



OUR LADY OF THE WOODS

MARCH 21, 2021

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

We, the Roman Catholic faith community of Our Lady of the Woods, in communion with ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC, and APOSTOLIC Church and under the patronage of Mary, are joined together as a people of God. Our mission is to spread the Gospel and bring people into a relationship with God and one another through the celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist. We live out Christ's mission in the world through evangelization, worship, education, stewardship, and service to the needy.



Sunday, March 21

- Carl Campbell.....died 1992
- Aaron Cox.....died.1994
- Donald Soules.....died 1999
- Elmer Pomaville.....died 2000
- Albert Shomsky.....died 2004
- James Hall.....died 2006

Monday, March 22

- Patrick Cadigan.....died 1982
- John Jablonski.....died 1986
- Lorraine Buszka.....died 1988
- Ira Dickey.....died 1993
- Marie Parker.....died 1997
- Mary Ann Scarton.....died 2014

Tuesday, March 23

- William Demos.....died 1982
- Stephen Sparr.....died 1983
- Edward Turkiewicz.....died 1992
- George Morelle.....died 1995
- Nicholas Galovich.....died 2001
- Mary Triumph.....died 2010
- Dominick Roselle.....died 2019
- Katherine Morin.....died 2013

Wednesday, March 24

- Carl Cahoon Sr.....died 1981
- William McGowan.....died 1996
- Antoinette Theobald.....died 1999
- Macie Johnson.....died 2003
- Donovan Johnson.....died 2003

Thursday, March 25

- Marie Brow.....died 1996
- Dorothy Squires.....died 2002

Friday, March 26

- Gary Danea.....died 1990
- Joseph Alberts.....died 1981
- Michael Wrobel.....died 1995
- John Malloy Sr.....died 1998

Saturday, March 27

- Nancy Mioczynski.....died 2020
- Gerald Turay.....died 1978
- Jess Coon.....died 1986
- Kevin Cipponeri.....died 1987
- William White.....died 2010
- Steve Turak.....died 2010

Prayer to Save a Baby from Abortion

*“Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much.
I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have
spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.
Amen.”*

-Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

62, 684, 050



Prayer List for Service Men & Women

- SSgt. Erika Antanovich (US Air Force)
- Cpt. Andrew Compean (US Army)
- Maj. Eric DuChene (US Marine)
- Jacob Godlewski (US Navy)
- 2nd Lt. Jeremy Gomez (US Air Force)
- 1st Lt. Brandon Marquette (US Marine)
- O1 Nicholas Rigotti (Naval Reserves)
- MA2 Adam Strachan (US Navy)
- Spec. Nicole Kimberlin (US Army)



Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.

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| Mildred Bartkovich | Jason Dull | Phil & Judy |
| Bob Bochenek | Alma Villalobos | Andi Pigott |
| Mike Brady | Duncan | Ernie Riopelle |
| Dan Budz | Marian & Dave | Jeannine Saylor |
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| Michele Butcko | Billy Kennedy | Donna Zarbaugh |
| Patricia Butcko | Mickey Kent | Tim & Crisara |
| Jerry Callaway | Michael Kinney | |
| Lisa Colson | Joanne Klein | |
| Sebastian Davis | Judith McBride | |
| Dawn Marie Dick | Beth McCracken | |
| Luree DuChene | Jerry Obdziejewski | |



We only have one week of classes left. This week we will talk about Holy Week.

Explaining the significance of each day. It is so important that we understand the unfolding of the Paschal Mystery.

On Saturday of this week, we will have a morning of reflection. A final chance for us to delve further into our beliefs.

Please keep us in your prayers.

From Our Hood in the Woods

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

How is your Lenten journey going thus far? To walk the Lenten journey with Jesus in the desert, we know we will have to confront evil, and the many temptations in our lives; **BUT ALSO KNOWING** that Jesus had angels to minister to him...to help him realize **HE WAS NOT ALONE**: through the love of His Father through the fruit of the Holy Spirit, he was not abandoned in his most difficult and challenging moments.

*I want to remind you that WE, TOO, are not alone on this Lenten journey. **WE HAVE EACH OTHER**...even with masks on and social distancing in a pandemic, God the Father, in the fruit of the Holy Spirit with Jesus our Christ, sends us angels in our wilderness moments of life through family members, friends, strangers, OLOW parishioners, and a gem of our Catholic faith: the Communion of Saints.*



Many of us have different saints we tend to turn to...to connect with, to remind us that “we are not alone.” One that I have connected with lately is Blessed Carlo Acutis, the first beatified in what are known as the Millennials. Pope Francis beatified 15-year-old Carlo Acutis on Sat., Oct. 10, 2020 in Assisi, Italy.

Blessed Carlo was born on May 3, 1991, and is best known for his incredible computer programming skills and his website dedicated to Eucharistic miracles. The Italian teen also deeply loved the Eucharist and Our Lady. He prayed the Rosary and went to Mass every day.

It is one of the many things Blessed Carlo said that for me resounds in my heart with a phrase of words from each of the readings on this Fifth Sunday of Lent.

