

# Our Lady of the Assumption Church

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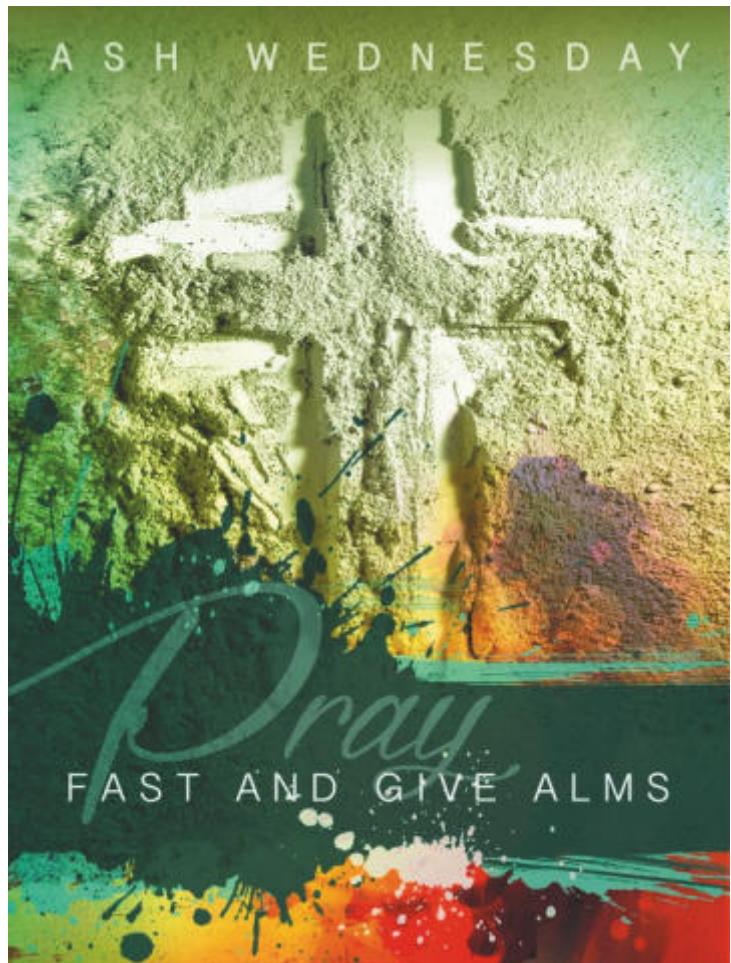
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### Celebration of the Eucharist

\*See pre-registration details in the bulletin\*

**Saturday**, Vigil, 4pm

**Sunday**, 9am and 11am

**Daily Mass:** Monday-Friday at 8am

Masses will continue to be Livestreamed on [olvparish.org](http://olvparish.org)

**Confessions:** Saturdays from 3pm to 3:40pm in the Parish Annex building. Please enter through the Annex and be seated at an appropriate distance from others as you wait for the Sacrament.

# OLPI MASS INTENTIONS

## OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

*February 13 and 14*

Sat 4pm Edna Kenney

Sun 9am John Bresnahan  
11am Barbara Murphy

*February 15-19*

Mon 8am Fir the Parish  
Tues 8am Howard Llewellyn  
Wed 8am Blas Perez, Jr  
Noon Dennis Blandao  
Thurs 8am Lawrence Birke  
Fri 8am George Thompson, Ladies Guild

*February 20 and 21*

Sat 4pm Rev. John J. Perry  
Sun 9am Thomas McDonald  
11am John Bresnahan

## OUR LADY OF VICTORY

*February 13 and 14*

Sat 4:30pm Chester Mickunas

Sun 9am Karen Sweeney  
11am  
5:30pm People of the Parish

*February 15-20*

Mon 9am Angela Przydylowicz  
Tues 9am Anabelle Slattery and Margaret Fox  
Wed 9am Katherine L. Shearhan  
6pm  
Thurs 9am Victoria Dubitsky  
Fri 9am Rene Monder  
Sat 9am Community Mass  
Rev. John J. Perry, Jeanne Seaver

*February 20 and 21*

Sat 4:30pm John Grady

Sun 9am Rosemary O'Connor  
11am Robert Manning, Sr.  
5:30pm People of the Parish

## ALL ARE WELCOME

*No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., no matter what your own self image; you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here.*

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

We are blessed at Our Lady of the Assumption, Our Lady of Victory and at Our Lady of Hope to have thoughtful, generous parishioners who support the good works of our faith community with their time, talent and treasure. Thank you for your spiritual and financial commitment to our Parishes.

