

Ascension of Our Lord Church

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First Sunday of **LENT**

March 10, 2019



Jesus said to the devil,
“You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.”

Luke 4:12

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Liturgies for the Week

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Monday - Friday: 12:00 Noon

OFFICE HOURS

Sunday: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Monday - Thursday:

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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Sunday, March 10, 2019

8:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family

10:00 AM † Tara Feldman - Feldman Family
† Hubert Grane - Barry and Jeri Sadegi
† Margaret Mary Matyasec - Gail Granby
† Albertas Ramanauskas (Solveiga's Father) -
Lilia Yao and Family
† Harlan Burgess

Monday, March 11, 2019

12:00 PM † Mary Ellen Magrini - McCrory Family

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

12:00 PM † Mariano Christofano - Dr. Barbara Santucci
Intention of William Morris - Loving Family

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

12:00 PM † Edmund J. Jacobs, Jr. - Diane Cynowa

Thursday, March 14, 2019

12:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of the
Tumino and Demma Families - K&M Demma

Friday, March 15, 2019

12:00 PM † Victoria Newcomer - Sacchetta Family

Saturday, March 16, 2019

4:00 PM † Paula Maniscalco - Family
† Frank Peluso - Loving Wife
† Whitey King - Naborowski Family
† Bud Grane - Sue Burgess
† Tory Lezza - Connie Vacco
† Marge Chrastka - Debbie Saracco Hiebel

Sunday, March 17, 2019

8:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family

10:00 AM † Diane Klazura - Loving Family
† Robert A. Cynowa - Loving Wife
† William Sullivan - Tom O'Connell
† Julia Kubacka - Bill and Barbara Cizek
† John McCrory - Diane
† Lida Marucut - Dungca Family

† Denotes Deceased



From Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

There was a young boy who built a toy sailboat. He would take it to the park every day and sail the little boat on the pond. One day, the boat had gone out too far for him to rescue it. He went home heartbroken, expecting that he would never see the boat again. A few weeks later, he saw his boat at a little secondhand shop. He went into the store and said, "This is mine. I made that boat! I'd like to have it back." But the man behind the counter said, "Well, maybe it was your boat at one time, but it's mine now. If you want it, you will have to pay me 40 dollars." The young boy worked hard and earned the money to buy it because he loved his toy sailboat so dearly. As he walked out of the store, holding his boat like a long-lost friend, he said, "You're mine twice now! You were mine the first time because I made you, and now you're mine again because I bought you."

This brief story reminds us that God created us. When we drifted away from Him, God's Son purchased us with his blood. We are God's twice now! We were God's the first time because He made us, and now we are His again because He bought us. We remember and commemorate this great mystery of our Faith during the season of Lent and Easter.

The season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday. When the Ashes are applied to our foreheads, we hear the invitation: Turn away from your sin and return to the Gospel. We all are in need of conversion because we all fall short of the Glory of God. Conversion begins with the awareness that we are in need of change. This awareness happens when we stand before the Lord in humility. Conversion must lead us to a new beginning.

Traditionally, we are invited to perform three spiritual exercises to participate in the new life brought about by the resurrection of Jesus. Prayer comes first. Spend time with Jesus who spent time in the desert with his Father. This can be done by attending daily Mass for the next forty days or by reading the Scriptures daily or by spending time in personal prayer using one of the resources available for you here at Ascension. No relationship is possible without communication and mutual presence.

Fasting comes second. Fasting does not necessarily mean giving up food; it means giving up anything that is an obstacle in our spiritual growth. (Give up jealousy, gossip, hatred, alcohol, gambling, etc.).

Almsgiving is the third spiritual exercise. If fasting is negative, almsgiving is positive as there are charitable acts involved. (Give love, support, respect, care, etc.).

They say it takes six weeks to form a habit or to break a habit. Fortunately, we have six weeks during this Lenten season. As we participate in the various devotions during this time, let our focus be to grow in faith and to love. It is then that we come to the full experience of the death and the resurrection of Christ in our life.

