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## **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever!**

**Lent is coming!**



Friends,

The Season of Lent will begin next Wednesday, February 22. Lent is ordered to preparing for the celebration of the Paschal Triduum, and most specifically to renew our Baptismal promises at Easter. In order to prepare ourselves well for Holy Week, the Paschal Triduum, the celebration of Baptism at Easter for all catechumens, our personal renewal of our Baptismal promises, and the joyful celebration of Easter - we do penance. That is to say, we make sacrifices and go deeper in prayer for the forty days of Lent, which begin on Ash Wednesday and conclude with the beginning of the Paschal Triduum on Holy Thursday. All Catholics observe certain practices during the season of Lent in order to walk alongside Jesus, and to best prepare ourselves for entering into Holy Week. Here are a few "official" things we do:

**Abstinence:** All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

**Fasting:** All Catholics between their 18th and 59th birthdays are also bound to observe the Law of Fast on the following days: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day.

**Easter Duty:** All the faithful who have made their First Holy Communion, and are able to receive Holy Communion, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year. This obligation may be fulfilled between February 26, 2023 (First Sunday of Lent) and June 4, 2023 (Trinity Sunday).

In addition to those formal items, we also have The practice in this country of committing ourselves during the season of Lent to privately:  
1. Do some extra Prayer (e.g., the daily Rosary, a daily Way/Stations of the Cross, daily Reading and reflecting on Scripture, additional daily private prayers, 15 minutes of daily meditation on the Passion of Jesus, etc.).

2. Do some extra Fasting or Sacrifice: ie, to "give something up for lent" (some examples I have heard over the years include people giving up things like candy, TV, sweets, the snooze button, bread, alcohol, soda/pop, coffee, gossip, smartphone use beyond normal calls and texts, pizza, ice cream, etc.).

3. Give Alms: this means to give some money to the poor. Often I recommend a weekly gift or charitable act for each of the six Sundays of Lent. Lent begins in a week and half. It's a good time to start making plans for this sacred time.

Finally, our Ash Wednesday Masses will be at 7:00 AM, 1:40 PM & 7:00 PM. Deacon Mike will also offer a Liturgy of the Word with Ashes at 12:00 Noon.

God bless you, Fr. Mark

**¡Llega la Cuaresma!**

Amigos,

El Tiempo de Cuaresma comenzará el próximo miércoles 22 de febrero. La Cuaresma está ordenada a preparar la celebración del Triduo Pascual, y más específicamente a renovar nuestras promesas Bautismal en Semana Santa. Para prepararnos bien para la Semana Santa, el Triduo Pascual, la celebración del Bautismo en Pascua para todos los catecúmenos, nuestra renovación personal de nuestras promesas bautismales y la celebración gozosa de la Pascua, hacemos penitencia. Es decir, hacemos sacrificios y profundizamos en la oración durante los cuarenta días de Cuaresma, que comienzan el Miércoles de Ceniza y concluyen con el inicio del Triduo Pascual el Jueves Santo.

Todos los católicos observamos ciertas prácticas durante la temporada de Cuaresma para caminar junto a Jesús y prepararnos mejor para entrar en la Semana Santa. Aquí hay algunas cosas "oficiales" que hacemos:

**Abstinencia:** Todos los católicos que hayan cumplido 14 años están obligados a abstenerse totalmente de carne en los siguientes días: Miércoles de Ceniza, todos los viernes de Cuaresma y Viernes Santo.

**Ayuno:** Todos los católicos entre los 18 y los 59 años también están obligados a observar la Ley del Ayuno en los siguientes días: Miércoles de Ceniza y Viernes Santo. Esta práctica implica limitarse a una sola comida completa y evitar los alimentos entre comidas. Se puede tomar un sustento ligero en otras dos ocasiones en el transcurso del día.

**Deber Pascual:** Todos los fieles que han hecho su Primera Comunión y están en condiciones de recibir la Sagrada Comunión, están sujetos a la obligación de recibir la Comunión por lo menos una vez al año. Este precepto debe cumplirse durante el tiempo pascual, a no ser que por causa justificada se cumpla en otro momento del año. Esta obligación podrá cumplirse entre el 26 de febrero de 2023 (Primer Domingo de Cuaresma) y el 4 de junio de 2023 (Domingo de la Trinidad).

Además de esos artículos formales, También tenemos la práctica en este país de comprometernos durante la temporada de Cuaresma a:

1. Haga alguna Oración extra (por ejemplo, el Rosario diario, un Vía Crucis diario, Lectura diaria y reflexión sobre las Escrituras, oraciones privadas diarias adicionales, 15 minutos de meditación diaria sobre la Pasión de Jesús, etc.).

