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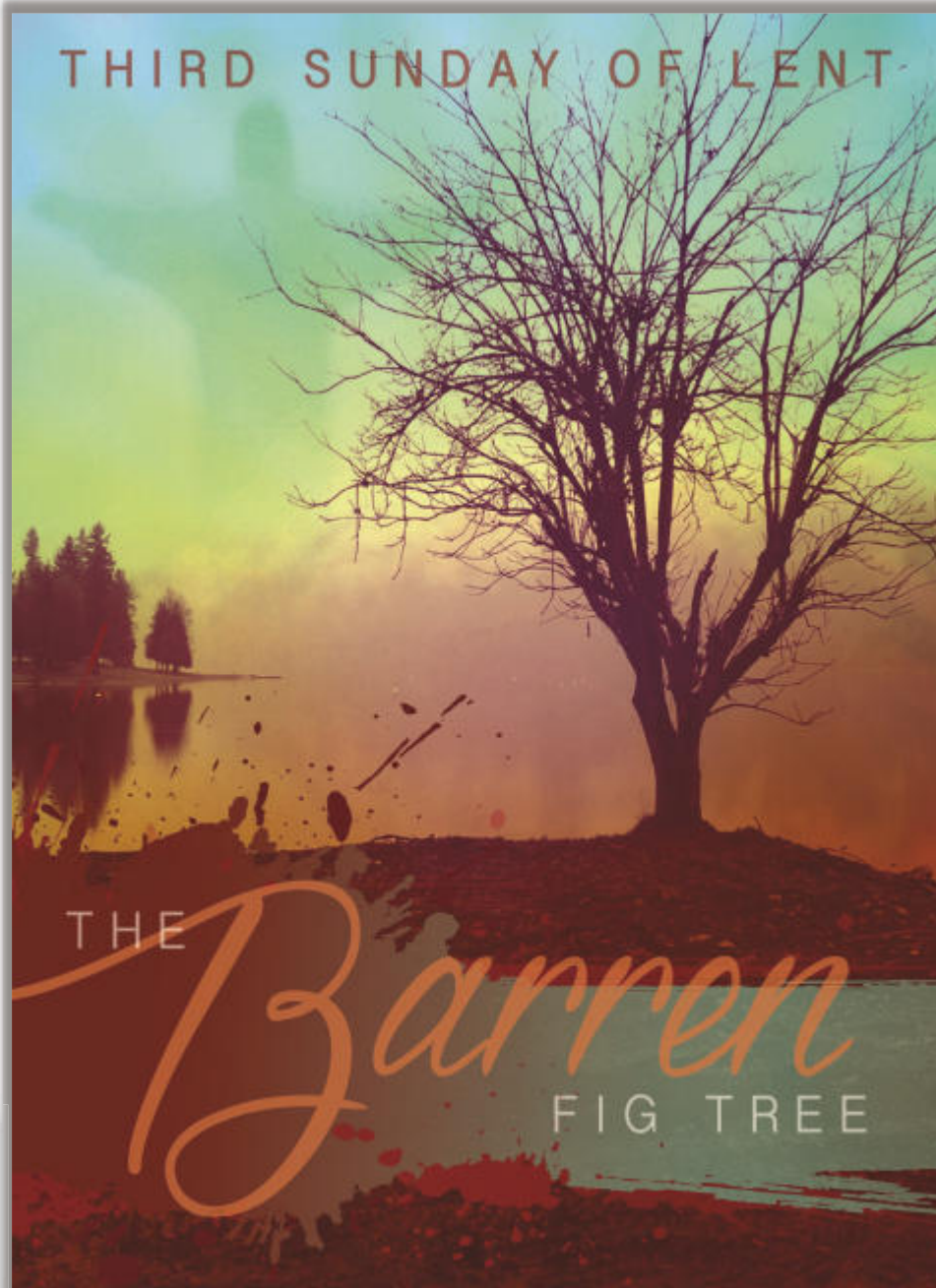
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Timely updates and happenings in our  
Parish Cluster, links to Faith Formation  
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and click on the link: **Parish Update!**



### Our Mission:

"Energized by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist,  
we the parishioners of St. Agnes, St. Paul of the Cross and St. Rose,  
in joyful unity embrace our baptismal call to worship God,  
spread the good news of Jesus Christ,  
build up a welcoming community of faith and hope,  
and lovingly serve and comfort those in need."

