

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 2024

## FEBRUARY 25, 2024

### FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS:

Dear brothers and sisters of Sacred Heart,

The Gospel for this Second Sunday of Lent always tells the story of the Transfiguration, the account of Jesus giving his closest followers—Peter, James, and John—a glimpse of his divinity on the top of Mount Tabor in northern Israel. After having told them that he was about to go to Jerusalem to suffer and to die, a bit of news that no doubt cast them into anxiety and fear, the experience of the Transfiguration was Jesus' way of reassuring the disciples that in the end all would be well, that better days were indeed coming. We are told that in their excitement at seeing Jesus transformed on the mountain together with the appearance of Moses and Elijah, the two greatest figures of the Old Testament--representing the Law and the Prophets--that Peter, as the spokesperson for the others, indicated that he wished to prove his faith in typical Near Eastern fashion by providing these great visitors with hospitality and shelter: "Let us make three tents," Peter exclaimed: "one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." And then before he got too carried away with his building plans, the voice of God intervened, identifying Jesus as the Chosen Son and indicating that this was not to be the end of the journey for the disciples, but only a resting place along the way.

The Church invites us to see the season of Lent as part of our own spiritual journey, as a time to come to know Jesus in his humanity and in his divinity. In his humanity we mark the final days of Jesus' life and prepare to remember his suffering and death on Good Friday; in his divinity we await the moment of his Resurrection, which we celebrate on Easter Sunday. These two events represent something of the polarity in our own lives, the mixing of the experiences of life—the ups and the downs—that usually can't be separated. These experiences constitute moments of darkness and moments of light, of loss and of gain: on the one hand the pain and tragedy that can so burden us that we sometimes feel overwhelmed with sorrow; and on the other, the times of intense happiness and joy that we share with family and friends, that confirm our hope, and give our life its ultimate meaning.

And we are constantly reminded that the proven means of facilitating this personal transfiguration are fasting, almsgiving, and prayer: the spiritual program that was laid out for us on Ash Wednesday. By *fasting* we deny ourselves certain legitimate pleasures so that, as St. Augustine says, "We are better able to resist those pleasures that are *illegitimate*," those things that can cause harm to ourselves and to others;

by *almsgiving* we express our solidarity with others, especially the poor and those who are in need, sharing with them the good things that we have received, so that all of God's children may enjoy a life of dignity for themselves and for their families; and by *prayer* we lift our hearts and minds to God, asking Him to be with us and with those whom we love, to strengthen us, to protect us from misfortune, and to help us to make those decisions that will lead us to a happier and fuller life.

**Fr. John Gruben, OAR**

Fr. Eric Crelencia, OAR

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR, Pastor

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

### Responsorial Psalm:

**I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**

I believed, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted." Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

**I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**

My vows to the Lord I will pay in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

### LENTEN SEASON 2024

**Lenten Fast and Abstinence** – During the Season of Lent, the Church urges all the Faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily life through performing acts of fasting and abstinence.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Thursday Evening at 7:00pm in Spanish  
Every Friday Evening at 7:00pm English, (except Good Friday)

### CONFESSIONS

**Saturdays** 4:00pm to 5:00pm

**Reconciliation Monday, March 25th:**

2:00pm to 4:00pm & 6:00pm to 9:00pm

**Blessed Sacrament will be exposed throughout**

**Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> –12:00 noon to 1:00pm**

### SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent – \$ Not In Last Year's - \$10,528.**

**Winter Maintenance - \$ Not In Last Year's--\$5,688.**

**Ash Wednesday - \$ 5,060. Last Year's- \$7,210.**

## MITE BOXES

*Did you know that Catholic Charities Community Services of Rockland (CCCSR) was established by the 18 parishes to alleviate poverty and to serve as a “safety and support net” for all Rockland County residents who have either lived in poverty all their lives or fallen into poverty due to unexpected circumstances?*

*You can help make a difference by picking up a Lenten offering box at Mass or at your Religious Education program. Your donations will help to prevent evictions, feed the hungry and address basic emergency needs in Rockland.*

## PARISH CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 25

Cursillo-Ultreya, 9am at Tagaste Monastery

CYO Clinic – Grs.1 and 2 at 1pm Gym

### Monday, February 26

Religious Ed. – Grade 6 – 4:30

### Novena in Honor of Our Lady of Miraculous Medal after 9am Mass

Grupo Carismático-Cafeteria 7pm

### Tuesday, February 27

Religious Ed. – Gr. 3-5 – 4:30pm

Religious Ed. – Grs. 7 & 8 – 7pm

CYO – Gym 5pm

### Wednesday, February 28

CYO – Gym 5pm

Grupo Estudio Biblico – 8pm in the cafeteria

Immaculate Heart Team- 7:30pm

### Thursday, February 29

### Friday, March 1 First Friday

### Exposition 1pm

### Holy Hour – 6pm

### Stations of the Cross – 7pm

CYO – Gym 5pm

### Saturday, March 2

7:30am – St. Joseph's men's Bible Discussion- pre-k

### Rosary after 9am Mass

Religious Ed Grades 1 & 2- 9:30am to 11am- Parent

Mtg.- cafeteria

CYO – Gym 11am to 4pm



## CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Our goal this year is \$107,100. Your donations help the entire Archdiocese in so many ways. It is only through your generosity that the Archdiocese can help so many, here in our own area and the entire Archdiocese of New York. Even the smallest amount helps. Please consider donating. To date: \$17,520. has been donated.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY EASTER BASKETS

We are asking for donations of Hams, Turkeys and trimmings for Easter Baskets.

