

LENT

As we enter the 2nd week of Lent, do we need to adjust our path? For whether we have given something up or taken on something extra, our number one objective in Lent should be to pray better. Then to become more obedient to God. If we do those two things, we may be surprised at the greater freedom and joy we have and the better servants we become

FRIDAY LENTEN DEVOTIONS

THE ROSARY BEFORE OUR SACRAMENTAL LORD

- Each Friday of Lent, immediately after the 12:00 Noon Mass, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Communal Recitation of the Rosary and Benediction.
- Fr. Lester will lead the Rosary, but five people are needed, each of whom is to pick out an intention for the Rosary by writing it on the paper on the gift table before Mass.
- This devotion should end each Friday by 1:00 PM, but people who come for the Mass are not obligated to stay for this devotion.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- Friday, March 13th – 5:30 PM
- Friday, March 20th – 6:30 PM
- Friday, March 27th – 5:30 PM
- Friday, April 3rd – 6:30 PM
- Good Friday, April 10th – 5:30 PM



BREAK-FAST SUPPERS will be held every Friday of Lent for those who would like to stay after the Stations of the Cross. They are a wonderful way to keep Lent as a community. You don't have to sign up, just come!

- Everyone tries to fast a little extra on the Fridays of Lent – anything from not eating between meals to a stricter fast.
- Each person or family brings a meatless food, such as, tuna casserole, homemade cole-slaw or dessert to share.
- A brief, special “grace-before-meals is recited together”
- Money saved by fasting that day is put into the family's rice bowl to fight world hunger.

OPERATION RICE BOWL



combines the three Lenten activities of prayer, fasting and almsgiving (good deeds).

Prayer – People can place the rice bowl on their dinner table where they say grace before meals.

Fasting – They put into their rice bowl any money they save by eating more simply during Lent.

Almsgiving – At the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, a collection is taken up for the poor. The money collected in the rice bowls should be put into that collection. This money will be sent to Catholic Relief Services to fight world hunger.

DEACON BOB is our homilist for this weekend.

DEACON JOE CAMINITI will be our homilist next weekend.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS!

Classes for Grades K-10
9:45-10:45 AM Today & the next four Sundays

Students who participate in the Overnight Fast will be excused from class on March 22nd.

FROM THE GOOD SAMARITAN COMMITTEE

- Tags for the different items of food for the Easter Food Baskets for the needy will be available on the table in the vestibule next weekend, March 14th & 15th. Please take as many tags as you are able.
- Many stores offer a “buy one get one free” promotion. Why not buy one, and give the ‘free’ one to the food pantry?
- If anyone is able to donate potatoes or fruit, please call Paula Lathrop at 674-9384.
- Monetary donations for Easter hams are always welcome. Checks should be made payable to St. Malachy's Food Pantry.
- All food tag items should be brought to the Church vestibule by Palm Sunday, April 5th.
- We appreciate your help in filling these food baskets for the families who will receive them.

SWIM NIGHT

- For all children in Grades K-6
- Next Saturday, March 14th – Attend 5:00 PM Mass together. Enjoy pizza dinner in Church Hall. Go to the S-E Central School for a swim. Return to St. Malachy's by 8:15 PM.
- Free
- Children in 2nd Grade and younger must be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult.
- Permission Form signed by a parent must be put in box on large table in back of Church by March 8th.
- Blank permission forms are on the same large table.

OVERNIGHT FAST TO FIGHT WORLD HUNGER



- By St. Malachy's 7th-12th Grade students, beginning at 6:00 PM Saturday, Mar. 21st, in the Church Hall.
- They will see a short video on world hunger, pray together, do a lot of fun activities, stay up late and be hungry.
- They will be soliciting pledges for each hour they fast.
- The boys will sleep in the Church Hall, and the girls will sleep upstairs in the Church.
- They will attend the 8:30 AM Mass together and then enjoy a breakfast prepared by our Knights of Columbus.
- Part of the money they raise will go to our own Food Pantry and the rest to Catholic Relief Services.
- Once a student has turned in a permission form, they will receive their pledge form.
- Pledges can not be collected until after the Fast.

COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS

Every Sunday after the 8:30 AM Mass in the Church Hall – Everyone is invited.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7:00-9:00 PM Tuesday, March 17th, in the Church Hall.



ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

This Wednesday, March 11th, at 6:30 PM, beginning with the recitation of the Rosary in the Church. All women of the parish are invited.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

This Wednesday, March 11th, at 7:00 PM, in the Payne House.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

- 6:00-9:00 PM Thursday, March 19th, in St. Malachy's Church Hall.
- To be conducted by Jackie Schiano, the Diocesan Administrator of the Safe Environment Program.
- This training equips those who take it to more effectively prevent the sexual abuse of young people.
- All those who, as part of the Church, work with children or teenagers are required to take this training. This is the basic training, which many parishioners of St. Malachy's have already taken.
- This training includes two half-hour videos and explains signs of abuse to watch for and much other valuable information.
- All parents are encouraged to attend.
- This training is free, but please register by calling the Parish Office at 674-9625. You can also register on line by going to www.virtus.org

40 DAYS FOR LIFE, a national campaign to end abortion, which is taking place in 123 cities throughout the nation will continue through April 5th, Palm Sunday. For more information and/or to participate, please call Jane Schultz at 334-7060.

LENTEN FISH FRY!

