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# From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to present to you excerpts from the Diary of St. Faustina. This saint, having a great devotion to The Lord's Passion, spent many nights meditating on The Lord's Passion.  
(cf. Acts 661)

**The Lord Jesus says to her:**

- "There are few souls who contemplate My Passion with true affection; I grant the most graces to souls who devoutly meditate on My Passion." (Diary 737) "I desire that you know more deeply My love for souls, and you will understand this when you meditate on My Passion." (Acts 186)
- "One hour of meditation on My Sorrowful Passion is more meritorious than a whole year of scourging to the point of blood; it is of great benefit to you to meditate on my painful wounds, and it gives me great joy." (Acts 369)
- "My daughter, today contemplate My Sorrowful Passion, all its immensity; consider it as if it were for your sole sake." (Diary 1761)

**St. Faustina writes:**

- "Jesus told me that I would please Him the most by meditating on His Sorrowful Passion, and through this meditation much light flows on my soul. Whoever wants to learn true humility should meditate on the Passion of Jesus. When I meditate on the Passion of Jesus, I have a clear idea of many things that I could not understand before." (Acts 267)
- "My Jesus, my only hope, I thank You for this book which You opened before the eyes of my soul. This book is Your Passion undertaken for me out of love. From this Book I learned how to love God and souls. In this book there are inexhaustible treasures for us. O Jesus, how few souls understand you in your martyrdom of love. Oh, how great is the fire of purest love that burns in Your Sacred Heart. Happy is the soul who understood the love of the Heart of Jesus." (Acts 304)
- "Suddenly I saw the Lord Jesus crucified, who said to me: 'In My Passion, seek strength and light.' After the confession, I meditated on the terrible Passion of Jesus and understood that what I suffer is nothing compared to the Passion, the Savior, and even the smallest imperfection was the cause of this terrible Passion. Suddenly, my soul was overwhelmed with so much repentance, and only then did I feel that I was in the sea of God's unfathomable mercy. Oh, how few words I have to express what I am experiencing. I feel like a drop of dew swallowed up in the depths of the bottomless ocean of God's mercy." (Diary 654)
- "In difficult moments, I will gaze upon the stretched and silent Heart of Jesus on the cross, and in the bursting flames from his merciful heart, strength; and strength will flow down to me to fight." (Diary 906)
- "Today, during Mass, I saw the Lord Jesus suffering as if He were dying on the cross that said to me: 'My daughter, meditate often on My sufferings which I have endured for you; and nothing will be great to you that you suffer for My sake. You like Me most when you contemplate My Sorrowful Passion; unite your little sufferings to My Sorrowful Passion, so that they may have infinite value before My Majesty.' (Diary 1512)
- "When I began to immerse myself in the Passion of God, the great value of the human soul and all the anger of sin were revealed to me, and I knew how I could not suffer. In order that I may have merit for suffering, I will unite myself in suffering closely to the Passion of the Lord Jesus, asking for Thy grace for dying souls, so that God's mercy may embrace them at this important moment." (Diary 1762).

The Church, especially during Lent, gives us the opportunity to meditate on the Lord's Passion. May God bless you always.

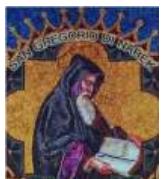
Have a Blessed Lent!

*Rev. Tadeusz Gorka*



## Saint Of The Day

### Feb 27 - *St. Gregory of Narek*



Gregor was born in a village on the shores of Lake Van between 945 and 950. When his parents died, Gregor and his older brother were raised by a scholarly uncle who had them educated at the Narek monastery where he was a monk. The monastery was a prominent center of learning located in what is now Turkey. Gregor also entered the monastery and was ordained in 977. A professor of theology, Gregor wrote a mystical interpretation of the Song of Songs, and a long mystical poem called the Book of Prayer or the Book of Lamentations. He described his poem as "an encyclopedia of prayer for all nations." This classic of Armenian literature has been translated into 30 languages. The Russian text of the Book of Lamentations was set to music in 1985. Little else is known about Gregor, other than he died in the early 11th century and was buried within the walls of the Narek monastery where he had spent his life.

