



The Parish of Good Shepherd & St. Joseph

February 21st, 2021

First Sunday of Lent

Church of the Good Shepherd - Rhinebeck

Weekend Mass: Saturday: 5:00 p.m. and Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30am. & 11:15am

Daily Mass: Monday through Saturday (Except Tuesday): 9:00 a.m.

Good Shepherd Church is fully accessible for the disabled.

St. Joseph Church - Rhinecliff

Sunday: Temporarily transferred to Good Shepherd

CONFESSIONS

Monday through Friday: 8:30a.m.—8:55a.m. (except Tuesday)

Saturday: 4:00p.m.- 4:55p.m.

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration every Friday from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

(September through June)

Miraculous Medal Novena immediately following 9:00 a.m. Mass on Monday

St. Joseph Litany and Prayer immediately following 9:00a.m. Mass on Wednesday

Daily Rosary at 8:30 a.m. (except Tuesday)

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are conducted on weekends. Parents who have not previously attended instruction in the sacrament must do so prior to the child's Baptism.

MARRIAGES

Those seeking to marry must meet with the Pastor at least 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date to allow time for pre-marriage program attendance, gathering of appropriate documents, and securing any dispensation from ecclesial authorities.

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Change of Address Moving out of Parish

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Please fill out and cut form. Return it through the Collection Basket or by mail to the Rectory Office. New registrants are invited to visit the Rectory during office hours to receive the registration form and information on parish activities.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 9:00 A.M. 5:00 P.M.	February 20 Saturday after Ash Wednesday Eugene Riordan † req by Peggy Fraysier Joyce O'Loughlin † req by Tom Olzensk
First Sunday of Lent	
Sunday 8:00 A.M.	February 21 First Sunday in Lent Mary & Robert Campbell † req by Dan & Doreen Campbell
11:15 A.M.	John Antonell † req by Gene & Barbara Ricciardelli
9:30 A.M.	Mary C. Kelly † req by the Mid-Hudson Kennel Association
Monday 9:00 A.M.	February 22 Chair of St. Peter the Apostle John Grady † req by Joan Grady
Tuesday	February 23 Lenten Weekday No Mass
Wednesday 9:00 A.M.	February 24 Lenten Weekday Anna Marie Enright † req by Frank & Eileen Weber
Thursday 9:00 A.M.	February 25 Lenten Weekday Jonathan Miller † req by Frank & Eileen Weber
Friday 9:00 A.M.	February 26 Lenten Weekday Pro Populo
Saturday 9:00 A.M. 5:00 P.M.	February 27 Lenten Weekday For the Victims & Families of the Coronavirus req by Father Crawford Raymond, Gary & Barry Lutz † req by Betty Lutz
Sunday 8:00 A.M. 11:15 A.M. 9:30 A.M.	February 28 Second Sunday of Lent George McGann † req by Bill & Donna McGann John Antonell † req by the Marnell/Brochetti Family Louise Schuster † req by Maria & Giuseppe Ruffo



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No, homeschoolers are not the problem

by Thomas Griffin

February 11, 2021 ([LifeSiteNews](#)) — Conservative homeschooling groups have “very successfully undermined children’s basic physical safety and right to an education all across the U.S.,” wrote Jill Filipovic. She is a lawyer, *New York Times* contributor, and the author of *The H-Spot: The Feminist Pursuit of Happiness* whose ideologies are taking on new adversaries with her latest attack on homeschool families across the nation.

Her latest piece is entitled “One of the most controversial ideas in America is that children should have rights: Let’s talk about homeschooling.” Essentially, her claim is that children’s rights are violated by parents who homeschool because they are not educated and their conservative Christianity acts as a facade for abuse to occur. Filipovic is speaking, not only of the abuse of a flawed education, but the physical abuse of young people by their own parents. She claims that homeschooling is a manner of covering up the crimes of these parents as well as an example of far-right Christians’ desire to indoctrinate their children in ancient falsehoods.

“It is absolutely the case that if you so much as write about homeschooling, and certainly if you try to legislate anything related to it,” [Filipovic tweeted](#), “you will be incessantly harassed by a right-wing mob. Children’s rights are as threatening to them as feminism is.” Her major claim is that homeschooling families are anti-children and anti-women. What Filipovic neglects to mention is the fact that the majority of homeschool families choose this route of education because their local school district has failed to produce both good test scores and character-driven human beings.

Parents had the pride of place in educating their children until the public school system took off in American in the 1800s. The indisputable fact is that public schools gifted the economy with more workers while it tore apart the ancient understanding that parents ought to be involved in their children’s education. The wedge was driven between familial-based raising of youth and government-crafted education.

Filipovic, however, argued that Christianity and conservatism are ruining families. “One of the most controversial ideas in America is that children have rights. And the people who are most opposed, who keep us as one of just three nations that refuse to recognize the rights of the child, are ‘pro-life, pro-family’ homeschool-

ing advocates.” Filipovic makes out that those who say they are for the unborn and defend the rights of the family are somehow culprits who should be convicted of abuse. Homeschool families are more often Christians or conservatives, but that does not mean they are automatically ill-advised because they believe in investing everything in forming their children.

This is yet another example of how an entire population is viewed as outcasts and abusers because of their political or religious affiliation. Filipovic focused much of her time on the abuse of minors in homeschool families and how these environments protect the abusers. If the topic is the physical abuse of children then the debate often centers on the scandals in the Catholic Church regarding the abuse of children by priests. While the media always aggressively gravitates towards bashing the Church, there is much more evidence of abuse in public schools than there is among Catholic clergy.

