

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays: Msgr. Ryan Hall - 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Also by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The Church provides certain times and preparation for weddings. Please contact the Rectory at least six months in advance to begin the process.

REGISTRATION

Every family and person within the parish is encouraged to register with the Parish.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. In July and August Baptism will be celebrated at 12:30 p.m. A required Baptism preparation meeting for parents meets on the first Monday of the month at 8:00 p.m. Godparents are welcome. Please register in advance for the class and Baptism. Godparent Pre-Requisites: Godparents must be practicing Catholics in good standing, 16 years of age or older, Baptized and Confirmed Catholic.

ON BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Those seeking information about the Catholic Faith are invited to contact Fr. Valentine at the Rectory at 621-2222.

CARE OF THE SICK

Please notify the Rectory and Human Concerns Ministries if there is anyone seriously ill so that we can provide spiritual care.



THE MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 21: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

- 7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 9:00 a.m. Marcella Sullivan
by the Kilderry Family
- 11:00 a.m. Giuseppina Aversa
by the Family

Monday, February 22: *The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle*

- 9:00 a.m. Virginia Pierce
by the Abbondondalo Family

Tuesday, February 23: *Lenten Weekday*

- 9:00 a.m. Norma Lucarelli
by Michael Lucarelli

Wednesday, February 24: *Lenten Weekday*

- 9:00 a.m. Marcella Sullivan
by Hans & Helen Rodenkirchen

Thursday, February 25: *Lenten Weekday*

- 9:00 a.m. Joseph Miceli
by His Wife, Constance

Friday, February 26: *Lenten Weekday*

- 9:00 a.m. Marcella Sullivan
by Hector & Aimee Gonzalez

Saturday, February 27: *Lenten Weekday*

- 5:00 p.m. Rita Driscoll
by Her Family
Hudson Robert Foschi
by the Gallo, Foschi & Danbusky Families

Sunday, February 28: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- 7:30 a.m. Roy J. Friend
by Kathleen & Michael Friend
- 9:00 a.m. People of the Parish
- 11:00 a.m. For the intentions of Dolores & Richard O'Hara on the occasion of their 66th Wedding Anniversary



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Bob Boeshore | Douglas Knehr |
| Lillian Boeshore | Anne Krukowski |
| Kathleen Capuano | Frank Krukowski |
| Barbara Coe | Richard Malon |
| Rebekah Cole | Jonathan Mannina |
| Virginia Connors | Stuey Manzione |
| Agneta Creutzman | Tom McCormack |
| Kevin Cronin | Brendan Miles |
| Paul Cronin | Freida Navarro |
| John Damiano | Victoria Oxer |
| Linda De Stio | Justin Paradine |
| John Paul DiNonno | Marion Prendergast |
| James Dougherty | Jenna Reggio |
| Eric DuBois | Roy Rodrigues |
| Natalie Finamore | Anna Sambucci |
| Brian Gaffney | Elizabeth Stein |
| Lesley Wagner Gaffney | Charles Strecker |
| Noel Glen | Clotida Vecchione |
| Kamlesh Gupta | Jacqueline Verde |
| Ida Kelly | Anne Wright |
| Christine Kenney | Mary Wybaillie |
| Maria Kim | |

...AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Cindy Lott



MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are available for March and April. Please call the Rectory Office at 621-2222 if you wish to arrange for Masses.

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel: Mark 1:12-15



FOCUS: If we go into the desert with Jesus this Lent, his grace will move us forward in our life of faith.

Lent isn't an end unto itself; we go into the desert with Jesus in order to advance in holiness and in our spiritual life. All the blessings and trials in our lives are not closed events. They're precursors to more: greater trust in God, deeper union with him, and a greater sense of our mission to proclaim the kingdom of God.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, God establishes a covenant with Noah and his sons, promising never to flood the earth again. In the second reading, Peter writes to his community about those in the days of Noah who were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which is what saves them now. In the Gospel, Jesus is tempted by Satan in the desert. He then goes to Galilee to begin his public ministry.

Readings for next week, February 28, Second Sunday In Lent: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18, Romans 8:31b-34, Mark 9:2-10

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**FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP
AS A WAY OF LIFE**

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

As we being our Lenten journey, what is one thing you can do throughout this season to serve your God and neighbor? Perhaps, if your means allow, give a little more in the weekly offertory or donate goods to a parish's food pantry?

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

Thank you for your continued sacrificial gifts to St. Mary's.