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

**February 14:** No second collection

**February 21:** The Catholic University of America

**February 28:** The funds collected at the second collection this week will be used towards the **Diocesan Assessment**. The monthly Assessment for OLV is \$9498; OLH: \$526 and OLA: \$4288. At OLV/OLH it is **Harvest Sunday Weekend**. Money collected in the gold envelopes is forwarded to the Parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society to aid our brothers and sisters in the community.

## Electronic Giving

We understand this is a challenging time. If your means allow and you would like to mail your offering to the parish office, we are still checking our mail each day. We are also pleased to offer WeShare as a method to contribute electronically.

Visit our website:

<https://www.assumption-capecod.org/>  
and see link to the We Share at the bottom of the homepage. *Thank you.*



Kindly remember in your prayers the recently deceased and all those who have asked for our prayers.

### Patrick Allen

*Those we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us every day;  
Unseen, unheard, but always near,*

We begin the most sacred Season of Lent on Ash Wednesday. We receive ashes on our foreheads every year . What is the significance of this celebration? Why is it so important in our Catholic faith? And what is theological meaning of this celebration?

Where does the dust and ashes thing come from? In the Bible often time when some one is covered in dust and ashes or sitting on ashes, it marked very specific moment in their life. It marked a low point in their life. Actually it marked turning point in their life. Where somehow they got to realize maybe through the message of a prophet or some one came to told them, and they realize I can't go on like this. In fact it was so serious , there was low point , there was turning point that they came to conclusion if I continue in this way my life is a disaster, if I continue to live the way I live my life, it is a ruins. I am going to die like this. That's what the ashes are about and the whole notion is like—all of us called to get the place to realize, I need to repent, there has to be turning point . Ash Wednesday brings that awareness.

Ash Wednesday has two fold purpose. The twofold purpose St. John Paul II talked about in his theology of body , he mentioned that at the moment when man and woman fell after eating the fruit, their eyes were opened . He called that “entrance of shame in human existence.” Until then there were no shame. The book of Genesis says the man and woman were naked and they felt no shame.

This entrance of shame he said has twofold purposes. On one hand they need to cover themselves. There is a sense of there is something wrong right now . That's the kind of shame all of us experience when we have done something wrong. This is one sense. This is negative sense of shame. But the other sense of shame is why they are covering up? They are covering up because they realize there is something beautiful here. There is something good here that's not being honored, there is something beautiful here that being not loved.

The twofold sense entrance of shame I think the same thing is true when it comes to that knowledge of needing to repent. There are people who say I don't even know what I would repent of ? I don't necessarily think of that as much numbness to their sin as much it might be they have no idea how incredible they supposed to be .

On Ash Wednesday I were ashes on my forehead, really what it meant to be is a moment where I realize something is wrong in the world, it is not supposed to be like this. Ash Wednesday is a day when I look into my heart and say that there is something wrong in my heart.

I am not supposed to be like this. I love things I shouldn't love, and I don't love things I should love. I repent in ashes. That does not mean I am bad, it means exactly opposite— just like twofold nature of shame. One is like there is something wrong here. The other is because it supposed to be good and beautiful, that's the reality. To recognize I am called to be incredible. That's why those ashes are not like a bowl ashes dump over our heads, they are ashes in a particular shape. I am not I should be. I haven't lived the life that I should live. I have made choices that I should have chosen. That's the ash part.

