5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."
- Jn 12:23-24

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"Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." Matthew 10:8

Week of: March 6/7, 2021

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Regular Collection:	**$8,799.00**	**$ 840.00**
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Surplus/Deficit:	**$2,456.00**	**($ 247.00)**
Mass Count	**190**	

Your generosity is gratefully appreciated!

Faith Formation - Youth Ministry News

Faith Formation – Grades K-7 meet again this Sunday, March 21 at 11:15 in the Parish Center.

Youth Ministry/Confirmation Prep meets this Sunday, March 21, 11:30 - 2 in the Parish Center for their regular session.

Sacramental Prep—First Communion—Preparation Session VI takes place Tuesday, March 23 at 6.

Contact Jeanne Pavlina for more information and to sign up.

Memorial Fund

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Joyce DeSarno
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✞ Asunta Tenti (birthday)
By Granddaughter Anita Louise Bianco

✞ David Cherock
By Anna Jean DeDominicis

Sick and Homebound

Please keep all who are in need of healing in your prayers, especially:

- Beverly Mello's nieces Tiffany & Elaine
- Kay Anderson
- Donna Backus
- Marty Blaskowitz
- Madison Bouwere
- Douglas M Brown
- Fr. Jim Burke
- Joanie Cardone
- Brent Chomyszak
- Trish Ervay
- Mary Beth Fazzary
- Sam Fazzary
- Kay Fraboni
- Jerry Harnas
- Jeanine Kaminski-Hatch
- Michelle Johns
- Joanne Kinney
- Glenn Larison
- Stacy Marsh
- Jacob Mathews
- Jeff Parke
- Dori Ann Riggs
- Skip Root
- Angie (Franzese) Seamon
- Barb Specchio
- Nick Viselli

Pray for the homebound and those in Falls Home, Seneca View nursing facilities, and for an end to the Corona Virus Pandemic.

Bible Readings - Mar 21-27

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33.
Monday: Dn 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11.
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30.
Wedn.: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42.
Thursday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38.
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42;
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56.

Pro-Life Reflection

"Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me." - Mt 18:5

Reflection: How do we welcome Jesus? The answer is, by receiving a child. The Lord identifies Himself with the helplessness of a child and with the relationship of giving that a child brings forth. The first "receiving" of the child is from the parents, but it does not stop there. We are all called to "receive" every child who is conceived. **Prayer:** Lord, as You bring forth new life each day into our world, bring it forth also in our hearts, and enable us to receive every life, knowing that thereby we receive You.

When Our Own Hour Comes

We parents know that it's tricky, tackling the topic of fear with our kids. We want them to know that it's okay to be scared, that it's something we all feel from time to time. We want them to understand that bravery isn't the absence of fear, but the choices we make in persevering despite that feeling.

Most of all, we want to model the right kind of behavior for our kids. Whatever our scary situation is, illness, a job loss, life changes, we want them to see us make a choice to face that fear head-on.

Jesus seems to be the parent who is gently broaching the topic of fear with his children. A great sense of foreboding hangs over these readings. Jesus knew what was coming. He knew it was going to be hard, both for Him and for His followers, who did not have his courage. Even He admits to being "troubled" and He speaks of "the time of judgment." There is the dramatic raising of Lazarus, the talk of how a grain of wheat must die in order to bear fruit, the depiction of Christ as an obedient student of His own suffering.

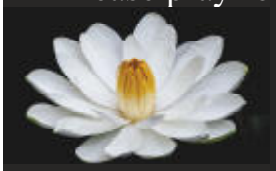
"Yet what should I say?" He asks them. 'Father, save me from this hour?' But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour."

