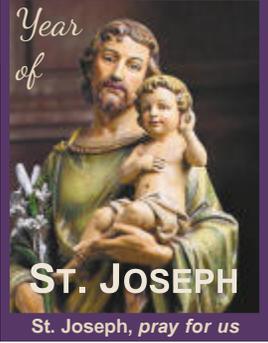




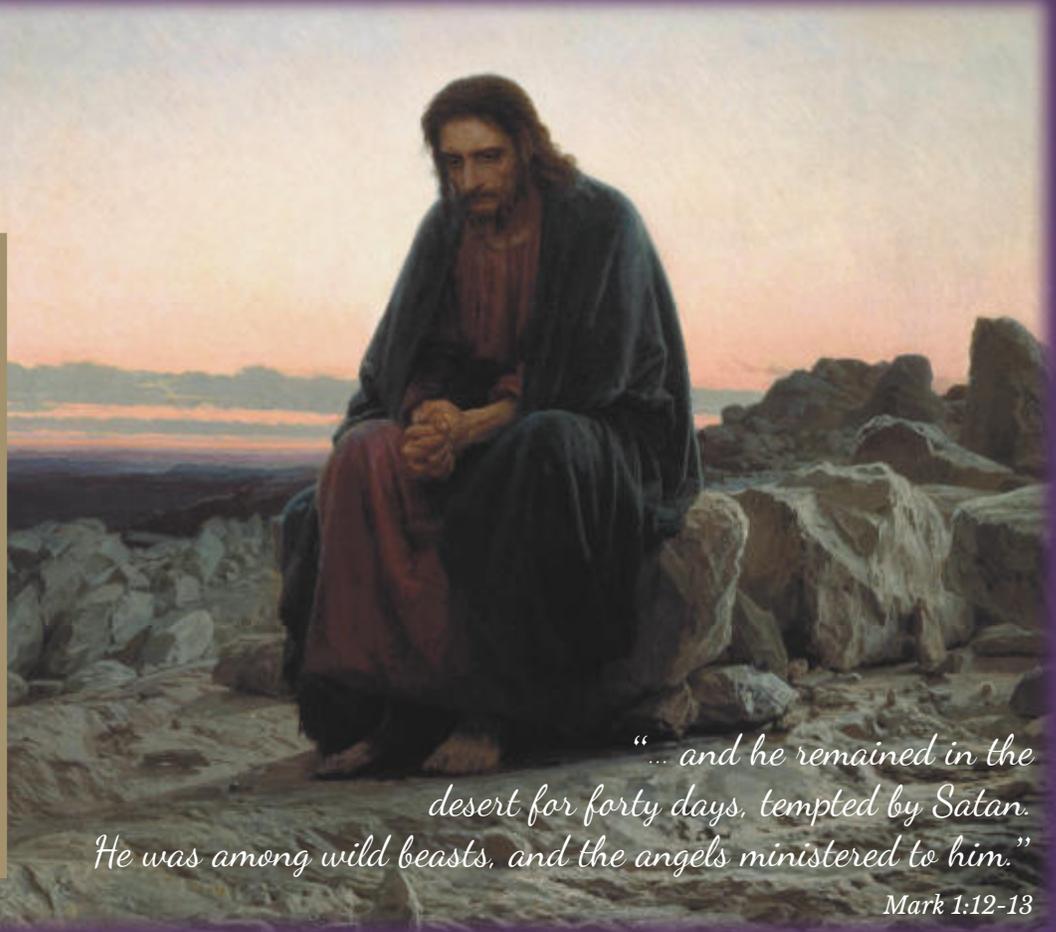
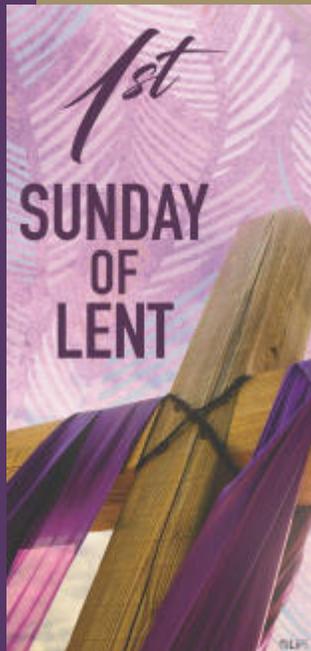
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*Courageously Living the Gospel*



