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## **Pastoral Staff**

Rev. Thomas I. Ward, Administrator  
Rev. Thomas Fitzpatrick, Pastor Emeritus  
Deacon Michael McGrath  
Deacon John Trendowski

## **Mass Schedule**

Saturday Evenings: 4:00 PM  
Sunday Masses: 8:15 & 10:15 AM  
Weekdays and Holy Days: As Scheduled

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 PM

## **Religious Education**

Peg Mincher, REA - (315) 320-4118  
Donna Rawson, Baptism Coordinator  
Pat John/Dale Aske, RCIA Coordinators

## **Music**


Steven W. Medicis, Director of Music

## **Sacraments of Baptism & Marriage**

Call rectory to make arrangements

**Bulletin Deadline:** Mondays before noon

**MARCH 14, 2021**



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends in Christ,

The interplay between light and darkness is a theme that runs through the entire Gospel of John. The Gospel begins with the following:

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.* (John 1:1-5)

In the context of the Gospel for this weekend we hear also of how Nicodemus comes to Jesus **at night** (John 3:2) seeking to understand the new baptism that the Lord had proclaimed as necessary for salvation. One of my college professors used to joke that this was the first episode of Nick at Night! What we should recognize is the fact that Jesus was creating a new sacramental system by which He would use quite common materials to communicate His divine life to us. In baptism He uses water to wash us from original and actual sin. In the Eucharist He transforms simple bread and wine into the sacrifice by which we are saved and strengthened to fight sin and fulfill the demands of love. The words spoken to Nicodemus make this clear: *Nicodemus said to him, "How can a person once grown old be born again? Surely he cannot reenter his mother's womb and be born again, can he?" Jesus answered, "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.* (John 3:4-5)

The Catholic Encyclopedia defines what sacraments are: Sacraments [are], outward signs of inward grace, instituted by Christ for our sanctification... We can thus conclude that the sacraments are the means by which Jesus becomes for each one of us the Light that dispels every darkness. *For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. ... And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, ... For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.*

As we continue to make our way through Lent to the Joy of Easter let us make every effort to help one-another to draw near to Christ through the power of the sacraments, especially Holy Communion and Reconciliation. Grace be with you all,

Rev. Thomas I Ward

**OUR SACRIFICIAL GIFTS TO OUR LORD**  
**March 7 (Mail-in/Donation Box).....\$5352.00**  
 (We Share On-Line)..... 905.00  
**Total.....\$6257.00**  
**Thank you to all who continue to mail in or make on-line donations. It is very much appreciated!**

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**MARCH 15 - 21**

**Monday, March 15**

9:00 AM - Vincent Moriarty - *William Moriarty*

**Tuesday, March 16**

9:00 AM - Helen G. Kopiel - *Fran & Darla Esposito*

7:00 PM - People of Our Lady of Hope

**Wednesday, March 17**

7:30 AM - People of Our Lady of Hope

9:00 AM - Rev. John Roock - *Fr. Thomas Ward*

**Thursday, March 18**

9:00 AM - Kathy (Downes) Crouse (Birthday) - *Rosalie Ryding*

**Friday, March 19**

7:30 AM - People of Our Lady of Hope

9:00 AM - Herta Sharak - *Syracuse Parks Conservancy*

**Saturday, March 20**

9:00 AM - Rick Scott - *Bob Boehm & Family*

4:00 PM - Jody Piselli (37th Anniv.) - *Family*

**Sunday, March 21**

8:15 AM - James Christy - *Family*

10:15 AM - Christopher Jamison - *Michele Ryan*

**WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICES**

**Mon.-Fri.:** 8:20 AM - Rosary

**Mon.:** Adoration after the 9 AM Mass

**PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS...**

Please pray for vocations and all of our Diocesan seminarians and those in formation for the Diaconate and religious life. This week (March 15-21) please keep **Seminarian Joseph Ryan** in your prayers.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Today's gospel speaks of light and darkness. Often a parent is deliberately "left in the dark." Darkness can be comforting for it makes no demands on us. Light can be disturbing for it forces us to act. Parents walk a delicate balance of when to "sit in the dark" and when to "turn on the lights."

