



**EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY
TIME
March 2, 2025**

Monday, March 3

No Scheduled Mass

Tuesday, March 4

11:00am (SE) - Holy Hour

12:00pm (SE) - The Willian & Ellen Keenan Family
by the Estate

Wednesday, March 5 – Ash Wednesday

8:30am (SE) - Jerry Geiling Sr. by A. Martin

12:00pm (SPJ) - Special Intention for Rose Mary Rogers
by John O'Hara

Thursday, March 6

11:00am (CVSC) - Charles Scampini

by Marie Scampini

Friday, March 7 – First Friday

11:00am (SPN) - Holy Hour

12:00pm (SPN) - Intentions of Muriel LaRose
by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Corbo

Saturday, March 8

4:30pm (SE) - Jo Ann Pecor by Margaret & Les McCoy

Sunday, March 9

8:30am (SPN) - The Trainor / Farragher Family
by Maggie Trainor

10:30am (SPJ) - Pro Populo

(SE) = St. Elizabeth, Elizabethtown

(SPJ) = St. Philip of Jesus, Willsboro

(SPN) = St. Philip Neri, Westport

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Readings for the Week of March 3

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-6, 12-14, 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-15/Rom 10:8-13
Lk 4:1-13

THOUGHTS ON EVANGELIZATION

Readings: Sir 27:4-7/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

What kind of fruit do you produce? In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that, as disciples of the Divine Master, we are called to be like him, to imitate Christ. Rather than focusing on what others do and judging their mistakes and errors, we should work diligently on correcting our own faults and make an effort to love like Jesus. If we wish our lives to be fruitful, to bear good fruit, we need to work on developing virtuous lives in order that we may witness to Christ's love and mercy in our lives. Lent starts on March 5: a wonderful season to reflect on how our lives imitate the life of Christ.



Last Weekend's Collection

Saint Elizabeth— Attendance: 22

Envelopes: \$597.25; Plate: \$25.00

Fuel: \$90.00

Total: \$712.25

Saint Philip Neri— Attendance: 33

Envelopes: \$410.00; Plate: \$56.00

Fuel: \$10.00

Total: \$476.00

St Philip of Jesus— Attendance: 41

Envelopes: \$525.00; Plate: \$61.00

Fuel: \$55.00

Total: \$641.00

SECOND COLLECTION

Ash Wednesday – March 5, 2025

THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

The Ash Wednesday Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe presents a vital way for you to make a tangible difference in the lives of Catholics in Ukraine and more than 25 other countries under communist threat and formerly rule. Our support aids programs from construction to education. Show your solidarity by generously supporting the Collection on Ash Wednesday and visit www.usccb.org/ccee for more information.

THE SACRED TRADITION OF THE CHURCH

by David Scott

(Continuing from Last weekend's Bulletin) As Peter's successor, he inherits the keys to heaven and the powers of binding and loosing that Jesus gave to the first pope. And just as Jesus prayed that Peter's faith does not fail, so the successors of Peter are ensured that they will not fail to teach the true faith, that they will be "infallible" in their binding and loosing. Infallibility is a deeply misunderstood concept. It does not mean that the pope is beyond reproach morally. It does not even guarantee that any given pope is a decent human being. The grace of inerrancy is given to the "office," not to the individual who holds the office. Infallibility means that even a scurrilous pope's teachings will be preserved from error. But infallibility does not mean that every word a pope utters on any subject is divinely inspired or true. Infallibility applies only to definitive pronouncements on "faith and morals"—that is, teachings regarding what we must believe and how we must live to gain salvation. Popes do not proclaim new doctrines or teach whatever they want on issues of faith and morals. They are servants of the gospel, not masters of it. As a practical matter, popes always teach in consultation and communion with their brother bishops. Their watchword is always that of St. Vincent of Lérins, who wrote in the fifth century that "our concern is to preserve what has been believed everywhere and always and by all, for this is what is, in the true and authentic sense, Catholic." The church's teaching authority is a further expression of the divine care and love at the heart of God's plan for salvation. As a loving Father, God does not leave us groping for the truth, trying to sift through rival viewpoints and clashing interpretations of the Scriptures. He left us the church, founded on the rock of Peter to ensure that his saving truths come to us unadulterated.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