### February Decade-A-Day Rosary Group Prayer Intentions

For the month of February we pray that God will give us the grace to live in full harmony as brothers and sisters with members of other religions, praying for one another, and being open to all.

### Episcopal Ordination of Bishops-elect

Keith J. Chylinski, Christopher R. Cooke, and Efren V. Esmilla  
**EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR WITH SOLEMN VESPERS**

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul  
and the Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel

18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway Phila, PA 19103

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### SOLEMN MASS WITH THE ORDINATION OF SEVERAL BISHOPS

Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. The faithful are invited to participate via livestream at this link:  
<https://vimeo.com/event/2470138>



### Please pray for the sick of our parish and those that care for them.

Kevin Schurr, Steven DiGiuseppe, Garrett Rogers, John Slanga, Kitty Heebner, Baby Briana, Tara Clarke, Aria Gessner, Dan Dordea, John Hoff, Max Good, Johanna McLaughlin, Helen Gallagher, Dex Volpe, Eileen Barone, Hank Edleman, Alex Stadelmaier, Jake Dailey, James McManus, Lauri Ronan, John Durante, Cecelia Ricci, John Breslawski, Ed Reynolds, Steve Curril, Jackie Zabicki, Alyson Layser, Charles Crowder, Keith Garnett, Grace Giuffre, Patricia Berner, Elizabeth, Caroline, and Tommy Cummings, Nancy McNamara, Patricia McMinn, Anna, Doug Dunn, Maureen Yust, Mary Jane Durante, Josephine, Madison D'Annunzio, Casey Glennon, the Gonzalez Family, Jimmy D'Annunzio, Annalies Frisco, Taylor O'Neill, Marissa and Enzo Fuentes, Mike Mehle, Genevieve Tuski, Deirdre Magolon, Rosemary Buchanan, Orville Otis, Heather Murphy, Adrienne Eisenhauer, Moira Randazzo, Jim Bob and Barbara McEwen, Andrea and Jim McManus, Connie Urdicous, Alfred DePaoli, Susan Krepps, Diane Dziedzic, and all the sick and suffering of the parish.

**We pray that God will bless you all with His healing hand.**

When your loved one recovers, please notify the Parish Office so we can offer a prayer of thanks!

## Mass Intentions

### MON, Feb 26

8:00 AM Pro Populo

6:30 PM Sheila Mauger - Living Intentions

Requested by PREP -  
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### TUES, Feb 27 *Saint Gregory of Narek - Abbot and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory  
Requested by The Gonsalves Family

### WED, Feb 28

8:00 AM John Mizak  
Requested by Regina Golie

6:30 PM MaryKay Gvodas  
Requested by Parish Fair Committee

### THUR, Feb 29

8:00 AM MaryLouise Forcine  
Requested by Tracy, Brandon,  
and John Patrick Dougherty

### FRI, Mar 1

8:00 AM Mary Gallagher  
Requested by Tom and Gerrie Collins

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

**SAT, Mar 2**  
8:00 AM Karen Spause  
Requested by Catherine Heebner

4:15 PM Shacha Toledo - Living Intentions  
Requested by Friend

**SUN, Mar 3**  
8:00 AM Bill Guzzon  
Requested by Rob and Ruth Guzzon

10:00 AM John Dickinson  
Requested by Gerry and Mary Ann Daly

## Please Pray For Those Serving

### In The Military

#### U.S. AIR FORCE

Airman Nicholas Dougherty  
Airman Nathan Hennessey  
1st Lt. Daniel Jucker  
2nd Lt. Kira Zeller

#### U.S. AIR FORCE SPECIAL FORCES

Captain Ian Gardocki

#### U.S. ARMY

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2nd Lt. Nicholas Gardocki  
SSG Daniel A. Manildo  
2nd Lt. Michael McCormick  
Tom Miller; National Guard  
1st Lt. Shannon Donahue