His word? “All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies.”

Each of the readings reminds us this weekend that we **MUST NEVER END UP DYING AS A PHOTOCOPY!!!** This Season of Lent calls us to move away from that choice of a destiny in our lives.

In the first reading from Jeremiah, we hear God proclaim: **“I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”**

We become a “photocopy” when we do not realize that God has placed His law in each of us by writing it upon our hearts – Do we allow God to be the God in our lives...That we shall be His People? What does it mean to be God’s People? What does it mean to have God’s law written in my heart?

In the second reading of Hebrews we are reminded: **“...and he was heard because of his reverence.”** We can end up dying as a photocopy when we do not understand, recognize and realize what reverence in our lives calls each of us to be.

And in the gospel of John today, a group of words that becomes a mandate, a verification of who we are created to become...our living mission statement: **“But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.”**

Do you know for what purpose it is that God allowed you to come to this hour in your life?

If we do not use these words from the gospel of John as our compass and guide, we certainly will end up dying as a photocopy.

And so, during this Lenten Season, in these remaining days before Holy Week, and ultimately the goal of new life through Easter, let us look at our lives...our hearts...how we are living our faith...loving the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength...and loving our neighbor as our self so that in our spiritual lives we truly heed and respond to the words of Blessed Carlo Acutis: **“All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies.”**

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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, March 22

9:00am †**Robert Whitey**
req.by his family
†**John Whitey**
req.by his family

Tuesday, March 23

9:00am †**Madalena Luu**
req.by Lynh Coleman

Thursday, March 25

9:00am †**Peter Kovach**
req.by his daughter Darlene

Friday, March 26

9:00am For the living and deceased members of the
Ken and Lynh Coleman families
req.by Lynh Coleman

Saturday, March 27

4:00pm †**Frank LaRosa**
req.by his family
†**Trish Devine**
req.by Bridget Nickels

Sunday, March 28

9:00am †**Sina Zammit**
req.by Malta Dental and Medical Clinic
†**Dianne Ring**
req.by Frank and Gail Zurawski

11:00am †**Joseph Hung**
req.by his wife
†**Joan Grillo**
(5th anniversary of death)
req.by Daniel and Stephanie Lazarski

What's Happening at Our Parish?

Sunday	Mass (with live stream), 9 AM Mass (with live stream), 11 AM
Monday	Mass, 9 AM SVdP Food Pantry (drive-up only), 10 AM RCIA (Zoom), 3 PM Youth Faith Formation (Zoom), 6 PM Fr. Bob's Weekly Address Video
Tuesday	Mass, 9 AM Youth Faith Formation (Zoom), 6 PM Prayer Group (Zoom), 7 PM Parish Council (Zoom), 7PM
Wednesday	SVdP Food Pantry (drive-up only), 10 AM Rosary (Social Hall Entrance), 6:30 PM
Thursday	Mass, 9 AM Family Lenten Mission (Zoom), 7 PM
Friday	Mass, 9 AM Stations of the Cross, 9:30 AM Individual Confession, 6 PM Stations of the Cross, 7 PM
Saturday	Catechist Work Day, 9 AM Individual Confession, 3 PM Mass, 4 PM



Readings for the Week

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/
Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/
Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/
Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56



March 6 & 7

Envelopes:	\$10,916.00
Loose:	\$804.00
Electronic:.....	\$2,110.00
Total:	\$13,830.00
Budget:	\$9,202.00
Over(+)/Short(-)	+\$4,628.00

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May the last days of this Lenten Season not simply be a photocopy of past Lenten journeys...but lead us to the birth of originality that God has placed in each of hearts.

May we not simply want to walk over to the photo copier ready to make copies of past Palm Sundays, Holy Thursdays or Good Fridays...may the present conversion journey of this year amidst Covid-19 and all that it has put us through simply not return us to what many would call the "normalcy" of over a year ago, but bring us to a moment of "birthing;" a birthing *that can only come* through the struggled experiences of these many months, *that can only come* from claiming and persevering in a wilderness desert that has lasted a lot longer than 40 days this year, *that can only come* in giving honor and remembrance to the many lives that have been loss...*that can only come* through our birth as originals in the normalcy *that can only come* through the life of Resurrection...in a moment called "Easter" in a victory through death known as Christ Jesus the Lord.

A sign reads: "No photocopies found here."

In the Word,
Fr. Bob

Observances

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent
 Monday:
 Tuesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
 Wednesday:
 Thursday: The Annunciation of the Lord
 Friday:
 Saturday:
 Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins



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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Question:

What is spiritual communion, and do you need to be in a state of grace to receive it?

Answer:

The practice of making a “spiritual communion” dates back several centuries and St. Thomas Aquinas described it as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.” Traditionally, a prayer of spiritual communion has been used by those who are unable to receive sacramental communion because of health, inability to attend Mass, or who cannot receive communion because of grave sin. This practice has been encouraged by many saints and spiritual writers and most recently Pope Francis encouraged the practice when the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic prevented so many Catholics from taking part in the Mass or receiving sacramental communion.

