

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 1, 2026

FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS:

Dear sisters & brothers of Sacred Heart:

St. Paul, in his address to Timothy starts off with a doozy!- BEAR YOUR SHARE OF HARDSHIP!- Whoa! Thanks, Paul! Nice chipper greetin' this here Sunday morn'! Well, can you relate? Actually, that's a rhetorical question! COURSE YOU CAN!

"IF YOU WISH TO BE MY DISCIPLE, YOU MUST TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME"- Not a "CHOOSE A, B, C, D or NONE O' THE ABOVE" proposal, Folks! MANDATORY! Each of us has hardship(s)! What's (What're) yours? Grief is one of them, isn't it? A loved one gone since yesterday or forty years ago- Hurts. Still hurts. One of my current constantly "think about's" is the Lake Tahoe avalanche...The survivors' grief- IMMENSE! Paul's letter produces a "Why, God, why the hardship?" I don't think I can handle this!

Why the hardship? Paul continues: FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL, Friends...Peter, James and John one minute watchin' Jesus up that mount' shimmerin' at 'em!- Minutes later Jesus hits them with: "The Son of Man must suffer and die." Talk about a Debbie Downer tumble!

Friends, as we bear our hardships, recall Paul calls us 'Beloved'- & Paul's use of beloved doesn't hold a candle to the TRANSFIGURED Beloved whom we are to The Name above every other name! Last Wednesday's ashes have been scrubbed from our foreheads' skin but NOT from our FORWARD hearts!

Keep Lent'n along, brothers and sisters, in the message of today's entrance antiphon: SEEK HIS FACE.

In Lent's Grace,
Fr. Michael



Fr. J. Michael Rafferty, OAR
Fr. Eric-Antonio Crelencia, OAR
Fr. John Gruben, OAR

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:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Upright is the word of the Lord, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the Lord the earth is full.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

BIRTHRIGHT

Our Parish and the Knights of Columbus are hosting a Lenten fundraising drive for Birthright of Rockland County starting Ash Wednesday, February 18. Last year, Birthright ministered to over 300 women and their babies with free pre-natal classes, one-on-one emotional support and material help. Please take a Birthright Baby Bottle home, fill it with coins, cash or a check payable to Joyce Kilmer council #1177 and return it to the church or rectory by April 5. The monies collected will enable Birthright to continue helping women in crisis pregnancies. We will be saving precious lives. Thank you so much for your support of our mission. *"It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth, and the right of every child to be born."*

LENTEN REFLECTION EVENING

Tuesday, March 10th AT 7:00PM
Thursday, March 26th at 8:15pm (Spanish)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday Evening at 7:00pm English, Every Friday Evening at 8:15pm in Spanish (except Good Friday)

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Reconciliation Monday:

March 30th – 2pm to 4:00pm – 6pm to 9:00pm

Wednesday, April 1st – 12:00 noon to 1:00pm

Holy Saturday, April 4th – 3:00pm-5:00pm

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

1st Sunday of Lent – \$12,392.

Last Year's - \$13,063.

Ash Wednesday –\$6,479.

Last Year's -\$6,039.

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, March 1

CYO Clinic – Gym 1pm

Monday, March 2

Novena Our Lady of Miraculous Medal after 9am Mass

Grupo Carismático-Cafeteria 7:30pm

Rel Ed. Gr. 6 – 4:30pm

CYO –gym- 5pm

Tuesday, March 3

Rel Ed. – Grs 3-5 – 4:30pm

Rel Ed. Grs 7 & 8 – 7:00pm-

CYO –5pm gym

Wednesday, March 4

Immaculate Heart Prayer Group – 7:30pm Church

Grupo Estudio Biblico – 8pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, March 5

Friday, March 6

Exposition – 1pm

Holy Hour -7pm

Saturday, March 7

Rel Ed. Grs 1 & 2 – 9:30am

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

**40 DAYS OF LENT, 40 DAYS OF PRAYER,
40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Please join pro-life supporters as we peacefully pray for LIFE at 25 Perlman Drive, Spring Valley. We pray 9 AM - 6 PM seven days per week until March 29.

Contact Eileen Peterson, 845 492-6709 to give us 1 hour of your time in thanksgiving to God for the gift of LIFE.

**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 21st –11:00am to 2:00pm

March 22nd – 1:00pm to 4:00pm

March 28th – 11am – 1pm

The baskets will be distributed on Monday, **March 30th 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. Thank you for your help!