This week, Christ gives us a very parental gift: He shows us His fear, and He shows us how to conquer it. He challenges us to embrace the purpose for which we came to this hour, whatever that hour may hold.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Home with the Lord

Please pray for the repose of the souls of



✞ **David Cherock**

✞ **Judith Marciniak**

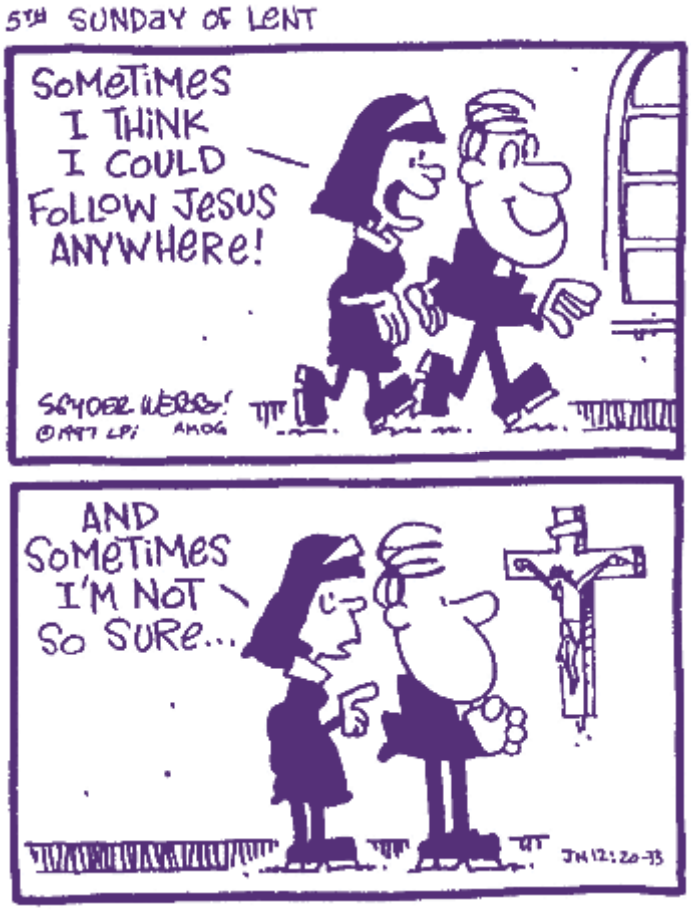
✞**Klara Butler**

May the Lord grant eternal rest to their souls.

Rose is Gone for A Little While

I am having a uniquely non-life threatening surgery on March 23rd. The recovery is quite lengthy and I may not be back at work till June 1st. A number of people are picking up some of the tasks I do to keep everything running smoothly while I am away. I am thankful for their help and support. I'll miss you all and will pray for you. Please pray for me.

Rosemary Nabogis



Fridays of Lent: Holy Hour

Join us for our last Holy Hour of Lent at St. Mary's on March 26th from 7 to 8 p.m. for a time of prayer, reflection, quiet, and adoration of our Lord in preparing once again for Easter. The Holy Hour will include the recitation of the Rosary (you can bring your own rosary or you can ask for one), Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, music, and a period of quiet for personal prayer. It's a beautiful way to deepen your love for the Lord! Come and be renewed!

St. Mary's Mass Intentions

Sunday March 21
7:30 a.m. Rick Evans, Special Healing for Serious Injuries by Joan & Jr. Specchio
10:00 a.m. Bud Suits by Mary Lou Ruvolo
12:30 p.m. Carmela Simiele by St. Mary's Guild
Monday, March 22
8:00 a.m. Pat Ellison by David Bartone
Wednesday, March 24
8:00 a.m. Special Intentions by Anonymous
Thursday, March 25
8:00 a.m. Pat Ellison by Jim & Jean Scaptura & Sharron Holland
Friday, March 26
8:00 a.m. Margie Augustine (anniversary) by the King family
Sunday March 28
7:30 a.m. Our Parishioners
10:00 a.m. Frank Bianco (1st anniversary) by nieces Anita Louise Bianco and Cassandra Legg
12:30 p.m. Bud Suits by Joanne McLaine

St. Benedict's Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 20 at St. Mary's
5:00 p.m. Our Parishioners
Wednesday, March 24 at St. Benedict's
5:30 p.m. For an increase in vocations, especially Priests, by a grateful Parishioner
Saturday, March 27 at St. Mary's
5:00 p.m. Edward Francis DeMello & Louis Mello by Beverly Mello and Dominick Madaffari

Confessions

Saturdays, 1-2 p.m. at St. Mary's,
or call Fr. Steve to make an appointment: 607-333-0112.

