

Ascension of Our Lord Church

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Second Sunday of **LENT**

March 17, 2019



Peter said to Jesus,
“Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents,
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

Luke 9:33

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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 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

Monday, March 18, 2019

12:00 PM † Joseph Dattilo - Ellen Dattilo

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

12:00 PM † Josephine R. Lezza - Son

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

12:00 PM † Robert A. Cynowa - Loving Wife

Thursday, March 21, 2019

12:00 PM † Pablo Quindipan - Loving Family

Friday, March 22, 2019

12:00 PM † Dr. Peter J. Giannini - Dr. Barbara Santucci

Saturday, March 23, 2019

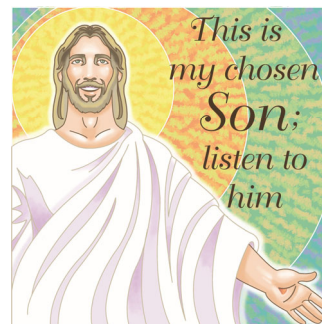
4:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of the
 Tumino and Demma Families - K&M Demma
 Living and Deceased Members of the
 Vacco and Varco Families - Connie
 † Dorothy B. Stevens - Loving Daughter Jane
 † Carol A. Fitzpatrick -
 Mike and Madeline Hughes
 Intention of Ginny Grane -
 Naborowski Family

Sunday, March 24, 2019

8:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family

10:00 AM † John McCrory - Diane McKay Menna
 † Jacinta Sadia - Nilda and Bessie
 † Harold E. Spratt - Tony Klazura
 Intention of the Bojan Family
 Intention of Maxim Dias Da Costa -
 Nilda and Bessie

† Denotes Deceased



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*Calendar***Monday**

MARCH 18

Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10

Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

MARCH 19

St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday

MARCH 20

Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18-20

Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

MARCH 21

Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10

Lk 16:19-31

Friday

MARCH 22

Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a,

17b-28a

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

MARCH 23

Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday

MARCH 24

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

Lk 13:1-9

Dear Padre,

With the recent canonization of Pope Paul VI, is the trend now for popes to canonize their last few predecessors?

Of the 266 popes in history, more than eighty are saints, including the early martyrs and later luminaries like Leo the Great (440-461) and Gregory the Great (590-604). However, only a handful of this number have been canonized in the last thousand years: Celestine V (1294), who resigned



after five months in office, was canonized in 1313; Pius V (1566-1572) was canonized in 1712; and Pius X (1903-1914) was canonized in 1954. In fact, Pius X was the last pope to be declared a saint until a wave of canonizations in recent years added other twentieth-century popes to that number: John XXIII (1958-1963) and John Paul II (1978-2005) were made saints during the same ceremony in April 2014, and Paul VI (1963-1978) was canonized in October 2018. Moreover, two popes from the last century are now declared Venerable: Pope Pius XII (1939-1958) and John Paul I (1978). These

join at least a dozen other popes of earlier centuries who are at various stages in the canonization process.

Popes are not automatic candidates for sanctity. They, like the rest, must be investigated for doctrinal orthodoxy, heroic virtues, and miraculous intercession after death. In addition, Benedict XIV (1740-1758) specified that they should also be measured for their “zeal for the preservation and propagation of the Catholic faith, for the encouragement and restoration of ecclesiastical discipline, and the defense of the rights of the Apostolic See” (translated from *De Servorum Dei*).

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Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

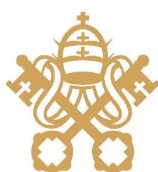
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struggling with
scrupulosity.

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A Word from Pope Francis

At the end of the stunning experience of the transfiguration, the disciples came down the mountain with eyes and hearts transfigured by their encounter with the Lord. It is the journey that we too can make. Transformed by Christ's presence...we will be a concrete sign of the invigorating love of God.

—Angelus, August 6, 2017



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Parish News

Minister Schedule

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 - 4:00 PM

Presider: Father Bob
Euch. Min.: McGreevy, Mitchell, Giandonato
Lector: Santucci

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 - 8:00 AM

Presider: Father Jose/Deacon Peter - preach
Euch. Min.: DeChristopher, Morrissey
Lector: Paula Rooney

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 - 10:00 AM

Presiders: Father Jose/Deacon Peter - preach
Euch. Min.: J. Palisoc, Racila
Lector: G. Palisoc

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



Harold Spratt

This week's calendar

Wednesday, March 20: A Biblical Walk Through
Christ's Passion, 1:00 p.m. in Corpus Christi

Thursday, March 21: Legion of Mary Prayer
Group, 10:30 a.m. in the Founder's Foyer

Friday, March 22:

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



*Congratulations to recently Baptized
BENJAMIN LAY
son of Steven and Ashley Lay*

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING
MASS INTENTION REQUESTS**

STEWARDSHIP

March 10, 2019 - \$13,048

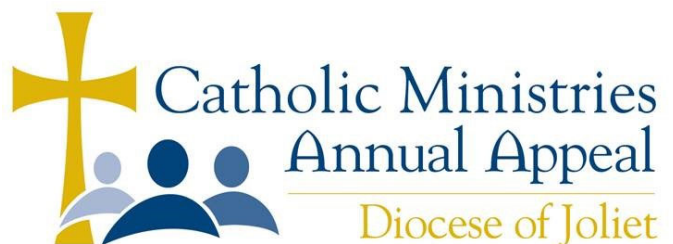
Ash Wednesday - \$1,973

*Thank you for your generosity
and ongoing support.*

**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.**



Thank you to everyone who has pledged a gift to the 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Your support will help provide *Signs of Hope* to so many through the 30 ministries our annual appeal benefits.

