

SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



LENT

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and whoever hates his life in this world
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Tuesday, March 19th
Solemnity of Saint Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Mass

“Do This in Remembrance of Me” **A Step-By-Step Walk Through the Mass**

Fr. Luke Spannagel

✚ Part 39: Incense—A Vision of Heaven ✚

More on **incense**? This time, we allow incense to lead us deeper into the mysteries we celebrate. We mentioned last time a couple of passages in the Book of Revelation referring to incense (Rev. 5:8 and 8:3-4). If you recall, in Revelation 5:8, St. John tells us the elders had “gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the holy ones.” In the other passage, Revelation 8:3-4, St. John describes an angel with a gold censer: “He was given a great quantity of incense to offer, along with the prayers of all the holy ones... The smoke of the incense along with the prayers of the holy ones went up before God...” Whenever I pray with these passages, they paint such a vivid picture of the worship of God in heaven. They remind me of one of my favorite truths about the Mass: united with the one sacrifice of Jesus, we are participating in the heavenly banquet.

Unity in Communion

When we speak of our core truths about the Eucharist, we begin with Jesus becoming truly present in his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. We also rightly say the Mass makes present the one perfect sacrifice of Christ and makes it possible for us to participate in that sacrifice. As if that were not enough, we also receive the great privilege of being able to unite with Jesus in a special way through worthy reception of Holy Communion (more to come on Communion as we get to that part of the Mass). And if we are united with Jesus in Communion, we are also united with all those in Communion with him, from all times and places. That is, we experience the taste of that perfect unity of the kingdom of heaven!

For me, the details St. John describes in Revelation provide a familiar description of the Mass, with the incense and people worshipping and responding, “Amen” (Rev. 5:14). Several saints have described

similar visions of heaven, especially through the Mass. St. John Chrysostom said that angels join around the altar at Mass and sing God's praises. He says when Christians participate in the Eucharist, they are in heaven, though not completely and perfectly. Blessed Angela of Foligno and St. Bridget of Sweden are others who experienced visions similar to what St. John Chrysostom describes. These saints help us realize that when we are joined in the Mass, we are joined together in a unified hymn of praise with a huge crowd! I am often energized by the realization that there are many souls joining in the sacrifice of praise, including those who have gone before us in faith.

A Foretaste of Heaven

Regarding the faithful departed, my sister died of cancer in 2011. Rebekah truly was a saintly woman who was loved greatly by her family, students, and all who knew her. Since she died, I think of her often, including what she would say or do and how she would react to a situation. As the years go by, there are times when she seems further away and is harder to remember. However, in the Mass, I always feel as if that gap is closed. Very often when I think of my sister in the Mass, she feels so close by. In the Mass, it is not hard at all to hear her singing or see her smile. Knowing what we know about unity with Christ and the graces of the Mass, this shouldn't surprise us at all!

As you might have gathered, one of my favorite gifts of the Mass is the true taste of the fullness of joy and unity of the kingdom. Our Catechism teaches, "Participation in the Holy Sacrifice identifies us with [Christ's] Heart, sustains our strength along the pilgrimage of this life, makes us long for eternal life, and unites us even now to the Church in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints" (CCC 1419). In Eucharistic Prayer I, we pray that we "who through this participation at the altar receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing." You may have noticed that we have jumped ahead in the Mass after having placed bread and wine on the altar. Well noted: next time, we will resume walking through the parts of the Mass. In the meantime, may the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints intercede for us, that all our receptions of Holy Communion might unite us more perfectly to Christ and one another and prepare us fruitfully for eternal life to come in heaven!

For Reflection:

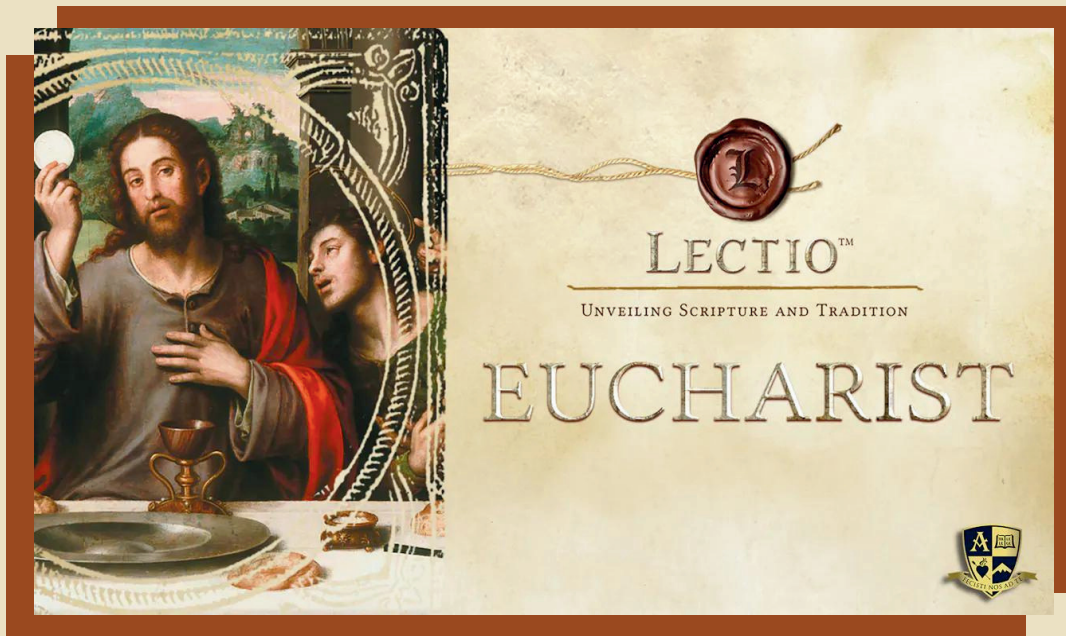
1. Based on Father Luke's description of his relationship to his sister, Rebekah, during the Mass, consider your relationship to the faithful departed. Next time you participate in Mass, renew your faith in our union with all the members of the Church, living and deceased.
2. Take a closer look at the summary of the Church's teaching on the Eucharist in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 1406-1419, and see how this teaching informs your participation in Mass.

Source: www.eucharisticrevival.org/blog





FRESH BAKED BREAD AND HOT SOUP



EVERY THURSDAY OF LENT AT 6:00PM FOLLOWED BY ADORE AT 7:00PM

"The Lamb of God," "The Bread of Life," "The Body and the Blood of Christ"... these are phrases we know from the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture and Church teaching? Join us to watch the series and discover God's wondrous plan for our salvation.

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Make a donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and we will purchase the food to give to the needy. Please put your donation in an envelope marked "SVDP Fill a Plate" and place it in the collection basket or mail/drop at the Church office any time.

SUGGESTED ITEMS

- Cans of fruit
- Cans of vegetables
- Soup
- Cans of tuna or chicken
- Pasta and sauce
- Cans of whole meals (chili, pasta, stews)
- Mac and Cheese
- Cereal
- Crackers

NO GLASS

POP TOP CANS PREFERRED





LENT

AT ST. CATHARINE

PRAYER, FASTING, ALMSGIVING

During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to practice self-control through fasting.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to exercise self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season.

In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs."

WEEKLY CONFESSION TIMES

Tuesdays • 7:30pm
Thursdays • 7:00pm
Fridays • 7:30pm
Saturdays • 9:00am

*Whether it's been three months, three years, or 30 years since your last Confession, **you can always begin again** and receive the healing mercy of Jesus.*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent
7:30pm

*Confessions will be heard immediately following Stations of the Cross
Children's Stations of the Cross will take place on Good Friday at 9:00am
No evening Stations on Good Friday*

FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Days of Fasting: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (ages 18-59)
Days of Abstinence from meat: Every Friday

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY

AT ST. CATHARINE CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION • MARCH 24TH

Eucharistic Adoration // 6:00am - 12:00am in the Adoration Chapel

Holy Mass // 8:30am • 11:00am • 5:00pm



RECONCILIATION MONDAY • MARCH 25TH

Eucharistic Adoration // 6:00am - 12:00am in the Adoration Chapel

Holy Mass // 8:00am

Confessions // 4:00pm - 7:00pm

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK • MARCH 26TH

Eucharistic Adoration // 6:00am - 12:00am in the Adoration Chapel

**No Mass or Confessions at St. Catharine today*

Diocesan Chrism Mass // 3:30pm, St. Paul, Westerville

All of the faithful are invited to join the Most Rev. Earl K. Fernandes and the priests of the Diocese of Columbus for the Chrism Mass.

