

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**Monday, February 15, 2021**

7:30 AM Nicholas Motto, Jr.
 12:30 PM Edward S. Solosky
 (10th Anniversary)
 7:30 PM Spanish Intentions

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory
 12:30 PM Carmela & Carmelo DeFrancesco

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

7:30 AM Vincent & Viola Romano
 9:00 AM Ash Wednesday Service
 12:30 PM Fr. Parick Callan
 4:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service
 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service
 7:30 PM Service Spanish
 8:30 PM Service in Portuguese

Thursday, February 18, 2021

7:30 AM Edward L. Hendrickson
 12:30 PM Arlene Gerstheimer

Friday, February 19, 2021

7:30 AM Unborn Children
 12:30 PM Rev. Lawrence O'Leary

Saturday, February 20, 2021

5:00 PM Vicencio Viegas
 Olinda & Ernesto Marques
 Antonio, Gracinda & Jose Silva
 Isabel & Leroy Barroca
 Carlos Nunes Costa
 Jack & Rosa Correia
 Manuel, Isaura & Jose Silva
 Carlos Nunes Costa

Sunday, February 21, 2021

7:00 AM Mario Nazario
 8:30 AM Portuguese Intentions
 10:00 AM Baby Williams & Family
 11:30 AM People of the Parish
 5:00 PM Spanish Intentions
 7:00 PM All those affected by Covid-19

PRIEST CELEBRANTS' SCHEDULE**Saturday, February 20, 2021**

5:00 PM Bishop Anjay

Sunday, February 21, 2021

7:00 AM Fr. Ngozi

8:30 AM Fr. Tomaz

10:00 AM Fr. Malcolm

11:30 AM Fr. Malcolm

5:00 PM Fr. Carlos

7:00 PM Fr. Ngozi

(Schedule is subject to change)

Corpus Christi Mass on YouTube

This Sunday February 14th, you can watch Fr. Ngozi celebrate the English Mass & Fr. Tomaz celebrate the Portuguese and Spanish Masses. The English Mass will be on YouTube as of 7:00 AM on Sunday, the Spanish Mass will be available at 7pm & the Portuguese Mass will be available after 11am. Please type tgomide to watch the Mass in the language of your choice from the comfort of your homes or wherever you are. The masses will be posted to our Facebook page as well. Tell all your friends and family about it so they too can watch.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure

In today's second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to "do all for the glory of God." If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards! See 1 Corinthians 10:31 (Our Sunday Visitor, *ibid.*, page 19).

February 7th Actual Collection = \$6,282

February 7th Mail-In Donations \$4,163

Total Collection = \$10,455

February 7th Attendance = 605



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent 2021

Dear Friends:

"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan...After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God."(Mark 1:12 – 14) Each year on the First Sunday of Lent, the Church presents for our reflection and prayer the experience of Jesus in the desert. Jesus's experience in the desert follows immediately upon His baptism by Saint John the Baptist and immediately precedes His public ministry and proclamation of the Kingdom of God, in word and in deed. Saint Mark points out to us that the Spirit, who had just descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove, drove Jesus into the desert.

The desert was a barren place, a place of lifelessness, the home of the devil and evil. The Spirit sends Jesus into the desert to prepare himself for the years of His public ministry, ultimately leading to His Death and Resurrection. Jesus spends time away from the world to prepare himself. But He also goes forth into the desert to begin His battle against evil, sin and death. Jesus goes into the very dwelling of evil to begin the confrontation. This battle will continue throughout the rest of Jesus's life. The ultimate victory will come on Good Friday through His ultimate act of love on the Cross.

Our yearly experience of Lent, our forty day "desert experience," can be viewed in the same way. We are inspired and sent by the Spirit to spend some time apart from the world of noise and recover the beauty of silence. But, we are also sent to do battle. Our experience of true silence should allow us the opportunity to both listen to the voice and promptings of God as well as to better know ourselves. This personal battle against sin and evil can be painful, because we come to realize that we are all in need of constant conversion. There are real changes each and every one of us need to make in our lives and our hearts this Lent. But like Jesus, we are not alone. The Lord was ministered to by angels during His forty days in the desert. We are constantly aided by our guardian angels, by the angels and saints in heaven, by the community of the baptized, and by the grace of the sacraments of the Church. Like Jesus, we need to emerge from the desert ready to take on the evils of the world and work to spread the Gospel.