I wish all of you a fruitful season of Lent. May we experience faith and love to the fullest.

Blessings,

Fr. Jose

Parish News

Minister Schedule

SATURDAY, MARCH 16 - 4:00 PM

Presider: Father Jose
Euch. Min.: Mitchell, Giandonato, Lugu
Lector: Santucci

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 - 8:00 AM

Presider: Father Jose/Deacon Peter
Euch. Min.: Stephens, Butkovich
Lector: M. Klamut

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 - 10:00 AM

Presiders: Father Bob
Euch. Min.: Cinco, Neffke, Racila
Lector: Sandoval

*We wish to offer our
sympathy and a
promise of our
prayers to family
and friends on the
recent deaths of*



**Shirley M. Lickteig
Paul J. Stahr**

This week's calendar

Wednesday, March 13: A Biblical Walk Through
Christ's Passion, 1:00 p.m. in Corpus Christi

Thursday, March 14: Legion of Mary Prayer
Group, 10:30 a.m. in the Founder's Foyer

Friday, March 15:

Grief Support Journey, 10:00 a.m.,
Parish Office Conference Room

Good Shepherd Intercessory Prayer and Rosary,
7:00 p.m. in the Church

Good Shepherd Prayer Group meeting,
7:30 p.m. in the Teen Zone

ST. JOSEPH'S SWEETS TABLE AND BAKE SALE SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH



Once again our C.C.W. will be hosting their annual St. Joseph's Sweets Table on **Sunday, March 17th ONLY** after the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses. They are in much need of donated baked goods, either homemade or store bought. Drop off is **AFTER 1:00 p.m.** on Saturday, March 16th in Corpus Christi Hall. As always the C.C.W. appreciates your support.

STEWARDSHIP

March 3, 2019 - \$8,192

*Thank you for your generosity
and ongoing support.*

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m.

**DURING LENT AT
*Ascension of Our Lord***

**CONFESSIONS EVERY FRIDAY
AFTER NOON MASS
OR BY APPOINTMENT.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY
FRIDAY AFTER NOON MASS
THROUGH APRIL 12TH.**

MASS SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you for participating in our recent survey about Sunday Mass times. You'll recall that we asked your preference for the time of the second Mass on Sunday morning. Here are the results:

10:00 a.m.	60
10:30 a.m.	14
11:00 a.m.	<u>27</u>
Total responses	101

We will be keeping the Mass time at 10:00 a.m. for the second Mass on Sundays, and of course the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass will continue at their usual times.



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Eastern DuPage Deanery Liturgical Enrichment Day

*A New Paradigm of Evangelization:
The Importance of Liturgy in Today's Culture*

Saturday, March 16, 2019, 8:00 a.m. – Noon
Ascension Parish, 15314 Summit Ave. Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

To register online go to: easterndupagedeanery.org
OR fill out the form below and place the bottom half of this form in
the box in your church narthex. (No cost to attend)

Do **not** register directly to Ascension Parish.

Door will open at 7:30 to begin check-in. Our day opens with 8:00
a.m. Mass with Father Tom McCarthy, O.S.A.

Check-in will continue with Continental Breakfast following mass

Come and hear **Linda Couri** present:
The Relevance of the Mass in a Busy World that Just Won't Stop

Also, please join us as we hear **Fr. David Mowry** talk about how the
Liturgy of the Word tells us the story of salvation in a way that
opens our eyes to seeing that story playing out in
the culture around us

I plan to attend the Liturgical Enrichment Day event on March 16th.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parish: _____

