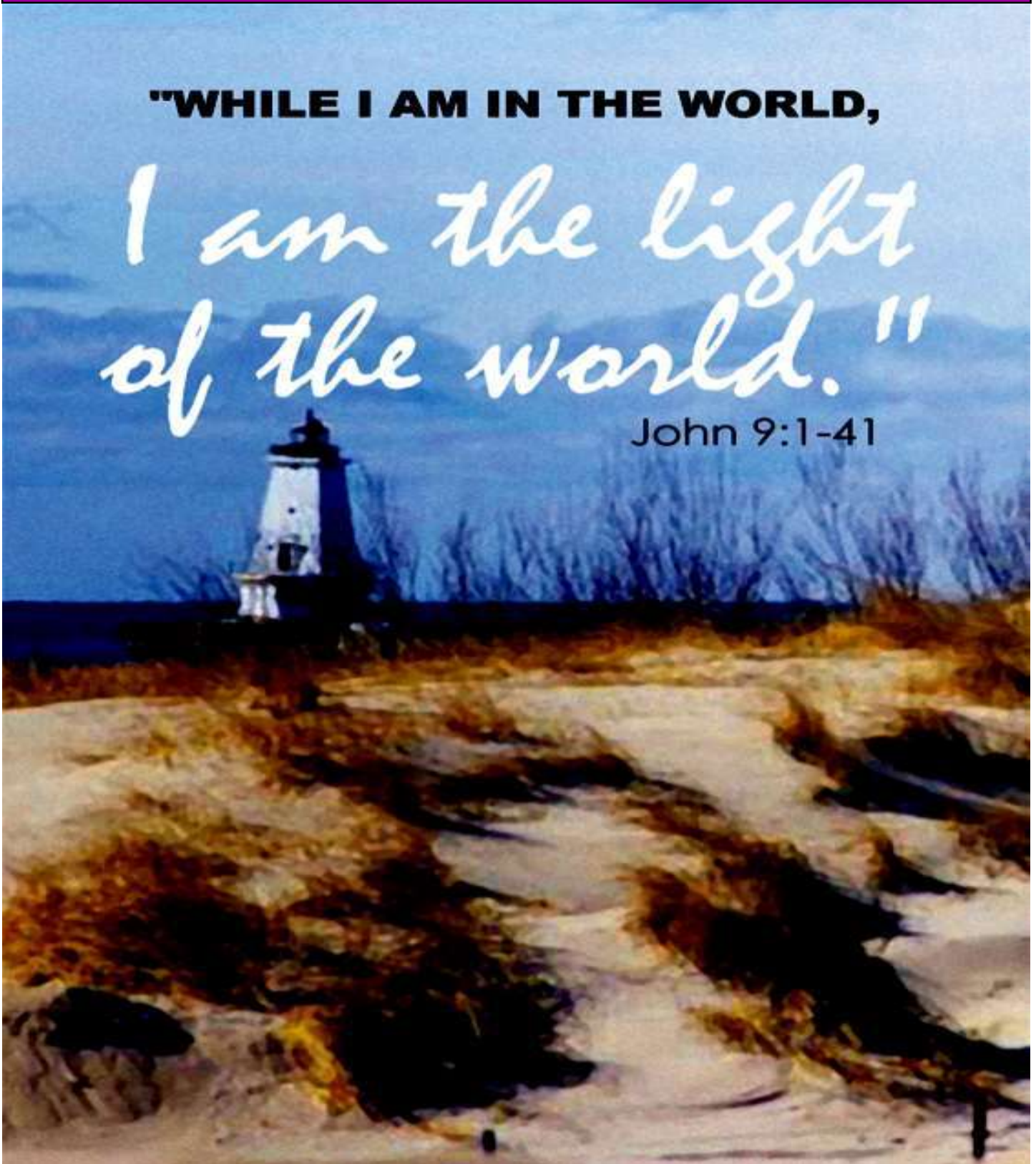


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**"WHILE I AM IN THE WORLD,  
I am the light  
of the world."**  
John 9:1-41



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
March 30, 2025**

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## Celebration of the Eucharist

### Saturday

5:00pm Vigil Mass

### Sunday

8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am  
6:00pm (Spanish Mass)

### Daily Mass

8:00am Monday through Thursday  
12:00pm Friday  
The Rosary is recited immediately after daily Mass

### Holy Days

Vigil @ 7:00pm (Spanish Mass)  
Day @ 8:00am, 12:00pm, & 7:00pm

### First Saturday Mass

Due to an issue with scheduling availability, we are no longer able to offer the First Saturday Mass each month.