Then the cross part is the fact that, in the midst of this, Jesus claims me as his. So even with my broken heart and my broken life, even the bad choices I made, just think about this. Today as you go forward to receive those ashes on your forehead when you come forward and the Priest or Deacon said “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.” The thing I like to invite you to hear is even more than this, as that ashes covered thumb came forward and traced that cross on your forehead hear this one word spoken over you by God himself “Mine,” “You are mine.“ We might think yes , but I have all these things I need to repent of, there is my broken heart is not how it should be and Jesus says, “Yes, you are mine”

In this moment , you let Jesus take your sin too. That's why it's a cross because Jesus did not only claim your heart Jesus claimed your sins as His. He looks at your sins and says “Mine.” And that's why on this Ash Wednesday we wear ashes because it's a sign of the things in my life that I need to turn away from, but the those ashes are in the sign of cross , the shape of a cross which is not only the image of the thing that I am turning towards it's also a price tag that Jesus was willing to pay to win your heart back because your heart is not what it should be, but it's good and apparently God believes that it's worth dying for.

The ashes means that we are sinners, the cross means that I have a savior . — Fr. Sudhir

**First Reading      Lv 13:1-2, 44-46**

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron,  
“If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch  
which appears to be the sore of leprosy,  
he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest,  
or to one of the priests among his descendants.  
If the man is leprous and unclean,  
the priest shall declare him unclean  
by reason of the sore on his head.  
“The one who bears the sore of leprosy  
shall keep his garments rent and his head **bare**,  
and shall muffle his beard;  
he shall cry out, ‘Unclean, unclean!’  
As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself  
unclean, since he is in fact unclean.  
He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the  
camp.”

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Refrain:** I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and  
you fill me with the joy of salvation.

**Second Reading      1 Cor 10:31—11:1**

Brothers and sisters,  
Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,  
do everything for the glory of God.  
Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or  
the church of God,  
just as I try to please everyone in every way,  
not seeking my own benefit but that of the many,  
that they may be saved.  
Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

**Alleluia**

R. *Alleluia, alleluia.*  
A great prophet has arisen in our midst,  
God has visited his people.  
R. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

**Gospel**

**Mk 1:40-45**

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said,  
“If you wish, you can make me clean.”  
Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand,  
touched him, and said to him,  
“I do will it. Be made clean.”  
The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made  
clean.  
Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.  
He said to him, “See that you tell no one anything,  
but go, show yourself to the priest  
and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed;  
that will be proof for them.”  
The man went away and began to publicize the whole  
matter.  
He spread the report abroad  
so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly.  
He remained outside in deserted places,  
and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

**St. Thomas Aquinas Prayer After Communion**

I thank You, Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, for  
having been pleased, through no merit of mine, but of  
Your great mercy alone, to feed me, a sinner, and Your  
unworthy servant, with the precious Body and Blood of  
Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. I pray that this Holy  
Communion may not be for my judgment and  
condemnation, but for my pardon and salvation.  
Let this Holy Communion be to me an armor of faith and  
a shield of good will, a cleansing of all vices, and a  
rooting out of all evil desires. May it increase love and  
patience, humility and obedience, and all virtues. May it  
be a firm defense against the evil designs of all my visible  
and invisible enemies, a perfect quieting of all the desires  
of soul and body. May this Holy Communion bring about  
a perfect union with You, the one true God, and at last  
enable me to reach eternal bliss when You will call me. I  
pray that You bring me, a sinner, to the indescribable  
Feast where You, with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, are  
to Your saints true light, full blessedness, everlasting joy,  
and perfect happiness. Through the same Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



**Masses at Our Lady of the Assumption and Our Lady of Victory parishes.** The temporary schedule for each parish continues as follows with pre-registration for Sunday Mass required.

**Sunday Mass**

**Our Lady of the Assumption:**

Saturday, 4pm

Sunday, 9am and 11am

**Our Lady of Victory:**

Saturday, 4:30pm

Sunday, 9am, 11am and 5:30pm

\*All Masses at Our Lady of Victory will continue to be Livestreamed on [olvparish.org](http://olvparish.org)

**Daily Mass Schedule**

**Our Lady of Victory:** Monday through Saturday at 9am.

**Our Lady of the Assumption:** Monday through Friday at 8am.

**Registration for daily Mass is not required at this time.**

The Rosary will take place as normal before Mass and we ask that people arrive 10-15 minutes early for daily Mass.