2. Haga un poco de ayuno o sacrificio adicional: es decir, “dar algo para la Cuaresma” (algunos ejemplos que he escuchado a lo largo de los años incluyen personas que renuncian a cosas como dulces, televisión, dulces, elbotón de repetición, pan, alcohol, refrescos/pop, café, chismes, uso de teléfonos inteligentes más allá de las llamadas y mensajes de texto normales, pizza, helado, etc.).

3. Dar limosna: esto significa dar algo de dinero a los pobres. A menudo recomiendo un regalo semanal o un acto de Caridad para cada uno de los seis domingos de cuaresma.

La Cuaresma comienza en una semana y media. Es un buen momento para comenzar a hacer planes para este tiempo sagrado. Finalmente, nuestras Misas del Miércoles de Ceniza serán a las 7:00 AM, 1:40 PM y 7:00 PM. El Diácono Mike también ofrecerá una Liturgia de la Palabra con Cenizas a las 12:00 del mediodía. Dios les bendiga, P. Marcos

#### **SEAS Food Closet Spotlight:**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and the SEAS Food Closet would like to congratulate volunteer Amy Schwabenbauer on successfully passing her New York State Emergency Medical Technicians exam on January 28, 2023.

Amy is now volunteering with the Fredonia Fire and Rescue while continuing her studies at Jamestown Community College, pursuing a degree in Nursing. Between her studies and volunteering at Fredonia Fire and Rescue, Amy drives a school bus for the Fredonia/Dunkirk School districts.

Amy began volunteering with the Food Closet during the summer of 2022. While volunteering at the Food Closet, Amy was fortunate to develop a friendship and mentorship with Denise Griffin, another volunteer and, member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Amy credits Denise with helping her through a difficult time in her life, and encouraging her to continue her studies at Jamestown Community College. Amy plans to continue to volunteer at the Food Closet as time permits.

The staff and volunteers at the SEAS Food Closet are proud of Amy for her accomplishments. We also thank Denise Griffin for the continued support and encouragement she has shown Amy this past year. Thank you, Denise, for being a terrific mentor and guide to Amy.

#### **Taize Prayer**

Starting on February 26, an evening of Taize Prayer will be offered every Sunday evening at 6:30pm in the church through lent.

#### **Oración de Taizé**

A partir del 26 de febrero, se ofrecerá una noche de oración de Taizé todos los domingos por la noche a las 6:30 p. m. en la iglesia durante la Cuaresma.

#### **Monthly Rosary this Thursday**

Our next monthly rosary will be this Thursday, February 16 at 5:30pm in the church followed by the Adult Ed/Faith Formation meeting in the Chapel. In the month of February, we celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, when St. Bernadette saw the Blessed Mother. So come and pray the rosary for about a half hour next Thursday in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette.

#### **New Mass Intention Policy**

Moving forward, we ask that anyone wishing to schedule a Mass Intention, pay for the Mass at the time of scheduling. If you cannot come to the Rectory Office to schedule a Mass Intention, you may send us your request in writing (either through the Postal Service or drop your request in the collection basket). Please include your name, the date you wish to schedule the Mass and your phone number should we need to call you if we have any questions. We will make every attempt to schedule the Mass on the date requested, or as close to your date as possible. Phone calls will be accepted but we can no longer book a Mass intention until payment is received. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

#### **Nueva Política de Intención Masiva**

En el futuro, le pedimos a cualquier persona que desee programar una Intención de Misa que pague la Misa en el momento de la programación. Si no puede venir a la Oficina de la Rectoría para programar una Intención de Misa, puede enviarnos su solicitud por escrito (ya sea a través del Servicio Postal o dejar su solicitud en la canasta de recolección). Incluya su nombre, la fecha en la que desea programar la misa y su número de teléfono en caso de que necesitemos llamarlo si tenemos alguna pregunta. Haremos todo lo posible para programar la Misa en la fecha solicitada, o lo más cerca posible de su fecha. Se aceptarán llamadas telefónicas, pero ya no podemos reservar una intención de misa hasta que se reciba el pago. Gracias por su comprensión y cooperación en este asunto.

#### **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

*In re The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y.,  
Case No. 20-10322*

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT**, On February 28, 2020, The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y. (“Diocese”) filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”).

The Court entered an Order (the “Supplemental Bar Date Order”) setting April 17, 2023, at 11:59 P.M. (prevailing Eastern time) (the “Supplemental Bar Date”) as the deadline to assert claims against the Diocese arising from or relating to abuse that occurred when the survivor was 18 years of age or older, and which, prior to the enactment of the Adult Survivors Act (S.66A/A.648A) would have been subject to a statute of limitations defense (“Adult Claims”).

If you have an Adult Claim against the Diocese you must file a claim on or before the Supplemental Bar Date.

