

Mass Schedule

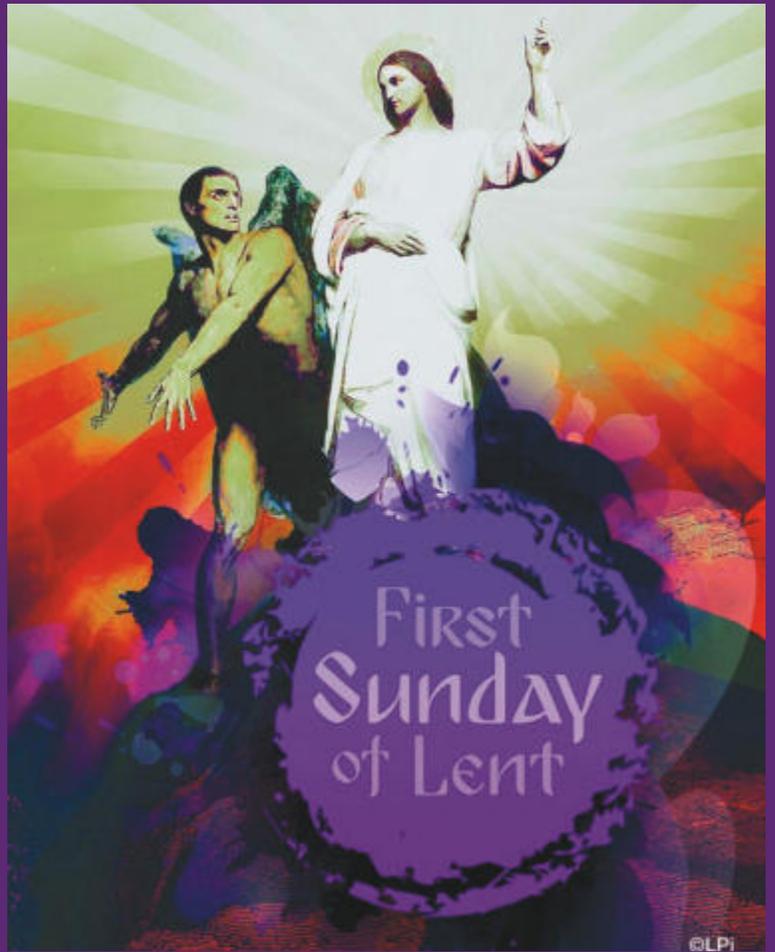
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM
11:00 AM—Bilingual

Weekdays
Monday through Friday
9:00 AM
No Tuesday Mass

Holy Days
7:00 PM Vigil, 9:00 AM, 7:00 PM

Confessions
Saturday from 3:00 to 3:30 PM
at the Parish Offices.

Office Hours
Monday through Thursday
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Closed Fridays



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First Sunday of Lent

Reading I Gn 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

Responsorial Psalm Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. (cf. 10) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and
teach me, for you are God my savior. R.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD. R.1

Good and upright is the LORD, thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and he teaches the humble his way. R.

Reading II 1 Pt 3:18-22

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

Verse Before the Gospel Mt 4:4b

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Gospel Mk 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered

to him. 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."

Gospel Meditation

St. Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the "idol of the self," keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It's not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn't just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. "Being more" means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the "quality" of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God's unconditional love. The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of "life in the good old days." Lent isn't about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It's about becoming something new. It's about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.

I Domingo de Cuaresma

Primera Lectura Gn 9, 8-15

En aquellos días, dijo Dios a Noé y a sus hijos: "Ahora establezco una alianza con ustedes y con sus descendientes, con todos los animales que los acompañaron, aves, ganados y fieras, con todos los que salieron del arca, con todo ser viviente sobre la tierra. Ésta es la alianza que establezco con ustedes: No volveré a exterminar la vida con el diluvio, ni habrá otro diluvio que destruya la tierra".

Y añadió: "Ésta es la señal de la alianza perpetua que yo establezco con ustedes y con todo ser viviente que esté con ustedes. Pondré mi arco iris en el cielo como señal de mi alianza con la tierra, y cuando yo cubra de nubes la tierra, aparecerá el arco iris y me acordaré de mi alianza con ustedes y con todo ser viviente. No volverán las aguas del diluvio a destruir la vida".

