

**IF IT BEARS FRUIT  
NEXT YEAR, FINE;  
*but if not, cut it down.***

LUKE 13:9

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**Saturday, March 22, 2025**

5:00 PM Sheila Walsh

**Sunday, March 23, 2025**

7:30 AM People of the Parish  
9:00 AM Intention of Rosemary Tully  
11:00 AM Joseph Wroblewski

**Daily Mass March 24 - 28 @ 8:30 AM**

Monday Eileen Pollack  
Tuesday Ann Marie Barry  
Wednesday Ginger Spoto  
Thursday Ashley Cistaro  
Friday Intentions of Virginia DeFrancesco

**Saturday, March 29, 2025**

5:00 PM Marianne Russo

**Sunday, March 30, 2025**

7:30 AM Salvatore LoIacono  
9:00 AM John Flyntz  
11:00 AM Paul Bilik

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Please remember in your prayers,

✠ Thaddeus Licata ✠

Who entered into eternal rest.  
May his soul eternally Rest in Peace.



**Marriages:** Arrangements must be made at least one year in advance. Please call the Parish Office to set-up an appointment: (973) 786-6631, opt. 1.



**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS**

Meets 2nd Saturday of each month.

**April 12 • May 10 • June 14  
@ 10:00 AM**

Our Baptism Registration Form is available to download from our website. Please call the Office for more info @ (973) 786-6631.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15**

God speaks to Moses from the burning bush and sends him to the Israelites.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12**

Paul teaches that the Scriptures were written to set an example for us.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 13:1-9**

Jesus preaches a lesson on repentance.



**Scripture Reflection  
+ Pause + Reflect + Act +**

1. In the first reading, Moses is called by God to lead Israel out of captivity. What special work do you feel God calling you to do? How have you answered God's call in your life?
2. How could you show support for family or friends who are suffering?
3. How are you bearing fruit for God? How might God be calling you to prune away some excess in this Lenten season so that you can bear greater fruit?

**COLLECTION BREAKDOWN 3/11/25 - 3/17/25:**

We thank you for your constant support which enables us to continue our ministry throughout the year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. May God bless you. Peace.

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1st Collection		\$ 6,726	\$ 1,822	\$ 8,548
2nd Collection		\$ 1,853	\$ 595	\$ 2,448
Maintenance				

**PRIEST'S MASS SCHEDULE**

MAR/APR	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
3/22 - 3/23	Fr. Martin	Fr. Tim	Fr. Tim	Fr. Martin
3/29 - 3/30	Fr. Tim	Fr. Tim	Fr. Kieran	Fr. Kieran
4/5 - 4/6	Fr. Tim	Fr. Tim	Fr. Ed	Fr. Ed
4/12 - 4/13 Palm Sunday	Fr. Martin	Fr. Dave	Fr. Tim	Fr. Tim



## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



### *Patently Cultivating*

God our Redeemer, you are merciful and gracious. We often find ourselves grumbling, struggling in our desire of evil things. We are slow to repent, yet your kindness abounds. You tend to us as a patient gardener continues to cultivate and fertilize his tree as he waits for his orchard to bear

fruit. Grant that we might remember that you make us holy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Sunday, March 23, 2025**  
~ REPENT! ~



It is easy for us to become frustrated or impatient when our hopes are unmet. God, unlike us, meets our continued sinfulness with kindness and compassion. Like the gardener who tirelessly cares for the fig tree, God continues to tend to us. Though grateful for God's abundant grace, we are still called to repent and work to be better. This week, consider how you can actively choose to allow God to cultivate your heart. As we continue our Lenten journey, say yes to God so your heart can blossom.

**DAILY RECITATION at 8 AM ~ G.S. Chapel**

The Most Holy Rosary & Novena to the Miraculous Medal

*All are invited.*

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS DURING LENT

~ Join us every Wednesday for Prayers ~  
March 26, April 2, 9

- Morning Prayers: 7:30 AM
  - Evening Prayers: 4:00 PM
  - Night Prayers: 8:00 PM
- This is in addition to our regular 8:30 AM daily Mass.

~ FOR EXPECTANT PARENTS ~

**SPECIAL BLESSING AT ALL MASSES ON THE  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 29th & 30th**

### ♦ **Easter Duty Obligation:**

Every Catholic must receive Holy Communion and go to Confession between the First Sunday in Lent and Trinity Sunday.



