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A warm welcome to everyone. I am so happy you could join us today. My hope is that you feel at home here at St. Thomas. Together, let us reflect on the Word of God as we partake of the Eucharist. ~ Fr. Glenn

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: 8:00 am (Monday Friday);
Saturday 8:00 am: Communion
Service Only

First Saturday Mass: 8:00 am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am
(Parish Choir)

HOLY DAYS & HOLIDAYS

Consult our bulletin or parish website:
www.MyStThomas.org

First Friday Adoration: 8:30 am to Noon
Saturday: Reconciliation (Confession)
3:15 - 4:00 pm or by appt.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

It is our pleasure to serve you!

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am -1:30 pm
Friday - Sunday: Closed

PASTORAL STAFF MEMBERS

Rev. J. Glenn Diaz, Pastor

Assisting Clergy:

Rev. Msgr. Joseph Sobiesiak

Deacon Mark Manko: Business Manager

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Lead Accompanist

Pauline Papino: Sacristan

Karen Robben: Office & Comms. Mgr.

Jesus took Peter,
James, and John
and led them up
a high mountain
apart by
themselves.
And he was
transfigured
before them,
and his clothes
became dazzling
white.

Mark 9:2,3

Transfiguration of Jesus
by Carl Bloch, 1872



2ND SUNDAY OF

LENT

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February 25, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent



TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

25 February, 2024, *Second Sunday in Lent*



February 25, 2024 | Second Sunday of Lent, Year B

1. Since **cremation** was approved by the Vatican in 1963, it has become popular as an appropriate, perhaps more affordable, way to care for our beloved deceased. Nearly one third of American Catholic families opt for cremation today, and the number continues to grow each year, although Church teaching continues to stress the preference for burial or entombment of the body of the deceased, which is done in imitation of the burial of Jesus' body.
2. On December 12, 2023, the Vatican Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith upheld a rule mandating that the ashes of the deceased be preserved in a consecrated place; however, **new guidance** provides that the family members could request a "minimal part of the ashes" to be kept in a sacred place of significance. While there is still a canonical prohibition against scattering the ashes of the deceased, this new guidance allows for family members to retain a small part of their beloved's ashes.
3. Our **Gospel** today (Mark 9:2-10) reflects on the transfiguration of Jesus, an event that is recorded in all three of the Synoptic Gospels (Mark 9:2-13; Matthew 17:1-13; Luke 9:28-36), and is also foretold throughout the Old Testament. In the transfiguration, "For a moment Jesus discloses his divine glory" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 555). It provides us with just a glimpse of the glory of Jesus' resurrection: his face shining like the sun, his clothes dazzlingly white, the promise of Easter. The transfiguration is also "'the sacrament of the second regeneration': our own Resurrection" (CCC 556). You're not alone if you never thought of the transfiguration as the sacrament of your own resurrection. As we prepare ourselves this Lent for Jesus' resurrection on Easter, let's devote some time in preparing for our own resurrections. There's a simple formula to help us: pray more, fast more, give more.

February 5, 2024 | Karen M. Robben



Please join our special ***Lenten Mission: Centrality of the Eucharist***, with Monsignor Joseph Pellegrino. Msgr. Pellegrino will speak at all Masses on the weekend of February 24 & 25, and **the mission will be held Monday - Wednesday, February 26 - 28.**

Time for the mission is confirmed at 3:00 pm in the church.

We look forward to seeing you there!

OUR PARISH PRAYER

Gracious God, You have called us to be missionary disciples of Jesus, your Son. Grant that we, your loving sons and daughters, may become living witnesses to the gospel. Together as a parish family, we are committed to follow Christ's example by using our time, talent, and treasure in building up God's kingdom on earth.

Through the intercession of our patron, St Thomas the Apostle, we humbly ask that you keep us steadfast in our faith, serene in our hope, and faithful in our love. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen



PRAYER FOR ANNA

Lord, grant Anna the forever home that she deserves and strongly desires.

Touch the hearts of her future family and give them courage and peace. Amen.