SPY WEDNESDAY • MARCH 27TH

Eucharistic Adoration // 6:00am - 12:00am in the Adoration Chapel

Holy Mass // 9:00am

Tenebrae Service // 8:00pm // Sacred Music by *Ensemble Una Voce*, under the direction of William Heyer

Tenebrae (meaning 'darkness' or 'shadows') dates back at least 1,000 years. Similar to the Lessons and Carols service at Christmas, Tenebrae consists of hymns and readings in a church lit only by 15 candles. These candles are then extinguished one by one until the church is left in darkness. At that point, a loud noise ("strepitus") is produced by the congregation symbolizing the earthquake after Christ's death.

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

Eucharistic Adoration ends just prior to Holy Thursday Mass and resumes Monday, April 1st.

HOLY THURSDAY • MARCH 28TH

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper // 7:00pm

Adoration Vigil in the Adoration Chapel until 12:00am midnight

Confessions // Following Mass until all are heard

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION • MARCH 29TH

Children's Stations of the Cross // 9:00am

Divine Mercy Novena: Day 1 // 2:30pm

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion with Holy Communion // 3:00pm

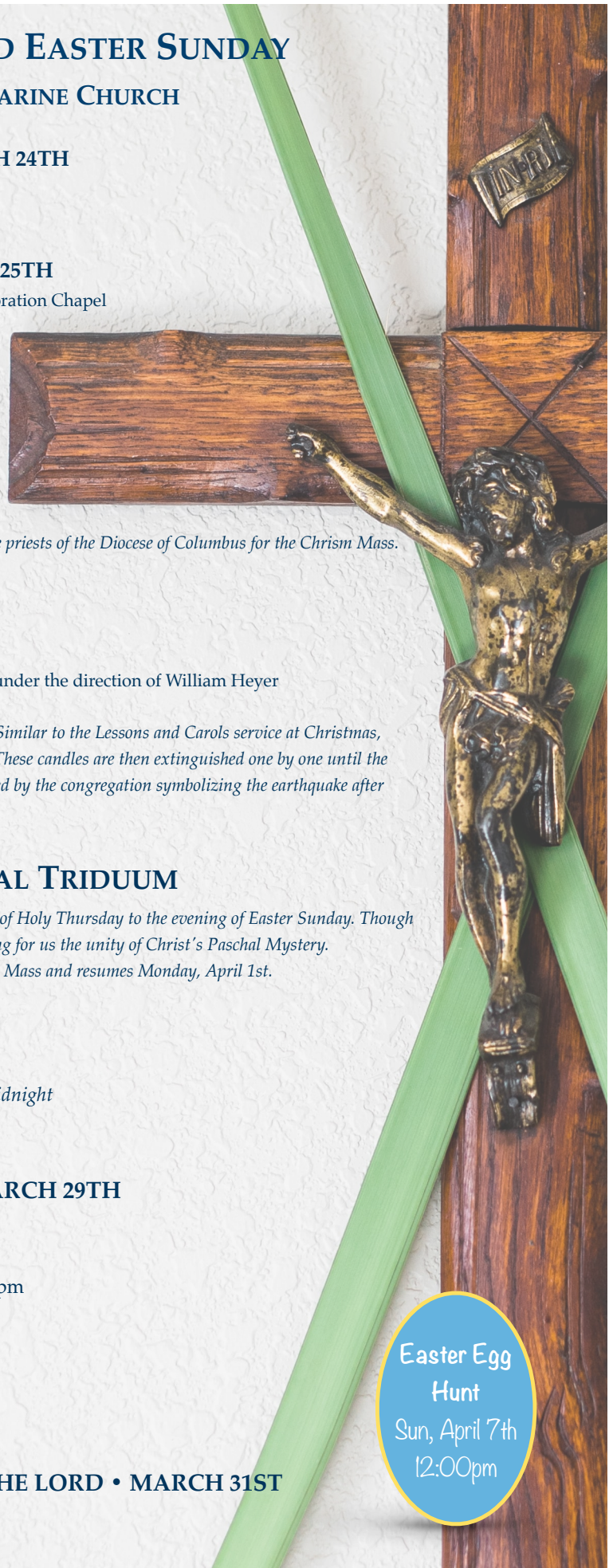
Confessions // Following the Liturgy until all are heard

HOLY SATURDAY • MARCH 30TH

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night // 8:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY • THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD • MARCH 31ST

Holy Mass // 8:00am • 10:00am • 12:00pm noon



Easter Egg

Hunt

Sun, April 7th

12:00pm

Easter Lillies

Help adorn the Church by remembering someone special this Easter season

Easter Lillies are \$10 per flower and names will be listed
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Use separate lines for each separate listing.*