With **Ash Wednesday** Lent begins. 40 days to pray, fast, and grow in charity. We need this time each year to step back and reexamine our lives, turn away from our sins, and grow in the virtues God so deeply desires to bestow upon us. The 40 days of Lent are to imitate Jesus' 40 days in the desert. We are called not only to "imitate" Jesus' time in the desert, but we are also called to live this time with Him, in Him, and through Him. While in the desert, Jesus manifested every perfection within His human nature. And although no one saw this but the Father in Heaven, His time in the desert was abundantly fruitful for the human race. It was abundantly fruitful for each one of us. The "desert" we are called to enter is hidden from the eyes of those around us but is visible to the Father in Heaven. It's "hidden" in that our growth in virtue is not done for vainglory, for selfish recognition, or to obtain worldly praise. The 40-day desert we must enter transforms us by drawing us to deeper prayer, and detachment from anything not of God, and fills us with love of those we encounter every day. During these 40 days, we must pray. Properly speaking, prayer means we communicate with God on an interior level. During these 40 days, we must fast. Especially in our day and age, our five senses are overwhelmed with activity and noise. Our five senses need a break from the bombardment of the delights of the world to turn to the deeper delights of a life of union with God. During these 40 days, we must give. Greed often takes hold of us without us even realizing the extent of its grip. We need to detach from all that distracts us from God, and generosity is one of the best ways to achieve this detachment. Reflect upon these three simple words: pray, fast, and give. Seek to live these qualities in a hidden way known only to God this Lent. Wishing you and your loved one a Blessed Lenten Season.

With Love and Prayers....  **Fr. J.T.**

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...**This year** the Lenten Workshop will be on the book "**I THIRST: 40 Days with Saint Mother Teresa**" by Joseph Langford M.C. This Wednesday after Mass in SE there will be a short introduction to the book at the SE Parish Hall after Mass. Then it will be **every Saturday at 2 pm** in E-Town Parish Hall. All those who are interested are welcome to join us to enhance this Season of Lent with prayer and reflection. Wishing you all a Blessed Lenten Season.



From Bishop Terry R. LaValley...



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

This Jubilee Year, Pope Francis invites you and me to make this Lent our personal journey of hope. He asks us to "pray frequently for the grace of patience, which is both the daughter of hope and at the same time its firm foundation."

To hope is to wait for something that has already been given to us: salvation in the infinite love of God, the love that gives flavor to our life and that constitutes the cornerstone on which the world remains standing, despite all the significant challenges ahead caused by our sinfulness. (cf. *Spes non Confundit*) To hope is to wait. But I find it difficult to wait for anything. I get antsy when I'm running late, especially when I find myself behind a pokey driver on the road ahead. Perhaps you find it difficult to wait, too. Maybe your spouse is always making you wait. You lose patience with him.

Maybe a loved one suffers from addictions or mental disease and you're losing your patience coping with the difficult behavioral traits. The lines are long at her office and the next doctor's appointment is months away. Sometimes you just want to cancel everything. You're sick of waiting. Or maybe you're losing patience with God who doesn't answer a longstanding prayer. We are just plain tired of waiting. Patience is in very short supply.

This virtue of patience is closely linked to hope. In our fast-paced world, we are used to wanting everything now. Patience has been put to flight by frenetic haste. This leads to anxiety and even gratuitous violence, resulting in more unhappiness. St. Paul often speaks of patience in the context of our need for perseverance and confident trust in God's promises. Patience, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, sustains our hope and strengthens it as a virtue and a way of life.

This Lent, let us learn to pray fervently for the grace of patience. Patience and hope must be our constant companions that guide our steps towards the goal of a closer relationship with the Lord. It is that intimate relationship with Jesus that energizes our efforts to become more patient in living the journey of hope enroute to the joy of heaven.

