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SECOND SUNDAY  
IN

LENT

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
March 1, 2026**





## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Today we hear the account of Jesus' transfiguration, when the Lord suddenly shone like the sun in front of his closest disciples, knocking them to the ground in awe. On this second Sunday of Lent, we realize that we still have the opportunity to transform our lives, to become a different person, to shine like the sun and amaze those closest to us. May this celebration of the Eucharist strengthen us to transfigure our lives and make them more closely conform to our Lord's.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The disciples gathered around the Lord Jesus on the holy mountain of transfiguration. Today we gather around this holy table to celebrate the glory of the Risen Lord's presence in the Eucharist.



## TRUE FRIENDSHIP

A true friend can hear a tear drop.  
~ Anonymous

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Jeffrey Davis, Jake Ekhart, Millie Ferrin,  
Eve McNeil, Fay Mack, & Nancy Ruffell

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

## REFLECTIONS

### Living Stewardship

The Transfiguration appears in the Rosary as the 4<sup>th</sup> Luminous Mystery. This Lent, take up praying the Rosary as a daily spiritual practice- you'll be happy you did.



### Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the Transfiguration.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Second Sunday of Lent

**Tuesday:** St. Katharine Drexel

**Wednesday:** St. Casimir

**Friday:** Abstinence; World Day of Prayer

**Saturday:** Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK



How can I see myself transfigured between now and Easter? How will accepting my cross and following Jesus more closely help transform my life?



## 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.

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



### FOOD PANTRY

Some items our Food Pantry needs are: TOILETRIES, HEARTY-TYPE SOUPS & JELLY. But ANY food/toiletry is welcomed!

## 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.



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## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

**NAVY:** Ethan Bentley, Julia Blake, Michael J. DiLeo, William Robesch, RJ Ruggiero, Matthew Worden, & Cameron Worden

**MARINES:** Christopher Fencel

**AIR FORCE:** Joseph Ferraro III

**USSF:** Thomas Hellman

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!

## SACRAMENTALS

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

There are many opportunities to have the Sanctuary Lamp burn a week in memory of ... or perhaps having the Bread & Wine in someone's honor for a week. We also have Altar Flowers that can be admired in your loved ones name for the week. Visit the Parish Office to arrange yours today!

Available Dates:

**Sanctuary Lamp:** March 9, 16, 23, 30

**Bread & Wine:** March 9, 16, 23, 30

**Altar Flowers:** April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



The Blessed Sacrament was not reserved in church buildings in the first centuries of the church. In those early years, of course, people met in borrowed "house churches," gathering on the Lord's Day for community, apostolic teaching, the breaking of the bread, and the prayers, as Acts of the Apostles tells us.

Dispersed, people went their way into the workaday world until the next assembly. Weighing down their hearts was the absence of brothers and sisters, not only the sick, but those imprisoned for the faith. No wonder they developed a way of extending the food of the Holy Table to them.

Forty years ago, every altar boy in training heard about Saint Tarcisius. He was a twelve-year-old boy at the time of intense persecution in fourth-century Rome. His community had begun to convey the consecrated bread from their Eucharist to those condemned to death or awaiting trial. Normally deacons did this, but on one occasion, it was necessary to send the boy to bear the holy mysteries to the prison. The legend says that he was an athlete, and was detained on the way by some playmates who wanted him to join in their game. When he refused, they demanded to know what he was carrying. The situation went from bad to worse, and he was badly beaten and died of his injuries. A hundred years later, a pope called him a second St. Stephen. In the nineteenth century, Cardinal Nicholas Wiseman of England wrote a novel in which he expanded the story and popularized it. By then, no one seemed to notice that this twelve-year-old was actually touching and ministering the Eucharist, unthinkable until recently. Scholars say the story rings true: the first reason for setting some Eucharistic bread aside was not adoration, but Communion of the sick.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A LECTOR?

Do you like to read? Volunteer your time and talents to join the Lector group! You'll receive a Lector book that gives you a deeper dive into the day's readings as well as pronunciation guides. You will be scheduled for the Mass time you prefer, and you'll read on average 2 Masses a month, possibly more during holidays and holy days. You'll read the announcements, the readings, and the Prayers of the Faithful.

