

Mary, Mother of Mankind Church

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February 28, 2021

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Daily Mass

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 am
(The Rosary is prayed
prior to Daily Mass)

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:30 pm

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:00 am-3:00 pm

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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

- Mk 9:7-8

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From Fr. Varghese's Desk

Lent is a very important season, because it asks us to renew and rediscover our relationship with God and examine our relationship with others. These are not always easy to do.

When it comes to God, He usually ranks low on our list of things to be concerned about. Lent can help us change that through more prayer, scripture reading and coming to Mass more often.

As we give God more time, it will also change our attitudes to others and the planet we live on. The Gospel (Luke 6: 27-38) is a very tough but necessary one to help us relate to others, especially those we hate or dislike. But Jesus knows that if we follow those words, they will bring more peace to the world and also in our own and other lives. I suggest we reread it over and over again this week so we realize how much we need to change.

In an article I read in "Celebration" there is a Litany of Prayer that I think can help all of us:

- ◆ For those who hurt us when we were children
- ◆ For the friend who disappointed me
- ◆ For the former spouse who stopped loving me
- ◆ For colleagues who betrayed me
- ◆ For neighbors I find difficult
- ◆ For leaders with whom I disagree
- ◆ For the enemies of our nation
- ◆ For all those we find challenging to love

If you and I are to become more peaceful and peace giving, we need to make this Lent a true deepening of our relationship with God and through that bring God's peace and love to others.

Lent affords an opportunity, through prayer and fasting, for putting the house of our soul in spiritual shape. It teaches us that the road to heaven is by the sweat of our brow through the daily chores of work and putting up with the frustrations and disappointments of family life. The gospel tells us that a successful relationship with Jesus can improve us and make a difference to our lives. Jesus does not change the world but He can transform our hearts if we let Him. We all grow brighter the more we are turned into the Godlike image we are meant to reflect. The transfiguration is about letting the glory of God shine through us so that others can catch a glimpse of that glory.

Please join me in making this Lent a time of renewal so that on Easter, it won't be just a celebration of Jesus' Resurrection, it will also celebrate how we have risen to a new and more meaningful life.

Have a good week and God bless!

Fr. Varghese

Please remember Mary, Mother of Mankind Church in your will or estate.



Saturday, February 27

4:00 pm Florence M. Patriarca (Remembrance)

Sunday, February 28—Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 am Jo & Walter B. (Healing Mass)

10:30 am Willis Cavanaugh (Living)

Monday, March 1

8:00 am Purgatorial Society

6:00 pm—7:30 pm Adoration

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, March 2

8:00 am Lucia

Wednesday, March 3

8:00 am Sandra Ramos (Remembrance)

Thursday, March 4

8:00 am For all Grandmothers & Grandfathers

Friday, March 5

7:00 am Jo & Walter B. (Healing Mass)

Saturday, March 6

4:00 pm Christopher W. Konicki (22nd Anniversary)

Sunday, March 7—Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 am Mary & Salvatore Domenicone
(Birthday & Remembrance)

10:30 am Brigida Morry (7th Anniversary)

Sanctuary Candle, Altar Candles & Altar Bread

Candles will burn from 2/25 to 3/3/2021

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn for:

Lucia

The **Altar Candles** will burn for:

Paul McVay (Healing)

The **Altar Bread** is offered for:

Aristotle Pangilinan

(Cost of the Sanctuary Candle, pair of Altar Candles or Altar Bread is \$10 for a living or deceased remembrance)

Please call the Rectory at 231-3542 to reserve yours

Monday—Thursday from 9:00 am—3:00 pm!

The Second Collection Next Weekend is for Our Parish Maintenance Fund

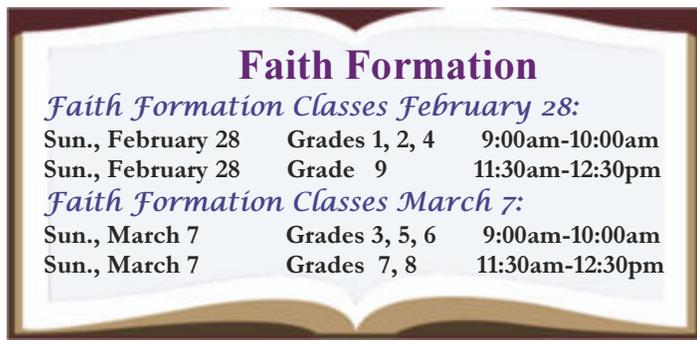
Weekend of February 21, 2021 Offertory Report

Weekly Offering: \$3,877.00

On-Line Giving: \$ 834.00

Helping Hand Fund: \$ 114.00

Thank you for your support!