May your journey through Lent 2025 find you savoring the flavor of God's endless love as you encounter the Lord of all hopefulness in the daily challenge to live the virtue of patience.

In Christ our Hope,
Most Rev Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

NEW PASTORAL PLAN

Please note that the new Pastoral plan for 2025-30 **will take place starting this Spring (Mid-June or July)**. As per the new configuration, Elizabethtown and Westport will be linked to Port Henry and Mineville. Willsboro & Essex will be linked to AuSable Forks and Keeseville. More information to follow. Meanwhile, please know that these changes are not easily made but are required with the number of active priests in the Diocese and various other factors. Thank you.





**FIRST SUNDAY
OF LENT
March 9, 2025**

Monday, March 10

12:00pm (SPJ) - Souls in Purgatory by Peter McGlinchy

Tuesday, March 11

11:00am (SE) - Holy Hour

12:00pm (SE) - Jerry Geiling Jr. by A. Martin

Wednesday, March 12

11:00am (SE) - Holy Hour

12:00pm (SE) - Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, March 13

12:00pm (SPJ) - Intentions of Rose Mary Rogers

by John O'Hara

Friday, March 14

11:00am (SPN) - Holy Hour

12:00pm (SPN) - Marie F. Scampini by Marie Scampini

Saturday, March 15

4:30pm (SE) - Deceased Members of the Arsenault Family

by Philip & Marilyn Arsenault

Sunday, March 16

8:30am (SPN) - Pro Populo

10:30am (SPJ) - Mary Sue & Bob Arnold by Jane Gay

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Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7-8/Mt 7:7-11

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14

Phil 3:17-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

THOUGHTS ON EVANGELIZATION

Readings: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Jesus, fully Man and fully God is tempted and is victorious over the temptation by the devil. I read somewhere once that to be human is to be tempted, but that it also gives us the opportunity to choose to do the right thing. The fact that we are tempted is a sign of our freedom to choose the right thing. And this is what freedom is, not license to do what I want, but the right to do the good. How do we deal with temptations which invariably will come into our life? Do we trust in the presence of God in our life, that he is near and that he will be with us when we are in trouble? The Lord knows our affliction and, in our struggles, asks us to depend on his grace.

Last Weekend's Collection

Saint Elizabeth – Attendance: 26

Envelopes: \$265.25; Plate: \$42.00

Fuel: \$20.00

Total: \$327.25

The Church in Central & Eastern Europe: \$25.00

Saint Philip Neri – Attendance: 27

Envelopes: \$215.00; Plate: \$62.00

Fuel: \$10.00

Total: \$287.00

The Church in Central & Eastern Europe: \$50.00

St Philip of Jesus – Attendance: 43

Envelopes: \$868.00; Plate: \$84.00

Fuel: \$130.00; Easter Flowers: \$30.00

Total: \$1,112.00

The Church in Central & Eastern Europe: \$15.00

Catholic Relief Services: \$10.00

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



The Holy Season of Lent provides us with yet another opportunity to excel in our call to Holiness. As we closely meditate upon the Passion of Christ during these days, it's important to realize the areas where we need to improve to maintain a deeper relationship with Christ. The capital or deadly sins were not named for being unforgivable or because of their gravity but because they are the sins that give rise to other sins. We all fall victim to these capital sins that drive us away from Jesus. Thankfully, Christ gives us the antidote in the form of the capital virtues. We can't grow in holiness and true virtue with our strength, but God wishes to bestow his grace on us as we cooperate with him by actively rooting out all disordered passions and practicing virtue. I invite you this Lent to identify the capital sin that drives you away from God the most and battle against it by practicing the opposite virtue. The following guide is intended to help you identify and choose that virtue and practice it in different ways. It is also meant to complement the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, confession, and communion. **Humility (Pride) Pride** can be described as a disordered appreciation of ourselves. This sin can become evident in acts of vanity or boasting about our looks, intelligence, possessions, etc., to claim superiority over others. We can decrease our pride by increasing our humility. Humility is not about having low self-esteem or disregarding our gifts and abilities. It's about truth, acknowledging God and who we are, and putting him at the center of our lives. AS C.S. Lewis said, "humility is not thinking less of yourself, but of yourself less." Here are a few resolutions proposed by Saint Mother Theresa: *Speak as little as possible about yourself. Accept small inconveniences with good humor. Don't speak to be admired or loved. Don't dwell on the faults of others. Give in, in discussions, even if you're right.*

