



Monday, February 9, 2026

7:30 AM Americo & Zulmira de Almeida

12:30 PM Thomas Stenson

7:30 PM Spanish Mass

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

7:30 AM Michael Walsh

12:30 PM Joao & Maria Barbosa

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

7:30 AM Bill Salvatore

12:30 PM Joseph & Rosalee Carroll

Thursday, February 12, 2026

7:30 AM The Homeless

12:30 AM Tom Murphy

Friday, February 13, 2026

7:30 AM In honor of Our Lady of Fatima & souls in purgatory

12:30 PM Frank Faughnan

Saturday, February 14, 2026

5:00 PM Joseph & Louise DiGiorgio
Angelo Aragona
Jim Crowley
Francisco Caetano
Antonio da Silva & family
Martha Maher
Andrew & Elena Lobrano

Sunday, February 15, 2026

7:00 AM Tommy Sanzone

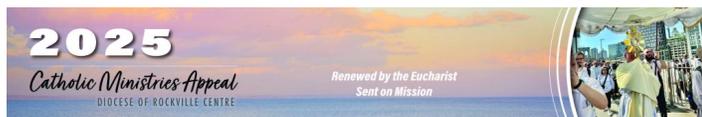
8:30 AM Portuguese Intentions

10:00 AM Manuel dos Santos

11:30 AM People of the Parish

5:00 PM Spanish Intention

7:00 PM Edward S. Solosky –
(15th anniversary)



Although we fall far short of our goal assigned by the Diocese; nevertheless, we are deeply grateful to God for all the families making sacrificial offerings for Catholic Ministries Appeal 2025. Please consider making a gift to our 2026 campaign, in an effort to build up the Body of Christ; but also across all of Long Island!

Final CMA Numbers for 2025

Goal = \$95,900

Pledges = \$60,595

Donors = 270

Payments = \$60,595

Average = \$224

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE



Saturday, February 14, 2026

5:00 PM Fr. Melvin

Sunday, February 15, 2026

7:00 AM Fr. Ken

8:30 AM Fr. Malcolm

10:00 AM Fr. Ken

11:30 AM Fr. Melvin

5:00 PM Fr. Tomaz

7:00 PM Fr. Yesudas

(Schedule is subject to change)



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” - MATTHEW 5:16

The generosity of being a good Steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them, and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

February 1st Actual Collections = \$10,798

February 1st Mail-In Donations = \$1,480

February 1st Electronic Donations = \$826

February 1st Total Collection = \$13,104

Attendance = 1,186

Maintenance = \$2,552



*Please Pray For
The Deceased*



Souls in Purgatory

From the Pastor



I trust that you are taking care of yourself and your loves ones, as we together endure one of the most frigid/frozen winters in recent memory. As much as we might enjoy the beauty of blue skies and sunshine on the mountains of white snow surrounding our homes; nevertheless, we all can't wait for Spring to come soon!

Speaking of Spring, that is precisely the meaning of the word "Lent" in our Liturgical Calander. Ash Wednesday arrives on 18 February, with the listing of Masses and Scripture Services to receive ashes throughout the day and evening. Lent is not only a sacred season to renew our personal lives before Jesus who forgives our sins; but also a time for our Church community to be truly transformed into the living Body of Christ. Especially in this our 125th anniversary year as a parish; please invite back those friends/family members who have fallen away from the faith.

One of the casualties of the cold weather was our beloved school building on Searing Avenue. On Monday 26 January, we discovered the entire first floor was flooded with water. A water main pipe underneath our boiler room had cracked in the cold; thus allowing water to flow into the school for two days. Our beautiful new gym floor looked like a wading pool. Fortunately, under the leadership of our parish trustee Joe Basel, several coaches and parents showed up that night to help in the clean up immediately. Most of the damage will be covered by insurance, and we already have the kids back learning in religious classes, and playing basketball on the court.