Dec.8 2020 —Dec.8 2021

February 21, 2021 First Sunday of Lent



*“... and he remained in the  
desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.  
He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.”*

*Mark 1:12-13*

*Ivan Kramskoy (1872)/Christ in the Wilderness —Public Domain*

**Mass Weekdays:**

Monday—Saturday  
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Wednesday  
7:00 p.m. Traditional Latin

**Mass Weekends:**

Saturday  
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Sunday  
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11:30 a.m. Traditional Latin

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. or  
by appointment by calling  
the parish office

**Sacrament of the Sick:**

After Mass or upon request.  
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**Marriage Preparation:**

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six months prior.

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# Mass Intentions and Weekly Readings

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, February 20

4:00 p.m. Philip Strmensky †

### Sunday, February 21

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of St. Anthony the Abbot Parish  
 10:00 a.m. Jack Jensen †  
 11:30 a.m. Art O'Donohue †

### Monday, February 22

8:00 a.m. Philip Strmensky †

### Tuesday, February 23

8:00 a.m. Cathy Wega †

### Wednesday, February 24

8:00 a.m. Lillian MacFarland †

### Thursday, February 25

8:00 a.m. Catherine Lavery

### Friday, February 26

8:00 a.m. A Friend

### Saturday, February 27

8:00 a.m. Tom Zoretic †  
 4:00 p.m. Lillian MacFarland †

### Sunday, February 28

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of St. Anthony the Abbot Parish  
 10:00 a.m. Nora Anne Casson †  
 11:30 a.m. Scott Chilvers †

## Readings for the week of February 21, 2021

### Sunday, February 21, First Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:12-15

### Monday, February 22, Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19

### Tuesday, February 23, Lenten Weekday

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

### Wednesday, February 24, Lenten Weekday

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

### Thursday, February 25, Lenten Weekday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1 2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

### Friday, February 26, Lenten Weekday

Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

### Saturday, February 27, Lenten Weekday

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

### Sunday, February 28, Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Mk 9:2-10

## THE THREE PILLARS OF LENT



PRAY



FAST



GIVE

## PLANNING YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Through the opportunities offered this Lenten Season, we encourage you to put away the distractions and live a journey centered in Christ. Lent is a time when we can change the course of our lives.

Come discover Christ with us, grow in faith and be strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit.



### THE LIGHT IS ON RECONCILIATION

Mondays  
 8:30 a.m.  
 Feb 22 – Mar 22  
 Wednesdays  
 8:30 a.m. w/Holy Hour  
 Feb 24 – Mar 31  
 Saturdays  
 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.  
 Feb 20 – Mar 27



### HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays  
 8:30 a.m. w/Holy Hour  
 Feb 24 – Mar 31



### HOLY WEEK PALM SUNDAY

Saturday Mar. 27  
 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday Mar. 28  
 8:00 a.m. Mass  
 10:00 a.m. Mass  
 11:30 a.m. Traditional Latin

### CHRISM MASS

Tuesday Mar. 30  
 11:30 a.m.  
 Cathedral of St. Jude. St. Petersburg

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Tuesdays  
 8:30 a.m.  
 Feb. 23 – Mar. 23  
 Fridays  
 5:30 p.m.  
 Feb. 19 – Mar. 26

## WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a time of **prayer** and **penance**, when Christ wants to lead us back to our baptismal promises of **dying to sin** and **living for God**.

## WHEN IS LENT?

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues until the afternoon of Holy Thursday. It runs for about 40 days.

**WHY 40 DAYS?** The "40 days" (not including Sundays) of fasting, prayer, and penitence before Easter reflect Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness.

## WHAT SHOULD WE DO DURING LENT?

1. Turn away from our sins and turn back to God. Detach from habits and tendencies that are contrary to God's will. Lent is a time of conversion.

2. Open our hearts to our Father, so that we may live with Christ for God. Jesus is calling us to be people of praise and prayer, and living signs of his love for all.