**Registration for weekend Masses begins on Sunday at noon and ends at 6pm on Friday, and at this time you must register each week.**

*Please note that the Mass registration email and phone lines are not checked after the 6 pm Friday deadline. Sending an email or leaving a message after that time does not constitute a registration*

**For OLA Masses:**

Please call 508.428.2011 x201 or email [maseregistration@assumption-capecod.org](mailto:maseregistration@assumption-capecod.org)

**For OLV Masses:**

508.775.5744 x107 or email [maseregistration@olvparish.org](mailto:maseregistration@olvparish.org) for OLV Masses.

**PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH EACH REGISTRATION:**

- Names of all attendees
- A Phone number
- And Date, time and church of the Mass you wish to attend

**Please wear a face covering into church, bring hand sanitizer, and arrive 20 minutes early.**

**What do I need to do for Mass?**

- Please bring and wear a face covering into church. A face covering is not primarily for yourself but for those around you.
- Please bring hand sanitizer. We will have sanitizer at the doors of the church, however this supply must be used prudently and carefully for all parishioners for several weeks.
- You MUST come 20 minutes early. This is crucial. We will not be able to keep social distancing if everyone shows up exactly at the time of the Mass.
- Please follow the instructions of the staff/volunteers/signs.

**Confessions**

Regularly scheduled confessions are available. Parishioners will have the opportunity to speak face to face or use a screen and social distance will be maintained.

**OLA Confessions:** Saturdays from 3pm to 3:40pm in the Parish Annex building. Please enter through the Annex and be seated at an appropriate distance from others as you wait for the Sacrament.

**OLV Confessions:** Saturdays after the 9am Mass and from 3:30pm to 4:15pm in the Parish Center. Please enter through the Parish Center door (*not the main office door*) and be seated at an appropriate distance from others as you wait for the Sacrament.

**TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH!**

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.*



**Sunday, Feb 14, 2021**

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Staying the course*

Quarantine is hard on

relationships: both with the people you can't yet risk seeing in person, as well as those with whom you happen to be locked down. Families that have survived a long year of "acute togetherness" might congratulate each other on their success. Spouses, too, might reward each other for going the distance, without much distance, since last spring. On this World Marriage Day, take some time to reflect together on ways your vital relationships have been tested in a long period of crisis. Ask for forgiveness where necessary. Offer yours freely.

"Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ."

**Readings for the Week of February 14, 2021**

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1

Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

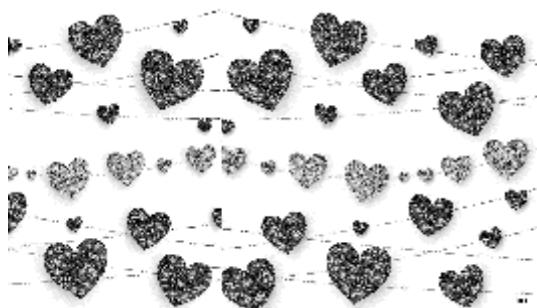
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/

Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/

Lk 5:27-32



**Monday, Feb 15, 2021**

*Lead by example*

Presidents' Day—celebrated every February between Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays—is an occasion to remember all the presidents of the United States. Certainly some of them have been better than others. Our job is not to sit on the sidelines and criticize and complain. The church wisely instructs us on our duty as citizens “to contribute along with the civil authorities to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom.” That goes for participation in any community—get involved and raise it up! “Amen, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation.”

**Tuesday, Feb 16, 2021**

*Enjoy the feast before the fast*

Today is Fat Tuesday. Whether you call it Mardi Gras, Carnival, or Shrove Tuesday, the popular practice of one last big, sumptuous feast—right before the asceticism of Lent—actually had a very practical motivation. In the days before refrigeration, people couldn't preserve certain foods (like eggs, cream, and butter) during the time of prolonged fasting. They had to use them up. Nowadays, that's not the case for most of us. So it's worth considering: What does the feasting of this day signify, in contrast to the great fast that's approaching? Perhaps it's gratitude—for God's generous abundance.

“Do you not remember, when I broke the five loaves for the five thousand?”