Finally, I'm sad to say that two consecutive Sunday snowstorms that fell on 18 and 25 January took a big bite out of our normally generous collections. Expenses for snow removal can be quite costly. But we are blessed to have several young men from our Spanish community who volunteered to shovel in the darkness of the storms. Please help out if are able with a little extra financial support in the baskets. Thanks!

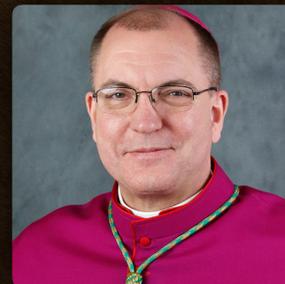
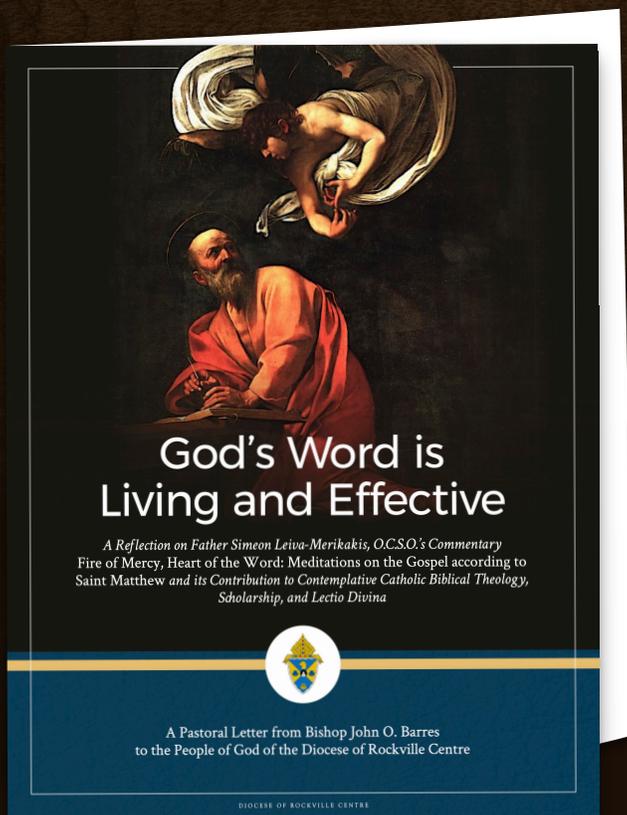
Yours in Christ,

Father Malcolm

Bishop Barres' New Pastoral Letter

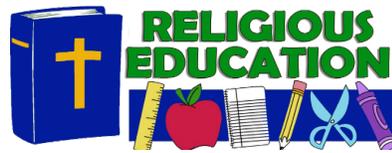
God's Word is Living and Effective

*A Reflection on Father Simeon Leiva-Merikakis, O.C.S.O.'s Commentary
Fire of Mercy, Heart of the Word: Meditations on the Gospel
according to Saint Matthew and its Contribution to Contemplative
Catholic Biblical Theology, Scholarship, and Lectio Divina.*



To read, use the QR code or visit:

www.drvc.org/GodsWord



Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026

Boy Scout Sunday

9:30 AM Gr. 7-8, IC-6 (church)

10:00 AM Class Mass

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2026

No Gr. 8 Classes tonight.

Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026

No Gr. 8 Classes today.



Congratulations to Tatiana DeVasconcelos and her family for serving her first Mass on Sunday, January 11th.

Tatiana was mentored by Jasmine Ferreira and Caroline Mahoney.



We congratulate Elise & Declan Bakhsh, & their parents. Elise and Declan served as junior lectors for the first time on Sunday, February 1.

