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# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 26, 2023

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

The Mass of Anticipation for 1st Sunday of Lent 4:00PM Theresa Turlak—Birthday Remembrance

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

The First Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Frank & Arthur Palermo—Memorial

9:00AM Josefina Maligaya—Memorial

10:30AM Michael A. Rocchio—Birthday Remembrance

5:00PM Daniel E. Green—Month's Mind

#### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

Lenten Weekday; St. Gregory of Narek, Abbott & Doctor of the Church

7:30AM Martha Eberhardt—Memorial 12:05PM Howard Bergel—Memorial

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Special Intention

12:05PM John Donahue—Memorial

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Felisa Belmonte—Memorial 12:05PM Fr. Robert Hawkins—Memorial

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 2

Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Thomas P. Vespia—1st Anniversary

12:05PM Gina Ponte—Memorial

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 3

Lenten Weekday; St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin

7:30AM Ken Koons—Memorial

12:05PM Shirley L. Zdanuk—Memorial

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 4**

Lenten Weekday; St. Casimir

8:30AM Maria Andrade—Memorial

The Mass of Anticipation for 2nd Sunday of Lent

4:00PM Special Intention

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 5**

The Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial

9:00AM Patricia Chinchilla—Memorial

10:30AM Charlene Fontana & Mary Balcerzak—Memorial

5:00PM Nicholas Campanella—5th Anniversary









# Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Our solemn fast of forty days has begun! The ashes from Ash Wednesday have been washed away. However, the appeal to "Repent and Believe the Gospel!" remains before us. And so we commit ourselves to more prayer, penitential self-denial, and generous almsgiving.

Lent has its origin in the early days of the Church. Converts seeking to become Christians, mostly adults at that spent several years studying and preparing. Under the threat of Roman persecution, becoming a Christian was serious business. their SO preparation process intensive! They went through a final period of "purification and enlightenment" for the 40 days before their baptism at Easter.

The rest of the Church began to observe the season of Lent in solidarity with these newest Christians. It became an opportunity for all Christians to recall and renew their commitment to their baptismal promises.

Lent calls us to conversion as we acknowledge how we have turned away from God in our lives. We focus on turning our hearts and minds back toward God through the three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These observances help us turn away from whatever has distracted or derailed us and to turn back to God.

Giving up something for Lent is ultimately a form of fasting. We can deprive ourselves of some small pleasure or indulgence and offer that sacrifice to God. Or we might "give up" a bad habit, such as swearing, to positively turn our life back toward what God wants for us.

Lent is a time to accompany Jesus into the desert, imitating his example of prayer and fasting. Jesus' regimen was rigorous in the wilderness. St. Luke explains how he "was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over, he was hungry."

Giving up something for Lent is a powerful way to imitate the sacrifices of Jesus in the desert and unite our hearts with his heart in prayer. While Catholics are technically not obliged to make such a sacrifice, the Church has always encouraged the faithful to do something to enter into the penitential Spirit of Lent more deeply.

By making such sacrifices, we remind ourselves that we are not made for life on this earth but are called to something greater. It is up to us to make good use of our time and to find ways to refocus our attention on God, choosing the narrow road that leads to eternal life.

One of our high school altar servers told me that last Lent, he gave up "Tik Tok," the Chinese-owned social video-sharing app, and has never returned to using it! Good for him! His Lenten fast from social media produced good fruit! What are you giving up? Let's pray it produces good spiritual fruit for you!

Pope Francis said: "Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up to help and enrich others by our

own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no selfdenial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt."

Since Lent is a time to renew and reinvigorate our relationship with Jesus Christ, I encourage you to make the Parish Lenten Mission. It begins next weekend with Dominican Friar Father Justin Brophy, OP, preaching on "Our Relationship with Jesus: the Pearl of Great Price."

Fr. Brophy is preaching at the Masses next weekend and offering a Mission Talk each night on Monday through Wednesday, March 6-8. Also, four priests will be available each night of the Mission for Confession beginning at 6:00pm. Be sure to put the Parish Lenten Mission on your calendar!