Sunday Offertory February 13/14, 2021 \$6,209.00*
Same Week Last Year \$7,371.00*

Mass Attendance for February 13/14, 2021 236**
Same Week Last Year 933

**Does not include Faith Direct*

***Mass Attendance at 50% capacity under Covid19*

FAITH DIRECT

The most convenient and secure way for your weekly offering to fund and support our parish's ministries is eGiving through *Faith Direct*. To enroll, go online to www.faithdirect.net and use our parish code **NY559**, or fill out an enrollment form from the parish office and mail the form to Faith Direct.

Please note that because it takes time for the envelope company to process changes, you may still receive weekly envelopes for a while after signing up with Faith Direct. And you will continue to receive special mailings and mailings at Christmas and Easter.

**✠ Celebrants for the Weekend of ✠
February 27/28:**

	Celebrants*	Lectors
Sat 5:00	Fr. Valentine	Volunteer Needed
Sun 7:30	Fr. Lauder	Volunteer Needed
9:00	Fr. Valentine	J. Finnegan
11:00	Fr. Valentine	Volunteer Needed

* Subject to last minute changes.



To watch the Catholic Ministries Appeal Video, please use this link: <https://vimeo.com/497005015>

Fr. Lauder's Catholic Novel

Fr. Lauder's Series of 50 lectures on the Catholic Novel, each 15 minutes long, are available on YouTube



THE PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Friends:

Last month there was an intriguing article in the British *Daily Mail*, which related a debate on the subject of the COVID-19 vaccine and the proper order of its distribution. A rancorous exchange ensued between a retired judge and a 39-year-old woman suffering from cancer. He figured that, because children have more years of life ahead of them than adults, they are more “valuable” to society. This being the case, children should receive the vaccine first, even if they show no signs of infection or vulnerability. The cancer patient responded: “With all due respect, I’m the person who you say their life is not valuable. I live with metastatic bowel cancer.” He replied: “I didn’t say it was not valuable. I said it was *less* valuable.” (Italics mine.) I found myself, as the British might say, “gob-smacked.” In what moral universe can any human life be accounted more or less valuable than another? People of goodwill can debate the degree of urgency in treating one person before another, but every human being is the *imago dei* (image of God) and therefore of inestimable value. The shifting basis of moral principle is due in large part to the idea of “utilitarianism,” as promulgated by John Stuart Mill (1806-73). In his work of the same name, Mill transforms an earlier idea, holding that society ought to ensure the greatest “happiness” for the greatest number of people. Happiness, he continues, can take the form of pleasure, but also exemption of pain, whatever is useful, and the beautiful. Admittedly, Mill goes on to say that everyone should enjoy equality before the law. But hold on: here’s the fine print: “All persons are deemed to have a right to equality of treatment, *except when some recognized social expediency requires the reverse.*” This loophole is big enough to drive a truck through it. “Social expediency”? One can justify almost any course of action, even if it violates the fundamental of human rights of each person: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

In a year of unprecedented change, Catholics may well wonder what remains stable. On Monday, we celebrate the Chair of St. Peter. As the first central leader of the Church of Rome, Peter embodies the unity of the Church; the Pope is the Vicar of Christ guided by the Holy Spirit, preaching the gospel to a turbulent world. If people mistakenly draw moral conclusions on the basis of this or that situation, the “indefectible” (supported by Christ) Church can, with two millennia of experience, wisdom, prayer, and suffering, see the bigger picture: the whole, the universal, the catholic.

The relic of St. Peter’s Chair, a small wooden throne, is thought to have belonged to the first pope who presided over the Church of Rome, and may have some connection to St. Priscilla, who first welcomed St. Peter to her home. It was finally enclosed in the breathtaking Bernini sculpture in St. Peter’s Basilica. The outer *cathedra* is modeled on the *sedia gestatoria* (“carrying chair”) upon which the Pope is carried to greet the faithful. Those who are tethered to the “floating” chair are two great Fathers from the east (SS. John Chrysostom and Athanasius) and two from the west (SS. Ambrose and Augustine). Presiding over all is the stained glass representation of the Holy Spirit. However magnificent Bernini’s masterpiece may be, more glorious by far is the mystery it signifies: God’s power to gather, protect, and lead his flock to the joys of heaven. May we always pray for unity within the Church.