More information is available at heartgallerytampa.org



MASS INTENTIONS // DAILY READINGS // FLOWERS // PRAYER LIST

Sunday, February 25

8:00 am: John Pauley†
Requested by: Kim Pauley

10:30 am: Christopher Manko†
Requested by: The Pastoral Staff

Monday, February 26

8:00 am: Madeleine Ducharme†
Requested by: Rich & Jeanne Kopicki

Tuesday, February 27

8:00 am: Fr. Jose Cleofe Colina†
Requested by: Olivia Bruce Kosling

Wednesday, February 28

8:00 am: William† & Norma Galvin†
Raymond† & Emelie Payette†
Requested by: Norma Galvin†

Thursday, February 29

8:00 am: Martin Faulmino, Jr.
Requested by: Mr. & Mrs. Martin Faulmino, Sr.

Friday, March 1

8:00 am: Nick† & Ann Frustaci†
Requested by: The Puma Family

Saturday, March 2

8:00 pm: Rev. Joy Colina†
Requested by: The St. Thomas Women's Guild
4:30 pm: Wayne Bathrick†
Requested by: Mary Fox

Sunday, March 3

8:00 am: Our Parish Family
10:30 am: Christina Rondinelli†
Requested by: Louis Rondinelli

The **Respect Life Ministry** will not meet on March 5th.
Meetings will resume on April 2.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of February 25, 2024

Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10
Monday	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Bread and Wine for the 8:00 am Mass on Friday, March 1st is donated in loving memory of the deceased members of the Medved Family by Joyce Flotkoetter.

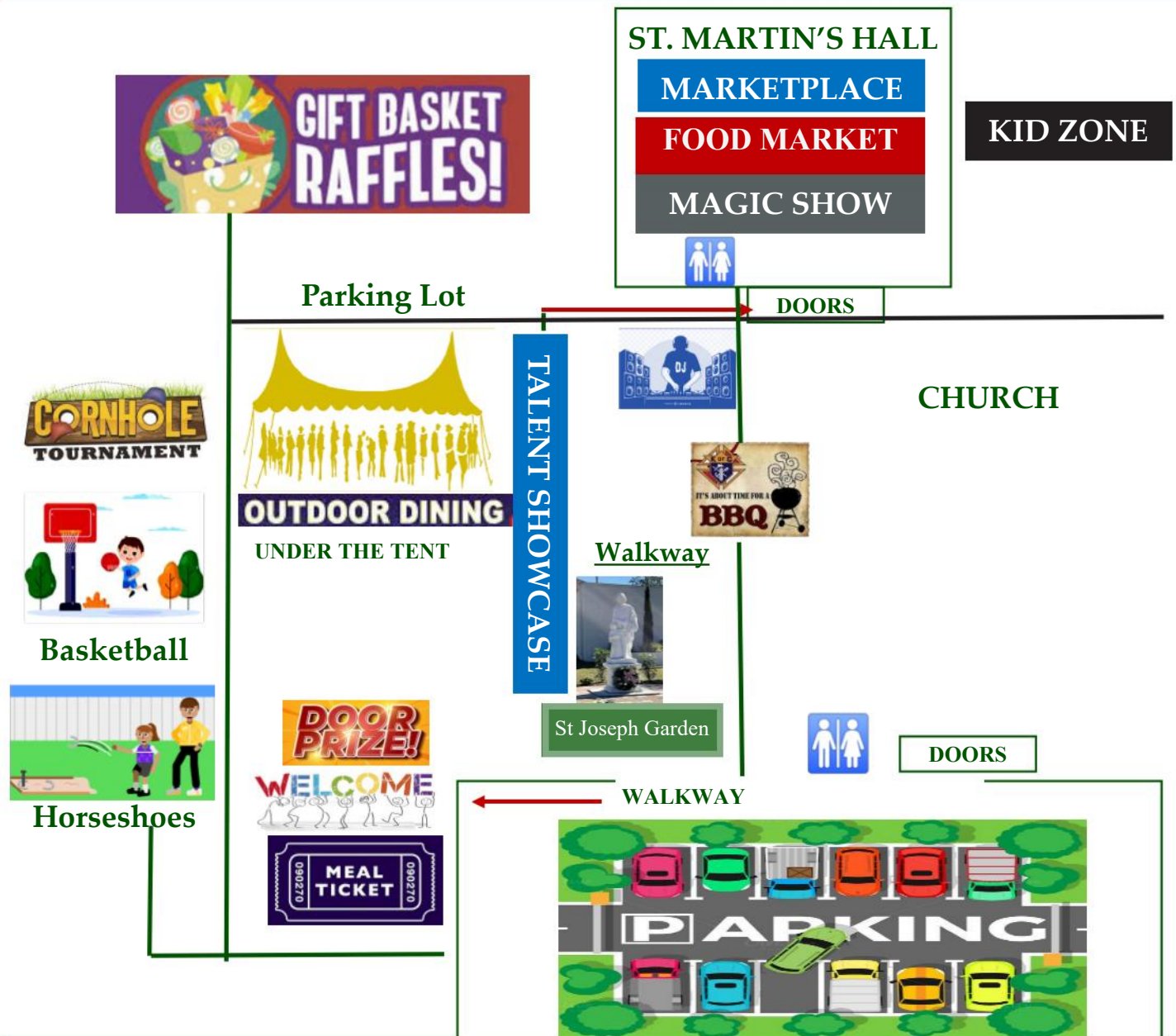
LORD, GRACIOUSLY HEAR OUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers all those in our parish family who are ill, especially:

Neill Aiken, Peg Laurie, Sheyna Clements, Sandra Boros, Edward & Rusty Ryal, Fred Di Battista, Tonya Leigh & Family, Evelyn Sweeny, Kevin Watson, Ron Zasada, Audrey Shetton, Fr. Robert Pesarchick, Mariann De Pue, Maria Casey, Barbara Diaz, Carl Campise, Imre Beke Sr., Dayl Kohorst, Victor & Phyllis Clossi, Terry Brausch, Karen Ballaban, Gene Koczur, Wayne Stringer, Mark Fuge, Karl Wolf, Gene Dalton, Al Papino, Julia Szucsik, Phyllis Fylak, James McCarthy, Martin Faulmino, Jr., Pat Allard, Rev. Ron Marecki, Joseph Marecki, Lorraine & Richard Kwiecienski

Names will remain on our prayer list for three months. To add or remove a name, contact the parish office.

PARISH FESTIVAL MAP



PARISH FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

ALL DAY: MARKETPLACE, FOOD MARKET, BASKETBALL, K of C BBQ (until food runs out)
DJ, FRED CAMPBELL (provided by K of C).

11:30 am WELCOME

12:00 pm Talent Showcase

12:30 pm Door Prize Drawings Every 30 Minutes

12:45—1:15 pm Magic with the Magnificent Trebor

1:30 pm Raffles and 50/50 Drawings

Adults Sports Challenges

12:00 pm Cornhole

1:30 pm Horseshoes

Kids Zone

11:45—12:45 pm Games

1:00— 2:00 pm Relay Races

2:00— 2:45 pm Games

2:45 pm THANK YOU FOR JOINING US



SCHEDULE FOR LENT 2024

Date	Time	Event
Fridays in Lent: Abstinence March 1, 8, 15, 22	3:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Monday – Wednesday February 26 - 28	3:00 pm	Parish Lenten Retreat: Centrality of the Eucharist Preacher: Msgr. Joseph Pellegrino Lenten Reconciliation following retreat on Monday, February 26
Sunday, March 17	9:00 am	Faith Formation Lenten Reconciliation
Tuesday, March 19	8:45 am	5th Annual St. Joseph's Table



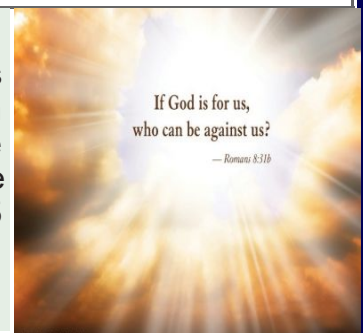
Palm Sunday Saturday, March 23 Sunday, March 24	4:30 pm Vigil Mass 8:00 am Mass 10:30 am Mass	Blessing of palms before each mass
Tuesday, March 26	11:00 am	Chrism Mass (Cathedral of St. Jude)
Holy Thursday March 28	4:30 pm	Mass of the Last Supper with Washing of the Feet Procession to Altar of Repose; Adoration
Good Friday March 29 Day of Fast and Abstinence	3:00 pm	The Lord's Passion (with communion)
Holy Saturday March 30	10:00 am 11:00 am 8:00 pm	Easter Egg Hunt Blessing of Easter Food Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday March 31	8:00 am 10:30 am	Easter Sunday Masses