Your Name : _____

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\$10 x Number of Flowers: _____ Total Enclosed

*Make checks payable to St. Catharine Church
Forms and payment can be put in the collection basket or Church office.*

Deadline for Easter Sunday Bulletin: Friday, March 22nd



ST. CATHARINE WOMEN'S MINISTRY

FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19
6PM-9PM
NEON THEME!**

The Father/Daughter Dance is a fun night that gives dads (and other father figures!) an opportunity to spend the evening together with their little girls. There will be pizza, snacks, tons of dance music, and a photo booth for you to preserve your memories!

\$25.00 PER PAIR • \$5.00 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL DAUGHTER

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SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD 6-11PM

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- * An outreach program that serves the disadvantaged families in southern Ohio since 1994
- * Participants are 9th grade through college-age students assisted and trained by a team of skilled adults
- * Volunteers are expected to attend monthly meetings to form community, learn construction skills, discuss social justice and Appalachian culture
- * During our project week we provide home repairs, such as painting, siding, building decks, etc
- * Every year, the Appalachian Project is full of faith, fellowship, fun, and hard work!

Meet

Monthly Meetings @
Christ the King

7 - 8 PM

March 3
April 7
May 5
June 2

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Cost

For each participant the cost is \$100.

Opportunities to reduce the cost are available.



No skills are needed, just a hammer, safety glasses, a pair of work gloves, and a generous spirit.



We camp in sleeping bags at Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Pond Creek and all meals are provided.



2024 Project Work week:
Sunday June 23 -
Saturday June 29

A GUIDE TO CONFESSION

(take this with you ... it's really okay)



BEFORE YOU GO

Examine your conscience, that is, reflect on what sins you've committed. To guide you, just Google "examination of conscience" and you'll find resources to help you. It's even all right to make a list to bring with you if that helps.



INTRODUCTION

When you come before the priest, begin by making the Sign of the Cross (praying the words out loud), and continue by saying, "Bless me, Father, I have sinned. It has been (how long) since my last confession. These are my sins..."



CONFESSION

List the sins you've committed that came to mind during your examination of conscience. Don't be too general ("I haven't been a good person"), but a lot of detail isn't necessary (you don't need to tell the whole story of how a sin came about). If you're not sure if something is a sin, ask the priest. This isn't counseling, so unless you ask, the priest likely won't give you advice. He'll just move on to ...



PENANCE

The priest will suggest something for you to do or pray as a response to God's mercy. You'll have to remember what this is and do it after the confession is over, so pay attention.



ACT OF CONTRITION

The priest will then ask you to pray out loud your "Act of Contrition," to demonstrate your sorrow for your sins: "My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy."



ABSOLUTION

Don't get up to leave after that prayer, because the best part is yet to come: The priest will extend his hands in your direction and he will pray the Prayer of Absolution: "God, the Father of Mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son, has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins. Through the ministry of the Church, may God grant you pardon and peace. And I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." You respond: "Amen."



CONCLUSION

The priest will then likely say something like, "God has freed you from your sin. Go in Peace." To which you can respond: "Thanks be to God." Don't forget to do your penance. If it is saying certain prayers, it's best to do it right away in the church before you forget.

ST. CATHARINE CHURCH

Checking/Savings	as of	<u>December 31, 2023</u>
Primary Checking		
General Funds	\$	212,075.75
Memorial Funds	\$	27,877.02
Total Primary Checking	\$	<u>239,952.77</u>
PAF Parish	\$	55,465.86
Funfest Account	\$	1,639.10
Total Checking/Savings	\$	<u>297,057.73</u>
Funds to Reserve		
Second Collections & BAA to remit to Diocese	\$	-
Memorials Funds	\$	27,877.02
Total Funds to Reserve	\$	<u>27,877.02</u>