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CATHOLICS A'GATHERIN

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LENTEN REFLECTIONS: WEEK 1- Fr. Olson

Christian writers classically considered the four things' people seek to make them happy. They are, first, the pursuit of money for its own sake. The second is the desire for power over those around you. It is controlling or manipulating others. Third, is emphasizing pleasure in life. Typically, we think of this as sex, drugs, or alcohol, but it included overindulging in food or sleep or what we would call "lazing around." Fourth is seeking fame or prestige. It is making sure no one says anything bad about you but is also fame-seeking; think here of Facebook videos or counting how many "likes" you get on a post. One or more of these four things- money, power, pleasure, prestige- will wreck your spiritual life if they are pursued to make you happy. The antidote has always been to seek meaning in life, not happiness for happiness's sake. Those four things are passing on things that cannot satisfy a human being. We are just plainly made for something more because we are made by God in his image. Living a more meaningful life is often more difficult, you have to think about it. At its very core, it involves speaking and acting in truth, motivated by love to bring order and goodness out of the chaos of sin. This is what Christ does. He speaks and acts in truth, motivated by love of God and neighbor to bring hope and healing to those around him. Each day, God allows us to look around us, in our everyday life, and speak and act in truth motivated by love to bring good out of sin and disorder. This might seem like a tall order, but it begins small. It is why during Lent, we are supposed to go to the desert, a place with few distractions, and think about our own life. Do you look about and see what needs to be done and then speak and act out of love to bring about good from chaos? In other words, do you live a meaningful life? The path toward a meaningful life at all times begins with an honest assessment of our own life here and now. I'll end with this idea. What if a whole lot of us stopped chasing money, power, pleasure, and fame for their own sake and started living in truth to bring about good, and did this motivated by love of God, love of self, and love of neighbor?

CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK

Catholic Sisters Week, March 8-14, shines a light on the spirituality, mission, and community building of women religious. This week we pray for all religious congregations of sisters who continue to serve the needs of the people in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, in this country and beyond. Let us continue to pray for God's people throughout the world but especially for those suffering from the wages of war, violence, hunger, homelessness. May God continue to bless the Sisters to continue to bring the message of His love and compassion to the world.

Contact for More Information: Sister Mary Eamon Lyng elyng@rcdony.org or 315-393-2920

**THE MESSAGE OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
GIVEN THROUGH MARIJA PAVLOVIC LUNETTI
ON FEBRUARY 25, 2025**

"Dear children, May this springtime be an encouragement for personal conversion for you, that with your lives you may pray, and love God above all, for all those who are in need. Little children, be my hands of peace and prayer; be love for all those who do not love, (who) do not pray and (who) do not want peace. Thank you for having responded to my call." (With Ecclesiastical approval)





**SECOND SUNDAY
OF LENT**
March 16, 2025

Monday, March 17

12:00pm (SPJ) - Deceased Members of the McGlinchy & Reiss Families by Peter McGlinchy

Tuesday, March 18

11:00am (SE) - Holy Hour
12:00pm (SE) - Jerry Geiling Sr. by A. Martin

Wednesday, March 19

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
11:00am (SE) - Holy Hour
12:00pm (SE) - Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, March 20

