



**Monday, February 23, 2026**

- 7:30 AM Nilza Ribeiro
- 12:30 PM Marguerite O' Callaghan
- 7:30 PM Spanish Mass

**Tuesday, February 24, 2026**

- 7:30 AM The Homeless
- 12:30 AM Joao & Ilda Ribeiro & Family

**Wednesday, February 25, 2026**

- 7:30 AM Joseph A. Giovaniello
- 12:30 AM Domingos & Antonio Barbosa

**Thursday, February 26, 2026**

- 7:30 AM John Acierno
- 12:30 AM Patrick Murphy Jr.

**Friday, February 27, 2026**

- 7:30 AM The Unborn Children
- 12:30 PM Josephine Uy Torio

**Saturday, February 28, 2026**

- 5:00 PM Maria & Antonio Cirne
- Ana Santos
- Miguel & Maria Paiva
- Fr. Patrick Callan

**Sunday, March 1, 2026**

- 7:00 AM John de Almeida
- 8:30 AM Portuguese Intentions
- 10:00 AM Joanne Panetta
- 11:30 AM People of the Parish
- 5:00 PM Spanish Intention
- 7:00 PM Martin J. Kelly



**Final CMA Numbers for 2026**

Goal = \$98,800  
 Pledges = \$2,635                      Payments = \$1,911  
 Donors = 14                              Average = \$188

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

# CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

**Saturday, February 28, 2026**

5:00 PM Fr. Ken

**Sunday, March 1, 2026**

7:00 AM Fr. Yesudas

8:30 AM Fr. Milciades

10:00 AM Fr. Ken

11:30 AM Fr. Ken

5:00 PM Fr. Tomaz

7:00 PM Fr. Malcolm

*(Schedule is subject to change)*



## STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

***"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'"***

***- MATTHEW 4:10***

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent living Stewardship and letting go of the other "gods" we have put before God.

**February 15<sup>th</sup> Actual Collections = \$10,636**

**February 15<sup>th</sup> Mail-In Donations = \$918**

**February 15<sup>th</sup> Electronic Donations = \$814**

**February 15<sup>th</sup> Total Collection = \$12,368**

**Attendance = 1,253**



*Please Pray For  
The Deceased*



**Catherine J. Hutter  
Marguerite O'Callaghan**



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

In this Lenten season 2026, we offer our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving for the Light of Christ's peace and justice to heal the many troubled parts of our nation and world.

Amid so many global and national crises, it is essential that we be guided and inspired by the Word of God. This Lent, let us rededicate ourselves to being deeply biblical Catholics on fire with the Word of God.<sup>1</sup>

In Saint Paul's Second Letter to Timothy (2:8-10), the Apostle writes: "The Word of God is not bound," or as another translation renders it, "The Word of God cannot be chained."

The Church of Santa Maria in Via Lata in Rome, near to both the Trevi Fountain and the Pantheon, is traditionally taken as the site of Saint Paul's imprisonment in the Eternal City. Beneath this holy church stands an ancient, freestanding granite column that I visited and prayed at on May 17, 2024.

Etched into that ancient column is the Latin phrase for "The Word of God is not bound." The column also has rust marks indicating that a chain – possibly the one discovered archaeologically in an adjacent well – was wrapped around it.

How powerful it was to place my hands on that granite column and to touch with my fingers the words of Saint Paul! In my ecclesial mission as the Successor of the Apostles on Long Island, that memorable day I asked Saint Paul for his intercession that each one of us in the Diocese of Rockville Centre could be as bold and as audacious in proclaiming that the Word of God cannot be chained!

The Word of God cannot be chained in our own lives and in the lives of our families!

The Word of God bursts through our sin, paralyses, and resistances to change, and ignites our own Road to Damascus conversions!

The Word of God breaks down the self-imposed prison doors of addiction, ego, pride, selfishness, and narcissism, and refocuses our lives on Christ and his call to rejoice!

The Word of God cannot be chained by sin, war, terrorism, racism, injustice, poverty,<sup>2</sup> or disrespect for the sanctity and dignity of human life!

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<sup>1</sup> See Bishop Barres' Pastoral Letter *God's Word is Living and Effective* available at [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org).

<sup>2</sup> See Pope Leo XIV's 2025 Apostolic Exhortation *Dilxit Te (On Love of the Poor)* available at [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va).

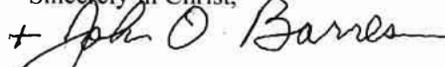
The Word of God cannot be chained by unethical deployments of Artificial Intelligence!<sup>3</sup>

The Word of God cannot be chained in the global mission of the Catholic Church, regardless of the 21st century persecutions and martyrdoms she experiences!<sup>4</sup>

As the Successor of the Apostles on Long Island, and in communion and mission with our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV, I thank each of you for the way you “cast fire on the earth” (Luke 12:49) through your daily reading, meditating, praying, contemplating, and living the inspired Sacred Scriptures.