Please prayerfully reflect on your pledge to this year's CMAA and make your gift today. Pledge envelopes are available in the church. You can also return the pledge card you received in the mail, make a gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org, or text "Donate" to (815) 205-1949 to link to a donation form from your mobile phone.



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February 21, 2019

Illinois Bishops Warn Against Extreme Abortion Legislation in General Assembly

As Illinois faces so many pressing issues involving human life and dignity, it is incomprehensible that our elected officials have decided the pressing issue of the day is to enhance the chances that the lives of the most vulnerable and voiceless will be taken. Their efforts, similar to recent actions in New York and Virginia, focus on corrupting our God-given right to life and sowing unnecessary division.

House Bill 2495 and Senate Bill 1942, misnamed the Reproductive Health Act, include so many harmful provisions the full effect of these bills can hardly be imagined. We know the legislation:

- seeks to define abortion as health care and a fundamental right;
- removes abortion clinics from a regulatory framework designed for significant medical procedures;
- attacks a carefully constructed agreement in law on how hospitals care for the victims of sexual assault;
- repeals the ban on partial birth abortion;
- repeals legal protections for doctors and hospitals who decline to participate in abortions;
- requires private health insurance in Illinois to fully cover the cost of abortion;
- removes the requirement that only doctors can perform abortions;
- as well as many other changes that in totality require us to treat abortion as a celebrated right instead of a heart-wrenching tragedy.

Abortion is not health care. It is the intentional taking of innocent and defenseless human life. Moreover, provisions in the law that allow healthcare providers to live and work in accordance with their sincerely-held moral beliefs are not wrong. Freedom of religion and conscience protections are fundamental rights, enshrined in our state and federal constitutions, and they must be respected.

House Bill 2467 and Senate Bill 1594 seek to repeal the Parental Notice of Abortion Act. This law, which has been in statute since 1995 and enforced since 2013, ensures parents are involved in profound medical decisions involving their children. Every other state bordering Illinois – Wisconsin, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri and Iowa – requires at least parental notification. It is a broadly-supported, reasonable safeguard that allows parents to properly exercise love and care for their children. Our government should support families, not undermine them.

Opposition to these bills do not require one to assume a pro-life political position. Opposition should be the natural result of applying reason, fairness and a basic respect for human dignity to the examination of their contents. We cannot further devalue human life to the extent proposed in this legislation without dire consequences for ourselves.

We hope to lead all people of goodwill to rise up and be heard in opposition to these terrible efforts. Accordingly, in the days ahead, we will be distributing more information and calls to action. Today, we ask for your prayers and support as you certainly have ours.

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Around the Diocese and Parish Neighborhood

St. Vincent de Paul Society

A REASON FOR LENTEN ALMSGIVING

To honor Christ for all the good that He provided us through His death and resurrection as our Redeemer, it is only proper that we in turn offer some of our plenty for the good of others in this Lenten Season. The season of Lent is a time for **PRAYER**, **FASTING**, and **ALMSGIVING** by all of us in memory of Christ doing the same when retreating to the desert for 40 days to prepare Himself for our Redemption. Christ gave Himself to us in death. We are to give something of ourselves to others in memory of His Redeeming death on the cross. Almsgiving to those in need is our way of sacrificing something we have for the sake of others. By filling the cups we distributed after the Masses last weekend you are imitating the love Christ had for us. It is a small but significant way we can return our love of Christ through our sacrifices for the poor of this area.



As we move through Lent to Easter, let us all think about ways we can help the poor by putting aside your "loose change" or your time or your prayers for the poor that they too, can receive God's blessings through your sacrifice until your cup flows over.

Lenten Reconciliation

18 HOURS OF CONFESSION

The priests of our Deanery will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on

**Friday, April 5, Noon - 10:00 p.m. and
Saturday, April 6, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Immaculate Conception Church

132 Arthur Street, Elmhurst

All are invited to receive God's grace

We encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity to receive God's forgiveness during the holy season of Lent.

Easter Triduum Vocation Discernment Retreat

Catholic men between the ages of 18 and 45 are invited to a vocation discernment retreat at St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle, IL during the Easter Triduum - from Holy Thursday, April 18 (4:00 p.m.) through Easter Sunday, April 21 (1:00 p.m.). Join the monks for prayer, work and meals as they prepare for and celebrate these holy days. The retreat is an excellent opportunity to discern God's calling while participating in the monastic life at St. Procopius Abbey. Learn more about seeking God in community life according to the Rule of St. Benedict. Attendance is free, but space is limited. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Fr. James Flint at vocations@procopius.org.

"You are called to stand up for life!...You are called to work and pray against abortion."

~ John Paul II ~

"Any country that accepts abortion, is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what it wants."

~ Mother Teresa ~



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING MASS INTENTIONS
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

In accordance with Bishop Conlon's decree, "parishes may not accept intentions which cannot be satisfied within a year", a Mass Intention request for any time in January, February or mid-March, 2020 can now be accepted. However, for example, a Mass Intention request for the date April 1, 2020 cannot be accepted until April 1, 2019, etc.

Requests will be honored on a first come, first serve basis, in person at the parish office during normal office hours. Requests may also be submitted, along with payment, via US Mail. As usual, the suggested \$10.00 stipend, as determined by diocesan policy, is to accompany each Mass request. We ask that no more than three Mass Intentions be requested at one time or within a 3-month period.

You may also consider sending your Mass Intention requests to the retired priests of the Diocese of Joliet. For more information please contact the chancery at (815) 221-6100.