**AROUND OUR PARISH...****Meetings in Horrigan Room unless otherwise noted.**

- Mon., Mar. 15 - Eucharistic Adoration -6:00 PM to midnight in church  
 Tues., Mar. 16 - Women's Bible Study - 6:30 PM  
 Wed., Mar. 17 - Women's Bible Study - 10:00 AM  
 Thurs., Mar. 18 - Sandwich Making for Men's Shelter after 9:00 AM Mass in rectory basement  
 Sat., Mar. 20 - Men's Group - 7:30-9:00 AM in church



- **Adult Catechesis:** Thurs. - until Mar. 18-25 - 7:00 PM
- **Evening Prayer:** Mon.-Fri. - Mar. 15-26 - 6:15 PM
- **Confessions: Wed.** - Mar. 17-31 - 5:00-6:00 PM
- **Stations of the Cross:** Fridays - 5:30 PM
- **Additional Lenten Masses:**  
 Tues. - Mar. 16 -23 - 7:00 PM  
 Wed. & Fri. - Mar. 17-24 - 7:30 AM

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Continues until March 28th. You are invited to come pray with us for an hour anytime between 7 AM and 7 PM in front of Syracuse Planned Parenthood abortion center, 1120 E. Genesee St., Syracuse. Our prayerful presence there is making a difference! We've seen more than 70 women change their minds and choose life for their babies! For more info: [40daysforlife.com/syracuse](http://40daysforlife.com/syracuse).

**CARDS TO NURSING HOMES**

In the first week of accepting letters and cards for nursing home residents, we received over 100 items including some from our 10<sup>th</sup> grade students. These will be delivered to Central Park Rehabilitation and Nursing Home this week. Thank you to everyone who submitted something, but this campaign is not over. We will be accepting cards and letters through Palm Sunday. Please continue to drop off your letters and cards with a personal note at either the entrance of the church or the parish office. Your time can truly make a difference in someone's day during these difficult times. It would be wonderful if everyone in the parish can provide at least one card or letter.

**LENTEN RETREAT WITH BISHOP LUCIA**

**March 15, 16 & 17 - 6:30 to 7:30 PM**

In person at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception or live streamed: [YOUTUBE.COM/SYRDIO](https://www.youtube.com/SYRDIO). Speakers besides Bishop Lucia: Sister Laura Bufano (Day 1), Deacon Tim McNerney (Day 2) and Father Jason Hage (Day 3). Visit [syracusedio-cese.org](http://syracusedio-cese.org) and push **Lenten Retreat** button for more information.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

The Men's Group will be sponsoring Eucharistic Adoration on **Monday, May 15th, from 6:00 PM to midnight** in church. Please come and spend some time with Jesus. There will be a Men's Club member in attendance at all times.

- ✦ The Fourth Sunday of Lent is also known as "Laetare Sunday", a title derived from the opening words of the Latin text of the Entrance Antiphon of the Mass, "Laetare, Ierusalem..." ("Rejoice, Jerusalem..."). This day marks the midway point of the penitential season of Lent, when Easter Sunday is at last within sight!
- ✦ In Lent the playing of the organ and musical instruments is allowed only in order to support the singing. Exceptions, however, are *Laetare* Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), Solemnities, and Feasts.

MASS OF THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	
<b>Entrance Hymn</b>	"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"
<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	Cf. Isaiah 66:10-11 "Rejoice Jerusalem; and gather round, all you who love her; rejoice in gladness, you who were in mourning; that you may exult and be replenished with the consolation flowing from her motherly bosom."
<b>Kyrie, Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)</b>	<i>Missa XVIII</i> A Deus Genitor Alme
<b>Responsorial Psalm [4:00pm, 10:15am]</b>	Psalm 137(136):6ab; 1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 "Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!"
<b>Responsorial Psalm [8:15am]</b>	Psalm 23(22):1; 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."
<b>Tract</b>	Psalm 125(124):1, 2 "Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion; the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall never be shaken."
<b>Offertory Antiphon</b>	Psalm 135(134):3, 6 "Praise the Lord, for he is loving; sing in honor of his name, for he is gracious. He has accomplished whatever he resolved to do in heaven and on earth."
<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	"What Wondrous Love Is This"
<b>Sanctus (Holy)</b>	<i>Missa XVIII / Roman Missal</i>
<b>Mystery of Faith</b>	<i>Roman Missal / C</i> ("Save us...")
<b>Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)</b>	<i>Missa XVII</i>
<b>Communion Antiphon and Psalm [4:00pm, 10:15am]</b>	Psalm 122(121):3, 4; 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 "The tribes go up to Jerusalem, to give thanks to your name, O Lord."
<b>Communion Antiphon and Psalm [8:15am]</b>	John 9:6, 11, 38; Psalm 27(26):1a, 1b, 4abc, 4de, 5, 6ab, 6cd, 9ab, 9cd, 10, 13 "I washed myself, I began to see, and I put my faith in God."
<b>Hymn after Dismissal</b>	"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

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