"This time of fasting opens the gates of heaven to us. Let us welcome it and pray that when Easter comes we may share the joy of the risen Lord."

## Weekly Message from Fr. Pecchie



My Dear Friends in Christ,

It is a good idea to pay more attention than usual to the crucifix during Lent, maybe using an image of the crucifixion as a screen saver, making sure you have at least one crucifix on your wall in your home, or having a holy card with the image of the crucifixion on it. The crucifix is a summary of this story of sin and salvation. Christ's wounds are vivid images of sin, of what sin does to ourselves, the world, and our relationship with God. But they are also vivid images of the intensity of his love for us: he suffered freely and willingly, to pay the price of our sins and give us hope for salvation.

An anecdote from the American Revolutionary War helps illustrate this. An important military message had to be sent through territory infested with the enemy –remember smart phones with texting or email wasn't available. A courageous corporal was chosen to accompany the messenger. They had not gone far when they drew fire from the enemy. The messenger was killed and the corporal severely wounded in the side, but he didn't abandon his mission. He grabbed the tightly wrapped dispatch from the dead messenger and rode on till he grew faint from loss of blood.

Fearing the message would fall into the hands of the enemy, he squeezed the dispatch into the wound in his side until it closed around it. The next day, they found him with a smile on his lips, so weak he could not speak, but still able to point to the wound in his side. There they found the message. The surgeon who cared for him said that the wound itself was not fatal, but putting the paper into it caused his death. The wounds of Christ contain a message for us, a message of love and sacrifice, a message of salvation from sin, a message of his unconditional and unfailing devotion to each one of us.

Sin and salvation: the sin that wounds our hearts and our world, and the salvation that heals –these are the great themes of Lent. But how can we allow these ideas, these truths, to inform our daily lives during the coming weeks? Today's Psalm gives us the answer: "Teach me your paths...Good and upright is the Lord... he shows

sinner the way." Every sin is disobedience to God's will, a deviation from the path of wisdom, goodness, and everlasting life. Salvation consists in returning to that path; it consists in discovering and following, under the impulse of God's grace, God's will for our lives.

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Lent, then, is in the first place a time to reflect on how we have deviated from God's will. We need to examine our hearts during these days to honestly see where we have gone astray. And then we need to confess these sins to God in the sacrament of penance, and experience the unconditional mercy of God's forgiveness. But turning away from the wrong path is only the first half our Lenten journey.

The second half is renewing our commitment to follow the right path from now on. This we cannot do alone. We need the guidance that Christ gives us in prayer and through his Church's teachings; we need the strength he gives us in his sacraments. If we turn from the path of selfishness and ask God to lead us in the path of salvation, he surely will. When he does, our lives will become fruitful oases of peace, wisdom, and courage in the desert of self-indulgence, violence, and relativism that our culture, in so many ways, has become.

As we enter into this beautiful season of Lent, let us pray in our hearts: "Lord, teach us your paths; show sinners (me) the way."

*Oremus pro Invicem*  
*Fr. Pecchie*

I continue to offer thanks to Almighty God and ask for continued blessings upon you, for your continued generosity to the parish. In these challenging times, you have come to the plate and for this I thank you. To that end, it is that time of year again, the Annual Pastoral Appeal. Our goal this year is 60,722.00. It is certainly doable amount for us if we all commit to giving something to this appeal. As a reminder we have not had the benefit of Bingo during this pandemic so supplementing what is received to fulfill our commitment to the Diocese will be problematic. I ask you all to prayerfully consider making a contribution to the APA. As indicated in records from previous years not all members have contributed. Let us all try this year to make an effort for 100% Participation. In this holy year of St Joseph I am entrusting all financial concerns to this holy man and I ask you to do the same.

## Ministry Information

### Pastor's Class



Join Fr. Pecchie to study and learn as he shares the truths of God's Word, and enjoy the fellowship of other people like you.

**Mondays 7:00 p.m.**  
**Thursdays 9:00 a.m.**



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If you or someone you know would like to know more about the Catholic Church or how to become Catholic, RCIA sessions are as follows:

#### Monthly In-Person:

One (1) Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Mass **OR**

One (1) Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

#### Weekly Online:

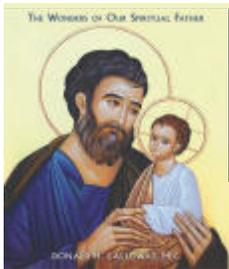
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Sessions are also open to adult baptized Catholics who wish to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist.