#### U.S. MARINE CORPS

Sergeant Justin Solorio

#### U.S. Navy

Marty Miller; Seabees  
PO2 Ryan Wheaton



### Ordination Rites for Bishops, Priests & Deacons

Ordination is a sacramental rite of the church by which God gives authority and the grace of the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by bishops, to those being made bishops, priests, and deacons. The three distinct orders of bishops, priests, and deacons have been characteristic of Christ's Holy Catholic Church. Bishops carry on the apostolic work of leading, supervising, and uniting the church. Priests are associated with bishops in the ministry of church governance, along with the church's ministry of missionary and pastoral work, in preaching of the Word of God, and in the administration of the sacraments. Deacons assist bishops and priests in all of this work and have special responsibility to minister in Christ's name to the poor, the sick, the suffering, and the helpless.

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) provides rites for the ordination of bishops, priests, and deacons. The earliest known text of ordination rites is in the Apostolic Tradition of Hippolytus (c. 215). The 1549 BCP did not include ordination rites. "The Form and Manner of Making and Consecrating of Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, and Deacons" was published in 1550. Rites for ordination were included in many subsequent revisions of the Prayer Book. The Preface to the Ordination Rites of the Prayer Book notes that the church intends to maintain and continue the three orders of bishops, priests, and deacons. The ordination services are therefore appointed by the church. No person is to exercise the office of bishop, priest, or deacon unless he or she has been ordained.

The services of ordination include: (1) a presentation of the ordained to the ordaining bishop or bishops; (2) the ordinand's Declaration of Consent that states his or her belief in the scriptures and conformity to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Church; (3) the people's consent to the ordination and their promise to uphold the ordained in the new ministry; (4) the Litany for Ordinations; (5) lessons and sermon; (6) the examination of the candidate; (7) the singing of the hymn "Veni Creator Spiritus" or "Veni Sancte Spiritus"; (8) a period of silent prayer; (9) the prayer of consecration and laying on of hands by the ordaining bishop or bishops; (10) vesting of the newly ordained person according to the new order of ministry; (11) and participation in the Eucharist by the newly ordained person in ways that are appropriate to his or her order of ministry.

At the ordination of a bishop, the Presiding Bishop and at least two other bishops lay their hands on the ordinand's head. At the ordination of a priest, the bishop is joined by priests in the laying on of hands. Only the bishop lays hands on the head of the ordained at the ordination of a deacon. It is at that moment of laying on of hands that the rite is completed.

The bishop-elect leads the Creed at the ordination of a bishop after the Examination. The Creed precedes the Examination at the ordination of a priest or a deacon. The newly ordained bishop is the chief celebrant at the Eucharist. The newly ordained priest joins in the celebration of the Eucharist with the bishop and other presbyters, or priests. The newly ordained deacon may prepare the Lord's table and dismiss the people at the Eucharist.

The ordained ministry is normally seen as a life-long vocation. Careful selection, discernment, and preparation are required before ordination takes place. The canons call for theological instruction in the Holy Scriptures; church history, including the ecumenical movement; Christian theology; Christian ethics and moral theology; studies in contemporary society, including racial and minority groups; liturgics and church music; and theory and practice of ministry. The requirements and standards of learning may be modified in the ordination of local priests and deacons.



February's prayer intentions are for  
Father Tadeusz Gorka.



### CANDLES FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 26TH

A candle burns this week next to the  
**St. Joseph Statue**  
for **Damian**  
Requested by **Mom and Dad**



A candle burns this week next to the  
**Divine Mercy Image**  
for **John Mizak**  
Requested by **Regina Golie**



### Sacred Heart Renewing Our Faith

Returning THIS THURSDAY! Adult Faith Formation.  
Join us for a casual discussion in the **Katharine Drexel Room**  
in the old school building, led by parishioner, Ed Kashmere.

