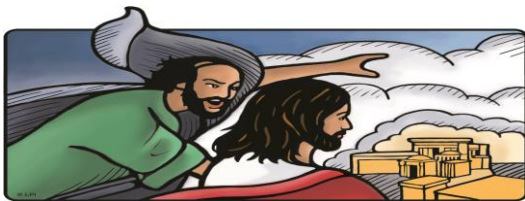


Life can easily spin us out of control. While there are so many wonderful opportunities before us, we can also get easily distracted and exhausted.

There is always something to do, respond to, or check. The clutter of our lives can take us off course, and the best remedy for getting back **on track is the experience** of the desert. Here we can face our demons square on, resist them, and get back on course. We desperately need the season of Lent. This simple time of year forces us into greater awareness and grounds us in what is good and true.

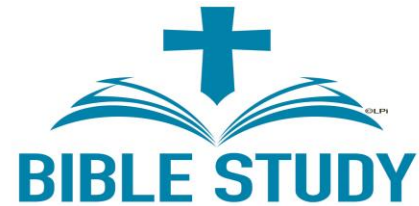
What weighs you down and keeps you trapped? Maybe you are trying to do too much and please too many people. It could be that your fragile self-image is always pushing you to prove yourself and find success. Anxiety and worry, ultimately due to a lack of faith, can quickly tempt you with despair. It could be that you are listening to too many voices and allowing all of the negativity that is present erode the genuine goodness in your heart and in all of God's creation. Or maybe you struggle too much with fear. Perhaps so much so that you are far too preoccupied with your own agenda and goals and left with little psychological or spiritual room to consider and respond to the plight of your neighbor. Do anger, bitterness, stubbornness, and hatred have homes in your heart? How about greed, gluttony, pride, apathy, or lust?

For many, their passions and what can be found on the internet are their downfall, and they are robbed of their inner life and freedom. What is it, specifically, that tempts you away from a childlike trust in God? Define this and use the next few weeks to allow God to chart you a course away from them. Silence, being alone, grace, honesty, struggle, tears, and dryness are all found in the desert. You will also find God and your true self in this holy place. Ready to go?



Today's Homily

The beginning of every cure is the diagnosis. Find out what is wrong, then find a way to fix it. Lent is the diagnosis and Easter is the cure.



Weekly Scripture Passage for Next Weekend

March 7th & March 8th, 2020

Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a (25A)

Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Mathew 17:1-9

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.



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.



I am happy to let you know that we have received our sixth installment from Upon this Rock in the amount of \$3,462.34, the current projects are as follows: to repair the basement laundry room floor from flooding, this will be done in the Spring.

In union of prayers
Fr. Benjamin



will be held on Thursday, March 5th at 7pm in the Parish Hall.



Friday Dates for Stations:

- March 6th ~ Adoration & Stations of the Cross
- March 20th ~ Stations of the Cross
- April 3rd ~ Adoration & Stations of the Cross

Friday Dates for Soup & Stations:

- March 13th ~ Soup & Stations
- March 27th ~ Soup & Stations

The most important thing anyone can do for Lent is to “return to the Lord with your whole heart” Joel 2:12

18th Annual Catholic Men’s Conference

“Being a Godly Man in an Un-Godly World”

This Lent join men from throughout the region to renew your faith, be inspired by the Holy Spirit and experience the brotherhood and sharing with other men. Come to Cardinal O’Hara High School, 39 O’Hara Rd., Tonawanda, NY 14150 on Saturday, March 28th. Doors open at 7:30am with program starting at 8:15am and a 3pm close. Tickets are \$30 and \$10 for students. For additional information or register online at www.cmfofwny.org.

Gift to God:

Collection Week Of: 02/23/2020

\$2036 Regular Collection,
\$60 Religious Education,
\$101 Votive’s

Attendance Week Of: 02/23/2020

Saturday Mass 5pm – 53
Sunday Mass 8am – 60
Sunday Mass 10:30am – 80
Total = 193

Counters for March 8th ~ S & V
September-January

YTD Collections	\$63,989
YTD Budget	\$63,885
YTD Variance	\$104



Mass Schedule & Intentions for the Week

M – Memorial A – Anniversary L – Living

Monday, March 2nd

8am Kathleen Rudnicki – **M**
(Len Kasprzak & Family)

Tuesday, March 3rd

8am For All Parishioners

Wednesday, March 4th

8am Mother’s Day Intentions

Thursday, March 5th

8am All Souls

Friday, March 6th

8am Father’s Day Intentions

Saturday, March 7th

5pm Gary Preisch – **M**
(Nancy Palumbo)

Sunday, March 8th

8am Mother’s Day Intentions
10:30am Father’s Day Intentions

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE	
Saturday, March 7th	5pm Walkowiak Boys
Sunday, March 8th	8am Zywczyński Children
	10:30am Emily Zehnder
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE	
Saturday, March 7th	5pm N Kolacki, E & B Russell
Sunday, March 8th	8am J Hilton & M Major
	10:30am K Gray & P McBride
LECTOR SCHEDULE	
Saturday, March 7th	5pm Pam Turner
Sunday, March 8th	8am John Hilton
	10:30am Sue Vanderbush
SACRISTAN SCHEDULE	
Sat/Sun March 7th – March 8th	
•5pm K Orlando • 8am S Franczak • 10:30am K Macy	