**Wednesday, Feb 17, 2021**

**ASH WEDNESDAY; DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

*Invitation to love*

We enter the Lenten journey with the intention to draw closer to God by means of prayer, generosity, and fasting. Talk to God and share what is on your mind, read the daily scripture, practice the prayer of meditation. Find ways to be generous with time or treasure: write a card, heal a broken relationship, bake bread to share, donate to a group that cares for the underserved. And admit that some fasting—whether from gaming, social media, or worrying—could improve your connection to God.

**This Lent is an opportunity, not a burden. Embrace it with hope. Live it with love.**

“Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart.”

**Thursday, Feb 18, 2021**

*Choose life*

Today's readings focus on the urgency of choosing life. Moses tells his people to choose life over death; Jesus says we save our life by losing it in him. Meanwhile, events nationwide and worldwide keep reminding us that black lives matter and, as Catholic bishops put it, "everyone belongs." The disproportionate death of people of color from poor healthcare, poverty, abortion, crime and violence, judicial bias, and more cries out for major reform. Support life in all its diversity by more about racial injustice as a prolife issue.

"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."

**Friday, Feb 19, 2021**

**DAY OF ABSTINENCE**

*Make abstinence a healthy habit*

The wisdom of making Lenten Fridays meatless has endured for centuries. We now understand that meat consumption at current levels is not only unhealthy, but unsustainable. Ever more Amazonian rain forests are cleared for grazing. Hundreds of activists have been gunned down trying to protect this biodiverse land and its poor settlers against the interests of powerful ranchers and loggers. Among the martyrs is Sister Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN, whose death 15 years ago brought new attention to the plight of the farmers and the devastation of the Amazon for the sake of beef. Why not extend your meat abstinence beyond Lenten Fridays?

"Would that today you might fast so as to make your voice heard on high!"

**Saturday, Feb 20, 2021**

*Off to a good start?*

This is only the fourth day of Lent, and already we had a day of fasting and abstinence on Wednesday and another day of abstinence yesterday. During Lent back in the Middle Ages, Catholics weren't supposed to eat anything before 3 p.m. In the monasteries, that was the hour the "Nones" prayers were recited. So no eating until after Nones. But the monks would move the Nones hour up to 12 o'clock so they could eat earlier. That's how the 12 o'clock hour got the name "noon." While we can eat at any hour today, every day is a good day to control our appetites. What hunger stands between you and a peaceful heart? Can you put it on pause at least for a day?

"I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners."

**February 17**



Lent, the forty-day season of prayer, sacrifice and almsgiving in preparation for the joyous celebration of Easter, begins on this day. We will mark the start of Lent with the traditional rite of distribution of ashes. Ashes, symbolic of penance, are blessed and distributed as a reminder that Lent is a time for repentance and spiritual renewal. *This year, because of the Covid virus, instead of receiving ashes on the forehead, the Priest or Deacon will sprinkle the ashes on the head. This is commonly done in Europe and other countries throughout the world.*

**Our Lady of Victory**

Masses: 9am and 6pm

**Our Lady of the Assumption**

Masses: 8am and Noon

**Please Pray For A Priest Each Day**

Lord God, Let us pray that our gratitude for those in ordained life may inspire us to serve with open hearts.



Feb. 14: Rev. Richard Chretien

Feb. 15: Rev. Michael Ciryak

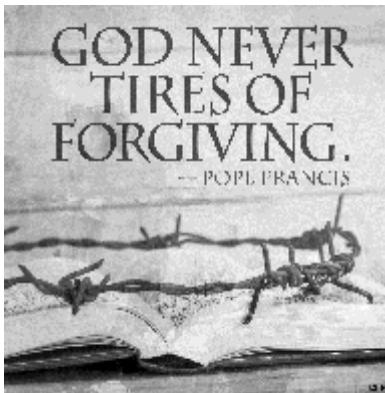
Feb. 16: Rev. Kevin Cook

Feb. 17: Rev. Edward Correia

Feb. 18: Rev. Octavio Cortez, IVE

Feb. 19: Rev. James Ferry

Feb. 20: Rev. David Costa





**Our Men and Women  
in the Service**

Our parishes pray for those currently serving, at home and abroad, in the military.