CARDINAL'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Please consider donating!

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: \$12,220. has been donated. March 7 & 8 is Our In-pew Commitment Weekend.

**SACRED HEART PARISH
25TH AND 50TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY**

CELEBRATION MAY 17TH, 2026

On May 17, 2026, our parish will honor all those celebrating these milestone anniversaries at the 10:00am Mass. If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime this year, please contact the Rectory Office and let us know. 845-357-0035.

SISTERS OF LIFE

Providing Life-affirming choices for women: If you know someone who is struggling, please urge them to contact: 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. For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877-586-4621 or e-mail: Lumina@postabortionhelp.org

**BOOSTER CLUB
WEEK 24
GUDELIA MCKIEVER**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Church and our Parish Community the following children who were recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

IAN AXEL LOJA PERALTA
LIAM ALEXANDER LOJA PERALTA

Child of Manuel and Luz



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Helene Marie

Biby, Andrew Bylec, John Bacchus, Elantoniette Camagong, Ronald Carlucci, Siobhan Casey, Ramon Noel Crelencia, Angie Clifford, Joseph Collins Jr., Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Gina Conklin, Margaret Conarty, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Laudelina Crowley, Eileen Caulin, Janet Curcione, Joe Davey, William Daniels, Mary Donato, Alice Diebner, Carol Deery, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Cledha Desir, Phyllis Domino, Marge Diebner, Karen DeJoie, Mary Discini, John Duffy, Jacqui Elder, Mary Erskine, Mary Fraser, Doris Fina, Ginny & Sonny Figula, Mary Ellen Geelan, Teddy Girvan, Joseph Gilson, Spiros Grmmenos, Gail Griggs, Mary Guarnieri, Senan Halpin, Maureen Hayes, Catherine Howard, John Hughes, Rev. Charles Huse OAR, 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, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Chris Mayorga, Richard McCarthy, Thomas McGrath, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Leonor Medranda, Jacob Mendelsohn, Joyce Miller, Joe Miraglio, Iraida Molina, Aida Morales, Vanessa Morales, John Murphy, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Nancy Overend, Leona Overend, Nolita Padilla, Joseph Payne, Shace Paljusevic, Noreen Pidgeon, Barbara Procopio, James Procopio, Danny Ranke, Tony Ramos, Milton Ramos, Jerry Reilly Sr., Rose Romeo, Della Russell, Joseph Pasculli, Abdul Shakur, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Thomas Sullivan, Grace & Patrick Sullivan, Rose Stark, Maureen Starke, Lindsey Sterling, Shaun Stein, Patricia Steiper, Deacon Joseph Verboys, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Lissette Taylor, Gary W., Elisa Greco Wegman, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, and Yolanda Yarleque.

ALTAR MEMORIALS

MARCH 1, 2026

The Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of
CLAUDIA SPALLANZANI



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, family members and loved ones, especially:

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

7AM & 9:00AM DAILY – (MON. – FRIDAY)
SATURDAY – 9AM (FOLLOWED BY THE ROSARY)
SATURDAY VIGILS – 5:30PM AND 7:15PM

SUNDAYS

8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM 4:00PM (S)
& 5:30PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:00am – † John Freeley

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5:30pm – † Anthony Difalco

7:15pm – † Jhon Jairo Uribe

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

8:30am – † Patrick Scanlan

10:00am – † Charles Piccarelli

11:30am – † Kathleen Fields

4:00pm – †

5:30pm - All Parishioners / Parish Memorial

MONDAY, MARCH 2

7:00am – † Fr. Dionisio Gutierrez Lopez, OAR

9:00am – † Sean Pennell

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

7:00am – † Fr. Dionisio Gutierrez Lopez, OAR

9:00am – †

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

7:00am – † Bertram Creighton

9:00am – † Jack Towers

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

7:00am – † Fr. Kurula Cherian

9:00am – †

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

7:00am – Special Intentions Sr. Magdalene Teresa

9:00am – †

7:00pm – Stations of the Cross

8:15pm – Via Crucis

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

9:00am – † Paul Mattern

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

5:30pm – † Deacon Joseph Witt

7:15pm – †

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

8:30am – Special Intention John Cangelose

10:00am – † Dennis O'Connell

11:30am – † Donna Charitable

4:00pm – †

5:30pm – All Parishioners / Parish Memorial