Twenty Minutes with the Director

Sunday, March 1, 2026 Gr. 5-6

**Junior Lectors
10:00 AM Mass**

**Sunday, February 15, 2026
Sunday, February 22, 2026
Sunday, March 1, 2026**

**Peter Guy and Lisbeth McIntosh
Nicole Henriques and Mateo Manipol
Lily Wasserman and Michael Perro**



ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass/Service Schedule

February 18, 2026

7:30 AM Mass

9:00 AM Service

12:30 PM Mass

4:00 PM Service

6:30 PM Mass

7:30 PM Mass (Spanish)

8:30 PM Mass (Portuguese)

Ash Wednesday always begins the 40 days of the sacred season of Lent, culminating with Holy Week and the celebration of the Resurrection on Easter. Lent is most profoundly a time for prayer, fasting, and alms-giving, as described in the Gospel according to Matthew read on Ash Wednesday.

As Jesus Himself journeyed alone in the desert for 40 days and nights, so we too spend some of this Lenten time with Christ alone in the sanctuary of our souls. He was tempted by Satan to sin, but never fell. We also are tempted and fallen at times; but Jesus is always present to lift us up with His Cross. Please encourage all in the community to receive this blessed sign of penance and conversion: the sign of the cross in ashes on your forehead or sprinkled on top of your head.

Lent Regulations

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

All Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day.



As we prepare for the season of Lent, and then journey through the holy season of Lent, let us hear the call to deepen our faith through the traditional practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Our parish and our Diocese offer many opportunities for prayer throughout this season, and we are encouraged to practice fasting to strengthen our relationship with God.

Through our support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA), we participate in almsgiving as we join with fellow Catholics across the Diocese and make a gift to serve others in our Faith community. There is no better time to reflect on God's infinite love and to open our hearts and hands to those around us who are in need. Because of you and your gifts to the CMA, we can touch the lives of so many people in our community.

Gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal assist seminarians and those in the diaconate program with their education costs. The CMA also funds various youth and young adult programs across our Diocese, including campus ministry programs at Long Island colleges. Catholic Charities of Long Island receives funding from the CMA as well so that they can help the community in need, such as seniors, veterans, and the families who are struggling.

Whatever your plans are for the upcoming Lenten season, I ask that you also consider adding a gift to the CMA as a part of your almsgiving. This important appeal helps so many people across Long Island. We cannot do this work without you!

So, I ask you to please join me and all your brothers and sisters within our diocese in making a gift to the 2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please do so to the best of your ability as all gifts matter, regardless of the amount.

Please also remember, **100% of every dollar raised is restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal.**

Finally, if you are unable to make a gift at this time due to circumstances in your life, please reach out at any time, so that we may help you in any way that we can. You are never alone, and your church community is always here to support you.



The Parish office will be closed Monday 16 February, for Presidents' Day.

**There will be Masses at 7:30 AM and 12:30 PM;
and 7:30 PM in Spanish.**

Stations of the Cross

**There will be Stations of the Cross
every Friday during Lent, starting on
February 20th.**

**7:00 PM in English
&
7:30 PM in Spanish/Portuguese.**



2025 Tax Letter Request

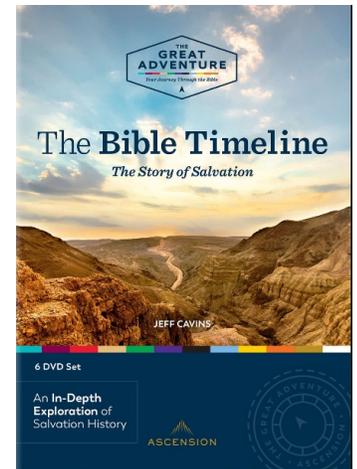
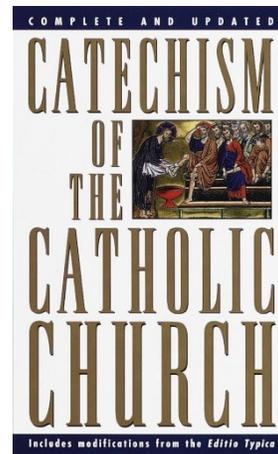
If you would like a tax letter please email us at:
Rectory@corpuschristi-mineola.net

In your email please include **your name, envelope number, address and phone number.** Please note that the tax letters will not be sent out until after January 30th. Thank you for your patience.

