



**SECOND SUNDAY
OF LENT
February 25, 2024**

Monday, February 26

11:00am (SPJ) - *Holy Hour with Confessions*

12:00pm (SPJ) - For the Souls of the Faithful Departed
from the Willsboro / Essex parish

Tuesday, February 27

11:00am (SE) - *Holy Hour with Confessions*

12:00pm (SE) - Msgr Stephen J Wojciechowski
by the Estate

Wednesday, February 28

No Scheduled Mass

Thursday, February 29

12:00pm (SPJ) - Kristina Knox by Margaret Smith

Friday, March 1

11:00am (SPN) - *Holy Hour with Confessions*

12:00pm (SPN) - Herbert & Mary Dowdle Clark
Families by Nancy Montville

Saturday, March 2

3:30pm (SE) - *Holy Hour with Confessions*

4:30pm (SE) - Special Intention for Kimberly Bennett
by Harry & Cecile Denton

Sunday, March 3

8:30am (SPN) - Pro Populo

10:30am (SPJ) - Deceased Members of the Sayward
Family by Carolyn, Jane & Nick

(SE) = St. Elizabeth, Elizabethtown

(SPJ) = St. Philip of Jesus, Willsboro

(SJ) = St. Joseph, Essex

(SPN) = St. Philip Neri, Westport

Readings for the Week of February 26

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-21
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8-11/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

THOUGHTS ON EVANGELIZATION

Readings: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

The Gospel reading of the Transfiguration read in conjunction with the first reading of Abraham's willingness to trust God and sacrifice his only son reminds us of the incredible love the Father has for us. He loves us so much that he provides the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, for the remission of our sins. Truly if God is for us, who can be against us? Yet so often we hesitate in doing what is right or difficult out of fear: fear of what others may think, fear of failing in our endeavors, fear of living fully and following God's call, whatever that may entail. This week can we step out of our comfort zone and try something new. Maybe it is visiting a lonely neighbor, or perhaps it is inviting someone to Mass or offering to pray with someone. Perhaps it is going to confession for the first time in a long time or reconciling with someone in your family. Whatever the challenge, remember how much the Lord loves you.

Last Weekend's Collection

Saint Elizabeth – Attendance: 33

Envelopes: \$888.25; Plate: \$160.00

Fuel: \$60.00; Easter Flowers: \$5.00

Total: \$1,113.25

The Church of Central & Eastern Europe: \$110.10

Saint Philip Neri – Attendance: 35

Envelopes: \$198.00; Plate: \$50.00

Fuel: \$65.00

Total: \$313.00

The Church of Central & Eastern Europe: \$35.00

St Philip of Jesus – Attendance: 56

Envelopes: \$555.00; Plate: \$138.00

Easter Flowers: \$40.00

Total: \$733.00

The Church of Central & Eastern Europe: \$20.00

CONFIRMATION CLASS

No Class 2/25...Enjoy the Break!

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

The combined parishes are planning to begin a class to prepare students for First Communion. Please contact Fr Justin or Sarah Bosley at text 518-637-5735 or call 518-962-8996.

THE IGNATIAN WORK OUT FOR LENT 2024

SE Parish Hall Every Saturday of Lent @ 2 PM

2. Christ Calls me to Service.

2.6 Blessed are you. (Luke 6:20-23)

2.7 Calming the storm. (Matthew 8:23-27)

2.8 Feeding Five Thousand. (Luke 9:12-17)

2.9 Not in this House. (John 2:14-16)

2.10 Seeing Jesus in a new way. (Matthew 17:1-7)

Describing the exercises St. Ignatius of Loyola suggest that they're to help us to know the difference between true and false desire. That is to say, "To overcome oneself and to order one's life without reaching a decision through some disordered affection". For him, spiritual exercises were not about earning God's love. They were about removing the detours that distract us from knowing it intimately. **The second group of exercises focuses on choosing to follow the beautiful paradox that is Christ.** This group invites us to see him as a paradigm of faith, the one who shows us the way to trust God even in the face of suffering, for the sake of a love that saves us. We will be doing the last 5 exercises from this second group this Saturday as mentioned above. I humbly request those planning to attend to bring along a notebook and pen to note down if something that strikes you for reflection and read the above scriptural passages from the Bible to get a familiarity, even though we will be reading them that day. You are more than welcome to purchase this book (Ignatian workout for Lent) online and the author is Tim Muldoon. Thank you.

Things to Ponder.....