Pvt . 1st Class Michael Bilodeau, USM  
 LT Marius Bernotas, USN  
 ENS Andrius Bernotas, USN  
 Capt. Tyler Jean Nauss, USA  
 Capt. Sean Villano, USAF  
 Capt. Jonathan S. DeMille, USA  
 Sgt. Evan Salvaggio USA  
 2nd Lt. Liam G. Furey, USA  
 Spec 4 Charles Furey, National Guard, USA  
 Capt. Matthew Cavanaugh, USA  
 Maj. Dennis Williams, USA  
 1st Lt. Ian Horkan, USA  
 Colonel Paul J. Nugent, USMC  
 Capt. Justin M. D'Olimpio USAF  
 Maj. Andrew Ryan Wing, USMC  
 Sgt. Andrew Bowman USMC  
 Cpl. Brian J. Sullivan, USMC  
 Pvt. Jack DeLorey; RCT Patrick MacNeely  
 Warrant Officer Matthew Plicque, USA  
 2nd Lt Peter Murphy, Airborne  
 Chaplain Bob Monagle  
 Capt. Billy Murphy, USN  
 Cpl. Patrick J. Kelley  
 LCpl Andrew J. Kelley  
 LCPL Robert Connolly IV  
 Captain Sean P. Kelley, USN  
 PFC William Russell Perry  
 Sgt. Jacob W. Morash  
 Capt. Jared A. Ripperger  
 PFC Cory Briggs  
 Lt. Kalen Kropa  
 Capt. Michael Mayo Taylor, USA  
 Brig. General Benjamin T. Watson, USMC

Major John B. VanderVoort  
 PFC Tim Strong, USN  
 LCDR Conor O'Neil  
 1st Lt. Hannah E. MacLeod-Pryg USA  
 1st Lt. Lucas Pryg, USA  
 Warrant Officer Steve Capt. Matthew Antil Goodwin, USMC  
 2nd Lt Thomas O. Mullen, USAF Staff Sgt. Joseph Moore  
 Pvt. Jake Bryan, USA SO1 Michael Reeves USN CO Rusty Williamson, USN Spc. Alexander Kelsall, USA Sturgeon Capt. Michael D. Crowley, USMC Capt. Christopher Roy SPC Tucker McLoughlin, USA Lt. Robert Havens, USAF Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Noddin Poulin, USN Lt. Kalen Kropa, USN Lt. Katherine Noddin Poulin, USN Lt. Stephen Noddin Poulin, USA Spc. Brooks Noddin Poulin, USA Lt. Cmdr. Catherine Long, USN Matthew Tutunjian, CG; QM2 Daniel-Lee Searfoss, USN.

To add a loved one or to let us know when they are no longer serving:  
[kim@olvparish.org](mailto:kim@olvparish.org)



**Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parishes**



Mary Ann Barbara  
 John W. Best  
 Peter F. Brady  
 Emily Calamari  
 Donald Capobianco  
 Joe Carpentieri  
 Stephen DeVere  
 Irene Farrell  
 Nancyjane Fox  
 Barbara Korkuch  
 Jennifer Kuehne  
 Shaun Laughlan  
 Brenda Liakos  
 Barbara MacLean  
 Brad Martin  
 Patricia O'Connell  
 Elizabeth Garvey Olsen  
 Victoria Whalen  
 Eileen Reardon  
 Anele Rucker  
 Beatrice Savio  
 Richard Shea  
 Fred B. Williams

All Members of the Cancer Support Group  
 All those affected by COVID-19

If you or your immediate family member need to be added to the list or removed, please contact, [kim@olvparish.org](mailto:kim@olvparish.org). Additions to "Our Sick" list will be printed for three months.

*Almighty and Eternal God,  
 You are the everlasting health of those  
 who believe in You.*

*Hear us for Your sick servants for who we implore the  
 aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily  
 health, they may give thanks to You in Your Church.  
 Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**PRAYER SHAWL REQUEST**

If you wish to request a prayer shawl, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket. You may also contact Priscilla DeLeon-Vinson at 774-836-8030 or [pdv@comcast.net](mailto:pdv@comcast.net)



**Name of recipient:**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number needed for delivery of Prayer Shawl.**

During Lent, there are additional spiritual growth resources made available during this holy season to which the faithful are encouraged to participate. It is the whole Church's responsibility to encourage one another in our growth and these activities are ways of doing that. See the information below and the Lenten Devotion flyer posted in church and sent in the mail.