Understand the Entire Bible

The Story of Salvation

Corpus Christi is launching a new session of **The Bible Timeline: The Great Adventure**. This isn't just a reading group; it is a structured study program that helps you see the Bible as a unified story. Through video presentations by Jeff Cavins and small group discussions, you will learn how the Old and New Testaments fit together.



- **When:** Tuesdays, 7:00 pm – 8:45 pm, starting April 14th
- **Where:** Church Basement
- **Materials:** Workbook and Timeline Chart required (Fee: \$40) and Catechism of the Catholic Church (\$13). To register and order your materials, please contact the rectory at (516) 746-1223. Sessions will last for 6 months.

Corpus Christi Rosary Altar Society



As we return from Christmas break and our extremely cold and snowy January, we will be returning and meeting on Monday, February 16th, in Fitzgerald Hall, at 6:30 pm and 6:00 pm for the officers of the Rosary Society. As noted in the past, if you need to use the elevator, please arrive 10 minutes earlier than 6:30 pm. Also, our follow-up Mass, after our meeting, will be on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at the 5:00 Mass. Please remember to sit in the front pews on the right hand side.

The Corpus Christi Rosary Altar Society would, also, like to invite anyone in the Parish who has a special devotion to our Blessed Mother's Rosary, and who would like to incorporate it into their daily life, to please join us on Monday's at 6:30 pm in Fitzgerald Hall. Additionally, please contact Lisa at (516) 770-8201 if you are interested. We are always welcoming new members!



Please remember the sick in your daily prayers, including the following who have asked to be included in our list:

Connie Altvater, Aurora Antunes, Armandina Araujo, Evelyn Athas, Violeta Bernal, Anne Boland, Diane Bombardi, Erin Burke, Marie Byrnes, Jeanne Carroll, Jackson Carvalho, Michael Castalino, Frank de Carolis, Sue Citro, Emmanuel Colon, James Cunney, Kate Donovan, Laurie Festa, Lilly Fuentes, Anne Gallagher, Kenneth Gallagher, Elba Garcia, Vanessa Gomes, Pat Kober, Diane LaBianca, Joseph LaBianca, Lorraine Liqury, Gus Lodato, Vincent Lodato, Thomas Lowe, Christine Lucivero, Augustus & Camella Lodato, Jason Lopes, Angele Mayfield, Thomas Mitchell, Susan O'Brien, Mary O'Neill, Gabriel Palhete, Livia Pascoa Pereira, Linda Pires, Charles Procaccini, Dennis Radovic, Elizabeth Rose, JoAnn Russo, Mary Santucci, Robert Santucci, Ann Schwarz, Victoria Sheridan, Lisa Simeone, Lucy Elena Sivirichi, Paul Tubito, Lorraine Verdade, and any other members of our parish who are sick at this time.

ONLINE giving

**Make giving easy!
No Envelopes!!**

Corpus Christi offers Online Giving as an additional option to support our ongoing mission and ministries. Our Church is a spiritual home for all of us. It relies on our time, talent and treasure to fulfill that mission. Online giving helps support our Church by allowing you to make donations via your mobile phone, smart device, or computer.

PLEASE NOTE: If you begin donating through online giving, but are still receiving envelopes, please let us know and we will discontinue paying to send you envelopes.

It's easy: go to the parish website www.corpuschristi-mineola.net. Click on the Online Giving link, sign up, pick a weekly gift amount and that's it!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 27-March 1
Huntington Seminary, Huntington, NY

April 17-19, 2026
Silver Bay YMCA, Silver Bay, NY

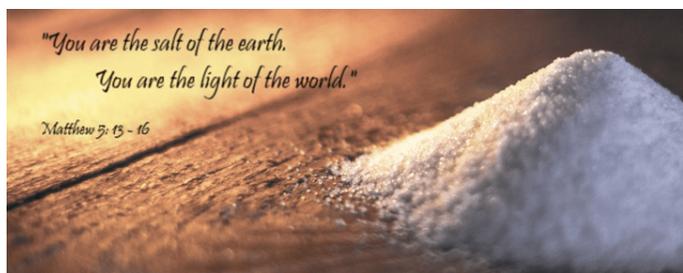
Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call George & Dolores Kraus at 516-554-3835 or wwme.org.