Be assured of my prayers for a blessed Lent.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John O. Barres". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

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<sup>3</sup> See *Antiqua et Nova*, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Dicastery for Culture and Education’s January 14, 2025, *Note on the Relationship Between Artificial Intelligence and Human Intelligence* available at [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va).

<sup>4</sup> See Robert Royal, *The Martyrs of the New Millenium: The Global Persecution of Christians in the Twenty-First Century*, (New York: Sophia Institute Press, 2025).



# Religious Education

**Tuesday, Feb., 24, 2026**

Classes resume.

**Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2026**

\*Last Instructional Class:

**5:30 PM** 8A (*Ms. Rosier*)

8B (*Mr. Donnelly/Mr. Perone*)

**7:00 PM** 8C (*Mrs. Kathy Raspen Razzano*)

**Thursday, Feb. 26, 2026**

\*Last Instructional Class:

**4:00 PM** 8D (*Mr. Harrington, Mr. Stephen,  
Mr. Bailey*)

8E (*Mr. Licari, Mr. Sommerfield*)

**Sunday, March 1, 2026**

**9:30 AM** Gr. 5-6

**10:00 AM** Gr. 5-6 Class Mass

**\*Submit Confirmation items where applicable**

- *Confirmation Workbook or Individual Pages*
- *Pink Information Sheet*
- *Sponsor Certification*
- *Confirmation Fee*

***Twenty Minutes with the Director***

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| <b><i>Sunday, March 1, 2026</i></b> | <b><i>Gr. 5-6</i></b>       |
| <b><i>Sunday, March 8, 2026</i></b> | <b><i>Gr. 7,8, IC-6</i></b> |

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|------------------------------|---|
| <b>Junior Lectors</b>        |   |
| <b>10:00 AM Mass</b>         |   |
| <b>Sunday, March 1, 2026</b> | <b>Lily Wasserman and Michael Perro</b> |
| <b>Sunday, March 8, 2026</b> | <b>Delaney Moura and Brie Moura</b>     |



**Court Immaculata #444**

**Annual Lenten Night of Prayer and Reflection**

**Thursday, March 12 at 6:30pm in Fitzgerald Hall**

**\$35 for the evening, includes a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings**

**Guest Speaker: Jean Lynch**

Jean will lead us through an uplifting spiritual journey. She has many years of experience leading Spiritual Retreats as well as having been the Director of Theology at Mary Louis Academy. It promises to be a very rewarding evening which will enhance our Lenten journey. For more information or to make a reservation please call Patsy at (516) 741-8095 or Pat at (516) 747-3043. We look forward to seeing many of you at this annual event. **Reservations must be in by Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>.** All are welcome!!



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

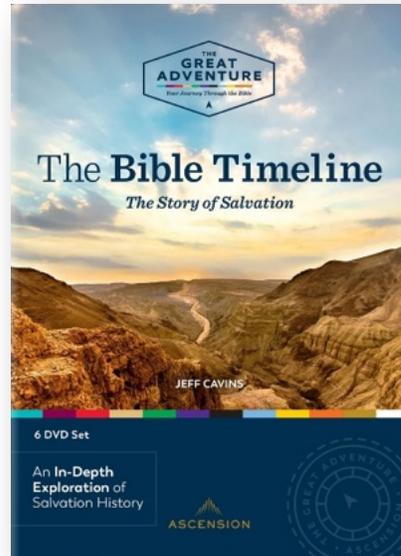
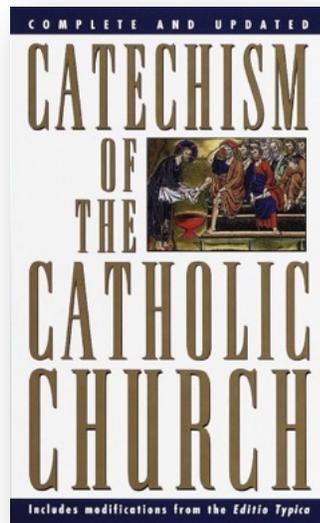
**Every Friday evening during Lent, starting this Friday (20<sup>th</sup> February), we will have Stations of the Cross, a 14 step Catholic devotion commemorating Jesus Christ's passion & death.**

**7:00 PM in English**

**7:30 PM in Portuguese/Spanish**

## 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 14<sup>th</sup>
- **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.

## LENTEN NAIL MEDITATION

Once again this Lent, we will provide Lenten Nails for you to take and use as your personal Lenten meditation. These nails are intended to revive the ancient Christian practice of meditation, to help you think, ponder, reflect and consider and certainly pray about the meaning of the suffering and death of Jesus Christ for you. This Lent we hope you will take one and keep it with you in your pocket, pocketbook, car, anywhere you go.



