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MASS SCHEDULE

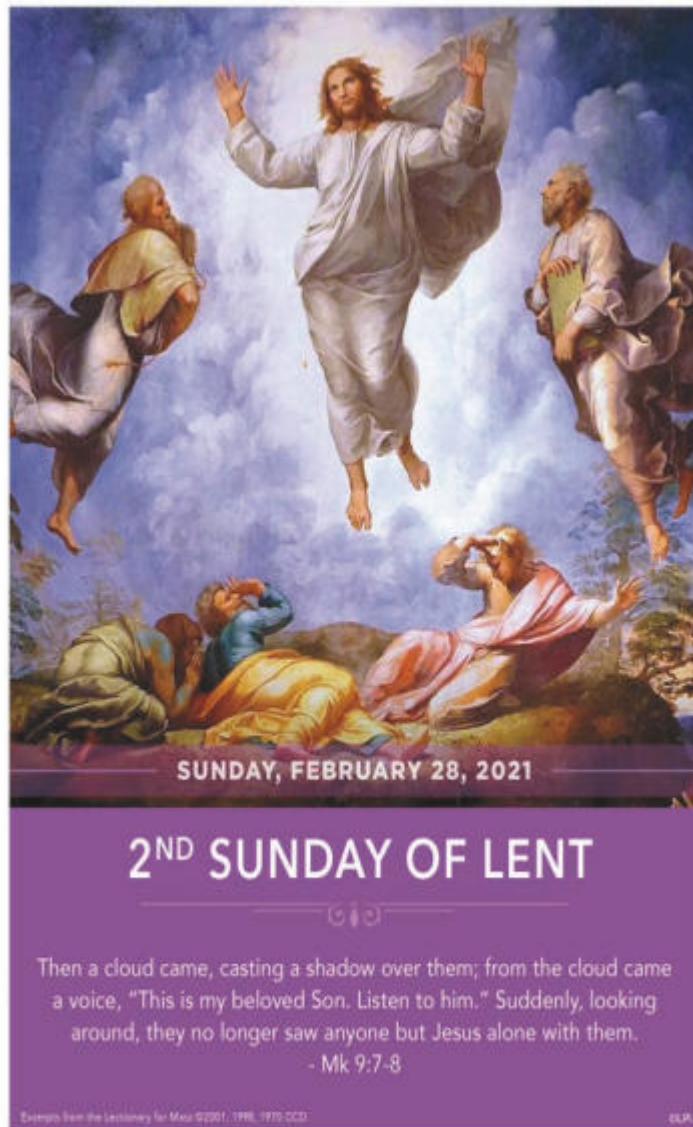
Sunday	9:00 AM
Monday & Tuesday	9:00 AM
Holy Days	9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS – upon request

BAPTISMS - Contact Parish Office well in advance.

WEDDINGS – Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance to make arrangements for marriage.

February 28, 2021



OFFICE HOURS

Monday and Tuesday
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Dee Daly
Administrative Assistant

FINANCE COUNCIL

Third Tue of the month 5:45 PM

PARISH COUNCIL

Third Tue of the month 6:30 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Jon Keith (483.2029) home

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

28 SUN Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

✠ 6:00 PM Vigil **Deceased members of Riordan Family**

✠ 9:00 AM **Mary O'Keefe** by Jack O'Keefe

1 Mon Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

✠ 9:00 AM **Peter Senatore** by Christina & Perry Melvin

2 Tue Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

✠ 9:00 AM **Queen family** by the Estate

3 Wed Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

4 Thu 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

5 Fri Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

6 Sat Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

7 SUN Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

6:00 PM Vigil **Russell Hayes** birthday wishes
by Jim & Pat Harrison

✠ 9:00 AM **Queen Family** by the Estate

BACKPACK PROGRAM

Saint Alphonsus has again been asked to join the Dismas House Backpack Program. They are in need of:

For Men at 103 Park Ave. **For Women at 22 Royce Street**

Deodorants
Loofahs
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Razors

Deodorants
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Conditioners
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Shaving Creams
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Loofahs
Socks
Hand/Body Lotions.

The women's home will be open late March so these items would be wonderful to have for new residents.

Please look for a bin in the back of the church in which you can place your donation.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REMEMBER a loved one, Mass cards are available for anyone who would like a Mass offered on Saturday, Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday. Other occasions when we have Masses offered for others are birthday, anniversary, pre-surgery, or recovering from an illness/surgery. Please contact the rectory 483-2301 (email: stalphonsus5@myfairpoint.net) or stop by on Mondays or Tuesdays.

