

The Second Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions - Week of February 25th

Saturday 4:30 pm @ SM	Feb. 24 Vigil of 2nd Sunday of Lent Kevin St. Pierre, Jr., by the Dougan family
Sunday 8:00 am @ SH 10:30 am @ SH	Feb. 25 Second Sunday of Lent Madaline Arn (birthday, deceased), by Rudy Arn Louise Jankins, by M/M Robert Conlon
Monday 8 am @ SH	Feb. 26 Lenten Weekday All OLSH parishioners living & deceased
Tuesday 8 am @ SH	Feb. 27 Lenten Weekday Holy Souls from the Nov. 2 nd offering
Wednesday 8:00 am @ SH	Feb. 28 Lenten Weekday Anne Los, by the Vasil family
Thursday 8 am @ SH	March 1 Lenten Weekday
Friday 6:00 pm @ SH	March 2 Lenten Weekday – World Day of Prayer Stations of the Cross
Saturday 4:30 pm @ SM	March 3 Vigil of 3rd Sunday of Lent Ernest Vezina (14 th ann.), by the family
Sunday 8:00 am @ SH 10:30 am @ SH	March 4 Third Sunday of Lent Georgie Louvatakis, by M/M Robert Conlon Judith Burke (10 th ann.), by her family

Please pray for our brothers & sisters who have asked for our prayers:

Lisa Marie Berthel, Dee Barrett, William Boland, William Broadbent, Dora & Ray Brunelle, Micah Burt, Michael Carpenter, Melvin Chisholm, Fr. Dave, Edgar Donais, Ginger Duhamel, Scott Falls, Doris Fenton, Callie Fitzgerald, Herbert Frew, Carol, Mary, Theresa & Walter Gonet, Rev. Charles Gonet, Brian Hanrahan, Thomas

Hanigan, Deborah Kaplavka, Bernie & Priscilla Kulas, Theresa Lupacchino, Juanita Morse, Julie Nydam, Isabella Paolucci, Rita Pare, Janyce Parker, Karen Trainor Resseguie, Janice Smith, Guido & Jean Tessazini, Brian Trudeau, Richard Trudeau, Patricia Tuttle

We pray for all the deceased members & benefactors of our parish; all those in Military Service; and those suffering from the effects of natural disaster, epidemics, and political strife.

18th Annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference at Assumption College

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important annual Conference, scheduled for Assumption College on **Saturday, March 17**. Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets online and elsewhere. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Father David Cavanagh, Robert Rogers, Ryan Tremblay, and Elvis Grbac. Bishops and priests will hear confessions. Bishop McManus will offer the Conference Mass. For a Conference brochure, further information or registration, call Sara Smillie at 508-929-4345. Adult tickets are \$45 until February 28, afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30.



- "Second Greatest Story" Video 2/26
- K of C Blood Drive 3/29



Last Weekend's Offertory

General	\$2,054
Church in Latin America	\$366
Catholic Free Press	\$117
Fuel Donation	\$25

The bank accepts checks written in BLUE or BLACK ink only.

Special Collections	
3/10 & 11	Monthly Renovation Fund
3/17 & 18	Catholic Relief Services
3/30	Good Friday Pontifical Collection
Easter Flower Donations throughout Lent	
Please print names of loved ones clearly.	

~Stewardship~

"Here I am!" he answered." - Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

~Word of Life~



"Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person's heart; we simply need to

follow where he leads." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life"

Lenten Q&A

Q: I've noticed that restaurants and grocery stores advertise specials on expensive types of fish and seafood on Fridays during Lent. Some of my Catholic friends take advantage of these deals, but somehow I don't feel right treating myself to the lobster special on Fridays during Lent.

A: Although fish, lobster, and other shellfish are not considered meat and may be eaten on days of abstinence, indulging in the lavish buffet at your favorite seafood place sort of misses the point. On the Fridays of Lent we remember the sacrifice of Christ on Good Friday and unite ourselves with that sacrifice through abstinence and prayer.

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgicalyear/len/questions-and-answers-about-lent.cfm>

Religious Education News...

Sunday 3/25 – Palm Sunday Children's Mass @ 10:30 am by
Grades 9 & 10



From its earliest days, the Church has urged the Baptized & the Catechumens to observe the threefold discipline of fasting, alms giving, and prayers in preparation for the celebration of **Easter, April 1st**. Failure to observe any penitential days must be considered serious. During Lent the Church encourages attendance at daily Mass; extra devotions, self-imposed times of fasting & sacrifice; & generosity to local, national, and world-wide programs of giving.

Lenten Way of the Cross

We'll pray the Stations on **Fridays during Lent**, alternating times & locations:

- † 3/2 – 6 pm @ Sacred Heart
- † 3/9 – 3 pm @ St. Mary
- † 3/16 – 6 pm @ Sacred Heart followed by Soup Supper
- † 3/23 - 3 pm @ St. Mary

We'll use a different meditation text each week as we pray for about 45 minutes.

Lenten Confessions

In addition to the usual 3:15 to 4 pm on Saturday @ SM in Brookfield, you may receive the sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 7 pm at SH in West Brookfield beginning Feb. 20th.

Lenten Reading

Free copies of the Lenten issue of *The Word Among Us* can be found at both churches this weekend. Please take one home to read throughout Lent.

Guidelines for Lenten Fast & Abstinence

- Abstinence from meat is observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on Ash Wednesday (2/14), Good Friday (3/30), & all the Fridays of Lent.
- Fasting is observed by all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. On Fast Days, one full meal and two smaller meals to maintain strength are permitted. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Fr. Chet

LENT ONLINE 2018

There are hundreds of websites with resources to help make our Lenten journey more meaningful. Here are just a few with reflections, meditations and inspiration....

<http://www.ewtn.com/faith/lent/week1.asp> - EWTN

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/> - Creighton University

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever> - Dynamic Catholic

Visit our website: www.ourladyofthesacredheart.org for more resources!



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Next Regular Meeting Tuesday Feb. 27th @ 7 pm



LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART COUNCIL 11080
WILL MATCH POUND-FOR-POUND UP TO 500 LBS. OF
DONATED NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS!
THERE ARE BASKETS IN BOTH CHURCHES.



Matthew: The King and His Kingdom featuring Jeff Cavins

An exciting study that explores the life and mission of Jesus
as recorded in the Gospel.

A 24 Week Study on Monday evenings @ 7 pm in Dugan
Hall beginning on March 19th.

Sign-up sheets are in both churches. Please sign up before
Feb. 25th.

Cost: \$32 – will not be due until the first session.

For more information, please call Debbie Brigham @ 508
867-5590.

Partners in Charity Appeal 2018

"Loving God by Serving Others"

Next weekend is **In-Pew Commitment Weekend for the 2018 Partners in Charity Appeal**. Once a year, we commit ourselves to this ongoing work by supporting this life-giving appeal. We reflect on God's great generosity, and respond with generous giving of our own. Thanks to your support, faith in action is visible every day in the compassionate outreach of Catholic Charities, to the least among us; in the prayerful witness of our retired priests and the joy of new priestly vocations; and in the many diocesan ministries and programs that heal, teach and care for others. Watch the Appeal Video at home this week at www.partners-charity.net.

Please come to Mass next weekend prepared to make a commitment to the appeal. There will be pledge envelopes and pens in the pews.

Thank you.

A pair of bifocals was found at SH. Call the rectory if they belong to you.