### Eucharistic Adoration

The FIRST FRIDAYS (Novena & silent adoration to Sacred Heart) of each month at 12:30pm and the LAST MONDAYS of each month at 7:00pm in the Church.

### Confessions

Every Saturday 4:00pm to 4:45pm

## PARISH TRUSTEES

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## PARISH COUNCIL

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Joe Sala, & Michael Strebel

**MARRIAGES:** Arrangements should be made at least 1 year in advance. Marriage dates may be made only with the priest after he interviews the couple. Please call the Parish Office to set up an appointment. Pre- Cana classes are required.

**BAPTISMS:** Parents are required to attend one evening class before Baptism; and are encouraged to attend class during pregnancy. Baptismal class is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. To register for Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

### **SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING THE SICK:**

Emergency calls for the Sacraments for the seriously ill may be made any time of the day or night, every day of the year. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will also be celebrated every second Friday of the month at the 12:00pm Mass. All those who are seriously ill, including those preparing for surgery or a hospital stay, are invited to receive the Sacrament.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54  
**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16  
**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;  
 Jn 5:17-30  
**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47  
**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;  
 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53  
**Sunday:** Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14;  
 n 8:1-11; Alternate readings (Year A):  
 Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;  
 Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

## SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend, March 30<sup>th</sup>, our second collection is for the **Catholic Relief Services**. Thank you for your generosity!

## PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Morgan Evan Leary  
 Barbara Hallock

## eGIVING OPPORTUNITIES

eGiving makes it easy to give, anytime, anywhere. To continue lifesaving ministries and outreach in our parish community, we depend on generous online donations from our church family. We prayerfully invite you to use eGiving from your computer, smartphone, or tablet to set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.



### FAITH DIRECT

Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide Immaculate Conception with consistent support and simplify your giving without the use of envelopes. Visit:

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Thank you for your continued support!

## MASS ATTENDANCE

DATE	5pm	8am	9:30am	11am	6pm	TOTAL
03/02/25	110	156	184	188	215	<b>853</b>
03/09/25	102	121	98	148	205	<b>674</b>
03/16/25	130	128	192	188	100	<b>738</b>
03/23/25	140	163	119	120	190	<b>732</b>

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

DATE	COLLECTION	AMOUNT
03/23/2025	Weekly Collection	\$6,079.00
03/24/2024	Weekly Collection	\$7,435.00

**Thank you for your continuous support!**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday** **March 29**  
 5:00pm Catherine "Kitty" Hennessey (Fr. Peter)  
**Sunday** **March 30**  
 8:00am Michael Lalli (Msgr. Mirro)  
 9:30am The People of the Parish (Fr. Ken)  
 11:00am Marie Denton (Fr. Ken)  
 6:00pm Poor Souls in Purgatory (Fr. Jose)  
**Monday** **March 31**  
 9:00am Morgan Evan Leary  
**Tuesday** **April 1**  
 8:00am Salvatore Golfo  
**Wednesday** **April 2**  
 8:00am (Guild Mass) Poor Souls in Purgatory  
**Thursday** **April 3**  
 8:00am Morgan Evan Leary  
**Friday** **April 4**  
 12:00pm Robert E. Mims  
**Saturday** **April 5**  
**4:00pm Confessions**  
 5:00pm Bernadette Gillis Olsen (Fr. Peter)  
**Sunday** **April 6**  
 8:00am Michael Betjemann (Fr. Peter)  
 9:30am Peter Krajewski (Fr. Ken)  
 11:00am The People of the Parish (Fr. Ken)  
 6:00pm Poor Souls in Purgatory (Fr. Jose)

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) or *1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a*.

**Psalm:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) or *Psalm 23*.

**Second Reading:** We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) or *Ephesians 5:8-14*.

**Gospel:** We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) or *John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]*.

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

### The 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal

The 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal is happening in our parish and in parishes across the Diocese. Please give prayerful consideration to help fund the essential ministries and services supported by this appeal.

Goal	\$ 62,100.00
Total Pledged	\$ 16,720.00
Payments Received	\$ 13,158.00

Donors: 39 % of Goal: 26.92%

The parish will receive 20% of the goal once all pledged payments are received. The parish will receive an additional 80% of monies pledged & received over goal.



