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*"I am the resurrection  
and the life;  
whoever believes  
in me, even if he dies,  
will live ..."*



*John 11:1-45*

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**April 6, 2025**





## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];  
Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20  
(or Jn 8:1-11 if Year A readings were used on Sunday)  
**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30  
**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;  
Jn 8:31-42  
**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59  
**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42  
**Saturday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or  
Lk 2:41-51a  
**Sunday:** Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7;  
Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11;  
Lk 22:14-23:56 [23:1-49]

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** The LORD does something new for the chosen people (Isaiah 43:16-21) or *Ezekiel 37:12-14*.  
**Psalms:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) or *Psalm 130*.  
**Second Reading:** The supreme good is knowing Jesus as Lord (Philippians 3:8-14) or *Romans 8:8-11*.  
**Gospel:** A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone (John 8:1-11) or *John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]*.

## eGIVING OPPORTUNITIES

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## MASS ATTENDANCE

DATE	5pm	8am	9:30am	11am	6pm	TOTAL
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>
03/30/25	162	158	194	148	225	<b>887</b>

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

DATE	COLLECTION	AMOUNT
03/30/2025	Weekly Collection	\$5,758.00

**Thank you for your continuous support!**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday** **April 5**  
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)  
**Monday** **April 7**  
8:00am Michael Brennan  
**Tuesday** **April 8**  
8:00am Bentley Ryan Kelley  
**Wednesday** **April 9**  
8:00am (Guild Mass) Irene K. Barrow  
(Birthday in Heaven)  
**Thursday** **April 10**  
8:00am Adele Licata  
**Friday** **April 11**  
12:00pm James Gilhooley  
**Saturday** **April 12**  
**4:00pm Confessions**  
5:00pm Intentions for the Immaculate Conception teens who received Confirmation last weekend (Fr. Ken)  
**Sunday** **April 13**  
8:00am Constance Frances Walsh (Fr. Peter)  
9:30am Donna McCoy (Fr. Ken)  
11:00am Victoria & Anthony Mirro (Msgr. Mirro)  
6:00pm The People of the Parish (Fr. Jose)

## PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Karl Thomas "Chuck" Bonawandt  
James Raymond Craig



## 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	\$ 17,520.00
Payments Received	\$ 14,002.00
Donors: 42	% of Goal: 28.21%

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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with  
**Bishop Andrzej**



Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>  
and  
Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm  
in the Church





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## LENTEN ACTIVITIES

### 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.

### EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES

**Easter Flowers** can be dedicated to or in memory of your loved ones. Their names will be printed in the bulletin after Easter. A minimum suggested offering is \$25. You may use the envelopes you received in the mail or use envelopes you may find in the lobby of the Church and you can place them either in the collection baskets during Mass or drop off at the Parish Office. Thank you!



#### ENGLISH:

Every Friday at 11:45am during Lent

#### SPANISH:

Every Friday at 7:30pm during Lent

### GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Our Collection on Good Friday supports the Christian communities in the Holy Land, including the preservation of holy sites and the provision of pastoral, educational, and social services. Thank you for your generosity.

### LENTEN SUGGESTED PENANCE

**Sunday:** Do something kind for someone you love.

**Monday:** Spend a few minutes saying the prayer, "Jesus, I trust in you."

**Tuesday:** Call or visit a homebound person or nursing home resident.

**Wednesday:** Offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God, trusting that he is guiding your life.

**Thursday:** Reconnect with someone who was responsible for helping you grow in your faith.

**Friday:** Give counsel to the doubtful.

**Saturday:** Pray with special devotion to your patron saint(s).

## 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>

8am 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> - 8am

### 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  
has returned to  
**8:00am**

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK



This week, to whom can I extend the mercy  
that God has extended to me?

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Fifth Sunday of Lent  
**Monday:** St. John Baptist de la Salle  
**Friday:** St. Stanislaus; Abstinence  
**Saturday:** Passover begins

Father, you who are life itself, let me share in  
your life by keeping Christ's word and yours.

## 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, 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, size 6 Diapers.

## INSPIRED SCRIPTURE

The study of inspired scripture is the chief way of  
finding our duty.  
~ St. Basil the Great

## REFLECTIONS

### Living Stewardship

We are all sinners in need of mercy. We  
are called to bring other sinners to  
experience God's mercy as well. This  
week invite a friend with you to go to  
confession.



### Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel we hear the story of the woman  
caught in adultery.

## TEDDY'S CORNER



Teddy  
inspecting  
my 'new'  
trumpet!

But he  
can't play  
as well as I  
can! Or, at  
least, I  
hope he  
can't!





## INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Through this prayer of thanksgiving let us pray that we will be transformed in mind and heart.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

This jubilee year reminds us that we are pilgrims of hope. Our lives are a pilgrimage and the season of Lent is a concentration of that journey. This time of penitence, of sacrifice, and of suffering is our pilgrimage to the cross, the scene and sign of Jesus' greatest sacrifice. But our faith tells us that neither the cross nor death is the end. Therefore, we can be pilgrims of hope, confident that our journeys through Lent and through life will not end in death, but in new life. May our hope for salvation encourage us as we approach the holiest week of the year.

## 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.

Merciful Father, you welcome the sinner who repents. Give me the grace to recognize my faults and to seek your forgiveness. Help me make a good sacramental confession. Amen.

## 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 14, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26

**Bread & Wine:** April 14, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26

**Altar Flowers:** May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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but the root the flower . . .  
The rose is merely the evidence  
of the vitality of the root.  
~ Woodrow Wilson





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### GOOD FRIDAY PRO-LIFE PUBLIC OUTREACH EVENT

The Long Island Coalition for Life is holding a GOOD FRIDAY VIGIL ON BEHALF OF PREBORN CHILDREN on APRIL 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am to 12:00pm, in front of Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Tpke., East Meadow; on the public sidewalk). Pro-life adults, teens and children are invited to take part in this peaceful Face the Truth event as a visible reminder that abortion is not healthcare. Tragically, the overturning of Roe v Wade has not stopped the slaughter of preborn babies on Long Island. Your participation for even part of the time is important. Signs provided (east end of hospital) or bring your own (no political signs). Information: 631-243-1435; [info@prolifeLI.org](mailto:info@prolifeLI.org).

#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Three years ago, as we made the shift in the Eucharistic Prayer from “Benedict” to “Francis,” we named a “treasure” in our tradition. From apostolic times, the Church has sent disciples on mission with a mandate to proclaim the gospel. Paul and Barnabas and Timothy come to mind as men invested with responsibility for community and mission. First we see bishops, “overseers,” good men appointed by the acclaim of their people, the center of leadership, of prayer, of word and sacrament. Their territories were small initially, small enough to get everyone into one room and for the bishop to know everyone’s name.

In time, men were appointed to function as a council of advisers, “elders,” or presbyters. That isn’t a comment on chronological age, rather it indicates the maturity of their wisdom and faith. Before long, and only when the bishop was absent, some of these men “stood in” for him to do what bishops usually did: preaching, presiding at Eucharist. The deacons had a strong and visible role in liturgy and service, especially in the care of the poor, but were gradually overshadowed by the new importance of the presbyter. As the Roman Empire first tottered and then collapsed completely by 476, bishops increasingly became civil servants to maintain order and dispense justice. Conferences and duties summoned bishops away from their home posts, and presbyters were entrusted with the sacramental and preaching duties, even though at one time runners were sent out from the bishop’s Mass to bring fragments of the host to drop into chalices as a sign of the church’s unity around its bishop.



#### STRAIGHT LINES

“God writes straight with crooked lines,” the saying goes. The power of Paul’s testimony that everything is junk but knowledge of Jesus and the power of his resurrection is a straight enough message. And, God knows, Paul had a crooked journey before his blinding insight straight from God.

Through Isaiah, God reminds us all that the past great works were as nothing compared to the new creation. “Can’t you see it?” we are asked, as if we are still wandering along our crooked lines.

And there is no straighter line than that between the woman whose misery is intense and the God whose mercy in Jesus is deeper and more acute. You just can’t beat this kind of good news.





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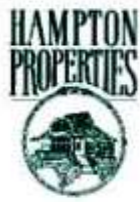
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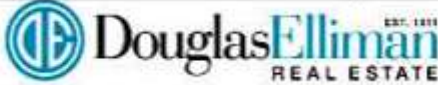
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