I again wish to thank the 161 parish families who have made their pledge to the Catholic Charity Appeal. We need every parish family to support the CCA if we are to reach our goal of \$190,000 this year! If you still need to pledge, please consider pledging \$350 over ten months at \$35 monthly. The CCA funds the Diocese of Providence's many charitable good works in serving the poor and needy of our state. In the name of the poor and needy, I thank you for your support.

Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless! Lent has begun, take up your cross. Pray, Fast, and Give Alms!!

Father Healey



# Lent 2023

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Our Lady of Mercy Church

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#### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

February 22, 2023

Masses with Distribution of Ashes
7:30am,12:05pm & 7:00pm

Confessions on Ash Wednesday 11:45am-12:00pm & 6:00pm-6:45pm

#### **Daily Masses during Lent**

Masses at 7:30am & 12:05pm Monday-Friday • 8:30am on Saturdays

#### **Confessions during Lent**

Monday-Friday 11:45am-12:00pm Saturday 3:00pm-3:45pm Mondays 6:00pm-6:45pm with Two Confessors

#### Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:00pm

#### SPECIAL LENTEN EVENTS

#### **Annual Lenten Mission**

March 4-8, 2023

The Reverend Christopher Justin Brophy, O.P.
Professor of Political Science, Providence College
Mission Preacher

Mission Preacher to preach all weekend Masses
Mission Talks at 7:00pm
on Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, March 6-8
with Confessions beginning at 6:00pm
with Four Confessors each night

#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, March 17, 2023 • Mass at 12:05pm Mass with Readings & Music in Irish The Most Reverend John G. Noonan, D.D. Bishop of Orlando, FL, Celebrant & Homilist

#### ST. JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATION

Monday, March 20, 2023 • Mass at 12:05pm

Mass celebrated in Italian with Readings & Hymns in Italian
The Most Reverend Richard G. Henning, D.D., S.T.D.

Coadjutor Bishop of Providence, Celebrant & Homilist

#### ALL-DAY CONFESSIONS

Saturday, March 25, 2023 • 9:00am-3:00pm Four Confessors available All-Day

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS Friday, March 31, 2023 • 1:00pm & 7:00pm

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#### **OLM Lenten Table**

During Lent at table in the vestibule is available with donated new and old religious articles. They are available to take without cost. Stop by and take something home for Lent. Lenten books are available on the OLM Book Rack.



#### February 19, 2023

Weekly	\$6,759.00	
	\$6,299.00	
	Total=\$13,058.00	
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# **Second Collections**

**Next Week: Lenten Mission** 



Parish Goal=\$190,000 Total Pledged=\$93,959.00 Total Donors=161 Average Gift=\$584.00

#### 2022 Catholic Charity Appeal

OLM Parish Goal=\$190,000 Total Pledged=\$262,643 Total Number of Donors=440 Average Gift=\$597



In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed, most especially **Craig Sherman**, **Arlene Roberti and Cecile Bert** whose Funerals were celebrated last week.



#### **RE Schedule**

<u>Sunday, February 26</u>: 5:00pm Mass & Grades 5, 6 & 7 Classes to follow in the OLM School Gym

<u>Sunday March 5</u>: 9:00am Mass & Grades 3 & 4 class to follow in the gym

Sunday, Mach 12: 5:00pm Mass & Grade 8 Confirmation Class to follow in OLM School Gym Sunday March 19: 9:00am Mass & Grades 1 & 2 First Communion 2023 class to follow in the gym 6:00pm Lenten Penance Service for Grades 3,4,5,6,7 & 8. All parents should attend.

#### **First Penance**

Saturday, March 4: at 1:00pm (A—L) Saturday, March 11 at :00pm (M-Z)

Please pray for our First Communion Class making their Frist Confessions.



