

## *First Sunday of Lent*

### *Mass Intentions - Week of March 10<sup>th</sup>*

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 pm @ SM	<b>Mar. 9 Vigil of 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Ernest Vezina (15 <sup>th</sup> ann.), by Mickey Vezina
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 am @ SH 10:30 am @ SH	<b>Mar. 10 First Sunday of Lent</b> Alex Cordy, by his wife Catherine & family
<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am @ SH	<b>Mar. 11 Lenten Weekday</b> All OLSH parishioners, living & deceased
<b>Tuesday</b> 8 am @ SH 6 – 7 pm @ SH	<b>Mar. 12 Lenten Weekday</b> Holy Souls from the Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Offering Confessions
<b>Wednesday</b> 8 am @ SH	<b>Mar. 13 Lenten Weekday</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 8 am @ SH	<b>Mar. 14 Lenten Weekday</b>
<b>Friday</b> 6:00 pm @ SH	<b>Mar. 15 – No Mass Today</b> Stations of the Cross followed by Soup Supper
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 pm @ SM	<b>Mar. 16 Vigil of 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Joseph & Irene Gryszowka and Genevieve & George Molinaro, by M/M Richard Boos
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 am @ SH 10:30 am @ SH	<b>Mar. 17 Second Sunday of Lent</b>

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

*Mario Antonucci, Lisa Marie Berthel, William Boland, Dora & Ray Brunelle, Anita Broadbent, Peter Burke, Micah Burt, Linda Carpenter, Michael Carpenter, Roberta Chiaffullo, Richard & Margaret Cordiero, Fr. Dave, Scott Falls, Doris Fenton, Callie Fitzgerald, Cathy Fitzgerald, Carol, Gail, John, Mary, Pauline, Theresa, Walter & Rev. Charles Gonet, Rev. Louis Gould, Brian Hanrahan, Deborah Kaplavka, The Kubert/Boos family, Bernie & Priscilla Kulas, Theresa Lupacchino, Juanita Morse, Julie Nydam, Isabella Paolucci, Janyce Parker, Doreen Piechota, Karen Trainor Resseguie, Barbara Riberdy, Janice Smith, Guido, Jean & Raymond Tessicini, 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.

#### ***Walking Toward Eternity: Daring to Walk the Walk***

***Walking Toward Eternity***, an inspiring series designed to help you live your faith more fully by developing and nurturing characteristics that are essential to the Christian life, will begin this **Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Dugan Hall, and continue every Monday for 8 weeks.**

#### **Mary & Martha Sodality Monthly Events**

- *Sodality Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 6:30 pm*
- *Coffee Social after 8 am Mass – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday*
- *Movie Matinee – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ 2 pm*



### *Last Weekend's Offertory*

<b>General</b>	<b>\$2,375</b>
<b>Monthly Renovation Fund</b>	<b>\$1,213</b>
<b>Fuel</b>	<b>\$10</b>

#### **Special Collections**

<b>3/9 &amp; 10</b>	<b>Church in Latin America</b>
<b>3/23 &amp; 3/24</b>	<b>Partners in Charity In-Pew</b>
<b>Easter Flower Donations throughout Lent. Please print names clearly.</b>	

### *Stewardship*

*"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." (Deuteronomy 26:10)*

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you recognize that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

### *Word of Life*

"Maya discovered she was pregnant six months into her freshman year of college. When her son was born, she placed him with a very kind adoptive family; she 'just knew they were the right choice.' Now, years later, Maya emphasizes the importance of offering ongoing support to expectant mothers considering adoption." Learn how at [www.usccb.org/women-consideringadoption](http://www.usccb.org/women-consideringadoption). USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

### *Lenten Way of the Cross*

We'll once again be praying the Way of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. In addition, this year I'll be offering a 5-week course on Thursday evenings during Lent in Dugan Hall @ 6:30 pm beginning on March 14th. All are welcome, including curious youth and families who would like to learn much more about this once popular religious devotion.

We'll start by looking at the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem. On March 21st we'll explore the historical development of the Stations in Italy. Other presentations will take us to France, Portugal, Spain, Germany, England, Poland, America & Africa. Plan on joining us on March 14th to discover much more. There will be lots to see.

*Fr. Chet*

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March 10, 2019

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Lent comes late this year. Late though it may be, most of us are not immediately eager for the austerities of Lent. Though perhaps not ready for it, we all nonetheless need Lent. We need Lent because we are sinners called to repentance. We need it because we are Christ's disciples called to holiness and we need Lent because the demands, distractions and allures of modern life can imperceptibly skew our priorities and dampen the spiritual joys that rightly belong to those whose faith is fervent.

For forty days Lent calls us to re-prioritize our lives that they may be centered on Jesus Christ and His Gospel. We do this through deepened prayer, more frequent penances and more generous almsgiving. We undertake these practices not to revert to old ways six weeks later. We undertake them that, through conversion of life, we may know Christ better and share more deeply in the joy of His Easter triumph throughout the whole of our lives.

The Lenten season is austere in its observances, reserved in its liturgies and sacrificial in its call for generosity. But because its practices draw us closer to Christ, Lent is also renewing, inspiring and exciting. So often we let things come between us and the radical call to take up the Cross and follow Christ with a selfless love of God and neighbor. Lent gives us the incentive, framework and communal support to acknowledge the primacy of God in our lives and to seek our consolations by putting God first. When we do that, we realize that the security, happiness and peace for which we daily strive come not from the acquisition of things, the esteem of others or the experience of pleasures. Rather, they are found in drawing close to God, experiencing His love and being confident in His promises. That continuing discovery can make our lives simpler, happier and more meaningful. What we "give up" is more than compensated by what we gain.

We all have so much to gain this Lent. I urge you to reflect on Christ's love and mercy. Examine your life, confess your sins and draw close to God through your prayer and acts of penance, regular celebration of the sacraments and sacrifice for those in need.

Lent may start late this year, but it is also just in time. May we embrace its opportunities that we may reap its rewards --- Christian joy, not only at Easter, but throughout our lives on earth and forever in Heaven.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester



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

Next Officers' Meeting Monday, Mar. 11 @ 7 pm

## Alexander Roy Cordy Memorial \$1000.00 College Scholarship

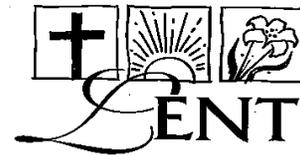
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**K of C Council 11080 will award \$1,000  
Scholarships to 2 successful applicants!**

**Open to High School Seniors who are members  
of OLSH Parish and/or related to a Council  
11080 member only**

Applications are available at your school's guidance  
office.

**Application deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>.**



### Lenten Way of the Cross

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

- ✠ 3/15 – 6 pm @ Sacred Heart followed by Soup Supper
- ✠ 3/22 – 3 pm @ St. Mary
- ✠ 3/29 – 6 pm @ Sacred Heart followed by Soup Supper
- ✠ 4/5 – 3 pm @ St. Mary
- ✠ 4/12 – 6 pm @ Sacred Heart followed by Soup Supper
- ✠ 4/19 – 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 @ St. Mary in Brookfield, you may receive the sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday evenings from **6 to 7 pm at Sacred Heart in West Brookfield beginning March 12<sup>th</sup>.**

### 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 (3/6), Good Friday (4/19), & 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*