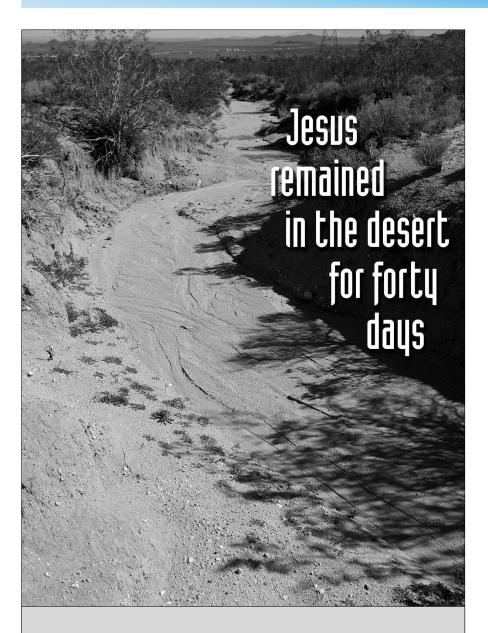
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"Let us then pursue what leads to peace and to build up one another." (Romans 14:19)

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READINGS for Mass appear on page 3. **MUSIC for Mass** appears on pg. 7.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays at 7:30 AM (except Thursday) Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM

Weekend Mass with music can be viewed online each week by visiting our website. To attend in person, **please sign up by Friday** by visiting our Facebook page for more details (addresses below).

CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Mondays 6-7 PM, and Saturdays, from 3-4 PM in the church. Masks must be worn; social distancing must be followed.

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Eucharistic Adoration

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Mt 11:28)

Adoration takes place on Saturday morning for one hour, immediately following the 7:30 AM Mass.

Social distancing and masks are required as we strive to keep people safe.

Weekly Mass Intentions

If you would like to honor a friend or family member with a Mass, please see available dates on pg. 6.

SATURDAY, February 20 — Vigil

4:30 PM: Intentions of Our Parishioners

SUNDAY, February 21 — Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM: Marie Castracane, Req. by Caesar

9:30 AM: Enderline Anaeche, Req. by OLOV Parishioners

11:00 AM: **Gil Cunha**, *Req. by his Family*

MONDAY, February 22 — The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle 7:30 AM: Mary Ellen and Ernest Jennings, Req. by Family

TUESDAY, February 23

7:30 AM: A Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, February 24

7:30 AM: **Intentions of Our Parishioners**

THURSDAY, February 25

7:30 AM: **No Mass**

FRIDAY, February 26

7:30 AM: **Ethel**, **Thomas and John Moore**, *Req. by Family*

SATURDAY, February 27 — Lenten Weekday; Vigil

7:30 AM: Venacio, Candida and Rogrigo Pires; Armando

and Elvira Pires, Req. by Family

4:30 PM: **Peter Lynch**, *Reg. by his Family*

SUNDAY, February 28 — **Second Sunday of Lent**

8:00 AM: Catherine and John Imbesi, Req. by Connie Bates

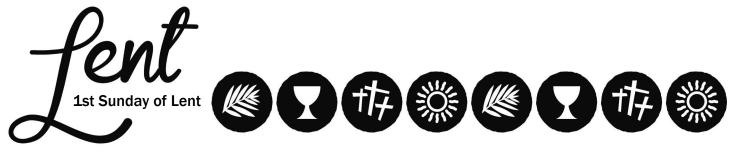
9:30 AM: **Peter Alonso**, Req. by Marla

11:00 AM: **Tiffany Falcone**, *Req. by The Fouts Family*



Welcome to Our Parish Family

Jasmyne Sky Mendez, Kimberly Rose Mendez, and Joseline Marie Mendez



Lenten Activities

Stations of the Cross, Every Friday at 6:30 PM

Stations will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 6:30pm. Please note the time change. Per COVID-19 prevention guidelines, booklets will not be distributed and there will be no singing by the congregation. Advance signup is not necessary unless communicated at a later date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Confession)
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As plans continue to evolve for Lent and Holy Week, we will update information here.

PALM SUNDAY

March 28, 2021

HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday April 1 Good Friday April 2 Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) April 3

EASTER DAY

April 4

Lenten Fast and Abstinence

Let us be inwardly renewed through the self-discipline of our lives, turning from worldly things to spiritual things. Let us deny ourselves, training for the spiritual battles before us.

Please note:

The ill and elderly are excused from these rules.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

Days of Fast and Abstinence: Abstain from eating meat and fast between meals. Limit of one full meal and two smaller meals for all aged 18-59. Catholics 14 and older do not eat meat but are allowed to eat eggs, milk products, and condiments made from animal fat.

How Do I Fast?

Fasting requires that those between the ages of 18-59 only eat one full meal per day. Two smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together do not equal a full meal as well as no eating between meals. Those not obliged to fast (under 18 or over 59) are encouraged to join in the discipline to the extent that they are able.