Church Donation Envelopes



Before giving your Church donation envelopes, please make sure that the amounts of your donations are written on the envelope. Please also avoid using tape to seal the envelopes.

The money counters, thank you very much.



Altar Server Schedule



Sat., Feb. 14	5:00 PM	B.Reyes/A.Granados/M.Trejos
Sun., Feb. 15	10:00 AM	C.Mahoney/M.Guy
	11:30 AM	L.Wasserman/M.Machado

Español

V DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO



EVANGELIO DE SAN MATEO 5, 13-16

En aquel tiempo, dijo Jesús a sus discípulos: *«Vosotros sois la sal de la tierra. Pero si la sal se vuelve insípida, ¿con qué se le devuelve el sabor? Ya no sirve para nada y se tira a la calle para que la pise la gente. Vosotros sois la luz del mundo. No se puede ocultar una ciudad puesta en lo alto de un monte. Tampoco se enciende una lámpara para meterla debajo de una olla, sino que se pone sobre un candelero, para que alumbre a todos los de casa. Que de igual manera brille la luz de ustedes ante los hombres, para que viendo las buenas obras que ustedes hacen, den gloria a su Padre que está en los cielos».*



El evangelio de Mateo, hoy, prosigue el sermón de la montaña con dos comparaciones -no llegan a parábolas-, sobre el papel del cristiano en la historia: la sal de la tierra y la luz del mundo. Todos sabemos muy bien para qué es la sal y cómo se degrada si no se usa. De la misma manera, desde las tinieblas, todos conocemos la grandeza de la luz, del día, del sol. Probablemente son de esas expresiones más conocidas del cristianismo y de las más logradas. En los contratos antiguos se usaba la sal como un símbolo de “permanencia”. Ya sabemos que la sal conserva las cosas, los alimentos... y era un signo de

la Alianza en el ámbito del judaísmo por ese sentido de la fidelidad de Dios a su pueblo y de lo que Dios pedía al pueblo. Entonces entenderemos muy bien el final de la comparación: “si la sal se vuelve sosa”... hay que tirarla. Pierde su esencia. No olvidemos que esta comparación viene a continuación de las bienaventuranzas y por lo mismo debemos interpretarla a la luz de la fuerza de las mismas. El cristiano que pierde la sal es el que no puede resistir viviendo en la opción de las bienaventuranzas. La luz del mundo, y la ciudad en lo alto del monte... tienen también todo su sabor bíblico. Se aplicaba a Jerusalén, la ciudad de la luz, porque era la ciudad del templo, de la presencia de Dios. Por eso “no se puede ocultar una ciudad”... hace referencia, sin duda a estos simbolismos de Jerusalén, de Sión, de la comunidad de la Alianza. El cristiano, pues, que vive de las opciones de las bienaventuranzas no puede vivir esto en una experiencia exclusivamente personal.. Él debe dar testimonio de esas opciones tan radicales del seguimiento de Jesús, de la fuerza del evangelio



La primera lectura de la liturgia de hoy la encontramos en el libro de Isaías 1,10-20, acomodado a una nuevas circunstancias por las que pasa el pueblo de Judá, precisamente en el período postexílico. Todo está casi destruido, y como siempre, los pobres son los que soportan lo peor. Se plantea en la comunidad la necesidad de un día de ayuno, mortificación y humillación para conseguir el favor divino. Lo que Dios quiere, como ayuno, como mortificación, es no cerrarse al prójimo, Pero el profeta dice que cuando alguien pasa hambre eres tú quien la pasas; cuando te desentiendes de tu prójimo, te desentiendes de ti mismo. Si se hace todo eso: partir el pan con el hambriento, hospedar al pobre, vestir al desnudo, habrá justicia; y si hay justicia allí está la gloria de Dios. No hay ayuno mejor que este para ganarse el favor de Dios.