11:00am (CVSC) - Intentions of Rose Mary Rogers
by John O'Hara

Friday, March 21

11:00am (SPN) - Holy Hour
12:00pm (SPN) - Charles Scampini by Marie Scampini

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Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21 or Lk 2:41-51a
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-21
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
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Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Today's readings speak to us about promise. We receive a glimpse of heaven in both the first reading from Genesis and the recounting of the Transfiguration in the Gospel. Abraham, while in a prayerful trance, glimpses the Promised Land. The Lord promises the land to his descendants. In the Gospel, the three disciples watch Jesus at prayer and he is transfigured before them. They glimpse his glory and are so overwhelmed that they want to stay on the mountain. While on the mountain, they receive the Word of the Father: This is my chosen Son, listen to him. We, too, from time to time, receive glimpses of the Lord. Perhaps at mass, while at prayer or when reading scripture. Perhaps we see him when looking into the face of a child or grandchild, or simply when we experience the love of neighbor or friend. We must not take these glimpses for granted, but give thanks and allow them to strengthen our faith for difficult times to come.

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Envelopes: \$987.00; Plate: \$74.00
Fuel: \$1,090.00
Total: \$2,151.00

The Church in Central & Eastern Europe: \$64.00

St Philip of Jesus—Attendance: 53
Envelopes: \$700.00; Plate: \$534.00
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...Please prepare yourselves for the change of weekend Mass Schedule later this Spring when the new Pastoral assignments take place (mid-June). **Elizabethtown** will have year-round Mass on **Sundays at 9 am**. **Westport** will have Mass at **6 pm on Saturdays from May through October** and **Willsboro at 11 am on Sundays** (July through Labor Day weekend in St. Joseph's Church, Essex). **THANK YOU.**


FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary (March 19th) The Father in Heaven sent His Son into the world to be born of the Virgin Mary. The Father chose her, who was the Immaculate Conception, to bear His Son in her womb, bring Him into the world, and raise Him from infancy to adulthood. But the Father also needed to choose a foster father for His divine Son. Of all the men in Israel that He could have chosen, He chose Joseph of Nazareth, a carpenter. This solemnity not only honors him, but it also points us to his marital union with the Blessed Virgin Mary and to the effect that that marriage had not only upon him, Mary, and Jesus, but also upon us as members of the Body of Christ. Joseph was likely born in the small town of Bethlehem, where Jesus was also born, but he moved to Nazareth with Mary and Jesus after returning from Egypt to keep Jesus safe from Archelaus, the ruler of Judea. Though there are several apocryphal writings about him from the first several centuries, nothing is known about him for certain except what is contained in the Gospels. But the Gospels tell us all we need to know about this holy, obedient, and just man, who was given authority over the Son of God and continues to exercise a holy authority over the entire Church. Saint Joseph was truly the father of Jesus. Of this truth, Saint Augustine writes, "Because of their faithful marriage, both of them deserve to be called Christ's parents, not only his mother but also his father, who was a parent in the same way that he was the mother's spouse: in mind, not in the flesh." Joseph's fatherhood is also clearly established when the angel gave him the responsibility of naming Jesus. "She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus..." (Matthew 1:21). And since Joseph was the father of the Son of God, His guardian and protector, over whom he was given authority, and from Whom he received obedience, then we, too, can trust in Joseph's guardianship over us. We must have confidence in submitting to his spiritual authority in our lives, for we are members of the Body of Christ.

With Love and Prayers....  **Fr. J.T.**

ELIZABETHTOWN THRIFT SHOP

 St. Elizabeth's Parish has received a donation from the thrift shop of \$918.91. This represents 1/4 of their proceeds for the month of February. As always, sincere thanks for their dedicated work.