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# Easter Cross Sale



**The Knights of Columbus will be at the weekend Masses selling Palm Crosses beginning this weekend, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Please support our Knights & the good works they do!**

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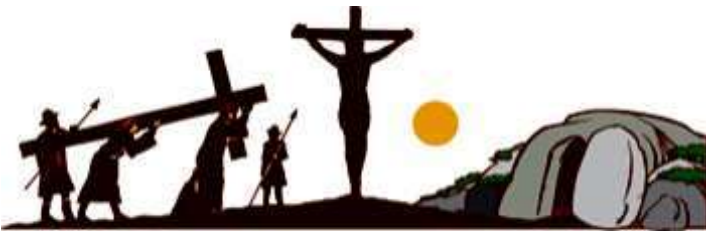
## LENTEN ACTIVITES

### LENTEN REGULATIONS FAST AND ABSTINENCE

There is a limit of one full meal on Good Friday for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive. All who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> year are bound to abstain totally from meat on that day and ALL Fridays in Lent.

### EASTER DUTY OBLIGATION

After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.



## STATIONS of the CROSS

### ENGLISH:

Every Friday at 11:45am during Lent

### SPANISH:

Every Friday at 7:30pm during Lent

Gracious Father, we are your wayward children.  
May our Lenten penance help us to clearly see the  
depth of your mercy and love.

### LENTEN SUGGESTED PENANCE

**Sunday:** Offer your day for someone who has fallen away from the faith.

**Monday:** Pray or offer sacrifice for all who are close to death.

**Tuesday:** Do something loving for someone who is sick.

**Wednesday:** Make an act of faith, such as reciting the Apostle's Creed.

**Thursday:** Send a thank-you note to someone to whom you owe a debt of gratitude.

**Friday:** Skip a meal or a part of one.

**Saturday:** Pray or offer sacrifice for all who are far from the Church.

## EASTER SCHEDULE 2025

(All events take place in the Church unless stated otherwise.)

### Palm Sunday

April 13<sup>th</sup>

8am, 9:30am, 11am, 6pm (Spanish)

### Special Day of Reconciliation

Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

9am Healing Mass

2pm – 4pm, 6pm – 9pm Confessions

### Wednesday

April 16<sup>th</sup>

7:30pm Journey Cross & Crucifixion

### Holy Thursday

April 17<sup>th</sup>

8am Morning Prayer

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

### Good Friday

April 18<sup>th</sup>

8am Morning Prayer

12pm Stations of the Cross

3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

4pm Bi-lingual LIVING Stations of the  
Cross – PC Parking Lot

7:30pm Stations of the Cross

8pm Spanish Service

### Holy Saturday

April 19<sup>th</sup>

8am Morning Prayer

10:30am Blessing of the Food

8pm Easter Vigil

### Easter Sunday

April 20<sup>th</sup>

8am Church

9:30am Church and Parish Center

11am Church and Parish Center

6pm Church (Spanish)

## HEALING MASS

**Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> - 9am**  
**Begin Holy Week with Healing**


The Mass will offer the opportunity to receive the sacrament of anointing from Fr. Ken or to be prayed over and receive a blessing. It is a beautiful way to prepare for the Triduum (Holy Thursday-Good Friday-Holy Saturday) and Easter Sunday.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Religious Education Office Hours are:**  
Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday  
9am to 5pm  
631-288-4188

Our weekday morning Mass schedule goes back to  
**8:00am**  
beginning this Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

 How can I be merciful like the father in this parable? What resentments do I need to overcome? Can I be truly forgiving to someone who has hurt me or those I love?

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Lent; Laetare Sunday  
**Monday:** Eid-al-Fitr (end of Ramadan)  
**Wednesday:** St. Frances of Paola  
**Friday:** Abstinence; St. Isidore  
**Saturday:** St. Vincent Ferrer

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Aurora Antunes, Deacon Joseph Byrne,  
Kevin Chisholm, Alexa Dalton, Brian Dalton,  
Lisa Falcone, Blythe Fickenwirth,  
Catherine Heffernan, Richard Hewes,  
Young Katie Kennedy, Morgan Leary, Rosanna,  
& Daniel Standing.

Please call the Parish Office (631-288-1423) to add/delete a name to the sick list. This list will be cleared occasionally.