These Lenten Nails will be available on Ash Wednesday and the first Sunday of Lent on a table in the back vestibule of the Church.

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## WHEN I WAS NAKED YOU CLOTHED ME

Matthew 25:36



For the past 6 years, our parish has used the Lenten season to heighten our awareness on charitable and sacrificial giving by donating thousands of pairs of socks to the Mary Brennan Inn in Hempstead. This year we will continue that Lenten discipline with a new request from them. In addition to the socks we donate, they have asked us to help them with providing undergarments for homeless men, women and children. Undergarments are one of the most requested and least donated items to shelters and

pantries. Your donation will help **fight hygiene poverty** and **provide families** with the undergarments they need to stay healthy and confident. In your charity, may we ask you to help by donating **new packaged** undergarments and place them in the basket in the lobby of the church. Size, type and fabric doesn't matter, all types are welcome.



## Almsgiving in Lent

**During the Lenten Season we are asked to pray, fast and give alms.**

Lent is a perfect time for us to pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs. And when you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who reach out to us for help.

One way to do this is by making a gift to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, which supports programs that help people in our community each year through Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach programs.



For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit [CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org](http://CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org) or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.



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, Anthony Demelas, 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 Sivorichi, 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](http://www.corpuschristi-mineola.net). Click on the Online Giving link, sign up, pick a weekly gift amount and that's it!



## Kellenberg HS First trimester honor roll

- Oliver Acampado
- Caitlin Azzara
- Jarithza Cortez Navarrete
- Isaiah Griffin
- Xavier Griffin
- Aedan Ingua
- Sofia Pereira
- Maeve Reilly

## 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.

## KING KULLEN RECEIPTS



If you shop at the King Kullen in Garden City Park, please save your register receipts and place them in the white basket in the vestibule or in the collection basket or together with your donation in the stewardship envelope. 1% of your total purchase gets donated to the

Corpus Christi Religious Education Program.

## Altar Server Schedule

|               |          |                                   |
|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| Sat., Feb. 28 | 5:00 PM  | D.Lima/C.Lima/<br>T.DeVasconcelos |
| Sun., March 1 | 10:00 AM | J.Ferreira/C.Gaffney/A.Marcia     |
|               | 11:30 AM | A.Alvarez/K.Alvarez/M.Guy         |

# Español

## I DOMINGO DE CUARESMA



### EVANGELIO DE SAN MATEO 4, 1-11

En aquel tiempo, el Espíritu Santo condujo a Jesús al desierto para que fuera tentado por el diablo. Y después de estar sin comer cuarenta días y cuarenta noches, tuvo hambre. Entonces, se le acercó el tentador y le dijo: “Si eres Hijo de Dios, ordena que esas piedras se conviertan en pan”. Pero Jesús respondió: “Dice la Escritura que el hombre no vive solamente de pan, sino de toda palabra que sale de la boca de Dios”. Después de esto, el diablo lo llevó a la Ciudad Santa, y lo puso en la parte más alta del templo, y le dijo: “Si eres Hijo de Dios, tírate de aquí para abajo. Puesto que la Escritura dice: ‘Dios ordenará a sus ángeles que te lleven en sus manos para que tus pies no tropiecen en piedra alguna’”. Jesús replicó: “Dice también la Escritura: ‘No tentarás al Señor tu Dios’”. Enseguida lo llevó el diablo a un cerro muy alto, le mostró toda la riqueza de las naciones y le dijo: “Te daré todo esto si te hincas delante de mí y me adoras”. Entonces Jesús le respondió: “Aléjate de mí, Satanás, porque dice la Escritura: ‘Adorarás al Señor tu Dios, a él solo servirás’”. Entonces lo dejó el diablo y acercándose los ángeles se pusieron a servir a Jesús.



Hace unos pocos domingos leímos acerca del Bautismo de Jesús, momento en que fue revelada su identidad como el Hijo amado de Dios. Hoy escuchamos cómo Jesús, lleno del Espíritu Santo, inició su ministerio sometiéndose a una prueba durísima: cuarenta días de soledad total y de ayuno. En ese retiro Jesús experimentó su fragilidad como criatura y sus dudas antes de enfrentar lo desconocido, pues dejaba la vida de Nazaret para entregarse a la voluntad del Padre en una misión que, en pocos meses, lo llevaría a la muerte. Y en él habló el diablo, el que siempre critica. Nos lleva a acusar a Dios y, cuando nos ha hecho caer, nos acusa y trata de convencernos de que nuestra caída no tendrá perdón. Jesús, que disponía ahora de la fuerza del Espíritu que obra milagros, ¿no podía haber aprovechado esa fuerza cuando su cuerpo desfallecía por el hambre? ¿Y no hubiera podido, en su día, bajar de la cruz para salvarse? Jesús se niega a servirse a sí mismo y mira más alto. Las tentaciones y las respuestas que da Jesús muestran la clase de Hijo que es, confiado y obediente. Hay un agudo contraste entre la forma en que el antiguo Israel respondió cuando fueron tentados en el desierto durante su huida de Egipto y la forma en que Jesús lo hace. Israel fracasó, Jesús triunfó. Jesús fue tentado por el demonio para que se rebelara contra Dios, y en cada caso se negó utilizando citas del Libro del Deuteronomio (8:3; 6:13-16). Es interesante notar que el demonio también utilizó las citas de las Sagradas Escrituras para apoyar sus propuestas. Podemos aprender de esto que conocer las Escrituras “sólo con la cabeza” y memorizar sus pasajes no es suficiente para ser seguidores de Jesús.