“Think the Catholic Church has a problem?” says Charol Shakeshaft, Hofstra University researcher on abuse in the public school system and former adviser to the Department of Education. “The physical sexual abuse of students in schools is likely more than 100 times the abuse by priests.” To argue that homeschooling is child abuse is simply the creation of an empty straw-man argument that cannot stand.

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Lent: Fast & Abstinence

The regulations of Lenten fasting and abstinence were once quite strict. Neither meat nor animal products (such as dairy and eggs) were to be eaten throughout the forty days, and only one meal per day was allowed. The restrictions were for every day of Lent, except Sundays, which were a day to relax from fasting.

We are required by Church law to observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence according to the fifth precept of the Church. Today, the regulations are not as prohibitive. In 1966, Pope Paul VI issued his Apostolic Constitution on Penance, *Pœnitentini*, which states:

The time of Lent preserves its penitential character. The days of penitence to be observed under obligation throughout the Church are all Fridays and Ash Wednesday, that is to say the first days of "*Grande Quaresima*" (Great Lent), according to the diversity of the rite. Their substantial observance binds gravely.

[A]bstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday or, according to local practice, on the first day of 'Great Lent' and on Good Friday.

1. The law of abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, the products of milk or condiments made of animal fat.
2. The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening, observing—as far as quantity and quality are concerned—approved local custom.

To the law of abstinence those are bound who have completed their 14th year of age. To the law of fast those of the faithful are bound who have completed their 18th year and up until the beginning of their 60th year. As regards those of a lesser age, pastors of souls and parents should see to it with particular care that they are educated to a true sense of penitence.

The United States Bishops issued their document *On Penance and Abstinence* the same year to give the US Catholics spiritual guidelines in implementing the directives in *Pœnitentini*:

Wherefore, we ask, urgently and prayerfully, that we, as people of God, make of the entire Lenten season a period

of special penitential observance. Following the instructions of the Holy See, we declare that the obligation both to fast and to abstain from meat, an obligation observed under a more strict formality by our fathers in the faith, still binds on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No Catholic Christian will lightly excuse himself from so hallowed an obligation on the Wednesday which solemnly opens the Lenten season and on Friday called "Good" because on that day Christ suffered in the flesh and died for our sins.

In keeping with the letter and spirit of Pope Paul's constitution *Pœnitentini*, we preserve for our dioceses the tradition of abstinence from meat on each of the Fridays of Lent, confident that no Catholic Christian will lightly hold himself excused from this penitential practice.

The US Bishops not only reinforce the fasting and abstinence guidelines, they give recommendations on how to continue this spirit of Lent throughout the 40 days:

For all other weekdays of Lent, we strongly recommend participation in daily Mass and a self-imposed observance of fasting. In the light of grave human needs which weigh on the Christian conscience in all seasons, we urge particularly during Lent, generosity to local, national, and world programs of sharing of all things needed to translate our duty to penance into a means of implementing the right of the poor to their part in our abundance. We also recommend spiritual studies, beginning with the Scriptures as well as the traditional Lenten devotions (sermons, Stations of the Cross, and the Rosary) and all the self-denial summed up in the Christian concept of "mortification."

Let us witness to our love and imitation of Christ, by special solicitude for the sick, the poor, the underprivileged, the imprisoned, the bed-ridden, the discouraged, the stranger, the lonely, and persons of other color, nationalities of background other than our own. A catalogue of not merely suggested but required good works under these headings is provided by Our Blessed Lord himself in his description of the Last Judgment (cf. Mt 25:34-40). This salutary word of the Lord is necessary for all the year, but should be heeded with double care during Lent.

See the Personal Program section for some concrete suggestions to implement during Lent.

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Prayer Shawl Ministry

Good Shepherd's Prayer Shawl Ministry **will NOT meet next Sunday**, February 28, nonetheless, we continue knitting and crocheting Prayer Shawls for those in need of God's merciful healing and compassion. For a shawl, or for further information, please contact Bette Sturm, 233-1201, or any Ministry member. Please pray for our ministry and for those we serve!

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Read Mk 1:12-15

Pray for the Sick



*John Bernitt
Edward Menti
Jan Murray
Herbert Owens
Kenneth C. Russell
Scott Schaffer*

Saint Katharine Drexel Generosity († 1955) Feast: March 3rd

Katharine was born to immense wealth and privilege, but she lost her mother only weeks after birth. Two years later, her father, Philadelphia banking magnate Francis Drexel, married Emma Bouvier, a devout Catholic. Francis gave money to support many causes, but Emma gave charity a face, serving the poor from their home three days a week.

Katharine grew to become an eligible socialite, and her father's death made her an heiress. But she also harbored a growing inner life and continued the family's charitable giving. During a trip to Europe, she sought an audience with Pope Leo XIII to plead for the charitable cause that seemed most pressing to her: missionaries for the impoverished and forgotten Native Americas. The pope looked kindly at her: "Why not, my child, yourself become a missionary?" Katharine left the audience in tears, but a mark had been set upon her heart. After her return to the States, a trip to the American West confirmed her desire. She entered religious life and founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament to serve African-Americans and Native Americans.

Over the next sixty-four years, Katharine poured out her fortune (worth an estimated \$500 million today) through her order, building schools, orphanages, and Xavier University. She herself remained resolutely poor, according to her vows. She died in 1955.

*Father of mercies, through the intercession of
Saint Katharine Drexel,
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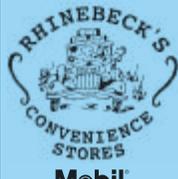
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