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LENTEN REFLECTIONS: WEEK 2 - Fr. Olson

Last week, I wrote that trying to be happy by having more money, power, pleasure, or fame was self-defeating because these things, pursued for their own sake, could not bring lasting happiness. With Christ as our model, we are meant to seek a meaningful life. Which, I said last week, means to look around you to perceive what needs to be said and done to bring good out of chaos and disorder. This begins small in each of our own lives but has tremendous potential because of the vast, and often untapped, potential of each human person. In last week's Gospel, Jesus is tempted by Satan. To paraphrase, he says to Jesus, "You must be hungry. Stop fasting and turn stones into bread." Satan shows Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and says, "You can have all this." Finally, he challenges Jesus to "Jump off this ledge and make God prove that he cares about you if you are really that important to him." These three temptations are about the pleasure of food, having power and possessions, and being important. The things we say cannot bring happiness by themselves. In the desert, Jesus comes to understand his mission and role in God the Father's plan. It is immediately after his 40 days in the desert that Jesus begins his public ministry. He sees what needs to be done. He speaks and acts in truth. Motivated by love, Jesus brings good out of the chaos of sin. His human actions redeem the world, and he becomes the model for each of us. You might think that you can't do what Jesus did, and you would be right. You cannot redeem the world. There is only one Redeemer. You can, however, help others to see that the world is redeemed. It is loved by God and meant to reflect that love to God in a meaningful way. Christ and his Holy Spirit dwell in each of us so that it may be truly said that you have a spark of the divine in you. So, who then really can say what the limit of your potential is? Early Christians would say, "God is with us, who can stand against us?" When our purpose is to speak and act in truth, motivated by love, who knows how much any one of us can do for our good and the good of others?



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**THIRD SUNDAY
OF LENT
March 23, 2025**

Monday, March 24

9:00am (SPJ) - All Souls in Purgatory
by Peter McGlinchy

Tuesday, March 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord

11:00am (SE) - Holy Hour
12:00pm (SE) - Jerry Geiling Jr. by A. Martin

Wednesday, March 26

8:30am (SE) - Intention of the Celebrant
Followed by Holy Hour

Thursday, March 27

12:00pm (SPJ) - Special Intention for Rose Mary Rogers
by John O'Hara

Friday, March 28

11:00am (SPN) - Holy Hour
12:00pm (SPN) - Special Intention for Dora Herman
by Marie Scampini

Saturday, March 29

4:30pm (SE) - JoAnn Pecor by Helen MacDougal

Sunday, March 30

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Readings for the Week of March 24

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-11/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/My 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-7/2 Cor 5:17-21
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

THOUGHTS ON EVANGELIZATION

Readings: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
"If you do not repent you will all perish as they did." In today's culture, we assume, or rather presume, God's mercy will be ours. But our readings today, show that mercy is only one side of the coin. The other side of the same coin is justice. In the today's Psalm, we pray the response that the Lord is kind and merciful, but he also secures justice and the rights of all who are oppressed. St. Paul warns us today that the Lord, who is slow to anger, does indeed get angry. So, let us take the time he has given us, reflect on our lives and repent of any sin we have committed. Let us avail ourselves of God's infinite and gracious mercy, so that one day, we may inherit the Kingdom. And then, let us go and be merciful to others.

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Envelopes: \$261.25; Plate: \$70.00
Fuel: \$100.00; Easter Flowers: \$40.00
Total: \$471.25

Saint Philip Neri – Attendance: 34
Envelopes: \$1,474.00; Plate: \$198.00
Easter Flowers: \$15.00
Total: \$1,687.00

St Philip of Jesus – Attendance: 42
Envelopes: \$325.00; Plate: \$79.00
Easter Flowers: \$60.00
Total: \$464.00