Faithfully,
Fr. Valentine

Processional Hymn

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

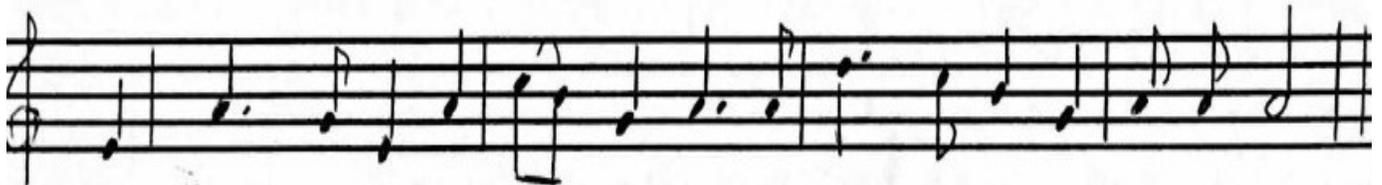


1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days, For us did fast and
2. As you with Sa - tan did con-tend, And did the vic - t'ry
3. As you did hun - ger bear and thirst, So teach us, gra-cious
4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through your Pas-sion-



1. pray, Teach us with you to mourn our sins, And close by you to stay.
2. win, O give us strength in you to fight, In you to con-quer sin.
3. Lord, To die to self, and al - ways live By your most ho - ly word.
4. tide, For - ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.

Responsorial Psalm



Your ways, O Lord, are love — and truth, to those who keep your co - ve - nant.

Offertory Hymn

Remember Your Love

Refrain

Re - mem - ber your love and your
 faith - ful - ness, O Lord. Re - mem - ber your
 peo - ple and have mer - cy on us, Lord.

Verses

1. The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion,
 2. If you dwelt, O Lord, up - on our sin - ful - ness,
 3. O Lord, hear the sound of my call

whom should I fear? The Lord is my
 then who could stand? But with you there is
 and an - swer me. My heart cries

D.C.

life and my ref - uge, when I call God hears.
 mer - cy and for - give - ness and a guid - ing hand.
 out for your pres - ence; it is you I seek.

Text: Psalm 27; Mike Balhoff, b.1946
 Tune: Darryl Ducote, b.1945, and Gary Daigle, b.1957
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Communion Hymn

Turn to Me

Refrain

Turn to me, O turn, and be saved, says the Lord, for
 I am God; there is no oth - er, none be -
 side me. I call your name.

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1. I am God, who comforts you;
who are you to be afraid of flesh
that fades,
is made like the grass of the field,
soon to wither.

2. Listen to me, my people;
give ear to me, my nation:
a law will go forth from me,
and my justice for a light to the
people.

3. Lift up your eyes to the heav-
ens,
and look at the earth down below.
The heavens will vanish like
smoke,
and the earth will wear out like a
garment.

Recessional Hymn

How Firm a Foundation



1. How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord,
2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis-mayed,
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,



1. Is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!
2. For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
3. The riv - ers of woe shall not you o - ver - flow;



1. What more can he say than to you he has said,
2. I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
3. For I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,



1. To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
2. Up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
3. And sanc - ti - fy to you, your deep - est dis - tress."

**2020/2021
300 CLUB WINNERS
Eleventh Drawing**

January, 2021

- 1st Prize \$200**
#196 Margaret Sanders
- 2nd Prize \$100**
#417 Anne Krukowski
- 3rd Prize \$75**
#001 Ava Finnegan
- 4th Prize \$50**
#527 Kathryn and Angelo Grande
- 5th Prize \$25**
#625 Kelly and John Canton

Congratulations to all!

CONGRATULATIONS

Our Lady of mercy Academy has advised us that the following parishioners have exhibited academic excellence for the first semester of the 2020-2021 academic school year:



First Honors:

- Angeles Mendoza 12
- Maureen McGeown 11

Congratulations to these students both for their high standards of academic achievement and their commitment to their faith.



WEDDING BANNERS

I Maryann Combs, St. Mary's Roslyn, NY
and Bryan Gray, Hanover, MA

HUMAN CONCERNS MINISTRY

St. Mary's Food Pantry has had a great demand for food, and is running low on staples. We ask that when you do your grocery shopping, you consider purchasing extra items to donate to the Food Pantry.

The Human Concerns Food Pantry is in need of the following items:



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| Soup | Cookies |
| Peanut Butter | Crackers |
| Jelly | Cereal |
| Pasta | Assorted Beans |
| Pasta Sauce | Corn |
| Macaroni & Cheese | Vegetables |
| Tuna Fish | Paper Goods |

Gift Cards from Stop and Shop or other food stores will also be helpful. Please bring your donations to Msgr. Ryan Hall at 440 Round Hill Road, Roslyn Heights.