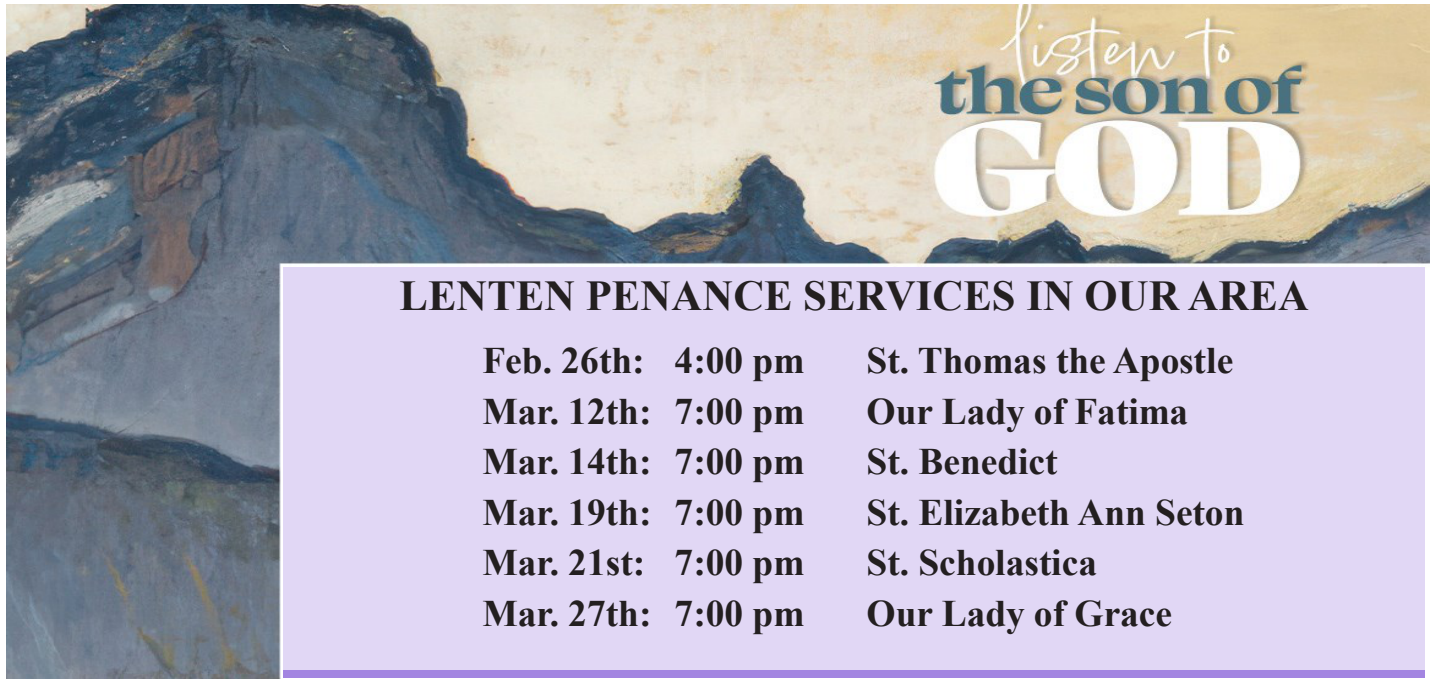


Knights of Columbus TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

One of the most popular and successful fundraisers conducted by our council is for the benefit of people with intellectual disabilities. In appreciation of your donation, we will offer you a piece of candy. This fundraiser is known as the "Tootsie Roll Drive". We will be outside of the church March 24/25 and again April 6/7.

We hope you can support our effort and enjoy a piece of candy.





