

Repentance. Envy. Joy. Hope. Have you felt these human emotions? Today's Gospel offers a rich story, one we can all find our place in. As we reflect on our own spiritual lives this Lenten season, it can be helpful to

imagine ourselves in the story of the Prodigal Son.

"I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." The younger son has sinned greatly, betraying his father's trust and squandering his money in sin. Yet the parable turns on his deep repentance and humble return to his father. Is there any area of your life you have been wandering from God or you've squandered good gifts? This Lent, return to the sacrament of Confession! God, a merciful Father, waits for you there.

"While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." The father in the parable sees his son's selfishness, perhaps even suspects what he might do, but gives him the inheritance anyway. After his son's departure, the father waits with hope for his son's eventual return. Has someone you love left the Church, made poor decisions, or abused your trust? This Lent is a time to let go of bitterness and to live in hope. Prepare your heart to be merciful!

Not all in the parable invite the mercy of God into their hearts. The self-righteous older brother dishonors his father with his pettiness. "My son, you are here with me always, everything I have is yours." Do you covet what others have? Do you feel as if you've been taken advantage of or that your work goes unseen? This Lent is a time to grow in gratitude. Take a close look at the blessings in our life that you might be missing.

We are all called to repentance. Open your heart to God's personal invitation to growth!



Weekly Scripture Passage for Next Weekend

April 6th & April 7th, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21 (36C)

Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

Philippians 3:8-14

John 8:1-11

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



Prayers of the Faithful

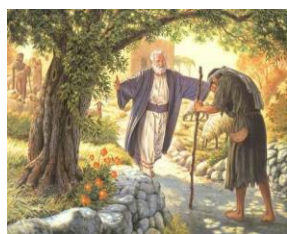
Eric Głinski,
Robin Block,
Jennifer Gurbacki,
Rose Andrews
"Rosebud" Bouquet



Stations of the Cross



Weekly Adoration



Today's Homily

Lent is an ideal time for us to draw closer to God. This is a season to reflect upon the direction our lives have taken and perhaps repent of

some aspects. God always gives us a second chance to live fruitful lives in the love of God.

Fully Alive Adoration and

Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 5th.

Come experience Jesus' Passion in a different way from the perspective of characters who were there!

6:30pm Adoration starts and 7:00pm Stations start.

Lenten
Soup
 &
Stations of the Cross
 Friday Dates for Soup & Stations:
 April 12th ~ Soup & Stations

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for the Week

M – Memorial A – Anniversary L –Living

Monday, April 1st

8am Sister Bernadette Okulicz - **M**
 (Len Kasprzak & Family)

Tuesday, April 2nd

8am For All Parishioners

Wednesday, April 3rd

8am All Souls*

Thursday, April 4th

8am Repose of the Soul of Jane Bortz*

Friday, April 5th

8am Members of the Crib Donors Guild*

Saturday, April 6th

5pm Mark Beers – M
 (VA HBPC Team)

Sunday, April 7th

8am Repose of the Souls of Paul & Eda
 Ballotta*
 10:30am Fr. Matt and the Wendzikowski
 Family



PARISH COUNCIL
 will be held on Thursday, April 4th at
 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.



Just a friendly reminder, please join us in the Parish Library Sunday, April 7th from 1 to 3 to discuss life after loss. You can share your experience, strength and hope (or just listen if you prefer).



Please join us for our Annual Fish Fries
 Friday, April 5th & April 12th
 at St. Jude's Church, Sardinia
 4:00pm until sold out

Gift to God:

Collection Week Of: 03/24/2019

\$2,447 Regular Collection,
 \$50 Religious Education,

Attendance Week Of: 03/24/2019

Saturday Mass 5pm ~ 49
 Sunday Mass 8am ~ 91
 Sunday Mass 10:30am ~ 93
 Total = 233

Counters for April 7th – Z
 September-February

YTD Collections \$78,931
 YTD Budget \$77,500
 YTD Variance \$1,431

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 6th
 5pm Help Needed
 Sunday, April 7th
 8am Zywieczynski Children
 10:30am Emily & Ian

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 6th
 5pm D Bliss & R Cavaretta
 Sunday, April 7th
 8am D Folaron & M Kasprzyk
 10:30am T Painter & P Schumacher

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 6th
 5pm Ed Russell
 Sunday, April 7th
 8am Ann Everts
 10:30am Mary Ruminski

SACRISTAN SCHEDULE

Sat/Sun April 6th – April 7th
 •5pm A Howes • 8am Help Needed • 10:30am K Macy