Salmo Responsorial Salmo 24, 4bc-5ab. 6-7bc. 8-9

R. (cf. 10) Descúbrenos, Señor, tus caminos. Descúbrenos, Señor, tus caminos, guíanos con la verdad de tu doctrina. Tú eres nuestro Dios y salvador y tenemos en ti nuestra esperanza. R.

Acuérdate, Señor, que son eternos tu amor y tu ternura. Según ese amor y esa ternura, acuérdate de nosotros. R.

Porque el Señor es recto y bondadoso, indica a los pecadores el sendero, guía por la senda recta a los humildes y descubre a los pobres sus caminos. R.

Segunda Lectura 1 Pt 3, 18-22

Hermanos: Cristo murió, una sola vez y para siempre, por los pecados de los hombres; él, el justo, por nosotros, los injustos, para llevarnos a Dios; murió en su cuerpo y resucitó glorificado. En esta ocasión, fue a proclamar su mensaje a los espíritus encarcelados, que habían sido rebeldes en los tiempos de Noé, cuando la paciencia de Dios aguardaba, mientras se construía el arca, en la que unos pocos, ocho personas, se salvaron flotando sobre el agua. Aquella agua era figura del bautismo, que ahora los salva a ustedes y que no consiste en quitar la inmundicia corporal, sino en el compromiso de vivir con una buena conciencia ante Dios, por la resurrección de Cristo Jesús, Señor nuestro, que subió al cielo y está a la derecha de Dios, a quien están sometidos los ángeles, las potestades y las virtudes.

Aclamación antes del Evangelio Mt 4, 4

R. Honor y gloria a ti, Señor Jesús. No sólo de pan vive el hombre, sino también de toda palabra que sale de la boca de Dios. R. Honor y gloria a ti, Señor Jesús.

Evangelio Mc 1, 12-15

En aquel tiempo, el Espíritu impulsó a Jesús a retirarse al desierto, donde permaneció cuarenta días y fue tentado por Satanás. Vivió allí entre animales salvajes, y los ángeles le servían.

Después de que arrestaron a Juan el Bautista, Jesús se fue a Galilea para predicar el Evangelio de Dios y decía: "Se ha cumplido el tiempo y el Reino de Dios ya está cerca. Arrepiéntanse y crean en el Evangelio".

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

Preparados o no, estamos en el primer domingo de Cuaresma. El pasado miércoles, 17 de febrero, iniciamos la Cuaresma. La Cuaresma es un tiempo para llevar a cabo más tiempo de calidad en la oración, ayuno y limosna. Estas prácticas cuaresmales ayudan a llegar a la Pascua preparados y ligeros de equipaje. Este tiempo es un llamado fuerte a la conversión. "El tiempo se ha cumplido, el Reino de Dios está cerca. Renuncien a su mal camino y crean en la Buena Nueva". (Marcos 1:15). El Evangelio de Marcos no explica las tentaciones de Jesús como Mateo y Lucas. Marcos solo lo especifica así: "Enseguida el Espíritu lo empujó al desierto. Estuvo cuarenta días en el desierto y fue tentado por Satanás. Vivía entre los animales salvajes y los ángeles le servían". (Marcos 1:12-13).

"Es saludable contemplar más a fondo el misterio pascual, por el que hemos recibido la misericordia de Dios. La experiencia de la misericordia, efectivamente, es posible sólo en un 'cara a cara' con el Señor crucificado y resucitado 'que me amó y se entregó por mí'. Un diálogo de corazón a corazón, de amigo a amigo. Por eso la oración es tan importante en el tiempo cuaresmal". El hecho de que el Señor nos ofrezca una vez más un tiempo favorable para nuestra conversión nunca debemos darlo por supuesto. Esta nueva oportunidad debería suscitar en nosotros un sentido de reconocimiento y sacudir nuestra morbora. (Tomado del Mensaje de Cuaresma del Papa Francisco 2020). ¿Qué debo sacudir de mi persona en esta Cuaresma?