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION**

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We can't grow in holiness and true virtue with our strength, but God wishes to bestow his grace on us as we cooperate with him by actively rooting out all disordered passions and practicing virtue. **Meekness (Anger)** One of the Beatitudes reads, "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth." Meekness is the best way to counter anger. The Catechism defines anger as "a desire for revenge," that is, desiring vengeance to do evil to someone. There is, of course, righteous anger, which is not bad, but we often struggle with the not-so-righteous kind. Meekness should not be confused with weakness; rather, it is the virtue that helps us keep possession of ourselves during adversities. Here are a few ways to increase our meekness this Lent: *Don't get caught up in other people's anger — focus on yourself and how you can respond. Use your anger to better yourself and strengthen your resolve to grow in virtue. Try to avoid social media and other occasions that give rise to unhealthy anger. If you do get angry, take a minute; don't react right away. Ask the Lord for patience, and visualize yourself responding the way you would like to.* **Gratitude (Envy).** Envy is the sin of being saddened or distressed at another's well-being because we think it takes away from our excellence or makes us less lovable. This, of course, is a lie and trap from the devil, which is quite easy to fall into. However, by practicing the virtue of gratitude, we can very quickly change our mindset and learn to see our life and everything we have as a gift from God above. Increase your gratitude by doing the following: *Enter into the presence of God and remember that he loves you uniquely and unconditionally. This alone is where your worth lies. Open your eyes to the abundance of blessings in your own life — make a list and revisit it daily. Count the blessings you encounter every day and thank God for each one. Work on pointing out, congratulating, and rejoicing in others' accomplishments and efforts. Pray for the person you feel envy towards that God may lead both them and you to the path of holiness.*

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LENTEN REFLECTIONS: WEEK 3 - Fr. Olson

This is our third reflection for Lent on what I've been calling a meaningful life. I said that the path of a meaningful life rejects money, power, pleasure, and fame as the means of happiness. A meaningful life is patterned on Jesus Christ, who, in self-sacrificing love, brought good out of the chaos of evil and sin. Since the Holy Spirit, which comes from Christ, dwells in us, we share in the divine life already to some degree, and thus our capacity to be agents of good in our own life and the lives of those around us has tremendous potential. Who is to say how much good any one of us might accomplish? It must begin in our own lives first, however, because the Lord Jesus tells us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. We need to love ourselves first, that is, to seek for our self what is for our good. Love in the Bible is not emotion; it is willing what is good for another. Sometimes, you need to step back and think of yourself as a person worth taking care of. The highest good is to love God with your whole mind, heart, and strength and conform your lives to that love. If we have this great capacity, then why do many people not embark on the adventure of a meaningful life? I truly do think it is an adventure. It certainly looks the opposite of playing video games endlessly, or watching porn, or going to a party and drinking until you can't remember things or calculating how to make the most money by whatever means. That isn't an adventure; that is just self-indulgence in the very things which cannot bring about happiness. You won't be happy, and no one will care once you are dead. There is no age limit for following the adventure of living a meaningful life. I'm too young or too old might come up as an excuse for not following the adventure. That is, however, nonsense. There is no age limit for speaking the truth and acting toward the good. Everyone over the age of reason has a conscience, which holds up an ideal suitable for that person. Both young and old know when we don't live up to it. Habit is another reason why people don't follow the adventure. We get stuck in the day-to-day of life and caught up in the cultural norms of the times, which tell us, so often, how to live and what to think. Certainly, one of the reasons for the disciplines of Lent, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving is to break us out of the day-to-day and challenge the cultural norms. Lent is a particularly good time to examine one's own life but also to examine the culture and what our society says is of value. You can see why prayer, fasting, and charity are not just words we use but means to discern proper living. Two big things that hold us away from a meaningful life are fear and sin. I'll continue with those in the next reflection.

HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN - YEAR OF HOPE

Bishop LaValley is inviting all Catholics from across the Diocese and beyond to prepare for the Consecration by reflecting on the book **33 Days to Eucharistic Glory**. Take Home your free copy today from the entryways of our churches and invite others to participate. The Countdown to the consecration begins on **March 24th** with the celebration on **April 26th Saturday at St. Agnes Church Lake Placid**. Thank you





**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF LENT**
March 30, 2025

Monday, March 31

12:00am (SPJ) - All Souls Intentions by The Catholic Community of Willsboro & Essex

Tuesday, April 1

11:00am (SE) - Holy Hour
12:00pm (SE) - Special Intention for Carol Corbo by Yvonne Lesperance