**Feb 29: 6:30pm in the Drexel Room:**

**Topics:** Lent, and Jesus and The Eucharist Interactive Study

**March 21: 6:30pm in the Drexel Room:**

**Topic:** God's Covenants with Mankind

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We will be closed on March 17th



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Our Lenten Fish Fry Tradition Continues

Fridays thru March 22  
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### MAKE BUTTER LAMBS WITH US!

We invite the families of our parish to join in this special Lenten tradition. Monday, 3/11 after 6:30pm Mass & Tuesday, 3/12 at 6pm.

Pre-orders can be placed in the Cafe on 3/10 from 7am - noon. The Cafe will be CLOSED on 3/17, so get your orders in on the 10th!

Butter Lambs are \$5 and can be picked up and purchased on Palm Sunday.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The Sacred Heart Pro-Life Group is joining St. Eleanor's and St. Mary's for a positive, prayerful vigil outside Planned Parenthood in Norristown.

**Sat, March 2nd between 8am-5pm.** ALL parishioners are invited to volunteer for an hour of prayer.

Sign-up sheets will be available in the Cafe after Masses: Feb 24 & 25.

**"With God, all things are possible."**

### College Fair - Hosted by PJP - Tues. March 5th.

6 - 8pm in the Main Gym. 181 Rittenhouse Rd.

Contact: Doreen Bell at [dbell@pjphs.org](mailto:dbell@pjphs.org) with questions.

Scan QR to see a

list of Participating Colleges.



### Divine Mercy Traveling Picture



Sacred Heart has a rendition of the Divine Mercy image that Saint Faustina was instructed to have painted of our Savior and is available to travel/visit parishioners' homes for a week.

To schedule a week to host, please contact Louise Greger: 484-744-9026 or [lgreger7@gmail.com](mailto:lgreger7@gmail.com).

Prayer and journal books are available for travel too.

Looking for more ways to deepen your Faith and understanding of Catholicism?

Scan the QR code or use the url below to find a list of many Catholic events being offered in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.



<https://phillyevang.flocknote.com/note/24565502>

## Deacon Thoughts with Dave

Lets us conclude our reflection on the Sacrament of Baptism today.

The New Testament refers to entire households being baptized - and the Greek word for "household" includes everyone from infant to the oldest members of the family (see Acts 16:33; 1 Corinthians 1:16). By the second century, St. Irenaeus considers it a matter of course that infants and small children, as well as adults, should be baptized. The Church considers Jesus' invitation to baptism to be of universal and limitless love, which applies to children as well as to adults.

"To fulfill the true meaning of the sacrament, children must later be formed in the faith in which they have been baptized...so that they may ultimately accept for themselves the faith in which they have been baptized." (Rite of Baptism for Children).

Baptism confers the character of Christ; it gives the baptized person a share in Christ's life and entrance into His faith community. That's why we must be baptized before we can celebrate any other sacraments.

Baptism is the beginning. The person who is brought to the baptismal font and is baptized, emerges from the waters a "new creation" with new life. This new life is the Holy Spirit making a home in us and giving us the power to know God and fulfill his plan for our lives.

"Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Next week we will begin reflecting on the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Have a wonderful and blessed Lenten season.  
Deacon Dave



"This is the time of fulfillment.  
The Kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the Gospel."

### Women of Hope

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**DEVOTION OF THE WAY OF THE CROSS:** The tradition of celebrating the Way of the Cross (or Stations) originated in Jerusalem. In the Middle Ages, it was spread by the Franciscans, who, guiding pilgrims, stopped at stations presenting the story of Jesus' death. The number of fourteen stations was established in the seventeenth century. The promises of the Lord Jesus to those who make the Way of the Cross were given through the intermediary of the monk brother Stanislaus from the Congregation of School Brothers in Spain, who died in the opinion of holiness in 1927.