- ♦ **Eucharistic Fast:** You should fast one hour from foods and liquids. (Water and medicine are exceptions to this fast).
- ♦ The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Confession) is available every Monday from 7:30-9:00 PM during Lent. Confessions are also heard on Saturdays from 4:00-4:45 PM.
- ♦ The **Stations of the Cross** are every Friday during Lent, at 7:00 PM. The Stations will be led by a different individual or group providing a unique experience each week. **This Friday, March 28th, the Stations will be led by Deacon Keith.** Please join us as often as you are able.
- ♦ **Liturgy of the Hours** are on Wednesdays during Lent: Morning Prayers: 7:30 AM, Evening Prayers: 4:00 PM, Night Prayers: 8:00 PM

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

*Led by Deacon Tom*

*& the Knights of Columbus, Council #7784*

Friday, March 14, 2025



*(followed by pizza afterwards!)*





## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On the first Friday of Lent eleven Confirmation students and their catechist led the congregation in a reflection on the suffering journey of Jesus. The Conformandi used sound effects and read descriptive passages to aid in the sensory experience. Well done!



## FORGIVENESS...

God is patient with us, even when we sin and turn away from Him. God is always hopeful that we will ask for His forgiveness.



God doesn't give up on us. Instead, God continually reaches out to us, helping us to become the people that He intends for us to be.

During Lent, we remember that God helps us—reaching out to us with love, patience, and hopefulness that we will return to Him in love. (Loyola Press)

## A STORY OF HOPE FROM GAUTEMALA Nutritious Meals Help Children's Growth

Ana Belén and her husband, José, have four children and a baby on the way. They live in a small house in Santa María Chiquimula, Guatemala. Francisco, their 9-year-old son, says his neighborhood is, "a very happy place to live, but sometimes it's also very hard to live here." He is not wrong. In their community, malnutrition affects over half of the population mainly because people can't afford to put food on the table.

Almost five years ago, when the COVID-19 pandemic started, José lost his job as a driver. This created serious challenges for the family. Even after the pandemic, things never went back to normal. Food prices went up and eggs became twice as expensive. Bad weather made things worse—strong rains damaged the crops, causing the prices of vegetables, including tomatoes, onions and corn to go up.

When Ana Belén went to the market, she could barely buy anything. The little money she had wasn't enough to buy even the basics. "Sometimes I would cry because I didn't have anything to give my children," she recalls.

Now the family participates in a Catholic Relief Services project that helps fight hunger in places where people don't have enough food. Through the project, Ana Belén goes every other week to her children's school to receive food such as corn, beans, rice, vegetable oil and eggs. "It made me happy when they started giving me eggs," she says.

Her children really like eggs, especially hard-boiled with beans, so they make sure to remind their mom when it's time to pick them up. Ana Belén's family now eats nutritious meals every day. She also makes sure to take her children for monthly health check-ups, as part of the project.

Having enough nutritious food is very important to help children grow healthy and gives them the energy they need to learn and play, just like Francisco, who loves playing ball with his cousins and at school.



This Lent, try black bean soup, a meatless dish commonly eaten in Guatemala. See <https://crsricebowl.org/recipe>.

## MINISTRY LUNCHEON PHOTOS

March 16, 2025

(Check out all the photos on our website!)



*We appreciate all you do  
for Good Shepherd  
and beyond!*



*Thank You.*

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

- Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month from 12 Noon - 1:30 PM.  
Next meeting: Thursday, April 10th
- Please call Lorene Caroleo for more information: 973-579-7357



Dear GS Parishioners,

Thank you for supporting Birth Haven's mission to provide shelter and support to homeless pregnant women. Your most generous donation of assorted hand-made baby blankets donated in February, ensures we can continue to welcome homeless, pregnant women and girls into a warm, loving home. Your donation is an investment in the future. On behalf of all our mothers and our Birth Haven babies, **thank you.**



Sincerely, Tina Magarino, Executive Director (2/12/25)

### WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE...

#### LENTEN MISSION ON AWARENESS

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church, Sparta

7:00 PM- 8:30 PM each evening



- Monday, March 31, "Relationship"
- Tuesday, April 1, "Falling in Love"
- Wednesday, April 2, "Reconciliation"
- Presented by Sr. Sofia Lee, Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Assisi
- Event is free & open to all!

#### FOURTH ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY

St. Paul Inside the Walls, Madison, NJ

Friday, June 6th at 7:00 PM

Save the date! Enjoy a delicious catered meal and drinks while we celebrate the Center's year of programs and events.

Check the website for registration & more details:

<https://insidethewalls.org/gardenparty>



### Ministry Schedule

Please remember to sign in.

Date	Time	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
<b>Saturday 3/29</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	Deirdre Worth	Anthony Ortiz Autumn Ortiz	Candy Church, Melodie Novak Mary Ahern, Jody Ursin
<b>Sunday 3/30</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	Linda Gray	~	Carol Miller, Marie Margiotti
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Rich Matriciano	Aiden Wilkinson	Karen Hogan, Genevieve Kowalski Rosemary Lotruglio, Jean Hoff
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Tom Altonjy	Aden Nguyen Summer Seekamp	Eunice Howley, Robert Gallagher Margaret Kurnides, Debbie Rothweiler



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