**ANY CLAIM FILED PURSUANT TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL BAR DATE ORDER SHALL BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE RIGHT OF ANY PARTY IN INTEREST TO ASSERT OBJECTIONS TO ANY CLAIM OR ITS TIMELINESS.**

Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/dioceseofbuffalo> or call (855) 292-7696 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

**IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.**

# 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time—February 12, 2023

## Weekly Masses

Saturday, February 11—Our Lady of Lourdes  
5:00 p.m. Marcia Mackowiak (Wed Ann) by Frederick Mackowiak & Children  
Sunday, February 12—  
8:00 a.m. Fr. Walter Werbicki by Leo & Sandy Bain & Family  
10:00 a.m. Fr. Walter Werbicki  
11:30 a.m. Parishioners of SEAS  
Monday, February 13—  
7:00 a.m. Stanley Figiel by Leo & Sandy Bain  
Tuesday, February 14—  
7:00 a.m. Theresa Waterman by The Family  
Wednesday, February 15—  
7:00 a.m. Communion Service  
Thursday, February 16—  
7:00 a.m. Richard & Dorothy Jesionowski, Sr by Len & Dorothy Schrantz & Family  
Friday, February 17—The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order  
7:00 a.m. Dorothy Sell (Ann) by The Family  
Saturday, February 18—  
5:00 p.m. Mary L. Haase (Birth) by The Banach, Haase & Woelfle Families  
Sunday, February 19—  
8:00 a.m. Molly Ganey by The Family  
10:00 a.m. John Britt by Wife Alice  
11:30 a.m. Parishioners of SEAS

## **Please remember to pray for the infirmed:**

Janet Bonasera, Scott Collins, Sue Dietzen, Len Fijal, Jose Gambarelli, Keith & Kevin, Desiree Jones, John Maternowski, Frederick Mackowiak Jr., Mike McCarty, Peter Nataro, Joel Rivera, Javier Robles, Lenny Schrantz, Jessica Sinclair, Jack Van Dervort, Mollie Watkins, Kevin Washington and Fr Tom Wopperer.

## **Memorials**

Stella Karin by Alexis Ginley  
Pauline Zaccari by Alexis Ginley

## **Eye Has Not Seen, Ear Has Not Heard**

"Eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, what God has prepared for those who love him." Come and find out what God has prepared for you! Eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, what God has prepared for you! Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

## **Las Clases de Virtus**

De acuerdo con nuestra plan diocesana y parroquial de "Protección de los niños de Dios", requerimos que cualquier persona que esté o vaya a trabajar o ser voluntario con jóvenes complete el curso introductorio de VIRTUS y participe en el programa VIRTUS. El Curso Introductorio se ofrecerá aquí en la Escuela Católica Northern Chautauqua el martes 21 de febrero de 2023 a las 10:00 a. m. La inscripción se puede completar en línea en [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org); también puede comunicarse con Natalie al 716-366-1750 para obtener registrándose o con cualquier pregunta.

## **Weekend of January 28 & 29**

Mass Attendance/Asistencia a Missa:

5:00 PM – 50
8:00 AM – 50
10:00 AM – 75
<u>11:30AM– 96</u>
Total 271

Collection/Collecta:  
\$4.358.75

## **THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH**

Wednesday, February 15:

3:00PM-Food Pantry at NCCS

Thursday, February 16:

5:30PM-Rosary in Church

6:00PM-Adult Ed/Faith Formation meeting in Chapel

7:00PM-Liturgy Committee Meeting in Rectory Meeting Room

Friday, February 17:

10:30AM-Mass at County Home

Sunday, February 19:

9:00AM-Sacramental Prep Classes

10:30AM-RCIA English in rectory meeting room

12:30PM-RCIA Spanish in Church

Upcoming:

February 20-President's Day-Rectory Closed

February 22-Ash Wednesday

February 26-Taize Prayer starts

February 26-1st Sunday of Lent

## **VIRTUS Class to be offered here ...**

In keeping with our Diocesan and Parish "Protecting God's Children" policy, we require anyone who is or will be working or volunteering with youth to complete the VIRTUS Introductory Course and participate in the VIRTUS program. The Introductory Course will be offered here at Northern Chautauqua Catholic School on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Registration may be completed online at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) - you may also contact Natalie at 716-366-1750 for assistance in registering or with any questions.

## **Tuition Assistance for Private Grammar Schools Now Available.**

The BISON Children Scholarship Fund provides tuition assistance to economically eligible children in grades K-8. New families can now apply for scholarships for the 2023-24 school year. To start the process, families can complete a preapplication form online at <http://bisonfund.com/our-scholarships>. If selected in our lottery drawing, the scholarships can be used at any private grammar school in WNY. The deadline to apply is March 15. The average scholarship is \$1,560 and the maximum award is \$2,500. For more information, contact Cindy at 716-854-0869, ext. 1 or [cmcdonald@bisonfund.com](mailto:cmcdonald@bisonfund.com).

**The Rectory will be closed next Monday, February 20, 2023 for the President's Day Holiday.**

**La Rectoría estará cerrada el próximo lunes 20 de febrero de 2023 por el feriado del Día del Presidente.**

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