The Otter Valley Catholic Community Looks Forward to the Springtime of Lent

9:00am Weekday Masses

Monday & Tuesday at Saint Alphonsus, Pittsford

Wednesday & Thursday at Our Lady of Good Help, Brandon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:15-3:45pm – Saturdays at Our Lady of Good Help, Brandon

Stations of the Cross

7:00pm – Wednesdays at Our Lady of Good Help, Brandon

1:00pm – Fridays at Saint Alphonsus, Pittsford

Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence

Catholics fourteen years of age and above must abstain from eating meat on Fridays.

are obliged to refrain from eating meat on Fridays of Lent unless health reasons dictate otherwise.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - LPi

A Thought from Tracy Earl Welliver

When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane

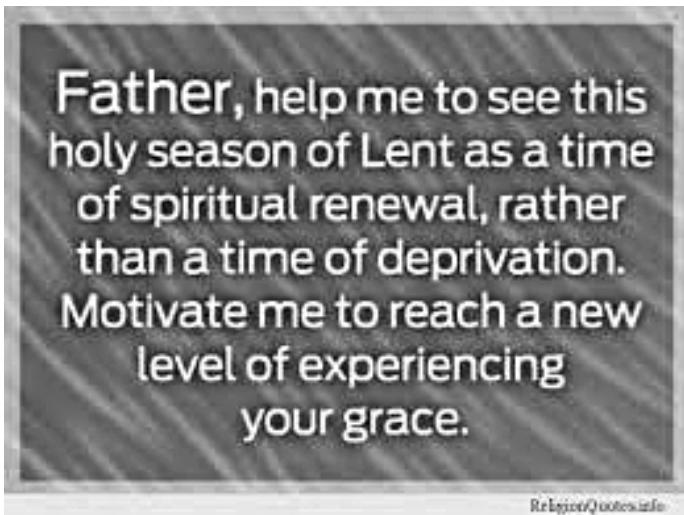
It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. "We're ready, God!" our hearts cry out. "Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!"

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they've joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It's not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It's the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there's that nagging voice in our minds saying: go ahead, God doesn't really mind.

It's a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn't you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried "Ready!" when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, "Ready!" when we hear the call of God?



Parish-based 40 Days for Life

As we participate, Parish-based 40 Days for Life, it is important to root our understanding of life issues in the teachings of the church. The following articles are excerpts are taken from the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

THINGS TO REMEMBER AND KNOW

- Please wear a mask and bring a small bottle of sanitizer to sanitize your hands when entering the church and before communion.
- Social distancing must always be adhered to.
- Per request of the Bishop to ensure the churches stay open, contact tracing is required. Please note the forms in the pews in front of you. If you have previously completed one, you need only to fill out family name, date of attendance and the names of those who attended with you.

YOU TOUCH IT, YOU TAKE IT HOME! The weekly bulletin and any handouts are placed in the pew in front of you. Please take these items home with you. This practice of “you touch it, you take it home” is to ensure that we are not passing on any possible infectious germs.

Feb 21st Sunday's Offertory	\$ 869.00
Online Giving	\$ 50.00
Total	\$ 919.00
Last Year this Date	\$ 1,250.00
Fuel	\$ 542.00
Flowers	\$ 200.00

Thanks for making up your envelopes.

Latin High Mass in West Rutland: On Sunday, March 7, at 5 pm, a traditional Latin Mass (a/k/a Tridentine or Extraordinary Form Mass) will be offered at St. Bridget's Church. This will be a sung Mass with Gregorian chant. For more information please contact latinmassvt@live.com.

2270 Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.⁷²

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you.⁷³

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth.⁷⁴

2271 Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law:

You shall not kill the embryo by abortion and shall not cause the newborn to perish.⁷⁵

God, the Lord of life, has entrusted humanity the noble mission of safeguarding life, and we must carry it out in a manner worthy of ourselves. Life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception: abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes.⁷⁶

2272 Formal cooperation in an abortion constitutes a grave offense. The Church attaches the canonical penalty of excommunication to this crime against human life. "A person who procures a completed abortion incurs excommunication *latae sententiae*,"⁷⁷ "by the very commission of the offense,"⁷⁸ and subject to the conditions provided by Canon Law.⁷⁹ The Church does not thereby intend to restrict the scope of mercy. Rather, she makes clear the gravity of the crime committed, the irreparable harm done to the innocent who is put to death, as well as to the parents and the whole of society.

⁷⁴ Ps 139:15.

⁷⁵ Didache 2,2:ÆCh 248,148; cf. Ep. Barnabae 19,5:PG 2 777; Ad D<ognetum< i=" 5,6:PG 2,1173; Tertullian, Apol. 19:PL 1,319-320.

⁷⁶ GS 51 § 3.

⁷⁷ CIC, can. 1398.

⁷⁸ CIC, can. 1314.

⁷⁹ Cf. CIC, cann. 1323-1324. 80 CDF, Donum vitae III.

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