He who plants kindness gathers love!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



"First Friday" of the month is often marked by a special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus since Jesus died for us and won our salvation on a Friday. Every Friday of the year, and not only the Fridays in Lent, is a special day of penance as stipulated in the Code of Canon Law: "The penitential days and times in the universal Church are every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent" (Canon 1250). Jesus made the following 12 promises to St. Margaret Mary in favor of those who consecrate to the Sacred Heart, in a spirit of reparation, the **First Friday of each month**. 1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life. 2. I will establish peace in their homes. 3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions. 4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death. 5. I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings. 6. Sinners will find in My Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy. 7. Lukewarm souls shall become fervent. 8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection. 9. I will bless every place in which an image of My Heart is exposed and honored. 10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts. 11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart. 12. I promise you in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in My disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment. The Church grants **Ple-nary indulgence (explained under reminder) to those who attend Mass and receive Communion in honor of The Sacred Heart of Jesus on the First Friday of each month for nine (9) consecutive months.** In our journey of faith, may we have a special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

With Love and Prayers....  Fr. J.T.

LENT, SEASON OF TRANSFORMATION

Presented by Holy Cross Parish

Dates: Feb 26, Mar 4, 11 and 18; Time: 6:30 pm

Emmaus Room at St. Peter's Church, Plattsburgh During Lent, we strive to free ourselves from all kinds of clutter-material and spiritual-in order to focus on God and turn back to him with our whole hearts. If this "turning back" is genuine, it will be a reorientation, a transformation. To help us enter into this season, Amy Ekeh guides readers in exploring three key moments in the life and ministry of Jesus. The result will be a better understanding of the authentic transformation that God calls each of us to embrace as individuals and as a community and a renewed desire to live God's own outward-looking, self-emptying, laying-down-one's-life kind of love. Please register for the day or evening session to: plattburghsec@rcdony.org or call the Parish Office at 518-563-0730. Suggested donation for study guide is \$5.00.

REMINDERS:

...What is a Plenary Indulgence? A plenary indulgence is a particularly powerful way to obtain remission of punishment -- on earth or in purgatory -- that would have resulted from sins that were already forgiven. It covers all sins, mortal or venial, that the recipient has committed up to that time, if the person sincerely repents, detests their sins, and fulfills all requirements such as going to confession, receiving the Holy Communion, and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father.

...STATIONS OF THE CROSS- Followed by **Noon Mass** on Tuesdays in E-Town, Thursdays in Willsboro, and Fridays in Westport.

...HOLY HOUR with Confessions: Mondays at 11 am in Willsboro (Sacristy) Tuesdays at 11 am in E-Town, Fridays at 11 am in Westport (Sacristy) and Saturdays at 3.30 pm in E-Town...Thank you.

THE HOLY ROSARY

In a world where the frenetic pace of modern life seems never to slow down, it's easy to get lost amidst the whirlwind of responsibilities, worries, and commitments that surround us. Amidst this seemingly endless chaos, finding moments of peace and tranquility becomes a constant quest for many of us. It is in this context that spiritual practices play a crucial role, offering refuge for the weary soul amidst the storm of everyday life. One such practice, deeply rooted in the Catholic tradition and enriched by the wisdom of venerable figures like St. Padre Pio, is to place the rosary under the pillow during sleep. At first glance it may seem like a simple, even trivial gesture, but it is precisely in this simplicity that its depth and meaning lie. In the vast spiritual panorama, there are simple practices that hold deep and transcendental significance. One of them is the ancient tradition of **placing the rosary under the pillow during sleep.** I would like to share with you a few compelling reasons to adopt this sacred practice in our daily lives. **Firstly**, the rosary under the pillow serves as a spiritual anchor amidst life storms. In the silent hours of the night, when thoughts seemed to dance around our minds like leaves in the wind, the tangible presence of the Rosary reminds us of the promise of divine protection. It's as if each bead of the Rosary were a link of security, connecting us to God's love and mercy, even in the darkest moments. **(To be continued...)**

CHRISM MASS



All the faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg are invited to join Bishop LaValley in the annual Renewal of Priestly Commitment, the Blessing of the Holy Oils, and the consecration of the Sacred Chrism

for use in all the churches of our Diocese. This ritual symbolizes that we are one family in Christ. The Chrism Mass will be held on Thursday, **March 21, 2024, at 11 a.m.** at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg, New York. The Chrism Mass may be viewed at <https://www.rcdony.org/livemass>. The Chrism Mass program will be available at the same link shortly before the Liturgy.