



We give the definition of ourselves over to so many things. We allow our society, friends, family, work, social groups, ethnicity, and even institutions define, classify,

and color how we perceive ourselves. When we listen predominantly to the voices of others, we lose touch with what is happening within our own inner voice. If we listen carefully within, we can easily discover that we are in want and need. We know our incompleteness and also know that loneliness, sadness, and self-images can propel us outward in attempts to fill those gaps. We can become not only victims of our own prejudices but can find ourselves overly self-indulgent in things that can only satisfy for a short time, if at all.

It is no wonder that money and power are things that are so fervently sought after. As long as we can keep a steady supply going, the illusion of fulfillment and satisfaction can falsely persuade us as craftily as a master magician's act. We live with illusions not truth. It is no wonder, then, that some of the wealthiest folks are also really the unhappiest. Whether we admit it, the lies we live and pursue will ultimately expose our superficiality. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. Learn to listen more deeply, not to what others are saying about you, but to what God is echoing in your heart.

We can easily get confused and misunderstand, not only about who we are but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one Person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts — Jesus the Messiah. It is not the work of corporate America that will lead us to happiness or greatness but the work of the soul. We continue to resist acknowledging this and are happier in our world of misunderstanding and illusion. The life-giving water we truly need doesn't come from the source of a well but from the Source of Life. Only God can reveal the truth of our sinfulness, the superficiality of our pursuits, and the illusions we hold so dear. Only Jesus can save us from ourselves and give us what we really need. If only our heads can catch up with where our hearts know they need to be, then will we find real contentment and life!

Today's Homily

As we approach the halfway point of our Lenten journey, we hear in today's Gospel how Jesus was also in the middle of a journey. He knew what it is to feel helpless, parched and weary. Understanding human need, Jesus offers an experience of God's Spirit to quench our deepest longings.



Weekly Scripture Passage for Next Weekend

March 21st & March 22nd, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a (31A)

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Scripture readings are held each **Wednesday after 8am Mass in the Rectory.** These readings help us to prepare for the upcoming Sunday's Gospel.



**"Rosebud" Bouquets,
Ronald Kennick, Sr.,
Allin Beck
(Daughter of Richard & Alanna
(Letson) Beck**



Our (Confirmation) Faith Formation for the Tenth Grade class has adopted the site of WNY Foodbank @ St. Casimir's Church.

We are collecting personal care items and cleaning supplies.

There will be bins in the back of the parish hall.

Items to be donated include:

Soap/body wash, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, razors/shaving crème, feminine hygiene supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, Lysol spray/wipes, laundry detergent.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) will be celebrated on Thursday, March 26th at 7:00pm.



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(3 Priest's will be available)

Lenten
Soup
&
Stations of the Cross

Friday Dates for Stations:
April 3rd ~ Adoration & Stations of the Cross
Friday Dates for Soup & Stations:
March 20th ~ Soup & Stations
March 27th ~ Soup & Stations



St. Joseph's Table

Honor our Parish Patron
St. Joseph with a banquet
Thursday March 19th.

Join your friends and neighbors
for the traditional (somewhat)
dinner celebration at 6:30pm

in the Parish Hall to thank St. Joseph for his help
throughout the year. Share from your bounty; bread,
fruit, dessert, pop and wine. Spaghetti, salad & garlic
bread will be provided; there is also a sign-up sheet in the
vestibule.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

☞ Trustee Meeting will be held on Monday, March 16th
at 6:30pm followed by the Finance Meeting at
7pm in the Rectory.

☞ The Altar & Rosary Society Meeting will be held on
Tuesday, March 17th at 1pm in the Parish Hall.

Gift to God:

Collection Week Of: 03/08/2020

\$2879 Regular Collection,
\$145 Religious Education,
\$5 Black & Native Missions

Attendance Week Of: 03/08/2020

Saturday Mass 5pm – 71
Sunday Mass 8am – 38
Sunday Mass 10:30am – 96
Total = 205

Counters for March 22nd ~ K & D
September-February

YTD Collections	\$73,832
YTD Budget	\$75,500
YTD Variance	(\$1,668)



Mass Schedule & Intentions for the Week
M – Memorial A – Anniversary L – Living

Monday, March 16th

8am All Souls

Tuesday, March 17th

8am Mother's Day Intentions

Wednesday, March 18th

8am For All Parishioners

Thursday, March 19th

St. Joseph's Day Feast

8am Mother's Day Intentions

Friday, March 20th

8am All Souls

Saturday, March 21st

5pm Eileen Hughes – **M**
(Fran Mauro & Teresa Tagliapietra)

Sunday, March 22nd

8am All Souls
10:30am Mother's Day Intentions

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 21st
5pm Weston & Noah
Sunday, March 22nd
8am Madalyn West
10:30am Olivia & Shane

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 21st
5pm R Cavaretta & P Schumacher
Sunday, March 22nd
8am D Folaron & M Kasprzyk
10:30am T Painter

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 21st
5pm Ed Russell
Sunday, March 22nd
8am John Hilton
10:30am Terry Bennett

SACRISTAN SCHEDULE

Sat/Sun March 21st – March 22nd
• 5pm K Shanahan • 8am L Ruminski • 10:30am M Posluszny