It was only a few short weeks into Lent 2020 that the experience of Covid-19 made radical changes to our society, our Church, and our families. The experience of desert isolation was no longer a metaphor but a lived reality. The experience of having our parishes locked down for months was painful for all of us. Many of us still experience this isolation in many ways. But as Christians we always remain men and women of hope. We know that the Cross of Good Friday leads to the empty tomb of Easter Sunday.

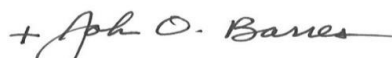
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Pope Francis has declared this year as a special Year of Saint Joseph. In Saint Joseph we find a man of profound hope and strength as well as prayerful silence. Scripture does not record one word spoken by Saint Joseph. But Scripture does tell us of his unwavering faith and trust, which go beyond words. Following Jesus, and like Saint Joseph, men and women in the first centuries of the Church began to leave the towns and villages and settle in the isolation of the desert. Like the Lord, they sought to rid themselves of the distractions of everyday life so they too could do battle with evil, and through their quiet example proclaim the Kingdom of God.

This continued throughout the history of the Church, even to our present moment. Saint Antony, Saint Benedict, Saint Bruno, and so many others show us the lived experience of the desert is not an escape from the reality of life but a privileged encounter with the Lord and a revelation of our true selves. While most of us are not called to the monastic or solitary life, the last twelve months have given each of us an experience of solitude. We are encouraged to remain "socially distant." In the midst of the real suffering and hardships this has caused, perhaps the hidden grace is that it has led us to be "temporary monastics."

Our typical Lenten "desert experience" of forty days has lasted a bit longer. But we will come out of it! And like the Lord, when we emerge our goal is to proclaim the Gospel of God according to our vocation and the graces given to us. In addition to our personal sins and the evils present in our own hearts, we live in a world that is right now suffering from real physical illness as well as real division and hurt of every kind. Jesus emerged from the desert bringing the healing presence of God to all he encountered. As the baptized, the Church, the continuing presence of Jesus in the world, we need to do the same. The same Holy Spirit that drove Jesus into the desert is driving us on.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre





The Parish office will be closed Monday 15 February for Presidents' Day.

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

Lenten Regulations 2021

Weekdays of lent:

There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday:

These are days of fast and Abstinence from meat. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

Days of Abstinence (All Fridays in Lent)

All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

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.



Upcoming Presentations with Bishop Andrzej

COFFEE with JESUS Lenten Series via Zoom

An opportunity to nourish mind, spirit and heart throughout the Lenten Season, as

BISHOP ANDRZEJ

will share his Lenten Reflections on the Scripture Readings.



Friday mornings during Lent,

10 am from February 19 through March 26.

Over a cup of coffee in the comfort of your own home.

Bishop Andrzej's Lecture Series Continues

LITURGICAL CATECHESIS

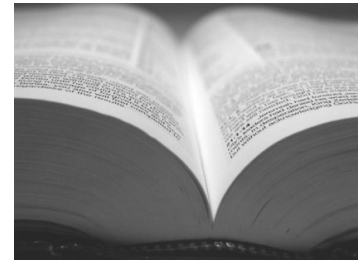
Tuesdays this Spring @ 7:30 p.m.

February 23 Liturgy and Our Covenant with God...online via ZOOM

March 23 Liturgy and the Paschal Mystery in Us...online via ZOOM

April 27, 2021 Liturgy and St. John Paul II Reform

May 25, 2021 Liturgy and Personal Growth



TO REGISTER for these presentations please call
Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850, or
email westernvicariate@drvc.org .

You will receive ZOOM information
prior to each session of Bishop Andrzej's presentations.
Registration is required in order to be emailed the ZOOM
link.

COME HOME TO THE LORD FOR LENT

Ash Wednesday

17 February 2021



Despite the ongoing pandemic for over a year now throughout the world, nevertheless Christians everywhere will begin the 40 days of Lent on Ash Wednesday, leading to the joy of the resurrected Christ on Easter Sunday, April 4th. Because of Covid-19, the distribution of ashes will be distinctly different this year, for the protection of God's people. **We will not be placing a cross of ashes on anyone's forehead**, as has been the custom in the USA for ages. Instead, **we will be sprinkling a small portion of ashes on the crown of each person's head**, as is done in Rome with Pope Francis, and in many countries throughout the world. This will insure no contact between the person and the thumb of the priest/minister. The traditional blessing will be said only once over the entire congregation ("Repent and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return"). We will keep the 2 Masses and six services brief; recalling that Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation, so you are not required to receive ashes. Most importantly, allow Lent to be a time of opening your heart in conversion to Jesus Christ, and praying for the souls of all people struggling with their faith in God.