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**Tuesday - Thursday to (352) 796-2096, ext. 108**

### Adult Faith Formation Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



## CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

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#### What does it mean for a person to be consecrated to St. Joseph?

Well, it basically means that you acknowledge that he is your spiritual father, and you want to be like him. To show it, you entrust yourself entirely into his paternal care so that he can help you acquire his virtues and become holy. Total consecration to St. Joseph means you make a formal act of filial entrustment to your spiritual father so that he can take care of your spiritual well-being and lead you to God. The person who consecrates himself to St. Joseph wants to be as close to their spiritual father as possible, to the point of resembling him in virtue and holiness. Saint Joseph, in turn, will give those consecrated to him his undivided attention, protection, and guidance.

#### If you have already consecrated yourself to the Virgin Mary, can you be consecrated to St. Joseph, as well?

The answer is a resounding "Yes!" God desires that all children be committed to the care of a mother and a father. You are not a member of a single-parent spiritual family. Mary is your spiritual mother, and St. Joseph is your spiritual father. The spiritual fatherhood of St. Joseph is extremely important for your spiritual growth. Total consecration to Mary is not diminished by total consecration to St. Joseph. Mary wants you to consecrate yourself to St. Joseph! Jesus wants you to consecrate yourself to St. Joseph! Everything you have given to Jesus and Mary can also be given to St. Joseph. The hearts of Jesus, Mary, and St. Joseph are one.

**Purchase books (\$15) at Pastor's Classes on Mondays at 7 p.m. or Thursdays at 9 a.m.**

#### CONSECRATION OPPORTUNITIES

**Throughout the Journey, we will be using the book "Consecration to St. Joseph" by Fr. Donald Calloway.**

- 1** Journey Begins **Monday, February 15, 2021**  
*Consecration Day*  
**Friday, March 19, 2021**  
Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Mass at 6:30 p.m.**  
Potluck Dinner in hall after Mass
- 2** Journey Begins **Tuesday, March 30, 2021**  
*Consecration Day*  
**Saturday, May 1, 2021**  
Memorial of St. Joseph The Worker  
**Mass at 9:00 a.m.**  
Potluck Breakfast in hall after Mass
- 3** Journey Begins **Thursday, September 30, 2021**  
*Consecration Day*  
**Monday, November 1, 2021**  
Solemnity of All Saints  
**Mass at 6:30 p.m.**  
Potluck Dinner in hall after Mass

*\*Further study and reflection at Pastor's Classes with Fr. Pecchie. See Pastor's class schedule on this page.*

# Ministry Information

## BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays

9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

Led by Jack Lavery

The Bible is our soul's GPS to lead us to God in a deeper relationship and the roadmap to heaven. WARNING: Bible usage can be habit forming. Regular scripture reading can cause loss of anxiety and fear, and possible loss of appetite for impatience and anger. Symptoms include: increased love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If SYMPTOMS PERSIST, just **"PRAISE THE LORD!"** Come and See! Discover the inspired Word of God as we study the books of

1, 2 and 3 John, Book of Revelation and Book of Acts.



## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The next internationally coordinated 40 Days for Life Campaign of Prayer, Fasting, and Peaceful Vigil runs from:

**February 17 - March 28, 2021.**

During the campaign, you will learn what you can do to help end abortion where you live.

What is your Plan of Action in 2021?

Is it Prayer to support life?

Is it Fasting to support Life? Is it peaceful Vigil?

Respond to:

[mariebrown2005753@yahoo.com](mailto:mariebrown2005753@yahoo.com)



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**We are glad you are here!**

*"But the crowds were aware of this, and followed Him; and **welcoming them**, He began speaking to them about the Kingdom of God..." ~ Luke 9:11*

## What are you doing for Lent?

10 IDEAS FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL LENTEN SEASON

### 1. Give up sin

Show your love for God by keeping his commandments. Turn away from sins.