- •OLM Food Pantry is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated items in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. All food items should be unexpired and non-perishable. We also are in need of paper goods (paper towels, napkins). Thank you for your support.
- <u>OLM Bereavement Group</u>: Next meeting <u>Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 4:00pm</u> in Mercy House. All those adults experiencing sorrow, grief or loneliness are most welcome to attend for prayer and discussion.
- For more information, please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org



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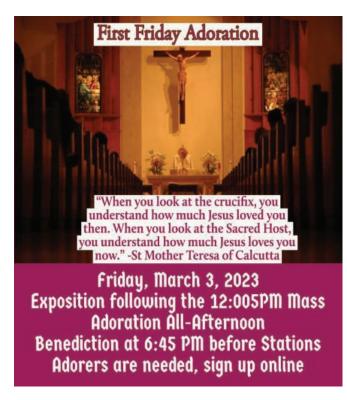
#### **Upcoming Events**

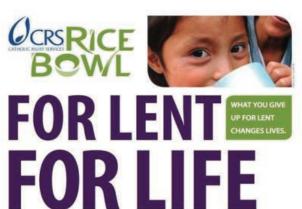
- Monday, February 27: School resumes!
   Yearbook Club @2:30pm; Student Council @2:30pm; Girls on the Run @2:30pm
- Tuesday, February 28: Mock Trial Practice@2:30pm; Girls on the Run @2;30pm;
- Wednesday, March 1: Drama Club @2:30pm;
   Band Practice @2:30pm
- •<u>Thursday, March 2</u>: Beloved Meeting @2:30pm; Choir Practice @2:30pm; Mock Trial Practice @2:30pm
- Friday, March 3: Stations of the Cross @8:15am

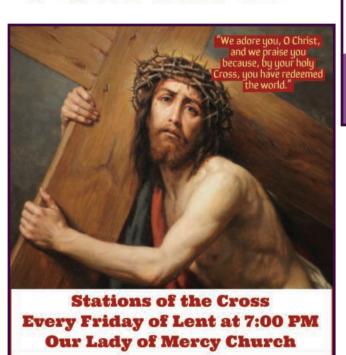
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# Congratulations

Join us at the Catholic Youth Ministry & Scout Awards Mass on Sunday, March 5th at 1:00PM at the Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul. OLM Parishioners Thomas Simonetti will be presented the St. Timothy Award and Oceania Lowe will be presented the Spirit Alive Award. These are the highest national Catholic Youth Ministry and Scouting Awards. We are proud of them and congratulate them on this achievement!







# Lenten Mission at Our Lady of Mercy March 4-8

"Our Relationship with Jesus: The Pearl of Great Price"



# Father Justin Brophy, O.P.

WILL BE PREACHING AT ALL WEEKEND MASSES ON Our Relationship with Jesus: The Pearl of Great Price

Monday, March 6, Mission Talk at 7:00pm Honesty: Conversation with God

Tuesday, March 7, Mission Talk at 7:00pm Vulnerability: Working with God

Wednesday, March 8, Mission Talk with Eucharistic Adoration at 7:00pm Surprise: God working on us

Mission Confessions at 6:00 pm Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, March 6-8, with four Confessors



Father Justin Brophy is a Dominican Priest and Friar of the St. Joseph Province. He serves as an Assistant Professor of Political Theory at Providence College. He was ordained to the priesthood in 2012 and served as Associate Chaptain at Providence College. He then earned his doctorate at the University of Notre Dame in Philosophy. He also holds Master of Arts in Political Science and a B.A. in Philosophy from the University of Notre Dame. In addition, Father Justin holds a Baccalaureate of Sacred Theology (S.T.B.) and a Licentiate of Sacred Theology (S.T.L.), Moral Theology, Summa cum laude from the Dominican House of Studies' Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception, Washington,

D.C. In addition to teaching, Father Justin enjoys preaching around the country. A native of Northern New Jersey, he is a fan of the New York Mets, New York Giants, and, perhaps ironically, the New Jersey Devils. Most of all, he is an avid follower of all Notre Dame sports, especially Irish football. He also bowls competitively, both in league and tournament play, and is eagerly striving for that 300 game!

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