Available Funds in Primary Checking/Savings	\$	<u>212,075.75</u>
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\$	331,085.39	<= Bills entered into QB
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Parish Income & Expenses	<u>December 31, 2023</u>	<u>July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023</u>	
Offerings Other Chrch Inc	\$ 128,799.77	\$ 494,701.42	
Expense	\$ (97,046.83)	\$ (502,118.98)	
Gifts & Bequests	\$ 530.00	\$ 580.00	
Parish Activities Gross Receipt	\$ 15,264.63	\$ 63,757.49	
Parish Activities Cost	\$ (1,695.58)	\$ (34,107.91)	
Other Parish Income	\$ 5,648.08	\$ 23,612.98	
Bishop's Annual Appeal	\$ -	\$ -	
Parish Income minus Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 51,500.07</u>	<u>\$ 46,425.00</u>	Church only
Religious Education Income	\$ 5,336.00	\$ 20,113.63	
Expenses	\$ (8,064.22)	\$ (45,799.48)	
Cost of Religious Education Program	<u>\$ (2,728.22)</u>	<u>\$ (25,685.85)</u>	
School Income & Expenses			
School Tuition - Accrued & Supply Fees	\$ 177,084.58	\$ 646,569.53	Capital Campaign Loan Balance
Preschool Tuition	\$ 37,050.95	\$ 143,249.05	
Net Student Srvc Activity G/L	\$ 3,309.95	\$ 21,881.98	\$ 1,013,964.34
Other School Income	\$ 85.27	\$ 48,035.08	
Interparochial School Support	\$ -	\$ 2,935.34	
School Expenses	\$ (178,847.86)	\$ (1,048,944.31)	
Preschool Expenses	\$ (42,048.19)	\$ (214,600.86)	
Cost of School to the Parish	<u>\$ (3,365.30)</u>	<u>\$ (400,874.19)</u>	<u>\$ (400,874.19)</u>
Latchkey (Income - Expenses)	\$ 8,579.52	\$ 7,061.87	Cost of the school to the church
Cafeteria (Income - Expenses)	\$ 20,369.54	\$ 53,922.86	
Peterson (Income - Expenses)	\$ 113,864.23	\$ 133,057.23	
Total Parish Income & Expenses	<u>\$ 74,355.61</u>	<u>\$ (319,150.31)</u>	

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The Next Two Weeks...

Week of March 17th Fifth Week of Lent

Sunday, March 17th

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30am Holy Mass (HT Zettler)
 9:30am St. Vincent de Paul
 11:00am Holy Mass (Margaret Petrosky)
 12:00pm Coffee and Donuts
 5:00pm Holy Mass (People of Parish)
 6:00pm High School & Middle School Youth Group

Monday, March 18th

Memorial of St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00am Holy Mass (Martin Caridi)
 6:30pm Scouts
 7:00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, March 19th

Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12p-6p Red Cross Blood Drive
 7:00pm Holy Mass (Richard H. Muellerleile)
 7:30pm Confessions

Wednesday, March 20th

6:30am Working Challenges: Men's Retreat Series
 9:00am Holy Mass (Greg Caridi)

Thursday, March 21st

8:00am Holy Mass (Brandon Kahoun)
 3:05pm Virtues & Arrows
 6:00pm Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible
 7:00pm ADORE Night (Confession & Adoration)

Friday, March 22nd

8:00am Holy Mass (Marge Burkhardt)
 2:15pm School Stations of the Cross
 5p-7:30 Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
 7:30pm Stations of the Cross & Confessions

Saturday, March 23rd

Memorial of St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

7:15am That Man Is You!
 8:30am Holy Mass (Intentions of Seeking the Lost, Bronx, NY)
 9:00am Confessions

Week of March 24th Holy Week

Sunday, March 24th

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

8:30am Holy Mass (Jim Ghiloni)
 9:30am St. Vincent de Paul
 11:00am Holy Mass (Intentions of Caridi Family)
 5:00pm Holy Mass (People of Parish)
 6:00pm High School Youth Group

Monday, March 25th

8:00am Holy Mass (Madeleine Curtis)
 4p-7p Reconciliation Monday
 6:30pm Scouts
 7:00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, March 26th

No Mass or Confessions at St. Catharine due to Chrism Mass

Wednesday, March 27th

6:30am Working Challenges: Men's Retreat Series
 9:00am Holy Mass (Chris and Jim Stanton)
 8:00pm Tenebrae Service

Holy Thursday, March 28th

7:30am Men's Rosary
 6:00pm Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible
 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Peggy & Aaron Farley)
Adoration Vigil in the Adoration Chapel until 12:00am midnight
Confessions following Mass until all are heard

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, March 29th

9:00am Children's Stations of the Cross
 2:30pm Divine Mercy Novena: Day 1
 3:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Confessions following the Liturgy until all are heard

Holy Saturday, March 30th

8:30pm Easter Vigil (Catechumens and Candidates)

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Sunday, March 10th

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