Please contact Beth at 631-495-5931 or [bethflanagan@optonline.net](mailto:bethflanagan@optonline.net) if you'd like to participate in this ministry.

## LENT

### 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 FLOWERS

**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 receive 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!

### RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday from 4-4:45pm

#### Special Day of Reconciliation

Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>  
2-4pm & 6-9pm

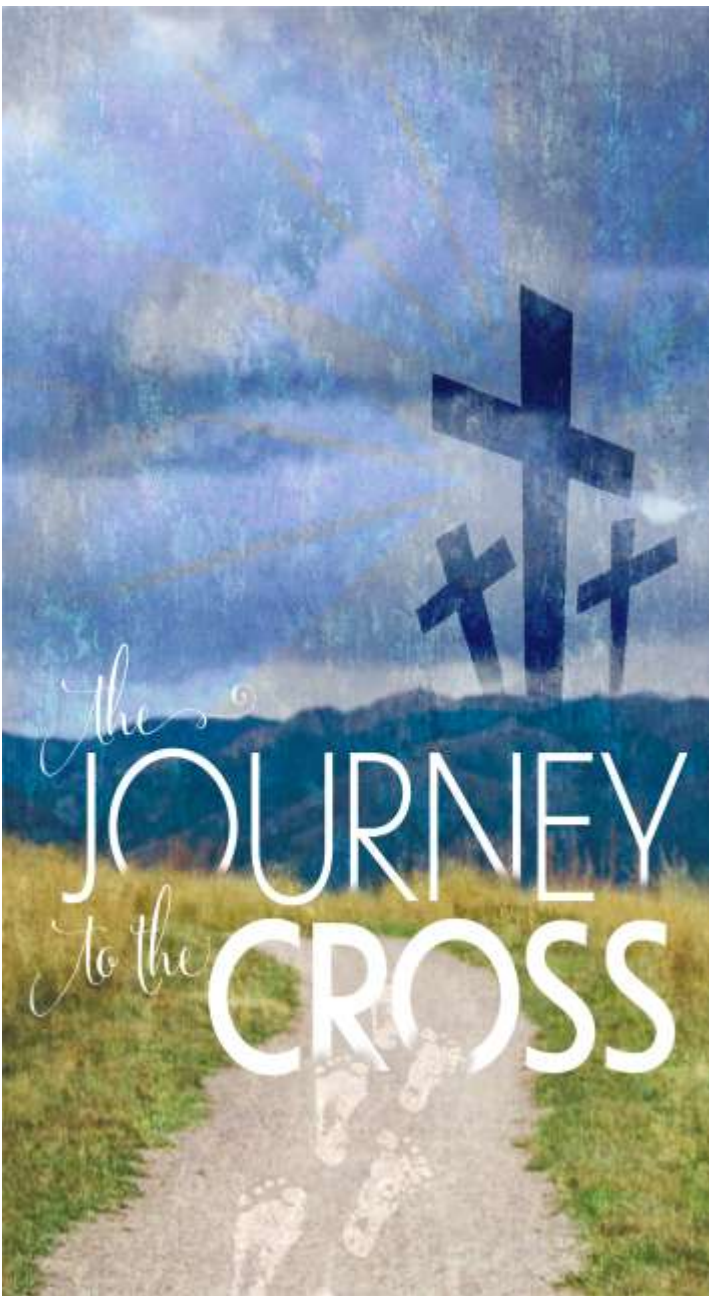
### GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Our Collection on Good Friday supports the Christian communities in the Holy Land. Thank you for your generosity.

### LENTEN SUGGESTED PENANCE

#### Fasting

- Give up a specific food or habit that genuinely costs you something (sweets, snacking, soda, alcohol).
- Fast from complaining, gossip, or negative self-talk.
- Limit screen time after a certain hour.
- Skip one meal a week and offer it for someone who needs prayer.
- Choose a "digital fast" one day a week - no social media.