What is Abstinence?

Abstinence prohibits all those 14 years old and older from eating meat on Ash Wednesday (February 17), Good Friday (April 2) and all Fridays of Lent. This obligation continues throughout our lives. Those younger than 14 are encouraged to join in the discipline of abstaining to the extent that they can.

Fridays in Lent

Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence for all who have reached the age of 14. This means to abstain totally from meat. During the other weekdays of Lent, fasting is not mandatory. Voluntary acts of self-denial and sacrifice are recommended. We practice giving up something good, for something far better.

Did You Know?

Every Sunday is a mini celebration of the Resurrection, so we break our fast!

We pray for those who are sick.

Out of respect for whom we pray, only family members may add names to this list.

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In loving memory, we pray for these souls.

Our Parish extends sincere sympathy to the family and friends of:

Albert Balzano, Edward Cavallaro, Karen Cronan, Robin Danehy, Fr. George LaLiberte, Ronald Saldibar, and The Victims of the Coronavirus

Please pray for those serving in our military.

Parishioners are invited to add the names of armed forces personnel on active duty to this list by calling the rectory office.

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Weekly Lenten Devotion: Our Lord's Sorrowful Passion

This year's Lenten theme is "Merciful Love." What better way to feel Our Lord's mercy and love for us then by His Sorrowful Passion? Each week we will reflect on the Passion beginning with:

The Agony in the Garden

In these days of much suffering, illness, sadness and loneliness, we can unite ourselves with Jesus in The Garden, as He underwent these same sufferings, albeit, much more intense. We are asked to reflect on our sinfulness that led to His Agony and draw courage to repent. As explained by Br. Ramond La Grange, "In St. Catherine's view, Jesus' pain stemmed not from fear of death, but from His having something more to suffer." He suffered greatly for our sins and salvation. Let us spend time with Jesus in The Garden during Lent and always, that we may offer our sufferings up to Him as He offered Himself in suffering for us! **The Divine Mercy Chaplet Prayer** reads: "For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

Rely on God's Grace as You Begin Lent

A letter from Fr. Dillon

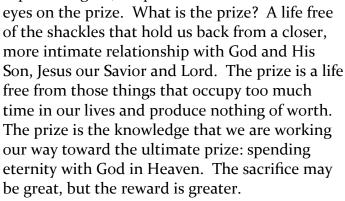
Dear Parishioners,

How's Lent going? I know, it has been only a few days since Ash Wednesday, but sometimes these can be difficult times to keep one's Lenten disciplines. This is especially true if we have chosen to practice acts of self-denial: if we have decided to break bad habits, addictions, or obsessions. For some, if not many, making such a sudden and radical change in one's way of life causes the desire for what we "gave-up" to become all the more intense. Why does this happen? Because by turning away from sinful habits and practices, we are foiling Satan who places them into our lives -- and he is a sore loser.

Defeating Satan, and all the evil that he brings, can only be done when we focus on the abundant Graces that God has for us. God's Grace is there, given freely to us by the Almighty; but we must decide how much we really want it. Do we want to overcome and be free of that which we've chosen as our acts of self-denial? Do we really want it to be gone? Gone forever? If so, keep asking the Lord for His Grace to be abundant in your life. Keep praying to God so that you can have His strength with you to defeat

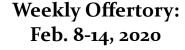
the power of the evil one. God has the power we need to be victorious; we must be willing to charge forward in the battle without looking back.

We must, as the expression goes, keep our



Pastor's

Finally, a puzzle for you. A notification was sent last week about a change that needs to be made in the wording in one place during the Mass. When the present translation of the Roman Missal was promulgated in 2011, those approving it missed a word that was added and should not have been there. See if you can figure it out. I'll tell what it is next week.



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- Click on the Mass you want to attend
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Extension of Dispensation from Sunday Mass Obligation

Now through May 23, 2021



Each and every Catholic in the Archdiocese of Hartford has been dispensed from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair due to the potential danger of the coronavirus pandem-

ic. In light of continued uncertainty regarding the extent and duration of the pandemic in the state of Connecticut, Archbishop Blair has now extended this dispensation from the Sunday obligation through Saturday, May 23, 2021.

The Archdiocese of Hartford continues to monitor the severity of the situation and will provide updates regarding decisions reached for the archdiocese as they are made.



Reserve a Mass for a Loved One

Remember Them in a Special Way

You may book Mass intentions for 2021 through June by calling the Rectory Office at (203) 934-6357. Donations for daily Mass intentions are \$15; weekend Masses, \$25.

Available Weekend Masses:

4:30 PM 3/6, 4/10, 6/5

8:00 AM 5/23

9:30 AM 4/4 (Easter), 4/18, 5/9, 5/16, 5/30 11:00 AM 4/4 (Easter), 5/2, 5/23, 5/30, 6/6

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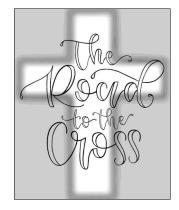
for early registration and preview of auction items. Bidding begins on April 7 at 9:00 AM but goes "live" on Friday, April 9.