**Todos los miércoles
(Excepto el Miércoles de Ceniza)
a las 6:30 pm en la Iglesia
Vía Crucis en español**



Mass Intentions, Prayers & Sacraments

Saturday	February 20
4:30 PM	Thomas Sorbello r/b Mary Ann & Joe Justice
Sunday	February 21
9:00 AM	For the People of Our Parish
11:00 AM	Josephine Tomasello r/b her children Tom Woerner r/b Nick & Betty DeStefano Samuel Alavez r/b Florence Murtha Maria Dolores Humala r/b the Cadme family
Monday	February 22
9:00 AM	Michael Petrillo r/b daughter Lucille
Tuesday	February 23
9:00 AM	No Mass
Wednesday	February 24
9:00 AM	Joseph Barca r/b Bonnie & Nick Petroni
Thursday	February 25
9:00 AM	Bonnie Petroni r/b Rich & Mary Baron
Friday	February 26
9:00 AM	Raymond DiClaudio
Saturday	February 27
4:30 PM	Vincent Stango r/b wife Sandy & daughter Andrea
Sunday	February 28
9:00 AM	For the People of Our Parish
11:00 AM	Joseph Barca r/b Fred & Elaine Rhinehart Mercedes Gonzalez r/b Rey & Carmen Kathleen Heil r/b Fr. John Rossi & Parish Staff

Sanctuary Candle Sponsorship

The sanctuary candle is the red candle behind the altar, next to the tabernacle. It continuously remains lit to remind us of Jesus' true presence in the Eucharist and His constant presence with us.

The sanctuary candle is available for sponsorship for a donation of \$10.00. You may designate your offering in honor of a special person, in thanksgiving for a blessing, or in memory of a loved one.

Please contact the Parish Center to make your request and donation.

PRAYER LIST

Lynda Bancroft, JoAnne Carothers,
Julia Rivera, Maria Genovese,
Louis Hill and Bill Van Dusen

We are starting a new prayer list, which will be updated every three months. Please call the Parish Center at 856-881-2753 to have your name put on the prayer list. Thank You.

If you wish, you may receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Contact the Parish Center at 856-881-2753 to make an appointment with the priest.

We pray for the safety and the Lord's protection of our men and women in the military, especially Colonel Eric Baus; Anthony R. Brown, Jr., USANG, Major Matthew Lisa, USAF; Ensign William Stephens, USCG; Sean Patrick Stailey, USN and Luke Wible, USMC.

PRAYER CHAIN: Do you or someone you know need the blessing of prayer? That's why the St. Bridget Prayer Chain is here for you. Please contact Annadora Shipley, Coordinator, at 856-589-0334, and prayers will begin for you.

ATTENTION VETERANS!

Having problems? Need help?

The NJ Veterans Helpline might be your answer. This is a 24-hour service manned by veterans who counsel callers and direct them to a wide range of services. Call 1-866-838-7654.

A Lenten Prayer

Almighty and ever living God,
you invite us deeper into your world,
your people, your Lent.

May this time be one of outward focus;
seeking you in those we often ignore.
Help us live a Lent focused on freedom,
generosity, and encounter.

Give us hearts hungry to serve you
and those who need what we have to give.

Amen.

- Author Unknown



Getting the Most Out of Lent: My Spiritual Battle Plan

Opening Prayer: "Grant, almighty God, through the yearly **observances** of holy Lent, that **we may grow** in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and **by worthy conduct pursue their effects...**"

Devil's Temptation: To have us strive for things that never fulfill us...

.... to be happy you need to "Feel _____, look _____, have the _____s"

In His Church, Christ prescribes 3 "yearly observances of Holy Lent"

1. **Prayer** helps me focus on who God is and who I really am before God

Practice	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Mass							
Rosary							
Stations of the Cross				6:30pm (Spanish)		7pm (English)	
Other Devotion(s)							
Quiet Prayer							
Spiritual Reading							

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction First Friday from 8:00-9:00am Friday, March 5

Parish Mission March 24, 25, 26. A series of dynamic talks calling us to deeper conversion by guest speaker, Mr. Daniel Palmieri. At 7pm on Wednesday-Friday, the mission includes Eucharistic Benediction and Confessions each night.

Make a good Confession?