LISTEN TO the son of GOD

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES IN OUR AREA

Feb. 26th: 4:00 pm	St. Thomas the Apostle
Mar. 12th: 7:00 pm	Our Lady of Fatima
Mar. 14th: 7:00 pm	St. Benedict
Mar. 19th: 7:00 pm	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Mar. 21st: 7:00 pm	St. Scholastica
Mar. 27th: 7:00 pm	Our Lady of Grace

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS AUGUST 2023—JANUARY 2024

Phillip Aleci
 Danny & Lani Benavente
 John T Callahan, Jr.
 Daisy & Ernesto Davila
 Dennis Dorsey
 Adele Frey
 David & Rhea Fusaro
 Dan & Jasmine Geraghty

Gayle Hampton
 John & Sharon Hauk
 Frank & Donna Hentschell
 Thomas Patrick Luehring
 Gladys Luna
 Dennis Manning
 Benjamin F. Mazur
 Michael J. Nischan

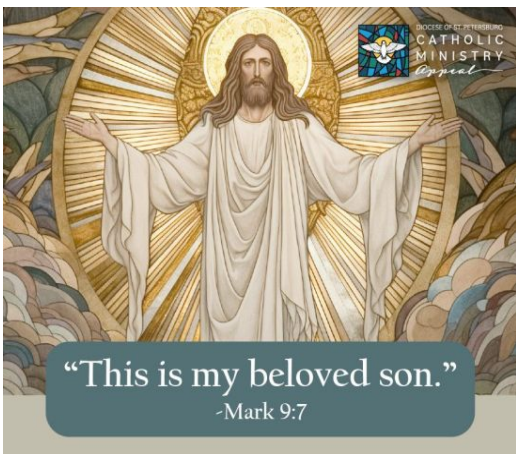
Re Parham
 David & Debra Pavone
 Patricia Pechulis
 Douglas & Emmanuelle Robinson
 Marilyn Scheftic
 Penny Sergeant
 Edward & Lisa Spaeth
 Richie Taylor

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING EVENTS: March

2nd: 10 am- First Reconciliation
 (Communion class only)
10th: 10:30 Children's Mass

15th: 6:00 pm Youth Group—CCSO K-9 dogs
17th: 9:00 am Lenten Reconciliation
30th: 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

Support Our Catholic Ministry Appeal!



As the second week of Lent begins, the Church invites us to contemplate the transfigured Jesus with Peter, James, and John: "His clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them" (Mark 9:3). Before he suffered his Passion, Jesus gave his three closest friends a glimpse into his glorified nature—a glimpse of where he could take them. God loves us where we are and loves us too much to leave us where we are. We can radiate divine light like Jesus. When we receive Jesus into our hearts, he transfigures us. We can shine with his joy, love, and serenity. He wants to transfigure our whole parish! Please support our Catholic Ministry Appeal so we can have all the resources we need to shine the way He wishes us to, so we can reach all those He longs for in our community. "I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6).



The church is open Monday- Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for personal prayer.
Access to the church is available through the rear door, directly across from the office.



THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

is prayed every weekday following the 8:00 am Mass.
Together We Pray!

SUNDAY/COLLECTION	TIME	EVENT/ACTIVITY
Sunday, February 25: Second Sunday of Lent Collections: School & Camp Support Lenten Retreat	8:00 am—12:00 pm 8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	THIRD ANNUAL PARISH FESTIVAL K of C Tootsie Roll Drive Mass Youth Faith Formation Class (YFF) Mass
Monday, February 26:	8:00 am 2:00 pm 3:00 pm 6:00 pm	Mass Bible Study: MARY LENTEN MISSION/SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION RCIA Mystagogy Session #4
Tuesday, February 27:	8:00 am 8:45 am 3:00 pm	Mass Holy Face Devotion LENTEN MISSION
Wednesday, February 28:	8:00 am 3:00 pm	Mass LENTEN MISSION
Thursday, February 29:	8:00 am 8:30 am—9:30 am 9:30 am 1:00 pm	Mass Holy Hour Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Bereavement Group Meeting
Friday, March 1:	8:00 am 3:00 pm	Mass Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 2:	8:00 am 3:15 - 4:00 pm 4:30 pm	Mass Reconciliation (Confession) Vigil Mass Name Tag Sunday
Sunday, March 3: Third Sunday of Lent Collections: Building Fund, Easter Flowers, Pregnancy & Family Life	8:00 am 9:00 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am	Name Tag Sunday Mass YFF Class Mass

This year, the St. Petersburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SPDCCW) is once again offering **three St. Maria Goretti Scholarships** for young women in their senior year of high school. Scholarships will be granted to the young women who are **awarded first, second, or third place in the SPDCCW Essay Contest**. Please contact the parish office for an application form with instructions.

The essay must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2024





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