



Second  
Sunday  
of Lent

**SATURDAY, February 27**

4:00PM † Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Scaringe by Son's  
 † Francis and Mary Teresa Cooney by The Martino Family  
 † Fr. Lloyd Rebeyro by Robert M. John  
 † Stella Fealey by Arthur Fealey

**SUNDAY, February 28**

8:00AM † Jack Maloy by The Family  
 10:30AM † Sheryl M. Eichmann by Jane & Steve DiGiovanni  
 † Frank Hendrick by Toni Murphy  
 † Luis Fuchs Sandoval by Vasquez/ Ruffino Family  
 † Giuseppe Ruffino by His Grandkids  
 † Joan Herrmann by Michael Herrmann  
 12:30PM (Latin) † Wladyslaw Hudak by Margaret Leoniuk

**MONDAY, March 1**

7:00AM † John & Leanora Coonan by The Family

**TUESDAY, March 2**

7:00AM (Latin) Cesar Osorio (Living) by Susana & Antonio Hebert

**WEDNESDAY, March 3**

7:00AM † Kim Sgroi by The Family

**THURSDAY, March 4**

7:00AM (Latin) † Mildred & Leo Kehoe by The Family

**FRIDAY, March 5**

7:00AM † Celebrant's Intention

**SATURDAY, March 6**

4:00PM † Frank J. John (10th Anniversary) by The Family  
 † Carol & Patrick McHenry by The Family  
 † Barbara Zupan by Robert M. John  
 † Patricia Sim by Arthur Fealey

**SUNDAY, March 7**

8:00AM † Rev. Lloyd Rebeyro by The Coonan Family  
 10:30AM † Donald Russo by By The Rappoccio Family  
 † Fr. Evan Roche. 20th Ann by Tim, Mary & Al Nash  
 † Kim Sgroi by By The Family  
 12:30PM (Latin) Bernie Flannery (Living) by Catherine Tommarello

**LENTEN MASSES (NOTE TIME CHANGE)**

Daily mass in Lent will be celebrated at 7am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and at 7am (in Latin) on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

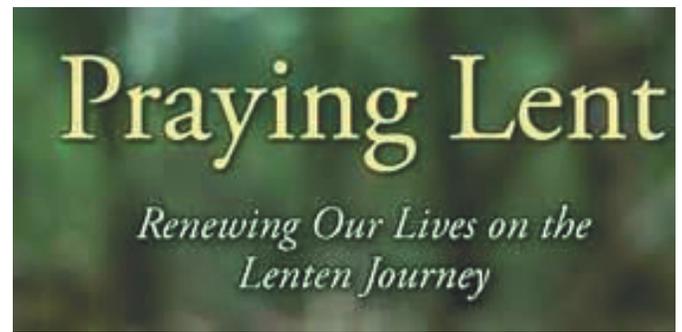
**BE A PRAYER PARTNER TO POPE FRANCIS**

For those who have made the commitment to pray every day for the monthly intentions of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis: - for March he asks that we pray for: **Sacrament of Reconciliation** Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.



United to our practices of prayer & fasting, almsgiving makes our Lenten journey complete. **Rice Bowls** are available from the parish office or in the back of church. They can be placed on your dining room/kitchen table. Maybe before joining in the dinner meal each Lenten evening, children and adults can share 'spare change' with those

less fortunate. At the end of lent, your spare change makes a big difference. Return Rice Bowls on Holy Thursday.



Changing appearances is a multi-million dollar enterprise in our country. If our times are bad or good, it is we who make them so by our actions. How we deal with our times has much to do with whether we can find peace and avoid anxiety. When we hear this gospel about the transfiguration of Jesus, we might conclude that Jesus' message is all about appearance too.

Because we are human, because we have some sort of inner spark that drives us toward the perfect, we begin to dream of a different world – a brighter world, a world of excitement, a world in which we are so exhilarated that we never get tired. Some of our attempts to reach this state where we can be transfigured are innocent and some are destructive, but all of them are based on an impossible dream because the fact is that most of our life this side of death is very ordinary. It is characterized neither by ecstasy or high peaks nor by the despair of bottomless chasms.

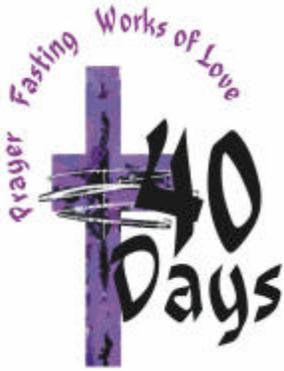
The gospel message today is all about change. This season of Lent is all about change. The change that Jesus is constantly advocating is a change in our identity. We live and work for the sake of what we have to such an extent that we identify with the objects that create our life. What identity does Jesus want to give us?