Ash Wednesday Masses and Services Schedule

7:30 AM Mass

9:00 AM Service

12:30 PM Mass

4:00 PM Service (For families & children)

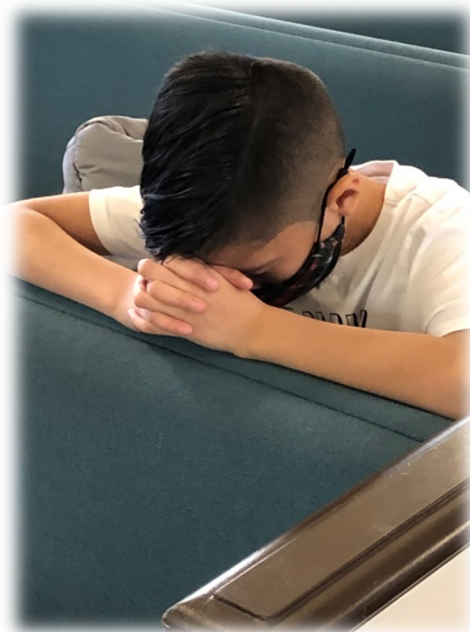
6:30 PM Service

7:30 PM Spanish Service

8:30 PM Portuguese Service



*We congratulate our students on their
First Reconciliation
on Saturday, January 30, 2021*





The Search is a beautifully produced on-line Lenten journey through the big questions we all share. This Lent, we are inviting YOU to *The Search*. Each week Chris Stefanick from Real Life Catholic will be guiding us throughout Lent on how to use *The Search*.

What are you searching for this Lent?

Why am I here?

What is the life I was made for?

Is there a God?

Does He even care about me?

These are questions we all ask ourselves. Are there answers? Can true peace be found? *The Search* unapologetically reveals that you were made for God, that your home is found beyond yourself, and that Jesus is the way.

You can participate in this Lenten Journey by accessing *The Search* from your existing membership in **FORMED**. If you haven't already enrolled in **FORMED** go to www.corpuschristi-mineola.formed.org. Click "Register", enter your name, email address and desired password. Once completed, you're already to access the inspiring and engaging content on **FORMED** and participate in *The Search* Lenten Retreat and get ready to experience your most meaningful Lent, ever.

Don't have, like or want to use a computer, these sessions will be broadcast on the Catholic Faith Network. Times and schedules will be announced.



Stations of the Cross

We commemorate the Passion and death of Our Lord Jesus Christ through the devotion of the Stations of the Cross. Please join us every Friday night to pray the Stations of the Cross, beginning on February 19th.

7:00 PM in English

8:00 PM in Portuguese and Spanish



Religious Education Update

Tues, Wed, Thurs., Feb. 16, 17, 18, 2021

No Religion Classes

(Schools closed-Presidents' Week)

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021

Ash Wednesday-Lent begins

Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021 - Classes resume

*Last instructional class for 8P (Mr. Perone)

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021

*Last instructional classes for

8A (Mrs. Ferreira/Mrs. Gandarela)

8B-8L (Mrs. Kathy Raspen Razzano)

8C-8N (Mrs, Annemarie Cunha)

* Please submit the Confirmation fee (\$110.00), Confirmation workbook, Sponsor Certification tonight.

Twenty Minutes with the Director resumes on...

Sunday, February 28th. Grades 5,6

Mineola Library Curbside and Delivery Service

During this difficult time, the Mineola Library is happy to offer delivery as well as curbside service to those that may not feel comfortable coming into a public place or can't get out of the house. The library can deliver videos, books, and CD's that we own to your home or to your car in front of the library. If you would like to set something up, to receive this service, please call Jackie at 516-746-8488. This is for Mineola Cardholders Only.



Final CMA Numbers for 2020

Goal = \$99,400

Pledges = \$58,362

Payments = \$58,362

Donors = 372

Average = \$156

Thank you to all the families who already have made a sacrificial gift. Please consider a yearly offering.