Although the graces offered in spiritual communion are not the same as those offered in the sacramental communion of the Mass, this practice is still a powerful opportunity to express our desire for union with the Lord and to be united with Christ and the Church, even in an imperfect way.



LIVE THE LITURGY

How do we convince people that God’s law is written upon their hearts? God is wedded to God’s people. This is a simple and fundamental fact of life. Yet, many ignore this truth and carry on as if they, or humanity as a whole, are the center of the universe. As a grain of wheat has to fall to the ground and die in order to become what it really is, we too must die to our secular images and ideas of ourselves so that we can become who God really made us to be. If all of us kept our focus on God’s deep bonded love with human beings, indeed with our very self, then there would be no need to teach others this fundamental life lesson. They would simply know this truth, as Jeremiah tells us. Somehow, perhaps through original and personal sin, we have lost sight of this reality. We have lost our way and our axis. It is time to find our way back, to learn the virtue of obedience, to pay attention to what God is saying and become aware of the Divine Love that is the reason for all creation. Then, even in our darkest hour when all may seem to be lost, we can say as did Jesus, the model of obedience, “Father, glorify your name,” By this perseverance, people can come to know the Lord and what God has done.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - 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.

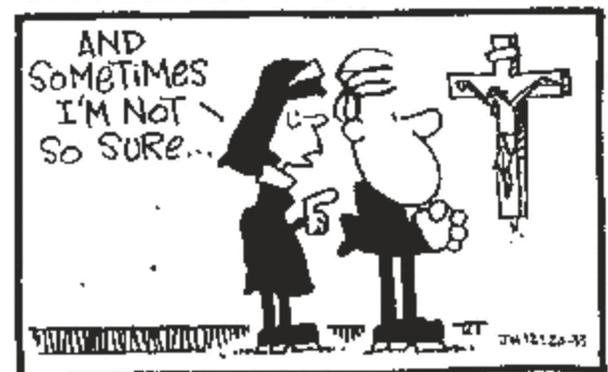
Jesus seems to be the parent who is gently broaching the topic of fear with his children. A great sense of foreboding hangs over these readings. Jesus knew what was coming. He knew it was going to be hard, both for him and for his followers, who did not have his courage. Even he admits to being “troubled” 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

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



Reflections On Scripture

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Around 600 BC, Jeremiah prophesied that God would establish a new, unbreakable covenant with his people, one written “upon their hearts.” In what ways is your faith heart -felt?

NEW TESTAMENT READING

The author of Hebrews teaches us that Jesus learned “obedience” from his suffering. What have been some fruits from the suffering in your life?

GOSPEL READING

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.



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MARY REFLECTIONS

Friday, March 26 at 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 2 at 12:00 PM



**HOLY WEEK
SCHEDULE**

Sunday, March 28: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Mass: 4:00 PM, 9:00 AM, & 11:00 AM (Children's Liturgy)

Thursday, April 1: Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)

Mass at 6:30 PM | Adoration

Friday, April 2: Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Stations of the Cross: 12:00 PM | Seven Last Words of Christ: 1:00 PM

Good Friday Liturgy 2:00 PM

Saturday, April 3: Holy Saturday

Blessing of the Easter Baskets: 12:00 PM | Easter Vigil: 8:30 PM

Saturday, April 4: Easter Sunday

Mass: 9:00 AM (livestreamed) & 11:00 AM (livestreamed)





LENTEN MISSION

Becoming A Family of Faith, Hope and Love

For Our Family of Parishes
 Sacred Heart-St. Cyprian-St. Joseph
 St. Timothy-St. Roch-Our Lady of the Woods
 Everyone is invited!

The first three Thursdays will be evenings of prayer and reflection for our Lenten Journey from 7 pm to 8 pm.

Join your family on:

March 4th: FAITH, Fr. Bob

March 11th: HOPE, Fr. Ray

March 18th: LOVE, Fr. Marc

March 25th: FAMILY DISCUSSION



On March 25th, bring your concerns, hopes and questions as we move towards becoming our family of parishes.

During this season of conversion, let us renew our faith, draw from the “living water” of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ.

Pope Francis, Lenten Message 2021



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Requests to have information put in the parish bulletin must be sent to bulletin@olow.org one week prior to publication and are subject to review and/or modification.

**Hours, Mass, Confession, Adoration
and Sacramental Information****Parish Office Hours (temporarily closed)**

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 (Closed for lunch from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)

Weekend Liturgies

Saturday 4:00 PM
 Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Weekday Liturgies

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday..... 9:00 AM

Private Confession

Saturday.....3:00 - 4:00 PM or by appointment

Baptisms

(Registered, Active Parishioner for at least 3 months)

Call Fr. Bob for details and to set up an appointment.

Weddings

(Registered, Active Parishioner for at least 6 months)

One member of the engaged couple must be a participating, registered member of OLOW before wedding date. Call the office during business hours to make an appointment.

Funerals

Family members should contact the parish office at 734-671-5101 x107.

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