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bentley (Navy)  
Julia Blake (Navy)  
Joseph Ferraro III (Air Force)  
Thomas Hellman (USSF)  
Lt. Col. William Robesch  
RJ Ruggiero (Navy)  
Lt. Cameron Worden  
Lt. Matthew Worden (Navy)

Please contact the Rectory @631-288-1423 to add a loved one to the military list

## MEDITATION with Deacon Joe

Tuesdays at 2pm in the Parish Center  
Try this spiritual practice, it will surprise you!

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Toiletries (shampoo & soap), Juice Boxes,  
Cereal, Pasta, Tuna, Peanut Butter, Jelly,  
Hearty Soup, & Condiments.

**The Pantry is in NEED of:**  
Peanut Butter, Jelly, Juice, & Vegetables (all varieties), Rice, & Beans.

## REFLECTIONS

### Living Stewardship

As we continue our Lenten journey, think of ways you can be at service to others.

Stewardship



A Way of Life

### Bulletin Reflection

Lent is a time to grow closer to the Lord. Service to others is just one of the ways we can do that-- by being the Hands of Christ on Earth.

## SACRAMENTALS

### The SANCTUARY LAMP, BREAD & WINE, ALTAR FLOWERS

To arrange a sacramental in loving memory of or for the intentions of your loved one, please visit the Parish Office.

Available Dates:

**Sanctuary Lamp:** April 7, 14, 28

**Bread & Wine:** April 7, 14, 28

**Altar Flowers:** May 11, 18, 25

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

## TEDDY'S CORNER



Loving our little  
Teddy ...  
here he is acting the  
Prince.

Fr. Ken ... we need  
to change his name  
to  
"Prince Theodore"



## INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Our prayer of thanksgiving reconciles us to the Father as we remember the saving deeds of Jesus, God's chosen Son. With exultant hearts we join our voices together and lift up this great prayer.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Three and a half weeks into this forty-day journey through Lent, we may have become lost. Perhaps we have returned to our normal habits, chafing under the disciplines of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Perhaps we've slipped and found ourselves rationalizing our failures. The story of the prodigal son, which we hear today, reminds us that no matter what we have done or failed to do, God stands always ready to welcome us back. No matter how far we have strayed, rejoice! for we are never too far gone to return to God.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

There is a great power in prayer. It is our lifeline to God. Through it we communicate with God, and people are strengthened, helped, and made whole.

Do you know of some concern, or of some person with a special need for whom we ought to pray? We have 29 prayer warriors praying, please call Charles Schmidt at 631-288-4243 and leave a message with your prayer request.



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# EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

7:00pm

The Last Monday of each month  
**(Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>)**







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# Great Easter



# EGG HUNT

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DJ Dance  
Party



Face  
Painting



Food  
Truck

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH**  
**10:30 AM – 12:30 PM**  
**GOOD GROUND PARK**  
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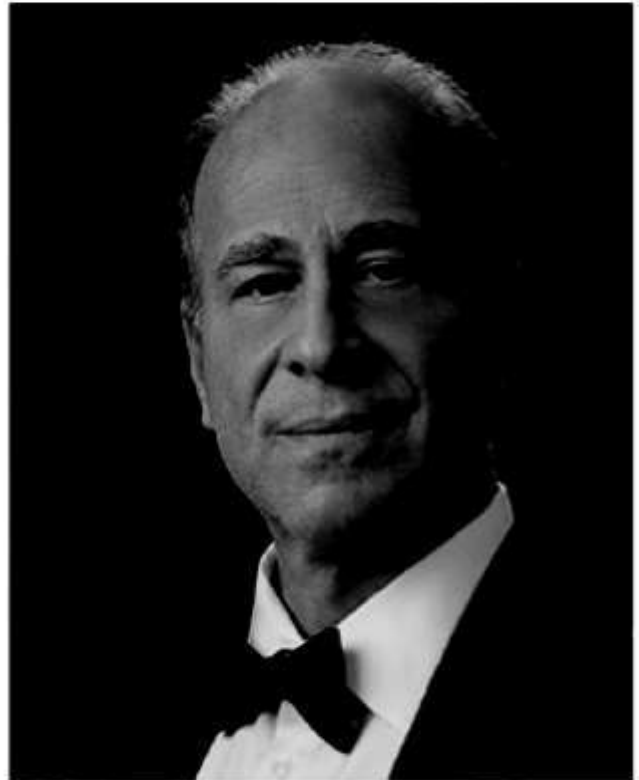
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