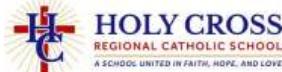


1. Everything we ask for in the recitation of the Way of the Cross will be heard.
2. I promise eternal life to all those who celebrate the Way of the Cross with compassion more often.
3. I am with them throughout their lives and I will especially support them at the hour of their death.
4. Even if anyone has as many sins as blades of grass in the field and sand on the seashore, it will all be blotted out by the celebration of the Way of the Cross. (This promise does not exempt from confession, especially before receiving Holy Communion.)
5. Those who often make the Way of the Cross will receive special glory in Heaven.
6. I will deliver them from the fire of Purgatory, if they should get there, and this on the first Tuesday or Friday after their death.
7. My blessing will accompany you because of the celebration of every Way of the Cross; at the hour of death, in Heaven and for all eternity.
8. At the hour of death, I will not allow them to yield to Satan's temptations. I will use all my strength to make them rest in my arms.
9. If they celebrate the Way of the Cross with love, I will make each one of them a living ciborium; from whence I will gladly pour out My Graces later.
10. I will turn My gaze to those who often make the Way of the Cross; My arms are always open to protect them.
11. Just as I was nailed to the Cross, so I will always be with those who venerate me by celebrating the Way of the Cross.
12. They can no longer separate themselves from Me, because I give them the Grace to protect themselves from every grave sin.
13. At the hour of death, I will comfort them with My presence and we will go together to Heaven. Death will be light for those who have often celebrated the Way of the Cross.
14. My soul will be for them a mantle of protection. I will always come to their aid, so that they will find peace in Me.

**WE KNOW THAT ST. JOHN PAUL II WAS A GREAT WORSHIPPER OF THIS DEVOTION. HE CELEBRATED THIS SERVICE EVERY FRIDAY, AND IN LENT EVERY DAY. STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN OUR PARISH ARE CELEBRATED EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT AT 6:30 PM.**

## Other News and Events

- **Rachel's Vineyard: A place to heal from abortion.** March 8-10. IHM Spirituality Center, Malvern. Contact Susan: 610-716-4795 or Georgeann: 484-955-4278.
- **Cardinal O'Hara High School 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion for the Class of 1974:** 10/19/24 at Llanerch Country Club. For more information or to update your email and mailing address, contact John Caramanico at [jcaramanico56@gmail.com](mailto:jcaramanico56@gmail.com) or 610.633.0783.
- **Marriage Enrichment Day.** Sat, April 20th, 8:30am - 4:00pm. For Engaged and Married Couples of all ages to Renew, Strengthen, & Enhance your Marriage. Register with QR Code or Link: [bit.ly/MarriagesofGrace2024](http://bit.ly/MarriagesofGrace2024) Enjoy a day with Dynamic Speakers, Breakfast, Lunch & 4 PM Vigil Mass. St. Helena's Church 1489 Dekalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422. For more information: 215-587-0500.



## Our Lenten Journey begins at Holy Cross Regional

Our students began our Lenten journey with Mass on Ash Wednesday and our school-wide prayer service on Tue., February 20th. Our theme this year is *"With these ashes, we know your love, O Lord"*. Each week we will gather as a school community in prayer. For this first week of Lent, we "buried" our Alleluias to symbolize putting it away during this Lenten season and it will "rise" on Easter Sunday just as Jesus did for us.

During this Lenten season, we focus on these pillars, *"Prayer, Fasting, & Almsgiving"*. We know that there are many organizations that need our financial support. Throughout Lent, we prayerfully ask you to consider giving to Holy Cross Regional Catholic School. There are several ways that you can give whether it is our annual Advancement fund or through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Tuition Cares program. If you are interested in learning more about the EITC and Tuition Cares program where

you can receive a **90% PA state tax credit**, please reach out to [smollahan@hcrc.school](mailto:smollahan@hcrc.school). PA state taxpayers can take advantage of these credits while giving back to the Holy Cross Regional Catholic School community. These EITC donations go directly to support families at Holy Cross Regional Catholic School. Find out more today. We thank all our donors for their commitment to Catholic education at Holy Cross Regional Catholic School.



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