- Friday Evenings of Lent
- 5:00-7:00 PM – Holy Family School Cafeteria, 17 Prospect St. (St. Paul’s Church) Norwich
- Baked or Fried Fish, Baked or Mashed Potato, Soup, Salad, Cole Slaw, applesauce, roll, homemade dessert, hot and cold beverages.
- Adults \$8.00, Seniors (60+) \$7.00, Children 5-12 \$6.00, Children under 5 Free.
- Take outs are available from 4:30-6:00 PM, all take out dinners are \$8.00. Call 337-2208 to order.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY DAFFODIL SALE

– Anyone interested in purchasing a bunch of daffodils to support the fight against cancer, please contact Nancy Giglio at 674-4272. Daffodils will be available the week of March 16th. Daffodils will also be at the Big M on Thursday March 19th. Please remember shut-ins.

EVENTS AT CHRIST THE KING RETREAT HOUSE

315-446-2680

Please call for reservations

- **Marching Through Lent – Each Wednesday of March** – 10:00 AM-3:00 PM – After gathering for hospitality, Fr. Michael Carmola will offer a talk, and lead in praying the Stations of the Cross – Each day will end with Celebration of the Mass. Offering \$15 includes lunch. Please call for reservations. Join for one, two, three or all four Wednesdays.
- **Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day – Two Opportunities – March 17th Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, Irish Music, Irish Wit and Wisdom, both day and night celebrations will end with Mass**– Daytime Celebration, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. Presented by Fr. Michael O’Carmola – Evening Celebration, 6:00 PM-9:00 PM. Presented by Fr. Kevin Hannon & Fr. Michael O’Carmola with music by Kathy Wenthen & Fran Donahue. Offering \$23 (for either event). Call for reservations.



those who are ill and in need of our prayers:

Rita Abbott, Genevieve Andrews, Gretchen Boise, Mary Box, Susan Connelly, Ann Cunningham, Peg Cunningham, Louise Diamond, Bill Doyle, Ann Fernandez, Madeline Fetzko, Ann Giaquinto, Frank Giglio, Elwyn Goodier, Carmel Greenwood, Kathy Noon Hinton, Katie Hoefler, Kathlyn Hurley, Michelle Hutchkins, Jessica Jaquay, Bertha Klockowski, George Lewis, Lawrence Majka, Catherine Mastro, Kacie Matott, John McDaniel, Margaret McNulty, Lucas Mikalunas, Martin Mikalunas, Victor Mikalunas, Phyllis & George Miller, Margaret Minarik, Paul Mulligan, Bette & Tom Natoli, Doris Newman, Joseph O’Keefe, Ann Marie Plante, Mary Postiglione, Maria Romanowski, Theresa Romanowski, Ronald Sabre, Mike Sanner, Betty Seibert, Suzanne Sipala, Gregory Snyder, Rosa Spinelli, Marie Suydan, Ryan Tabolt, Michael Trask, Jerry & Coralie Ulatowski, Cody VanBuren, Michael Wassel, Priscilla Webb, Richard Wood, Jamie Zbydniewski.

...and our priests:

Fr. Lester, Fr. John Madden, Fr. Doug Cunningham, Fr. Tom Ward, Fr. Bob Dwyer, Bishop Moynihan, Bishop Costello, and Pope Benedict XVI

...and our Seminarian:

Jamie Schultz

...and our religious Sister:

Sister Mary Emmanuel Schultz, OP

INSTRUCTIONS IN THE FAITH

- This is for anyone who would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith, including those who have never been baptized, those who were baptized in other denominations, and Catholics who would like to learn the Faith better.
- If interested, please call the Parish Office, 674-9625, as soon as possible, so that the best time to hold the classes can be determined.



Pro-Life Crisis Pregnancy Center: Bethany Christian Services 1-800-238-4269; Birthright 1-800-550-4900

Post-Abortion Reconciliation And Healing:

Project Rachel 1-315-424-3737

Natural Birth Regulation & Fertility

Information: The Couple To Couple League 1-513-471-2000; Pope Paul VI Institute 1-402-390-6600

Traveling Mass Times: 1-410-676-6000

or www.masstimes.org

Catholic Information: 1-800-MY FAITH

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

The Bishop has asked that this prayer be prayed in every parish of the Diocese at every weekend Liturgy. At St. Malachy’s, we do it after Holy Communion.

God our Father, you sent your Spirit on the apostles to continue the mission of your Son, Jesus. We pray that you will now send your Spirit on our bishops, priests, deacons and religious, filling them with zeal to evangelize our people.

We pray for all who are presently discerning your call, those in vocational formation and those preparing them. We pray that you will bless our diocese with more priests and deacons, and religious congregations with new members.

Mary, our Mother and patroness, intercede for us that our pastoral needs may be fulfilled through Him who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen

With Ecclesiastical Permission James M. Moynihan Bishop of Syracuse

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

| | TIME | THIS WEEKEND | NEXT WEEKEND |
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| GREETERS | 5:00 PM | Cindy Gardiner & Margaret Mulligan | Wendy Mikalunas & Meaghan Weinell |
| | 8:30 AM | Ellen Mettler & Ann Giaquinto | Nancy Giglio & Gabby Huff |
| | 11:00 AM | Serafina & Francesca Magro | Cathy Martin & Chris Sulton |
| LECTORS | 5:00 PM | Lynette McDaniel | Joe Sulton |
| | 8:30 AM | Shirley Bendura | Paul Del Fuoco |
| | 11:00 AM | Stephen Dunshee | Grace Dunshee |
| HEAD USHERS | 5:00 PM | Tom McDaniel | Jack McDaniel |
| | 8:30 AM | Kevin Jenny | Matthew Weinell |
| | 11:00 AM | Linda Staley (Shannon & Stephanie) | Vinny Magro |
| MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION | 5:00 PM | Ellie Ferris & Lawrence Zimmerman | Joe Sulton & Ellie Ferris |
| | 8:30 AM | Dick Toerner & Bob Fetzko | Jeanette Romanowski & Paul Del Fuoco |
| | 11:00 AM | Deacon Bob & Barrett Mikalunas | Deacon Bob & Mary Jo Burlison |