Faith Formation

Faith Formation Classes February 28:

Sun., February 28	Grades 1, 2, 4	9:00am-10:00am
Sun., February 28	Grade 9	11:30am-12:30pm

Faith Formation Classes March 7:

Sun., March 7	Grades 3, 5, 6	9:00am-10:00am
Sun., March 7	Grades 7, 8	11:30am-12:30pm

Confirmation Service Project

Our Confirmation class will be collecting items and making up backpacks for the Midnight Moment, an outreach program to benefit the homeless in Rhode Island particularly the Providence and South side areas. They are in need of the following items for men and women:

Backpacks - new or 'gently' used...winter hats, gloves and scarfs

Hand warmers...Socks

There will be a box in the church foyer. Whatever you can do to help will be greatly appreciated.

HEALING SERVICE

There will be a Healing Service on **March 17th at 7:00pm.**
All are welcome!

THE SEASON OF LENT runs from Ash Wednesday up to, but excluding, the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

Fasting: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting: those between the ages of 18 and 59 should eat less, meaning, take no solid food between meals and only one full meal that day. Serious health conditions excuse a person from these precepts.

Abstinence: Abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent (for those 14 and older) is required by Church law.

Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving: Lent is above all a "me" of prayer. To enhance the practice of prayer, the Church invites her members to follow the custom of fasting and to accompany that fasting with an increase of almsgiving for the needs of the poor.

LET US PRAY

Let us pray for all who have died—our relatives, friends, and fellow parishioners, especially

Phyllis Tedesco

whose funeral took place last week.



To submit a prayer request for our Prayer Chain please contact

Alexandra P. (300-2062) or Pauline N. (231-8012)



EVERY MONDAY

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT at 6:00 PM
ROSARY 6:30 PM

CONFESSION 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:00 PM
BENEDICTION AT 7:30 PM.

ALL ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO SPEND AN HOUR OR MORE WITH THE LORD.
A Blessed Lent to All!

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Adults: What roots of sin lie at the source of the temptations I deal with on a regular basis?

Children: How can I show my love for God during this Lenten season?

SUNDAY SMILE

There are two polite people having dinner together. On the table is a dish with one big piece of fish and one small piece of fish. They politely say to each other: "You may choose first." "No, you may choose first." This goes on for a while. Then the first person says: "OK, I'll take first." And he takes the BIG piece of fish. The second person is upset: "Why did you take the big piece? That's not polite!" The first person says: "Which piece would 'you' have taken?" The second person replies: "Why, I would have taken the SMALL piece, of course." The first person says: "Well, that's what you have now!"

Catholic Charity Appeal

The Diocese of Providence has sent out information and solicitation cards to all parishioners for the 2021 Catholic Charities Appeal. We will be having our **in-pew appeal here in the parish on the weekends of April 18th and 25th.** If you wish to send your pledge or donation in before that, please use the envelope that was sent to you from the Diocese and mail it to them. Please do not send them in to the rectory. If you prefer to wait until we do our in-pew campaign, then you can use the cards sent to you or the cards that will be placed in the pews during those weekends.

2021 Missalettes for Sale

If you want your own Missalette to follow along with the Mass, **you can purchase a copy in the rectory for \$7.00. Put your name in your Missalette.** However, if the Missalette is left in Church we are obligated to throw it out. **Only 50 were ordered and are on a first come first serve basis.** We cannot hold any aside.



Calling All Men!!!

The Men of St. Joseph is a Catholic group for men who wish to grow in their relationship with God and claim their role as the spiritual leaders of their families. **The next meeting will be March 1st @ 7:00 PM.** For more information, contact **Ron Lamothe at 578-3171.**

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