 9:2-10. This vision of Christ glorified given to these Apostles on Mount Thabor was surely a very special privilege, and one they did not forget. "We saw his glory," St. John says in his gospel. St. Peter, writing from Rome to the churches in Asia Minor also says: "For we were not following fictitious tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when from out the majestic glory a voice came down to him saying: 'this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.' And this voice we ourselves heard borne from heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain" (2 Pt. 1:16-18).

Like the three Apostles we too are sharers in their privilege. The Transfiguration of Christ is but one among many of the incontrovertible proofs of the divine Sonship of Christ which we have in the gospel narratives and in the twenty centuries-long history of the Church which he founded. Were he not divine, that Church would long since have crumbled and fallen under the many vicious assaults from outside which it has undergone, as well as from the many human weaknesses which have beset it from within. But Christ is God and the Church has his divine protection and assistance. Therefore, it will go on to the end of time to continue his work of elevating and redeeming mankind.

The Transfiguration was given to these Apostles to strengthen and encourage them in the test of their faith which the passion and death of Jesus would be for them very soon and why the Church reads it during Lent. We are to mortify ourselves during this season to gain a glorious and unending future life. To encourage and remind us who we are following and whose voice we listen to-- none other than the Son of God. Today many false prophets tell say, to "eat, sleep, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die,"— tomorrow we shall die, but where shall we go then?

Let us thank the Lord for giving this consoling and encouraging vision to his Apostles and through them to us. It is a guarantee and foretaste of the joys and the glory that will be ours for eternity, if we persevere against the world, the flesh and the devil. When we sin and give way to our human weaknesses or struggle under the weight of our crosses let us think of Mount Thabor, and the glorified Jesus, who carried his cross cheerfully for us. This thought will help us to carry our crosses as the thought of the future glory which will be ours should make us thank God that we have been created and thank his beloved Son for setting us on the road to that future glory.

Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

IN YOUR PRAYERS please remember: Melody Colligan, Carlos Cuerta, Rachel Dawson, Gene Doyle, Paul Estipona and Family, Deborah Feudo, Dorothy Gerber, Gregory Henry, Ronald Henry, Sr., Ken Majuk, Audrey Marshall, Bea Maviglia, Joanne Perry, Frank Sajeski, Sebastian Sancho, Margie Skeels, Mateo Tobia, Alfredo Thomas, Virginia Vassallo, Dr. Tony Vivera, Nivene Young and Cathy Vukovich, who are ill or disabled.



Dear Parishioners,

Please take home the informational brochure about the **2021 Cardinal's Appeal** if you did not receive one in the mail. The brochures and contribution envelopes are found on the table at the back of the church. We urge all our parishioners to donate to the Cardinal's Appeal. Your generosity allows Cardinal Dolan to maintain and expand the pastoral, charitable and educational activities of the Archdiocese of New York. Our parish goal is \$41,500.

The work continues on the elevator project. It should be completed by the end of March. If you would like to make a donation to help finance this much needed improvement to our parish, please speak with Fr. Murray. A generous benefactor has pledged to match all donations up to \$100,000.

Our Lenten sacrifices are pleasing to God and help us to gain self-mastery over our disordered tendencies that lead us into sin. Let's keep up our Lenten resolutions to imitate Christ's forty days in the desert by making small sacrifices with love.

God bless you.

**Fr. Gerald E. Murray,
Pastor**

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS:

February 2021: Violence against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

LET US preserve freedom. Let us cherish freedom. Freedom of conscience, religious freedom, the freedom of each person, each family, each people, which is what gives rise to rights. May this country and each of you be renewed in gratitude for the many blessings and freedoms that you enjoy. And may you defend these rights, especially your religious freedom, for it has been given to you by God himself.

— *Pope Francis (Philadelphia, September 26, 2015)*

The Mass schedule is:

Monday to Friday: 8 AM and 12:10 PM

Saturday: 12:10 PM and 5:30 PM

Sunday: 8 AM, 11 AM and 8:30 PM

The Confession schedule is:

Monday to Saturday: 11:55 AM to 12:05 PM

Saturday: 5:00 to 5:25 PM

Sunday: 10:30 to 10:55 AM and 8:10 to 8:25 PM

The church is open for private prayer:

Monday to Friday: 7 AM to 9 AM and 11:30 AM to 2 PM

Saturday: 11:30 AM to 1 PM and 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Sunday: 7 AM to 12:00 PM and 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM

LENTEN REGULATIONS.

1) **Abstinence on all the Fridays of Lent, and on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** No meat may be eaten on days of abstinence. Catholics 14 years and older are bound to abstain from meat.

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

2) **Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.**

Fasting means having only one full meal to maintain one's strength. Two smaller, meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's needs, but they should not together equal the one full meal. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Catholics from age 18 through age 59 are bound to fast. Again, invalids, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt.

LECTORS, USHERS NEEDED: If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents, please contact the rectory.

LEGION OF MARY: For more information on the Legion of Mary: please contact Rose Gaddi: 267-546-8204. Meetings are on Thursdays from 1:00 PM-2:00 PM. Suspended until further notice.

SPANISH MARIAN PRAYER GROUP. Tuesdays 6:00–8:00 PM in the rectory. For more information: Laura Hagan: 516-492-7158. Suspended until further notice.

Be sinless out of love not fear. I do not want that you do not sin because you fear hell or Purgatory, but because you love Jesus. -- Saint Teresa of Calcutta (Unpub)

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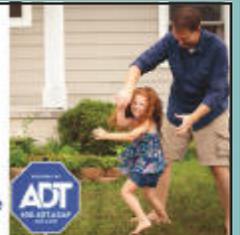
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