Remember Our Sick

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

Connie Altvater, Armandina Araujo, Vinnie Benedetto, Violeta Bernal. Anne Boland, Erin Burke, Marie Byrnes, Jeanne Carroll, Michael Castalino, Arlene Cavanagh, Frank de Carolis, Sue Citro, Joann Cornacchioli, James Cunney, Anthony Donnelly, Kate Donovan, Virginia Fallon, Joanne Fitzgerald, Lilly Fuentes, Kenneth Gallagher, Vanessa Gomes, Robert Hartlett, Eileen Hendrickson, Maryann Iaquinto, Sue Krebs, Diane LaBianca, Joseph LaBianca, Vincent Lodato, Christine Lucivero, Jason Lopes, Thomas Mitchell, Pat Nicolosi, Susan O'Brien, Melissa Ogunsuyi, Gabriel Palhete, Linda Pires, JoAnn Russo, Mary Santucci, Robert Santucci, Lisa Simeone, Alice Squeri, Beatriz Silva Pontes, Paul Tubito, Lorraine Verdade, Phillip Washburn, and any other members of our parish who are sick at this time.



Please Pray For The Deceased



Joseph Garcia

We find that too many people do not write their donation amount on the outside of their envelopes. Please indicate the amount of your contribution on the envelopes to ensure accuracy. It is also very much appreciated if the envelopes are not cut in pieces but kept whole as pieces could be lost while posting.

Español

VI DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO



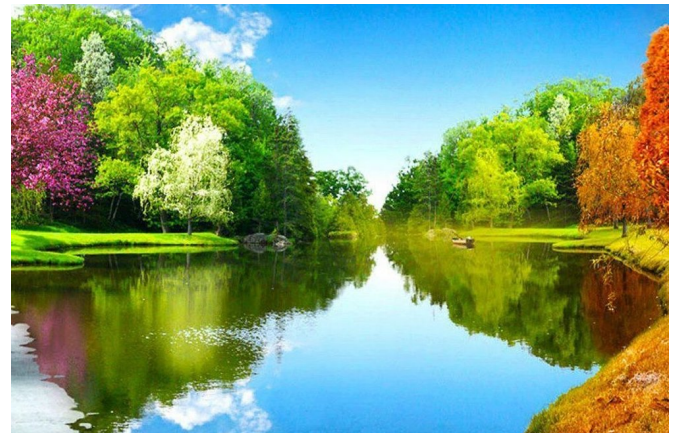
EVANGELIO DE SAN MARCOS 1, 40-45

En aquel tiempo, se le acercó a Jesús un leproso para suplicarle de rodillas: “*Si tú quieres, puedes curarme*”. Jesús se compadeció de él, y extendiendo la mano, lo tocó y le dijo: “*Si quiero: Sana*”! Inmediatamente se le quitó la lepra y quedó limpio. Al despedirlo, Jesús le mandó con severidad: “*No se lo cuentes a nadie; pero para que conste, ve a presentarte al sacerdote y oferece por tu purificación lo prescrito por Moisés*”. Pero aquel hombre comenzó a divulgar tanto el hecho, que Jesús no podía ya entrar abiertamente en la ciudad, sino que se quedaba fuera, en lugares solitarios, a donde acudían a él de todas partes.



En la Biblia, la lepra cubría un rango de enfermedades de la piel. Más importante, se consideraba que ensuciaba a la persona. Los leprosos eran muertos en vida: los sufrientes estaban aislados de sus familias y la comunidad, y a su paso tenían que gritar fuerte: **Impuros, impuros** para que nadie se acercara. La Ley requería que los leprosos se alejaran de los demás. El leproso rompió ese código al acercarse de Jesús, y Jesús rompió el suyo al tocar al leproso. El tocar

a los leprosos hace de Jesús, ritualmente, impuro también. En este Domingo se nos habla de la lepra, tanto en la primera lectura, como en el evangelio, pero también, como no, del ejemplo de Cristo, como maestro a quien imitar. Se subtraya con la enfermedad de la lepra (hoy podría ser el covid), el estado de la humanidad doliente y la actitud habitual de Jesús frente al dolor concreto. Si para la ciencia médica cuentan las enfermedades concretas, para Jesús lo que cuenta es el enfermo. Un enfermo, aquél, de lepra que por prescripción de la ley antigua no debía acercarse a la gente, pero que, en esta ocasión, lleno de fe, se acerca a Jesús para sencillamente decirle: Si quieres, puedes limpiarme. En el **si quieres** podemos ver la aceptación de la voluntad de Dios. Es lo que oramos en el Padre Nuestro: *Hágase tu voluntad*. Jesús, al venir al mundo, tomó conciencia de nuestras dolencias. Desde los primeros días de su ministerio se forma en torno suyo una especie de hospital de incurables. Nadie se consideraba excluido de la misericordia de Jesús.