Around the Diocese and Parish Neighborhood

St. Vincent de Paul Society

HELPERS NEEDED FOR THE POOR

Many organizations like the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Charities, the Salvation Army, the Peace Corps, the AMVets, and a long list of others depend on VOLUNTEERS to perform and operate their service programs. While we are similar in our need for helpers, the St. Vincent de Paul Society is special in that we have very little overhead or administrative costs as we operate all we do with volunteers. In that way our admin costs are near zero while the services and what we give to the poor comes from your generosity in answer to our appeals for funds, food, clothing, and a multitude of household goods. At the same time and like those organizations listed above, we make every effort to keep any admin costs to a minimum and always directed to the poor we serve. Our Members all serve as volunteers whether in the office, doing home visits, or distributing and collecting goods for disadvantaged individuals and families in our community. We always need additional helpers in our work and are appealing to all of you to offer your volunteer services by becoming a Member of our parish team in the St. Vincent de Paul. Young or old, individuals and families are all needed to maintain and grow our group of helpers and Members. We are asking all of our parishioners to consider a few service hours over the next year by coming to one of our parish Conference monthly meetings, helping us with packing clothing and household goods brought to our office or assisting other activities related to our services to the poor. You can help us from the office or out in the community. There is much to do to serve those in need of basic services. Please consider stepping up and out of the shadows and offer a few minutes of your time to this ministry. You can call or visit the parish office or call our parish line at 630-953-4413 to inquire about helping us help others.



This weekend our Members will be distributing Lenten Alms Cups to collect your "loose change" during Lent that immensely helps us serve the poor in our community. As our best fundraising activity – always growing each year to higher totals – we again are asking you to consider the Lenten appeal to help the poor in whatever way we can. We ask you to accept one or more of our cups and collect your "loose change" and any donations for the needy of our community. It is a small but very direct way to respond to your Lenten Almsgiving.

All are invited to ...

SERRA CLUB MASS & DINNER

at St. Michael Parish

310 S. Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton, IL

Monday, March 18, 2019

The evening begins at 6:00 pm with a Rosary and Mass followed by dinner and guest speaker.

Our guest speaker is Barry Smith, President, BRS Consulting Inc. Barry's mission in life is "to change the world for the better, one person at a time."

Interested?

Please contact Joanne Carr at carrgeojo@gmail.com or 630-665-0994.



Serra Club is a member of an international organization that fosters and supports vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Catholic Charities' Mobile Food Pantry is coming to your community!

Thursday, March 14, 2019

at St. John the Apostle Church

330 N. Westmore Avenue, Villa Park

Registration begins at 8:30 AM. Food Distribution from 10:00 AM until 11:30 AM (or until the food runs out) RAIN OR SHINE!

Participants are asked to bring bags, laundry baskets, boxes, carts or wagons to transport your food and grocery products through the line and back to your vehicle.

"Our Catholic Faith" Concert

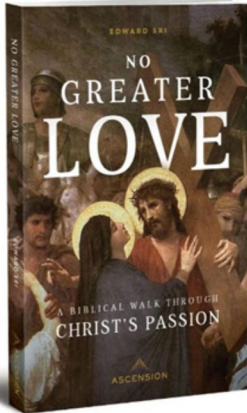
To celebrate this "Year of Faith," come experience a concert you will always remember with a dynamic performer, spiritually uplifting music, scripture, stories and prayer. Internationally known Catholic recording artist, Donna Cori Gibson shares and sings for us with an "Our Catholic Faith" concert on **Sunday, March 31st at 2:00 p.m.**

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church
701 Plainfield Road, Darien, IL 60561

For more information: 630-323-4333.
Preview and get free music downloads at www.DonnaCoriGibson.com

Ascension of Our Lord Parish Lenten Program
No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in Corpus Christi Hall
March 13 & 20 and April 3, 10, 17, & 24



Some topics this study will address:

- Allusions to Old Testament stories in Christ's passion
- Fulfillment of prophecies in Christ's passion
- Symbolism in the accounts of Christ's passion
- Mary's role in the passion
- The significance of the tearing of the Temple veil
- Differences in the Gospel accounts of the passion
- The last words of Jesus / The Seven Last Words
- Analysis of the behavior of Peter, John, and Judas
- Much more!

***Register via email to vzaprzal@ascensionofourlord.net or phone at 630-953-4415
or stop in the parish office.***