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"...whoever claims to abide in Him ought to walk just as He walked."

1 John 2:6

Pastor

Fr. Richard A. Narciso

Pastor Emeritus

Fr. John LaPointe

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Joseph Tumminelli



Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

5:00PM

Sunday Morning

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 11:30 AM

Weekdays and Holy Days

As announced in bulletin

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday

9:00 AM to Noon

12:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Family Faith Formation, Outreach and Evangelization

Dina Veiga, Director

232-9321

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Director of Music

Tom Roy

Parish Secretary

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Sandra Rainone

Sacraments

Baptism Please call Parish Office for registration

Marriage Please call the Parish Office one year prior to setting any dates for Ceremony or Reception.

Confession Please contact the parish priest to arrange a time and place

Ministry to the Sick Parishioners who are confined to home due to illness or age, may call the Parish Office for home visits.

MASS INTENTIONS**SATURDAY, February 25**

5:00 PM Giuseppe Paris (Birth.),
By family
 Vince Novak (Ann.),
By family

SUNDAY, February 26

8:00 AM Carol and Paul Bordieri (Rem.),
By family
 10:00 AM Anthony DiChiaro (Ann.),
By wife and children
 11:30 AM Edmund Delmonico (Ann.), and
 Melissa Delmonico (Ann.),
By family

MONDAY, February 27

8:00 AM Fr. Edward G. St-Godard (Rem.),
By a friend

TUESDAY, February 28

8:00 AM Lucille Lepore (Rem.),
By Sal. Cee and Chris

WEDNESDAY, March 1

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Lemieux
 and Quattromani family (Rem.),
By family
 Fr. James P. Hynes (Rem.),
By a friend

THURSDAY, March 2

NO MASS SCHEDULED

FRIDAY, March 3

8:00 AM Marian Barattini (Month's Mind)
By family

SATURDAY, March 4

5:00 PM Raymond Mahoney (31st Ann.)
By Pat
 Paul Trinke (5th Ann.),
By family

SUNDAY, March 5

8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION
 10:00 AM Ashley Pratt (1st Ann.),
By family
 11:30 AM Angela Conte (Ann.),
By Enza Slinko and family

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When Jesus resists the temptations presented to him by the devil, he draws on his religious upbringing and tradition. Jesus is able to quote from Scripture because he is the Son of God and because he was a human person who lived his Jewish beliefs fully.

We who are responsible for raising children are also called upon to immerse them fully in our Catholic Christian tradition so that they too will be able to draw upon this tradition to resist the temptations they will face in their lives.

Use this Sunday as an opportunity to call your family's attention to the importance of Scripture in our lives. Gather your family around the family Bible and read today's Gospel, Matthew 4:1-11. Recall that Jesus rebuked the devil's temptations by quoting Scripture. Take some time as a family to talk about the words that are found in the Bible and the importance of Scripture to our faith.

Perhaps the older members of the family can share a favorite Scripture passage with everyone. Younger family members can tell their favorite story from the Bible and be shown where that story can be found. In each case, encourage a deeper sharing of faith by asking each person to tell why the Scripture passage shared is important to him or her. Conclude your time together by again reading Jesus' reply to the devil found in Matthew 4:4 ("One does not live by bread alone . . .") and praying the Lord's Prayer.

Peace, Dina

Grateful for God's Providence

The work on our restroom and lift project is underway.



Our parish's goal was \$423,714.00. Per the latest update report, 229 families made one time gifts or pledges that totaled \$385,512.00.

With one time gifts and the amount fulfilled on pledges, a combined total of \$321,491.00 has been paid. Forty percent of that amount (\$128,596.40) comes back to the parish.

Throughout the time of construction, for sure we will likely experience some inconveniences, yet once the updates are complete, we will have a restroom with handicap accessibility on the main level of the church as well as a lift system that will make the lower level of the church accessible to all.

2023 Forty Week Club 2023

Proceeds to benefit the various ministries of our parish.

Tickets can be purchased after all Masses, by way of your team captain or at the rectory.

The donation for tickets is \$55.00
 Congratulations to this week's WINNER!!
 Week 5: \$40.00 – Helen Antonizio

Save The Date

Monday
 September 25, 2023
 Valley Country Club
 251 New London Ave.
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 Time: 12:30 PM

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**All proceeds to benefit
 the ministries and projects of our parish.**

Daily Readings

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday

Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19 or
 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

Monday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

First Friday

Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

First Saturday

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

Mission Outreach

Throughout the month of February, we will be collecting underwear for the homeless, wounded veterans and children in need.

New white socks and underwear of all sizes for men and women, as well as new socks and underwear of all sizes for children, are requested. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Carolyn & Marge

2023 Catholic Charity Appeal 2023

Walking Together in Faith

**This year, our parish goal has been reduced
 from \$66,500 to \$58,000.**

Given that we raised \$59,487 last year, I am confident that we can not only meet but also exceed the goal that has been set for us for 2023.

By way of our participation in the Parish Share Program, any amount raised over goal will return to the parish and be used to offset the costs associated with adult faith formation and youth ministry activities.

This weekend we welcome Nicholas Jones and Jairon Olmos, diocesan seminarians, who will speak to us about how our support of the Catholic Charity Appeal assists them in their pastoral, human, intellectual and spiritual formation.