First, we are to identify ourselves as the children of Abraham. This means living by faith in God. Our faith must set us apart from a secular society. Abraham's faith gave him a different destiny from his neighbors. Our faith gives us a different destiny from our neighbors. Another part of our identity is that we are gospel people. As good Catholics we do accept the gospel, but few of us have the zeal for it to the extent that we spread it to others.

It is clear from this whole message of Jesus' transfiguration that we are to change. But, the change is from the inside out, not from the outside in. By joining ourselves to Jesus in the Eucharist we get the strength to bring about that change.

**TAX STATEMENTS FOR 2020**

Tax statements for 2020 have been emailed to parishioners. If you did not receive yours and you wish to receive a tax statement please contact Holly Hayes at 518-462-4254 ext 102 or email her at holly.hayes@rcda.org. Your tax statement will reflect exactly the amount you have indicated on your weekly envelopes. It does not reflect items like candle donations, mass intentions or sacramental stipends which cannot be used for tax purposes.



**MAKE YOUR PLANS FOR LENT**

Our Lenten works of fasting, prayer, a growing awareness of others and their needs, all help us to become more aware of the presence of Christ in our lives. Please enter into this Season of Spiritual Renewal and pray for the openness to grow spiritually, individually and as a parish family. Please consider the daily Masses at 7:00 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday

and a 7:00 on Tuesday and Thursday as part of your Lenten observance - possibly coming once or twice a week, or daily. Also, join us in praying the Stations of the Cross each Friday evening at 6:30pm. You can also make gifts to the poor through our poor boxes or rice bowls, and take time for spiritual and scripture reading. Revisit your commitments to practice an increase in good works, such as visiting older folks at home or in a nursing home, helping with parish outreach or family members' needs. A number of recollections and opportunities to participate in the Stations of the Cross are available on line. And don't forget to get your daily Lenten email from Matthew Kelly at [www.BestLentEver.com](http://www.BestLentEver.com), or from Bishop Barron at [www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org). All of these activities remind us to act responsibly and grow during this Lent.

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

Father Flannery will be hearing confessions after the 7:00am Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Confessions are also scheduled on Saturdays beginning at 3:00PM

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross are scheduled on Fridays each week during Lent at St. Mary's beginning at 6:30pm. Plan to attend this beautiful and meaningful devotional prayer—accompany the Lord on his journey to Calvary. He traveled the road for you!

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND  
MONTHLY COLLECTION**

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired one million volunteers. You can join them and be involved by attending the daily vigil (7am-7pm) in Lent at 855 Central Ave. Contact Michael or Anthony for information (518-443-9935) or at [alb40days@gmail.com](mailto:alb40days@gmail.com). Learn more by going to [40daysforlife.com/albany](http://40daysforlife.com/albany)

**A Simple Request**

**Please wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose at all times when you are in church.  
Follow the ushers directions!**

**ST. MARY'S SENIOR PROGRAM**

Please call our Parish Office if you know of a Parishioner who is sick, hospitalized or has moved to an assisted living facility or nursing home. Our Senior Program seeks to bring communion to the homebound or in health care facilities. They also have a telephone committee that checks in on the homebound as well as a committee that sends cards to these parishioners.

**PARISH FINANCES**

**Thank you to all who continue to make their donations. It is a HUGE help. Please do what you can to assist the parish financially during this pandemic crisis. Over the past 6 months our collections are down significantly. Please do whatever you can to assist. Even though some cannot meet on a weekly basis at church, the bills must be paid and payroll must be met. Your contributions may be sent to the parish office or you may participate by using our "on-line" giving program (located on our parish website: [www.hist-marys.org](http://www.hist-marys.org)). Your help is greatly appreciated!**



**THIS YEAR'S BISHOP'S APPEAL IS DIFFERENT**

What stays the same is our participation. Every parish continues to have a target goal (an assessment). Therefore we count on your generous participation to help us meet our goal. Every bit of your donation will help St. Mary's since we must make up the difference at the end of the campaign. Please do your best to give what you did in past years. If you can do more—please do so, since a number of our parishioners have suffered financial loss and difficulties because of the pandemic. **We need your help—our goal is over \$143,000 and so far our donations total \$73,635—an average gift of \$475 from 155 families—thank you—thank you.**

**DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?**  
In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words; be silent and listen.

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