For information, contact Michael Muttitt: (203) 645-8343 or MMuttitt@optonline.net

Seasonal Changes for the Liturgies of Lent

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. During this season of preparation for Easter, our churches look stark and simple—no flowers at the altar, no festive banners or decorations. And our liturgies feel different, too. The organ is quiet except

to accompany the singing of the assembly. The Gloria, our Sunday song of rejoicing, is not heard except on solemnities, and we will not sing the Alleluia, our joyful acclamation of praise, until the Easter Vigil. "Alleluia cannot always / Be our song while here below,"



says an eleventh-century hymn. "Alleluia our transgressions / Make us for a while forego; / For the solemn time is coming / When our tears for sins must flow" (*Alleluia dulce carmen*, J. M. Neale, trans.).

These changes in the liturgy will catch our attention, and make us eager for the festive outpouring of joy that will return with Easter. This year, may the stripped-away liturgies of Lent remind us to strip away what is not essential in our lives to make space for the crucified and risen One, and thus to be ready to sing "Alleluia" once again when Easter returns.

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Entering Into Lent

By Deacon Frank Bevvino

As we begin Lent in 2021, we approach one year since the world shut down because of the COVID-19 virus. Little did we know a year ago the devastating affects the virus would have on the world. Aside from the economic, educational and social impact, the most tragic is the millions of lives lost and the many millions of people infected by the virus who survived. All of us in some way either lost family members or friends or know someone who died or was hospitalized by the virus.

Our own parish family did not escape the effects of the virus causing illness, hospitalizations and deaths. We pray for those families they leave behind. We thank God for those that recovered and pray that any long-term effects will be minimal or treatable with medical care. We especially thank God for all the first responders -- medical personnel at all levels who risked their safety and the safety of their families in giving their service to those afflicted.

What *is* different this Lent is that an end could be in sight. Even with the rollout of a vaccine, there are many uncertainties. People are still getting sick and dying and our medical personnel are still working tirelessly to respond to the needs of patients. While many see a picture of gloom, there is hope and bright spots that have emerged during this year. Many people have found the need to pray for themselves, family, friends and others. Even with churches, synagogues and mosques closed, private prayer became the source of strength to which many people turned.

People, once complacent about life and the future, now are thinking about how things will change going forward. Education and workplace standards are being thought through. New opportunities will create new challenges, but will bring about ideas creating a worldwide shift in how many things are done in our world.

Since Christmas, our scripture readings have focused on hope and the promise of a better

day. The cycle that begins with the birth of the Christ develops into a ministry of hope brought about by God's promise to Noah, a covenant of love and protection. God will never abandon us. He has brought forth a Son who, through His obedience and sacrifice, destroys evil and brings us to new life.

As Christians, we cling to the hope that in Jesus' Resurrection, God did not make an empty promise. We con-



tinue to persevere through these difficult days awaiting the Light. During these next seven weeks, let us offer to God our continued prayers that as we exit this pandemic, we recognize we are a worldwide family in need of His help and continued covenant. As a family, we continue to offer prayers and service wherever and whenever possible.

Sunday's Readings: February 21

"...This Word of God proclaimed in the liturgy possesses a special sacramental power to bring about in us what it proclaims. ... How, then, do we respond to this wonderful gift of God's Word? We respond in word and song, in posture and gesture, in silent meditation and, most important of all, by listening attentively to that Word as it is proclaimed." -- General Instruction of the Roman Missal, United States Catholic Conference of Bishops.

First Reading — I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15).

Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel — Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him.

(Mark 1:12-15)



Because of health guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19, we are unable to sing from the pews. The next few pages serve as your hymn book so you can follow along in silent, musical prayer.

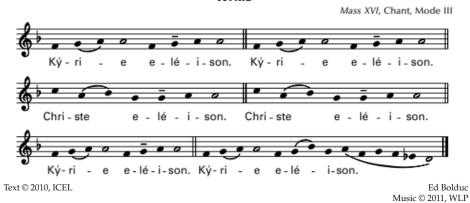
OPENING SONG:





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PSALM 25: TO YOU, O LORD



- Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth, for you are my God, and for you I will wait.
- Good and upright is the Lord; he shows us the way.
 He guides the meek to justice, he teaches the humble to follow his ways.
- Your way, O Lord, is kindness to those who are true. Your friendship is with those who love you; you reveal to them your Word.

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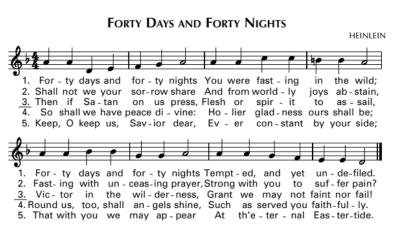
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