**We will have “drive in donations” of food on:**

**March 19th –11:00am to 2:00pm**

**March 24th – 12:00pm to 3:00pm**

The baskets will be distributed on Monday, **March 25th from 10am until 12:00pm** in the parking lot (drive through only). Please contribute if possible. This event is to help the needy in our midst with the help and support of the Suffern Community Foundation. Thank you for your help!

## SACRED HEART PARISH 25<sup>TH</sup> AND 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MAY 19TH, 2024

On May 19, 2024, our parish will honor all those celebrating these milestone anniversaries at the 10:00am Mass followed by a reception. If you are celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary anytime this year, please contact the Rectory Office and let us know. 845-357-0035.

## PRAY WITH THE DOMINICAN SISTERS

### Lenten Evening Prayer

Each Sunday in Lent at 4:45pm, the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill gather in Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel each of the first 5 Sundays of Lent to pray Solemn Evening Prayer (also known as “Vespers”). You are invited to join us in person or in spirit as we sing our praise and our petitions to our loving God during this holy season. We are blessed to have preachers from the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill, the Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, and Albertus Magnus High School.

<https://sparkill.org>

## SISTERS OF LIFE

**Providing Life-affirming choices for women:** If you know someone who is struggling, please urge them to contact: [www.visitationcenterus.org](http://www.visitationcenterus.org) or call (877)777-1277.

**Have you suffered an abortion?** Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sisters of Life: 866-575-0075 or e-mail: [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org). For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877-586-4621 or e-mail: [Lumina@postabortionhelp.org](mailto:Lumina@postabortionhelp.org)



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Helen Marie Biby, Elantoniette Camagong, Dan Carney, Ronald Carlucci, Siobhan Casey, Angie Clifford, Joseph Collins Jr., Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Laudelina Crowley, Janet Curcione, Joe Davey, Debbie, Carol Deery, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Marge Diebner, Karen DeJoie, Mary Discini, Joseph Durante, Joseph Duarte, John Duffy, Jacqui Elder, Ginny & Sonny Figula, William Figundio, Stefanie Gaudelli, John Genardi, Teddy Girvan, Joseph Gilson, Debra Gravina, Spiros Grmmenos, Gail Griggs, Mary Guarnieri, Senan Halpin, Clement & Maureen Hayes, Catherine Howard, John Hughes, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Yvonne Gangone Ingui, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Thomas Kelly, Eileen Kennedy, Rick Konrad, Steven C. Klumpp, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Robert Liggio, Ginger Listwan, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Jacob Mendelsohn, Joyce Miller, Iraida Molina, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Nancy Overend, Leona Overend, Nolita Padilla, Joseph Payne, Shace Paljusevic, Noreen Pidgeon, Barbara Procopio, James Procopio, Charles Picarelli, Kathleen Rafferty (Fr. Michael's sister), Danny Ranke, Della Russell, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, Geri Savino, Abdul Shakur, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Thomas Sullivan, Rose Stark, Maureen Starke, Lindsey Sterling, Shaun Stein, Patricia Steiper, Janet Tamburro, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, and Yolanda Yarleque.

### FOR OUR ARMED FORCES & FIRST RESPONDERS OF ALL KINDS, AND OUR DOCTORS & NURSES

We pray for all the men and women serving our country AND especially the sons and daughters, grandchildren and loved ones of our parishioners.

### ALTAR MEMORIALS FEBRUARY 25, 2023



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones, especially: **John Genardi, Deborah Ann Gravina**

### BOOSTER CLUB

**WEEK 6- ARTHUR & PHYLLIS AYRES**



### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

7AM & 9:00AM DAILY – (MONDAY – FRIDAY)

SATURDAY – 9AM

SATURDAY VIGILS – 5:30PM AND 7:15PM (S)

SUNDAYS

8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM 4:00PM (S)

AND 5:30PM

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:00am – † Josephine Morgese

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

5:30pm – **Vigil Mass** – † Valda Dadinis

7:15pm – **Vigil Mass** – Special Intention Carmin Ruiz

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:30am – † Andrew L. Kravic

10:00am – † Roseanne Moscato & Robert Moscato Jr.

11:30am – † Jean Marie Scully

4:00pm –

5:30pm – Vigil - All Parishioners / Parish Memorial

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:00am – † Henry Song

9:00am – † Vittoria Dominiyanni

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00am – † Bruno Papaleo

9:00am – † Tom Howard

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00am – † In Thanksgiving for Sacred Heart

9:00am – † Marie Venturini

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

7:00am – † Ana Maria Stillo

9:00am – † Laura Sarrubbo

7:00pm - Stations of the Cross Spanish

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 1 First Friday

7:00am – †

9:00am – † Ralph Tangradi

1:00pm – Exposition

6:00pm – Holy Hour

7:00pm – Stations of the Cross

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 2

9:00am – † Itala Revelo Rosas

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 2

5:30pm – **Vigil Mass** – † Patrica Diamond

7:15pm – **Vigil Mass** –

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 3

8:30am – † Marcy O'Brien

10:00am – † Francis Monaghan

11:30am – † Elaine Dusold & Joan Cummings

4:00pm –

5:30pm – All Parishioners/Parish Memorial