### 2. Fast

An empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. Give the money you saved on food to others in alms.



### 3. Pray

Be in constant prayer. Pray for your family and friends, for those who suffer, and for the Church and the world.

### 4. Do good works

Help those in need. Pray for them and be ready to serve them in their time of need.



### 5. Give alms

Help the poor and support the good works of the Church. Give cheerfully to God who has given us everything we have.



### 6. Abstain

Give up meat or other desirable foods during Lent, especially on Friday, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross.



### 7. Do meditative reading

Nourish your faith by spending time in quiet reading and reflection. Prayerful reading of God's word each day will open your heart to the Spirit, and let God's thoughts and ways influence yours.

### 8. Control desire for possessions

Build up treasures in heaven rather than on earth. Cut down on material possessions, eliminate frills, lessen wants, share yourself – your time and your talents – with others.

### 9. Control desire for entertainment

Too much entertainment and other distractions can lead to less or no time for the works of the Lord.

### 10. Carry out duties in life

Serve God by living out your vocation in love each day. God is calling each of us to be a living sacrifice. Offer your daily life through Christ!

## In Sympathy

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Please pray for the deceased members of our parish, especially ...*

Majorie Gorbett  
Richard Ance  
Jeanette Pepe  
Arthur O'Donohue  
Lillian MacFarland



## Easter Flowers

If you wish to make a donation for the Easter Altar Flowers, please use the Easter Flower Offering envelopes on the tables at the church entrances. This is also a beautiful way to honor or remember a loved one.

# Information

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, February 21,

#### First Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 a.m. Mass  
 10:00 a.m. Mass (RCIA Rite of Election of Catechumens)  
 11:30 a.m. RCIA Session in Hall  
 11:30 a.m. Traditional Latin Mass

### Monday, February 22,

#### Feast of The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

- 8:00 a.m. Mass  
 8:30 a.m. Confessions  
 8:30 a.m. Miraculous Medal Novena  
 7:00 p.m. Pastor's Class

### Tuesday, February 23,

#### Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. Mass  
 8:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross  
 8:30 a.m. St. Anthony of Padua Novena  
 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

### Wednesday, February 24,

#### Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. Mass  
 8:30 a.m. Holy Hour—And Confessions  
 8:30 a.m. St. Joseph Novena  
 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation (Grades 7-12)  
 7:00 p.m. Traditional Latin Mass

### Thursday, February 25,

#### Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. Mass  
 8:30 a.m. St. Jude Novena  
 9:00 a.m. Pastor's Class  
 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, February 26,

#### Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. Mass  
 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet  
 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
 7:00 p.m. Altar Boys Practice for Latin Mass—Church

### Saturday, February 27,

#### Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. Mass  
 10—11 a.m. Reconciliation  
 3:00 p.m. Confessions  
 4:00 p.m. Mass Vigil

### Sunday, February 28,

#### Second Sunday of Lent

- RCIA Online —Prudence and  
 Conscience (CREDO #24)  
 8:00 a.m. Mass  
 10:00 a.m. Mass  
 11:30 a.m. Traditional Latin Mass

## Pastor

Rev. Paul Pecchie  
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 Rev. Mikhail Kouts  
**Deacon**  
 Manny Carreiro

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Visit [www.dosp.org](http://www.dosp.org) today to discover something new about APA and the services it funds. If you have not yet responded, please know we want and need your participation! Every gift, every prayer and every sacrifice brings hope to someone seeking the love and mercy of Christ.



## Report for the Annual Pastoral Appeal 2020

Even through difficulties and challenges, our more than 24,000 generous donors provided more than \$10 million in support of our 50+ diocesan ministries and services through the 2020 Annual Pastoral Appeal. Gifts were also made to support special projects through the Forward in Faith Campaign, and Bishop Gregory Parkes launched our new Mater Dei Giving Society.

Just as each person must be accountable, the Church must also be accountable to its donors for the gifts provided and show how those gifts impact lives for Christ. Through the good works of

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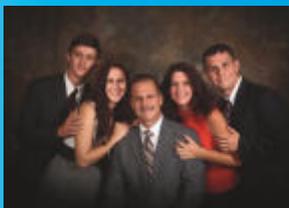
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