To date, 74 of our more than 1700 registered families have pledged \$13,897.00. On behalf of those served by the ministries and services funded by the Catholic Charity Appeal, we thank you for the gifts already given as well as for your anticipated support. Peace, Fr. Richard

Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2023 "We Need to Listen to Jesus"

In his message for Lent 2023, Pope Francis encouraged Catholics to listen to what Jesus wants to tell them through the Scriptures and through others.

Using the story of Jesus' Transfiguration as a launching point, Francis addressed both the journey of Lent and the Catholic Church's ongoing Synod on Synodality in the message released Feb. 17.

The pope recalled "the command that God the Father addresses to the disciples on Mount Tabor as they contemplate Jesus transfigured. The voice from the cloud says: 'Listen to him.'"

"The first proposal, then, is very clear: We need to listen to Jesus," he said. "Lent is a time of grace to the extent that we listen to him as he speaks to us."

"During this liturgical season," he continued, "the Lord takes us with him to a place apart. While our ordinary commitments compel us to remain in our usual places and our often repetitive and sometimes boring routines, during Lent we are invited to ascend 'a high mountain' in the company of Jesus and to live a particular experience of spiritual discipline — asceticism — as God's holy people."

Pope Francis said one of the ways Jesus speaks to us is through the Word of God, which we can hear at Mass. But if one cannot attend Mass during the week, it is a good idea to still read the daily readings of the liturgy, the pope encouraged.

"In addition to the Scriptures, the Lord speaks to us through our brothers and sisters, especially in the faces and the stories of those who are in need," he added. Francis' second suggestion for Lent was to confront the difficulties of ordinary life remembering that Lent is a period that leads to Easter.

"Do not take refuge in a religiosity made up of extraordinary events and dramatic experiences, out of fear of facing reality and its daily struggles, its hardships and contradictions," the pope said.

"The light that Jesus shows the disciples is an anticipation of Easter glory, and that must be the goal of our own journey, as we follow 'him alone,'" he said. "Lent leads to Easter: the 'retreat' is not an end in itself, but a means of preparing us to experience the Lord's passion and cross with faith, hope, and love, and thus to arrive at the resurrection."

Pope Francis compared the journey of Lent and the Church's ongoing Synod on Synodality to a "strenuous mountain trek."

While we hike up the mountain, we must keep our eyes on the path before us, but at the top, we are rewarded by the beautiful panorama that confronts us. Source:

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/253673/pope-francis-message-for-lent-2023-we-need-to-listen-to-jesus>

Parish Support February 18/19

Traditional Giving / ParishSoft

Weekly Offering: \$4,311.00- **\$597.00**

Loose Cash: \$394.00

Monthly Maintenance: \$15500 - **\$90.00**

Annual Collection: \$100.00 - **\$0**

A word of gratitude to those who continue to contribute to the ongoing financial support of the parish. Offerings may be made during Mass, dropped off at the rectory, sent in by mail or forwarded by way of your bank's electronic bill pay service.

Online giving continues to be an option here at the parish. To begin taking advantage of this option, click on the link for "ParishSoft Online Giving" found on the homepage of the parish's website - www.strobertsparish.org

Collections for February/ March

February 26: Weekly

March 5: Weekly

March 12: Weekly and Maintenance



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vegetables (PEAS, CORN, CARROTS),
CEREAL, JELLY AND MACARONI.

Any non-perishable food items
are always welcome.

Reminder: We are not able to distribute food items marked with expired dates.

Lent 2023

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Friday during Lent following Stations of the Cross

Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations

Abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent (for those 14 and older) is required by Church law. Also, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting: those between the ages of 18 and 59 should eat less, meaning, take no solid food between meals and only one full meal that day. Serious health conditions excuse a person from these precepts.

Pastors and parents are encouraged by the law of the Church to ensure that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated nonetheless in an authentic sense of penance

Journeying through Lent with St. Clare and St. Francis of Assisi

Join us this Lent in prayerfully reading *Lent with St. Claire*, a booklet of daily reflections, that is now available in the church.

The second of three gatherings during which we will share fellowship and thoughts on the life and words of St.

Clare and St. Francis will be held on February March 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the lower level of the church. The third and final gathering will be held on March 31, 2023. Simple meatless suppers (i.e, soup OR pasta marinara) will be served.

If you have any questions or if you plan on attending, please contact Dina Veiga at srbccd2020@gmail.com or 401-232-9321.

Lecture Series With Fr. John Vidmar, OP

Fr. John Vidmar from Providence College is going to offer a Lenten Lecture Series that will begin this Monday, February 27, continue on Monday, March 6 and conclude on

Monday, March 13. Each session will be held in the church and begin at 7:00 PM.

Fr. Vidmar will be speaking about The European Reformation (Luther, Zwingli, Calvin), the English/Scottish Reformations and the Counter Reformation (Jesuits and Trent). Fr. Vidmar recommends that participants obtain a copy of Brad Gregory's *Rebel in the Ranks*. The book can easily be purchased via a variety sites such as Amazon, eBay and many others.

All parishioners and friends are welcome to participate.

Holy Hours During Lent



Friday, March 3, 2023

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Monday, March 20, 2023

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Monday, March 27, 2023

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

- Prayerful Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

- Quiet Time for Personal Prayer

- **Opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

- Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

All are invited to come and spend time with Jesus who is truly present in the Eucharist.



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