Wednesday, April 2

8:30am (SE) - Intention of the Celebrant Followed by Holy Hour

Thursday, April 3

11:00Am (CVSC) - Deceased Members of the McGlinchy & Reiss Families by Peter McGlinchy

Friday, April 4 – First Friday

11:00am (SPN) - Holy Hour
12:00pm (SPN) - Jim Trainor by Margaret Trainor

Saturday, April 5

4:30pm (SE) - JoAnn Pecor by Margaret & Les McCoy

Sunday, April 6

8:30am (SPN) - Pro Populo
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Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47
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THOUGHTS ON EVANGELIZATION

Readings: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
The gospel today is the Parable of the Prodigal Son, or perhaps it should be called the story of the generous Father. There is a sense of "homecoming" in our readings today, a sense of being welcomed back. The Israelites in the first reading return to their homeland, the land of Canaan. The prodigal son is welcomed home by the Father and the older brother is invited to rejoice and join the feast. Are there people missing from our celebrations? Are there people you know you know who has drifted away from the faith, and who, unlike the prodigal son, are not yet ready to return to the Father's house? Can you reach out to them? Can you let them know that you miss them and pray for them? Perhaps they are not ready to return just yet, but you can be that open line of communication, the friend that reminds them that they are loved and are welcome home whenever they are ready.

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Easter Flowers: \$34.00
Total: \$377.40
Catholic Relief Services: \$10.00

Saint Philip Neri – Attendance: 23
Envelopes: \$350.00; Plate: \$61.00
Fuel: \$5.00; Easter Flowers: \$55.00
Total: \$471.00

St Philip of Jesus – Attendance: 58
Envelopes: \$1,655.00; Plate: \$82.00
Fuel: \$55.00; Easter Flowers: \$90.00
Total: \$1,882.00

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CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION**

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Temperance (Gluttony) Although it's not bad to find pleasure in a delicious meal, "it is a defect to eat like beasts," as St. Alphonsus Liguori put it. This, of course, includes overindulging in food or drink, but also doing it too soon, too expensively, too eagerly, or too daintily, according to St. Thomas Aquinas. This vice is defeated by the virtue of temperance, which allows us to control our natural appetite for pleasure and enjoy whatever we do by reason. Here are a few ideas to acquire: *Practice fasting twice a week, eating one full meal and two small meals that don't equal the big meal. Moderate your food consumption — don't eat between meals. Abstain from the ingredient/food you like the most. Get used to saying "no" to things you don't need, especially at the store or online. Eat slowly and pray before and after your meals.* **Diligence (Sloth)** The sin of sloth — often referred to as acedia, laziness, or boredom — is a type of sadness or unwillingness to do something that is physically or spiritually good because of the work it requires. The best way to remedy this vice is through diligence, the virtue that enables us to be attentive to our actions so that they are aligned with the good. We can practice true leisure and work on consistency in tandem with being diligent. The saints accomplished what they did because they were diligent and loved. A few ideas to grow in diligence: *We imagine often what we desire, and desire what we imagine often. So, work on letting Jesus become the center of your imagination. Imagine him calling you by your name. Plan your leisure time, especially on Sundays. It's not idleness or laziness, but rather enjoying an activity that nurtures your humanity and is not meant for utility: learn to play an instrument, read a book you enjoy, practice a sport, do a family activity, go to the museum, etc. Offer up your suffering for an intention, especially when you feel like you have to drag yourself to accomplish it. Wake up as soon as your alarm goes off. If you give yourself time to think about it, you've already got lost.*

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 13th: PALM SUNDAY (Regular Schedule)
April 17th: HOLY THURSDAY
7:00 PM Mass in Willsboro
followed by Adoration until 9:00 pm
April 18th: GOOD FRIDAY
12 Noon Stations of the Cross in Etown
3:00 PM: PASSION NARRATIVE in Westport
April 19th: EASTER VIGIL
7:00 PM in Etown
April 20th: EASTER SUNDAY (Regular Schedule)