# CALENDAR

<b>SAT 3/6</b>	2:00-3:45pm <b>SA</b> Confession 4:00pm <b>SA</b> Allan & Kathleen Sweet - By Joan Smith
<b>SUN 3/7</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b> 8:00am <b>SR</b> Ray Magar - By Joanne & Family 9:45am <b>SP</b> Danny Bracaglia - By Dcn. John & Lorraine Hoffman 11:30am <b>SA</b> Joe Tuchrello - By Family
<b>MON 3/8</b>	9:00am <b>SP</b> For the People of the Parish Cluster
<b>TUE 3/9</b>	8:15am <b>SA</b> Marie, Anna Marie and John Henry Fallon - By Estate
<b>WED 3/10</b>	9:00am <b>SP</b> Randy Broomfield - By John & Claire Broomfield
<b>THR 3/11</b>	8:00am <b>SR</b> Rev. Michael Hogan - By Estate
<b>FRI 3/12</b>	8:15am <b>SA</b> Marie, Anna Marie and John Henry Fallon - By Estate
<b>SAT 3/13</b>	2:00-3:45pm <b>SA</b> Confession 4:00pm <b>SA</b> Leonard Delaney - By Family
<b>SUN 3/14</b>	<b>4th Sunday of Lent</b> 8:00am <b>SR</b> Helen & Matthias Recktenwald - By Recktenwald Family 9:45am <b>SP</b> Frank & Julia Michel - By Sandy & Tom Guido 11:30am <b>SA</b> For the People of the Parish Cluster

\*Indicates Mass is for a living person.

## Readings

<b>Sunday:</b>	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/ Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or :5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
<b>Monday:</b>	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
<b>Thursday:</b>	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
<b>Friday:</b>	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
<b>Saturday:</b>	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

## Observances

<b>Sunday:</b>	3rd Sunday of Lent
<b>Monday:</b>	St. John of God, Religious
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. Frances of Rome, Religious
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	4th Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins ©LPi

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

With our world in such constant turmoil and conflict, it makes such good sense to return to the simple directives given in the Ten Commandments. God's unassuming guidelines provide the perfect recipe for ordering our relationships with God, others, and even ourselves. But yet, we are so quick to glance beyond them and even remove them from public view because we foolishly believe we can create something better. Arrogance runs far deeper in the members of our society than we can ever imagine. Lent is a perfect time to call ourselves back to our foundations and the basic relationships that comprise our lives. It is also a time to remember that Jesus is the true sign of God's presence. Everything he says and does, including his suffering and death, is a sign of the God who sent him. The anger we witness when Jesus exhorts those in the temple to stop making his Father's house a marketplace can equally be seen in his anger and frustration over humanity's constant mission to turn God's creation into a secular world. We have a lot of work to do for sure.

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## A WORD FROM FATHER

### Living Water

Did you know that water is the best thirst-quencher? We may have our preferred beverages like lemonade, iced tea, soda, energy/sports drinks and so on; but for pure ability to hydrate, nothing beats good ol' H<sub>2</sub>O. Makes sense since our bodies are composed mostly of water. Imagine if someone offered you a new kind of drink that once you had some, you would never be thirsty again. "If it seems too good to be true, it probably is" right? But such is not the case with the living water that Christ offered the woman at the well and to all of us who endeavor to follow Him. A totally new concept? Not really. One could argue that the waters of Creation were the source of life, as the Holy Spirit hovered over them. The flood waters of Noah's time destroyed all life except those few chosen ones who escaped on the Ark and came into an entirely new life. The parted waters of the Red Sea, through which Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, were a passageway to a new existence of freedom and liberation. As they wandered in the desert the Israelites were in danger of death from dehydration. The water flowing from the rock that Moses struck with the same staff that parted the Red Sea was certainly life-giving. Do you see Baptism prefigured in these events? The rock itself from which those sustaining waters flowed is a symbol for God. Think of the classic Christian hymn "Rock of Ages". Psalm 95 says, "come let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock who saves us" and similarly Psalm 18, "I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my savior. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold."

It was no empty promise that the Lord offered to the woman at the well, but prophetic reference to the living water flowing from His side on Calvary. Pierced by the soldier's lance, the Sacred Heart issued forth blood and water, representing the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Eucharist in the theological birth of the Church. If it's true that we "save the best for last" then consider that the very last image of our Lord in the Book of Revelation is this: "Then the angel showed me the river of life-giving water, sparkling like crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb. Let the one who thirsts come forward, and the one who wants it receive the gift of life-giving water." (Rev. 22:1,17)

Too good to NOT be true!

*Father Michael Fowler*



Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 14th, 2021

## Prayer Shawls & Blankets

Thank you to so many of our parishioners who have been keeping busy during the pandemic by creating lovely prayer shawls and blankets! What a blessing indeed! There are some located in the back of each of our churches. If you know someone who could use one, please help yourself.

**A BIG Thank You** to everyone who made gift bags or contributed to our annual *Bethany House Toiletry Collection*! Special "Thanks" to those families in our Faith Formation classes. We ended up with over **60** bags and were able to share some with *Margaret Home* (for homeless pregnant women) and *Mary's Place* (a refugee outreach). *Rosary Women of St. Paul's*



**It's not what you give up this LENT,  
It's who you become!**

Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through all forty days of Lent, you will receive a daily email with a short video to help you reconnect with yourself and your God.

This year the daily e-mailed reflections will follow Matthew Kelly's book "[I Heard God Laugh](#)". Additional copies are available free in each of our churches. Also available free is a daily **Journal** which, along with the daily reflection, offers additional thoughts and questions to ponder with a space to record your own thoughts.

May you experience your best Lent ever and then enjoy your best Easter ever.