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*Our Lady of Victory:* 9am and 6pm

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### **Stations of the Cross**

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man.



We will pray the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent to call to mind the Passion of Christ, that is, the journey Jesus took from his condemnation to his death. Advance registration is NOT required.

Join us virtually on Facebook Live

[Www.facebook.com/ourladyofvictorycenterville](https://www.facebook.com/ourladyofvictorycenterville)

[Www.facebook.com/ourladyofassumptionosterville](https://www.facebook.com/ourladyofassumptionosterville)

**Every Friday during Lent:  
February 19 through March 26**

*Our Lady of the Assumption*, Osterville at Noon

*Our Lady of Victory*, Centerville at 6PM

OLV Stations will also be Livestreamed at [olvparish.org](http://olvparish.org)

### **On-Line Book Club—Open to All**

Our next book will be: "God Is Near Us: The Eucharist, The Heart of Life" by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger. Meeting Sessions are every other Wednesday from 7am to 8:30pm. If you would like to join us or have any questions, or need to purchase a copy of the book, contact [Billb@OLVparish.org](mailto:Billb@OLVparish.org)

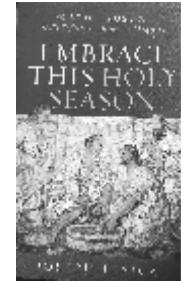
### **Bible Study On-Line Meetings—All Are Welcome**

Weekly Bible Study meets each Tuesday from 6pm to 7pm via Zoom meeting. We are using the workbook, *Understanding the Scriptures* by Scott Hahn, Ph.D. Workbooks are available in the OLV Office for \$15 cash/check. For more info and to sign up for Zoom meeting, please contact: Eleanor Ubaldini, [eleanorubaldini@gmail.com](mailto:eleanorubaldini@gmail.com) or 508-827-7926

### **Embrace the Holy Season of Lent**

Lent is a time for sacrifice, reflection and prayers. Jesus wants you to live each moment with vibrancy, walk each day without fear, open your hearts to others and know and accept yourself in a deep, powerful way.

In *Embrace This Holy Season* by Rev. Joseph Sica, there are daily reflections, a Helpful Practice and A Handy Prayer—all to help you journey through Lent.



We also have *We Thirst For You, O Lord*. This is a booklet of weekly Meditations for each week of Lent. *Quantities of each are limited so please just take one per household.* Materials will be available at the doors of the church beginning Ash Wednesday. If you need a copy mailed to you, contact Barbara at OLV, 508-775-5744 x200 or [Barbara@olvparish.org](mailto:Barbara@olvparish.org) or Gillie at OLA, 508-428-2011.



### **Reconciliation:**

#### **The Light Is On For You**



#### **March 20 and 21**

After all Masses at Our Lady of the Assumption in the Annex and Our Lady of Victory Parish Center

**Monday, March 22, 6pm-7pm**

Our Lady of Victory Parish Center, Centerville

**Thursday, March 25, 4pm-5pm**

Our Lady of the Assumption Annex, Osterville

### **Sacred Triduum**

**Advance registration** for the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 1 and all Easter Masses, (April 3 and 4) **will be open from March 12 to March 26.** See full schedule that was mailed home and can be found on the doors of the church and on the website.



# WORSHIP & MEDITATION

## FIRST READING

He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp. (Lv 13:46)



## PSALM

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. (Ps 32)



## SECOND READING

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (1 Cor 10:31)



## GOSPEL

The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. (Mk 1:42)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God's image and has Divine DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries of the little one in his or her mother's womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love.

Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God's vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice. Everything really goes askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess. It's time to admit that things have been a mess for a very long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labor to achieve God's vision.

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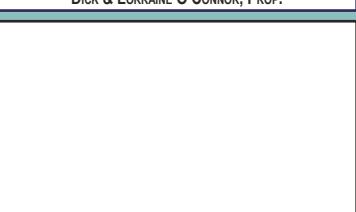
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