Counters for Monday, March 29

Stephanie Levy, Anne Myers

Altar Linens for March

Rosemary Nabogis, Tammy Daniels, and Melissa Johnson

Ministries for Weekend Masses

5:00 p.m. March 27
Lector: Brenda Herforth
Music Ministry Tom
Church Cleaning after Mass: Volunteers

7:30 a.m. March 28
Lectors: Alice Rothfuss
Music Ministry: Fr. Steve
Church Cleaning after Mass:
Mary Ann Marks , Sharron Holland

10:00 a.m. March 28
Lectors: Lisa Hanley
Music Ministry: Nancy, Diana
Video Ministry: Dave Stabile
Church Cleaning after Mass:
Nancy Dickerson, Volunteers

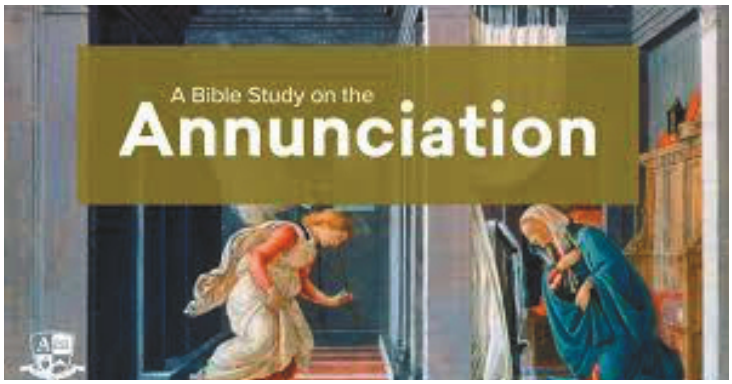
12:30 p.m. March 28
Lectors: Maria Chedzoy
Music Ministry: Fr. Steve
Church Cleaning after Mass: Volunteers

Deacon Tom is preaching March 27 & 28

Events at St Mary's for:

Sunday, March 21
2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Church open for prayer
Monday, March 22
7:30 a.m. Rosary Prayer Group
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy, Church
7:00 p.m. A.A., Rm. 3, Center
Tuesday, March 23
6:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation, Link
Wednesday, March 24
7:30 a.m. Rosary Prayer Group
7:00 p.m. A.A, Rm. 3, Center
Thursday, March 25 - Day of Penance
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. St. Mary's
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. St. Benedict's
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. St. Mary's
7:30 a.m. Rosary Prayer Group
Friday, March 26
7:30 a.m. Rosary Prayer Group
7:00 p.m. Holy Hour
7:00 p.m. A.A, Rm. 3, Center
Saturday, March 27
8:00 a.m. Divine Mercy
9:30 a.m. A.A, Rm. 3, Center
1-2:00 p.m. Confession, St. Mary's Church
Sunday, March 28
2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Church open for prayer

FORMED® PICK OF THE WEEK



A BIBLE STUDY ON THE ANNUNCIATION

In this video, Dr. Ben Akers leads us through a brief study of Luke 1:26-38, highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's "yes" in our own life, especially in this time of suffering.

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Lenten Day of Penance

Make the most of this Lenten opportunity for spiritual renewal on our parish's "Day of Penance." Come and experience God's merciful love through God's gift to the Church: the healing Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our parish will have Confessions on Thursday, March 25th, at the following times & places:
12-3 p.m. (St. Mary's), 3:30 to 5 p.m. (St. Benedict's), and 5:30 to 7 p.m. (St. Mary's).

A Special Annunciation Novena

Please join us in praying a special novena March 16-24 in preparation for the Solemnity of the Annunciation. Let us follow the example of Mary and call upon her intercession to help us open our hearts to say "yes" to God! Copies of the novena can be picked up in the link or online at: www.usccb.org/resources/Annunciation-

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