Sign up today at:

**[dynamiccatholic.com/lent/best-lent-ever](http://dynamiccatholic.com/lent/best-lent-ever)**

Note: Many of our parishioners are not able to attend Mass during this pandemic. If you know of someone who would enjoy a **Best Lent Ever Journal**, please take one for them. Thank you!

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Many prefer a "create as you go" approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a "you can't tell me what to do" attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other's space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of "anything goes" and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on "relativism island" where only a possible suggestion to "love and do not harm" may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus' display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life's preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.

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## LITURGICAL LIFE

# RESPONDING *to the Call*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

##### Parents Just Don't Understand

Anybody remember the old rap song by the Fresh Prince, aka Will Smith, "Parents Just Don't Understand?" As we grow up, it is sometimes a struggle for us to imagine that our parents understand us. It can seem impossible that Mom and Dad remember the stress of exam week or peer pressure. We never saw them as children; we never saw their disappointed faces when they weren't invited to a party, or their dashed hopes at a bad test grade. We never saw them homesick their first week of college or nervous to ask their crush to Homecoming.

We're often the same way about God. We gripe about what He asks of us. "He doesn't understand sin — he's all-good," we think. "He doesn't understand temptation — He is perfect."

In Scripture, God can be very much a father, telling us what we can and cannot do. And yet, in His divine genius, He is sometimes simply a man at a well, asking for a drink.

For me, it turns out I didn't need to tell my parents anything about what I was going through as a kid — they knew already. What I needed was for them to tell me what to do, and how to do it.

Similarly, we don't need to tell God about human nature. We need God to tell us about His nature. He's good enough to ask us for a drink, to enter into our humanity. But we have to remember, for our own sakes, to have the humility to ask Him for something, too — the water that will quench our eternal thirst.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



### WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

#### Question:

What's the difference between priests and brothers, friars, etc.?

#### Answer:

The distinctions titles and categories used for priests and the male members of religious communities can be confusing, especially since the categories can sometimes be intertwined as a man can be both a priest and a monk, or a brother and a friar. So, to help to piece the puzzle together, it's important to begin by noting some basic distinctions:

The distinction between priests (who are ordained for sacramental ministry) and brothers (who are non-ordained members of religious communities and who are committed to lives of prayer and service).

**Priests:** A priest is a man who has been ordained for sacramental ministry and these fall into two categories: A) Diocesan (or Secular) Priests can either be attached to a diocese and who serve under a bishop. Their ministry is usually oriented toward pastoral service. B) Religious Priests are members of religious communities (like the Franciscans, Jesuits, Salvatorians, or Carmelites) and their lives are guided by the special mission and charism of their community. While both kinds of priest practice sacramental ministry, their spirituality and how they live out their priesthood can be very different.

**Brothers:** Brothers are non-ordained members of religious communities (such as those mentioned above) who live lives committed to prayer and service. Religious priests and brothers serve together in their communities and their ministries include much more than the care of parishes.

**Monks, Friars, and Canons:** These are broad categories that include religious priests and brothers, and each of these is connected to specific ways of life and spiritualities.



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**FUNDRAISER FISH FRY**

Please support the Lenten Fish Fry Fundraiser to benefit St. Agnes School and all three of our Parishes. Tickets are \$40 each for THREE fish fries, take-out or dine-in! Support small businesses and receive one meal at each participating establishment: **Critics** in Honeoye Falls, **Fanatics** in Lima and **The Village Restaurant** in Avon. Funds raised will go towards parish school subsidies and school financial aid. Tickets are available after Mass or by contacting the Parish Office (585-226-2100) or School Office (585-226-8500). Your participation will help us continue to build a welcoming community of faith, hope and love, by offering faith-based primary education to all families. (Make checks payable to: *Parish Fundraising*)

### Missing the Lenten Luncheons?

Due to COVID, a gathering of community members is not possible this year.

The **Avon** Pastors are recording their Tuesday talks & WYSL is broadcasting them as a podcast. A different Pastor will have their talk broadcast each Tuesday. Below is the link to the Central Presbyterian Church podcast page where the talks will be found.

<https://podcasts.warpradio.com/AvonCPC/podcast.xml?fbclid=IwAR2DnlyCawnxdWdsysNTJRLq28LBnRzqLN4XTkLYhacASexHJVNsIVOc9nc>

The **Lima** Pastors are recording videos of their Wednesday talks. The link for the Feb. 24th video:

[https://youtu.be/7W00\\_ETZPu8](https://youtu.be/7W00_ETZPu8)

To receive a weekly email with the link for the Lenten video, please reach out to the Lima Presb. Church at: [contact@limapreschurch.org](mailto:contact@limapreschurch.org)



Join us for Lenten opportunities to rekindle your relationship with our Lord. Visit our webpage at: [SaintAgnesPaulRose.org](http://SaintAgnesPaulRose.org)

### Catholic Ministries Appeal 2020/2021

We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. Visit [dor.org](http://dor.org) to give on-line or pick up a donation form in church!

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Goal: \$34,427  
Donations: \$25,365  
%: 73.68%

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Goal: \$12,276  
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Goal: \$21,101  
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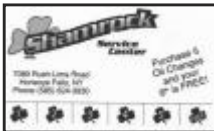
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