El pecado de Adán y Eva, narrado en la primera lectura, del libro de Génesis, fue la desobediencia a Dios al comer del fruto prohibido del árbol de la ciencia del bien y del mal en el Edén, impulsados por la serpiente y el deseo de ser como Dios. Este acto, conocido como el pecado original, trajo la caída de la humanidad, separándolos de Dios y introduciendo la muerte, el sufrimiento y la expulsión del paraíso.

## Português

### DOMINGO I DA QUARESMA



#### EVANGELIO DE SAN MATEO 4, 1-11

Naquele tempo, Jesus foi conduzido pelo Espírito ao deserto, a fim de ser tentado pelo demônio. Jejuou quarenta dias e quarenta noites e, por fim, teve fome. O tentador aproximou-se e disse lhe: «Se és Filho de Deus, diz a estas pedras que se transformem em pães». Jesus respondeu lhe: «Está escrito: ‘Nem só de pão vive o homem, mas de toda a palavra que sai da boca de Deus’». Então o demônio conduziu-o à cidade santa, levou-o ao pináculo do templo e disse lhe: «Se és Filho de Deus, lança-te daqui abaixo, pois está escrito: ‘Deus mandará aos seus Anjos que te recebam nas suas mãos, para que não tropeces em alguma pedra’». Respondeu-lhe Jesus: «Também está escrito: ‘Não tentarás o Senhor teu Deus’». De novo o demônio o levou consigo a um monte muito alto, mostrou lhe todos os reinos do mundo e a sua glória, e disse lhe: «Tudo isto te darei, se, prostrado, me adorares». Respondeu-lhe Jesus: «Vai-te, satanás, porque esta escrito: ‘Adorarás o Senhor teu Deus e só a Ele prestarás culto’». Então o demônio deixou-o e logo os Anjos se aproximaram e serviram Jesus.



O episódio é situado “no deserto”. O deserto é, no imaginário judaico, o lugar da “prova”, onde os israelitas experimentaram, por diversas vezes, a tentação do abandono de Deus e do seu projeto de

libertação (embora seja, também, o lugar do encontro com Deus, o lugar da descoberta do rosto de Deus, o lugar onde o Povo fez a experiência da sua fragilidade e pequenez e aprendeu a confiar na bondade e no amor de Deus. Os “quarenta dias” que Jesus passou nesse lugar, devem ser postos em relação com os “quarenta anos” que os hebreus passaram no deserto, depois de terem sido libertados do Egito, e onde tiveram de fazer opções entre Deus e o mal, entre a liberdade e a escravidão. É importante a indicação de que Jesus é conduzido pelo Espírito de Deus, esse Espírito que desceu sobre Ele no momento em que foi batizado: será o mesmo Espírito que O sustentará ao longo da sua missão e que lhe dará a força para fazer escolhas acertadas, na linha do projeto de Deus.



Na primeira leitura do Livro do Génesis, a catequese de Israel esboça, em grandes linhas, o projeto de Deus para o mundo e para os homens. Deus criou-nos para a felicidade e mostrou-nos como viver para alcançar a vida verdadeira. Contudo, enquanto seres livres, temos de ser nós a fazer a nossa opção fundamental. Se decidirmos abraçar as indicações de Deus, conheceremos uma felicidade sem limites e uma plena realização; mas, se optarmos por dar ouvidos à tentação do egoísmo, da autossuficiência, da prepotência, da ganância, viveremos rodeados de coisas efémeras, vazias, que nunca saciarão plenamente a nossa sede de felicidade.

#### INTENÇÕES PARA O DIA 1 DE MARÇO

+Rosa Rodrigues Pereira + Leroy e Isabel Barroca  
 +Carlos e Célia da Costa + Ilda Lucas dos Santos  
 +Maria e José da Cunha + Asimina Kaliva + Rosa Fernandes Barbosa + Maria e Júlia de Barros + Rosa Fernandes da Silva + Daniel e Maria Carlos  
 +Américo Pereira Mendes + Ação de Graças

# Coloring Page



**THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS**

Matthew 4, Luke 4