Português

V DOMINGO DO TEMPO COMUM



EVANGELHO DE SÃO MATEUS 5, 13-16

Naquele tempo, disse Jesus aos seus discípulos: «Vós sois o sal da terra. Mas se ele perder a força, com que há de salgar-se? Não serve para nada, senão para ser lançado fora e pisado pelos homens. Vós sois a luz do mundo. Não se pode esconder uma cidade situada sobre um monte; nem se acende uma lâmpada para a colocar debaixo do alqueire, mas sobre o candelabro, onde brilha para todos os que estão em casa. Assim deve brilhar a vossa luz diante dos homens, para que, vendo as vossas boas obras, glorifiquem o vosso Pai que está nos Céus».



Sal da Terra e Luz do Mundo

A metáfora do sal é muito expressiva (vers. 13). O sal tornou-se, para nós, um elemento tão normal e barato que não o valorizamos convenientemente. Mas, na antiguidade, era algo bem precioso, de tal forma que os soldados romanos chegavam a receber o seu soldo pago em sal (o “salário”). Servia, antes de mais, para “dar sabor” aos alimentos: transformava alimentos insípidos em alimentos saborosos. O sal também era usado para a conservação dos alimentos, para assegurar a sua incorruptibilidade. Ele queria dizer que os seus discípulos são chamados a trazer ao mundo essa “qualquer coisa mais” que o mundo não tem e que dá sabor à vida dos homens. Se, no entanto, os discípulos se recusarem a ser “sal” e se demitirem das suas responsabilidades, o mundo ficará privado dos dons de Deus; continuará a conduzir-se por critérios de egoísmo, de injustiça, de violência, de

perversidade, e estará cada vez mais distante da realidade do Reino que Jesus veio propor. A metáfora da luz, por sua vez, era bem conhecida no judaísmo. No Evangelho de João, quem é apresentado como “a luz” é Jesus (“*Eu sou a luz do mundo. Quem Me segue não andarás nas trevas, mas terá a luz da vida*”). Ora, os discípulos – os que aderem a Jesus e são iluminados pela luz de Jesus – participam da mesma missão que Jesus tinha. Os que vivem segundo o espírito das “bem-aventuranças” e aderem ao Reino de Deus são, como Jesus, uma luz que ilumina o mundo e aponta caminhos aos homens.



Na primeira leitura um profeta anónimo do séc. VI a.C. convida os habitantes de Jerusalém a serem uma luz de Deus que ilumina a noite do mundo. Como? Oferecendo a Deus o espetáculo de uma religião feita de rituais vazios e desligados da vida? Não. Ser “luz de Deus” passa por partilhar o pão com os famintos, ficar do lado dos injustiçados, cuidar daqueles que ninguém cuida, ser testemunha da misericórdia e da bondade de Deus junto daqueles que sofrem.

Eu mesmo, irmãos, quando estive entre vocês, não fui com discurso eloquente nem com muita sabedoria

Na segunda leitura o apóstolo Paulo convida os cristãos de Corinto a agarrarem-se à “sabedoria de Deus” e a prescindirem da “sabedoria do mundo”.

INTENÇÕES PARA O DIA 15 DE FEVEREIRO

+Ilda Lucas dos Santos + Manuel Lopes Gonçalves
 +Domingos Gonçalves e família + Manuel I. Valente + Maria Rodrigues Araújo + Manuel e Joaquina Portela + Aires Cunha + Rosa Fernandes da Silva + Rosalina das Dores + Teresa Duarte e pais + Rosa e Adélio Martins + Maria e António de Barros

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