San Pablo escribe en la segunda lectura a los Corintios: **Hermanos: Todo lo que hagan ustedes, sea comer, o beber, o cualquier otra cosa, háganlo todo para gloria de Dios.** El Cristiano, consagrado por el bautismo, puede y debe ver todo santamente. El valor de lo que hacemos no está en lo externo, sino en como lo hacemos. Cristo en los treinta años de su vida oculta no hizo cosas grandes o vistosas; vivió con un corazón lleno de amor a su Padre y a las personas. Sus actos tenían un valor infinito y estaban redimido al mundo. Lo mismo nosotros: la vida cotidiana, sencilla y corriente, puede tener un inmenso valor. No esperemos a hacer cosas grandes. Hagamos grande lo pequeño.

Português

DOMINGO VI DO TEMPO COMUM



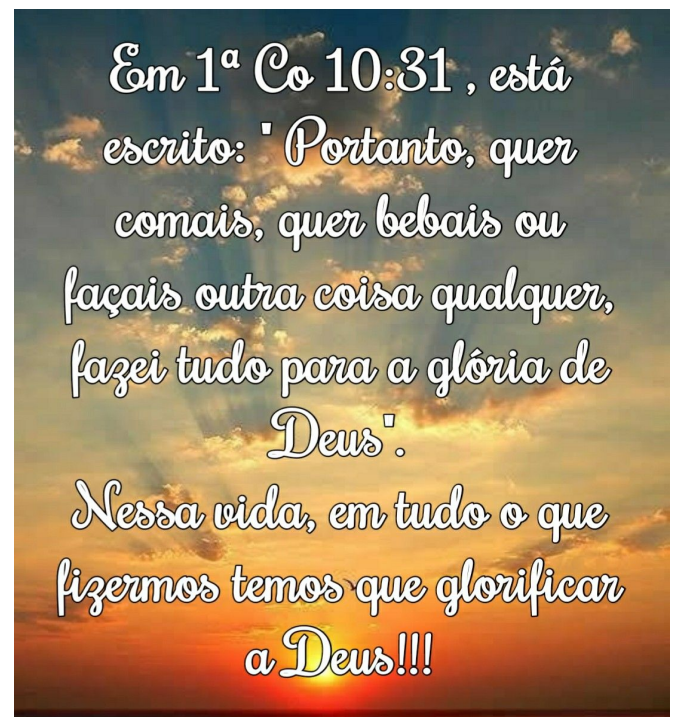
EVANGELHO DE MARCOS 1, 40-45

Naquele tempo, veio ter com Jesus um leproso. Prostrou-se de joelhos e suplicou-lhe: “Se quiseres, podes curar-me”. Jesus, compadecido, estendeu a mão, tocou-lhe e disse: “Quero; fica limpo”. No mesmo instante o deixou a lepra e ele ficou limpo. Advertindo-o severamente, despediu-o com esta ordem: Não digas nada a ninguém, mas vai mostrar-te ao sacerdote e oferece pela tua cura o que Moisés ordenou, para lhes servir de testemunho. Ele, porém, logo que partiu, começou a apregoar e a divulgar o que acontecera, e assim, Jesus já não podia entrar abertamente em nenhuma cidade. Ficava fora, em lugares desertos, e vinham ter com Ele de toda a parte.



No século primeiro, as pessoas viviam com o temor aos demónios ou aos espíritos impuros, aos quais se atribuíam a maioria das doenças. No evangelho deste domingo, como no domingo passado, Jesus demonstra seu poder sobre o mal ao curar um leproso. Para os judeus o leproso era um pecador público e qualquer pessoa que o tocasse tornava-se impuro. Ignorando essas crenças, Jesus toca no leproso e o cura. Este gesto demonstra não somente

o seu poder de curar, mas também sua compaixão e solidariedade com os que sofrem. Na primeira leitura deste domingo, encontramos no livro do Levítico o que a lei de Moisés mandava com relação aos leproso. Eles eram considerados impuros e deveriam morar à parte das outras pessoas. Jesus rompe com essa lei e não somente se aproxima do leproso, mas o toca. O leproso não exige de Jesus a sua cura, mas coloca-se à disposição de Jesus. Ele está disposto a aceitar a vontade de Deus na sua vida. Muito mais que cura, o sentido original do pedido do leproso era um pedido de purificação. Ele era considerado um pecador, um excluído da sociedade, um pária. Ele quer voltar a fazer parte da sociedade e Jesus o purifica. O leproso deverá ir mostrar-se ao sacerdote e oferecer o sacrifício prescrito pela lei de Moisés. Somente assim poderá ele voltar a conviver com as outras pessoas na sociedade.



INTENCÕES: DOMINGO DIA 21

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