1. **Fasting** by denying cravings of my body, I can focus on my soul's hunger for God, by giving up:

Food or Drink: _____

TV Show: _____

Something else I enjoy regularly: _____

Internet / Phone app: _____

2. **Almsgiving** by giving, I focus on the fact that material things don't give me true happiness:

Giving to charity.... \$ _____ House of Charity, \$ _____ .

Giving my time and talent.... _____

Learning to Sing in Greek and Latin this Lent

For Lent, our parish will chant the Ordinary parts of the Mass (Lord Have Mercy, the Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Great Amen, and Lamb of God). The “Lord Have Mercy” (*Kyrie eleison*) is chanted in Greek. The “Holy” (*Sanctus*) and “Lamb of God” (*Agnus Dei*) are chanted in Latin. We do this in accordance with the request of the U.S. Bishops:

The Second Vatican Council directed that the faithful be able to sing parts of the Ordinary of the Mass together in Latin. [...] While prudence, pastoral sensitivity, and reasonable time for progress are encouraged to achieve this end, every effort in this regard is laudable and highly encouraged. Each worshiping community in the United States, including all age groups and all ethnic groups, should, at a minimum, learn Kyrie XVI, Sanctus XVIII, and Agnus Dei XVIII, all of which are typically included in congregational worship aids. (Sing to the Lord, 74-75)

KYRIE:

“Lord, have mercy.” – “Señor, ten piedad.”
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

SANCTUS:

“Holy, Holy” – “Santo, Santo”

Text

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.*

Pronunciation

sawnk-toos, sawnk-toos, sawnk-toos DOH-mee-noos day-oos SAH-bah-oat
PLAY-nee soont CHAY-lee et TEHR-rah GLO-ree-ah TOO-ah
ho-SAWN-na een eck-SHELL-sees
beh-neh-DEEK-toos kwee veh-neet in NO-mee-nay DOH-mee-nee
ho-SAWN-na een eck-SHELL-sees

AGNUS DEI:

“Lamb of God” – “Cordero de Dios”

Text

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.*

Pronunciation

awn-yoos day-ee, kwee TOLL-ees pay-CAW-tah moon-DEE, mee-zeh-REH-ray no-bees.
awn-yoos day-ee, kwee TOLL-ees pay-CAW-tah moon-DEE, mee-zeh-REH-ray no-bees.
awn-yoos day-ee, kwee TOLL-ees pay-CAW-tah moon-DEE, DOH-nah no-bees paw-chem.



†AROUND THE DIOCESE †

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Apply for Energy Assistance: What is it? LIHEAP is a federally funded program that can assist families with their energy bill. **Who qualifies?** The applicant household must meet income eligibility to qualify and be responsible for heating or cooling costs, either directly or included in the rent. **How do I sign up?** Visit or call the Hispanic Family Center of Southern New Jersey (HFC) to get information or obtain an application. Energy Assistance Program, 21 Delaware Street, Woodbury, NJ. (856) 848-7150. Pick up your application today!

Music

Save Us, O Lord

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Refrain: Save us, O Lord; carry us back. Rouse your power and come.
Rescue your people; show us your face. Bring us back.

1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us. Return and we shall be saved. Arise, O Lord; hear our cries, O Lord: bring us back!
2. How long will you hide from your people? We long to see your face. Give ear to us. Draw near to us, Lord God of hosts!



Blest Be the Lord Words and Music Dan Schutte ©1976 OCP Publishers

Refrain: Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord, the God of mercy, the God who saves.

I shall not fear the dark of night, nor the arrow that flies by day.

1. He will release me from the nets of all my foes. He will protect me from their wicked hands. Beneath the shadow of his wings I will rejoice to find a dwelling place secure.
2. I need not shrink before the terrors of the night, nor stand alone before the light of day. No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down, no evil settle in my soul.

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Stewardship Life

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God..." - MARK 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of **stewardship** takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

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Every Wednesday* at 6:30pm
Stations of the Cross in Spanish
*Except for Ash Wednesday

Every Friday** at 7:00pm
Stations of the Cross in English
**Except for Good Friday



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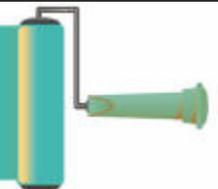
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