#### ENGLISH:

Every Friday at 4pm during Lent

#### SPANISH:

Every Friday at 7:30pm during Lent



# WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

at  
**Immaculate Conception Church  
in Our Lady's Hall**

We begin Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>  
9:30am Chat/Coffee/Tea  
10:00am Study begins promptly  
Zoom is also available for those unable to attend in person

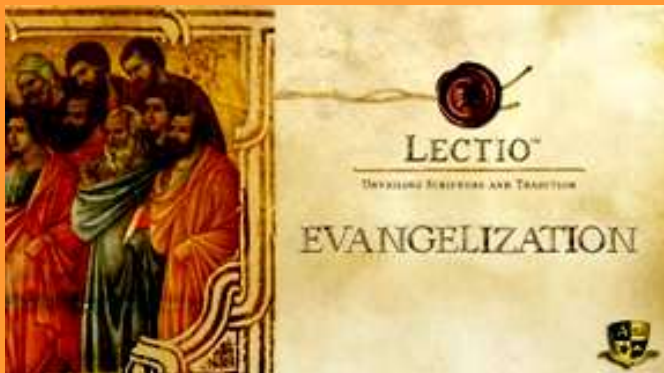
## "EVANGELIZATION – AND THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES"

All are Welcome ... Join us on this journey, which will involve us in learning about St. Luke, the Evangelist, his New Testament Gospel and Acts of the Apostles. ACTS, "written as a sequel to Luke's Gospel, tells the story of the birth and spread of the Church starting in Jerusalem, and how today, each one of us has a role to play in the 'New Evangelization.'"

On this journey with St. Luke in the Spring and the Fall of 2026, we study the Acts of the Apostles, discuss magnificent Religious Paintings, learn about St. Luke's life and journey with St. Paul, discuss Pentecost and it's significance, and meditate with Lectio Davina. All designed to inspire, and to enhance our understanding of the role the first Evangelists played proclaiming and spreading the Gospel of Christ.

We hope you will decide to join us on Thursdays for our ICC Women's Bible Study. It is a wonderful way to engage with amazing women who want to learn, to discuss Scripture, share ideas, find comfort in shared life stories, and enhance your knowledge of the The New Testament/St. Luke's writings, his role, and the role of the Annunciation, St. Peter, St. Paul and other Evangelists in spreading the Gospel.

**NOTE:** To Register and reserve a copy of the Bible Study book, or have any questions, please email:  
[mtpilo.esq@gmail.com](mailto:mtpilo.esq@gmail.com) or [Kris0330@optonline.net](mailto:Kris0330@optonline.net)



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# LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio



Join Bishop Andrzej  
For Scripture Reflection Series  
**ENCOUNTERS with JESUS**

Tuesday, March 3, 2026  
at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.



Bible Study Verses

## **SAMARITAN WOMAN**

**Gospel of John 4: 5-42**

Registration is required in order to receive the ZOOM  
link to each session.

Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your  
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Send your email to:

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Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center  
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**Call Gloria at (646) 281-4790, or Phyllis at (914) 261-5812**

**EMAIL: [beginningexperienceofhv@gmail.com](mailto:beginningexperienceofhv@gmail.com)**

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## **Women's Retreat**

**St. Joseph Villa, Hampton Bays**

**Friday-Sunday, March 20-22, 2026**  
*Arrival Friday after 3pm, (dinner at 5:30 pm) Ends Sunday by noon.*

### ***"Women Beneath the Cross"***

***Our focus will be on the mystery of suffering. We will explore the journey of Mary Magdala and Mary, the Mother of Jesus as they painfully and helplessly stand beneath the Cross of Jesus. As you experience being with a loved one or friend as they passively walk into their last stage of life, ask yourself: Is this the same as being beneath the Cross of the Suffering Jesus? If you experience moments of struggle to understand cognitive impairment or terminal/chronic illness, in what way do you feel accompanied by Jesus in your suffering or perhaps a crisis of faith? Our time together as a community at prayer will be the support and consolation we need to say, "Yes, Your will be done!"***

**Presenters:** Beth Barker, S. Peggy Conway, CSJ, S. Josephine Daspro, CSJ,  
& Jean Lynch

**Offering: \$250.00**  
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Registering for ***Women's Retreat "Women Beneath the Cross"*** at St. Joseph Villa, Hampton Bays, Friday – Sunday, March 20-22, 2026

**Please return your registration form and deposit to:**

**Spiritual Direction Formation Office - Attn: Linda S.**  
**La Providencia Center - 1725 Brentwood Rd. - Brentwood, NY 11717**

**OR register on our website: [brentwoodcsj.org/events/](http://brentwoodcsj.org/events/)**

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