Those in need of food or other supplies may call Elsie Calderone at 626-1097, or send her an e-mail to outreachstmary7@gmail.com, in order to sign up with Human Concerns. After registration is complete, they may come to Msgr. Ryan Hall to pick up supplies from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Rectory Office is closed on Friday,
Saturday and Sunday

CHURCH HANDICAPPED RAMP

There is a ramp for handicapped access at the Church. It can be found off the parking lot, and goes around to the back of the building. We encourage you to use it if you have difficulty with the front steps.



The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville Celebrate Irish Night

Many of you know the Dominican Sisters of Amityville through our ministry in schools, health facilities, parish affiliations, etc. This year, we celebrate and honor those whose daily dedication and hard work foster the creation of a caring community.

This year's festivities will take place virtually on Saturday, March 6, 2021 and offer us an opportunity to gather together for liturgy, followed by a joyful program of song, dance, and Irish spirit!

Please consider supporting our efforts by purchasing one or more of the following:

- A ticket for our Irish Sweepstakes Raffle. Tickets are \$10 each, or 6 for \$50. Extra tickets are available on our website.
- A special edition Irish Night cookbook which includes tasty recipes and culinary traditions from all across the Emerald Isle. Cookbooks are \$10 each.
- An event ticket for \$40, which includes 1 entry into our door prize raffle, an entry into the Irish Sweepstakes and a copy of the cookbook.

For more information, please contact our Advancement Office at 631-842-6000 ext.246 or visit the event website: www.sistersofstdominic.org/irishnight2021

As always, thank you for your continued support of the Congregation. We hope you will join us on March 6th and raise a glass to good health this coming year - Sláinte!

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVE



Lord, hold these men and women in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us and bless them for their self-forgetting acts. We pray for peace in our world and an end to war. Amen.

CAPT Brendan Echausse
COL Daniel Friend
SGT Joseph M. Friend
LCdr Christian R. Foschi
LT Daniel Grabher
PFC Steven Hyyti
CAPT David Jacobs

SK1 John D. Klick
PFC Michael P. Lanciki
MAJOR Eric W. Lipp
Cpl Caitlin Lyons
LT. Dennis Mackin
Cpl Tommy Mozer
SGT Julio Ortiz II

LCpl Jonathan Peres
GSGT Jonathan Porto
LT James Raphael
PVT Michael Starczewski
SGT Luke Whitting
RCT Jordan J. Williams

A PRAYER FOR LENT

Today Lord I choose life,
I choose Your love and the challenge to live it and share it,
I choose hope, even in moments of darkness,
I choose faith, accepting You as Lord and God,
I choose to let go of some part of my burdens, day by day
handing them over to You,
I choose to take hold of Your strength and power
ever more deeply in my life.
May this truly be for me a time of new life,
of change, challenge and growth.
May I come to Easter with a heart open to dying with You
and rising to Your new Life, day by day.

Amen.

Message from the NSECC Board of Directors...

Back to school has been a success here at North Shore Early Childhood Center. While we started with apprehension, everyone adjusted back to the new norm very quickly and happily. What has been apparent with our reopen is the children's delight. They are having so much fun with their friends and teachers!

Here are some highlights from our day to day experiences.

Health & Safety first

- Enhanced safety protocols include face masks required for all adults; masks for children over 2 optional; Social distancing for all. All PPE available.
- New sick policy is simple and keeps everyone safe. Sick room available for children who fall ill at the Center waiting for pick up.
- We surface clean throughout the day, while our Custodian deep cleans every day after school hours.
- We established enhanced cleaning protocols which include steam cleaning, and carpet cleaning monthly.

Easy and Safe Drop-off and Pick-up

- Simple drop off and pick up at the classroom exits along with daily COVID-specific questionnaire and temperature checks.
- Convenient new administrative window at front entrance.
- Only staff and children permitted in the building.
- Change of shoes required for all.

Learn and Play

- Increased outdoor time following safety protocols.
- Virtual Spanish program.
- Virtual music and movement program with Mr. Matt.

Parents & Teachers

- Delivered teacher Covid 19 protocol training.
- Frequent communication with parents regarding current health and safety protocols.
- Cater nut-free individual breakfast, lunch and snack from Harry's Hilltop. (Allergy Friendly)
- Photo sharing with class parents who opt-in.

Friendly Reminders

1. North Shore Early Childhood Center is part of the **Bright Horizons Network** which is a service available to parents through work. Check-out your employer's benefits for back-up care options and discounts at our center.
2. **Our Referral Program:** for every referral you make, both you and the new family receive a \$150 credit towards tuition once the new student completes a full month at our Center. For alumni, we are happy to extend the \$150 voucher to the new family as a credit towards tuition after 6 months of enrollment.
3. **Donations:** This year has brought many challenges to all of us, yet we have maintained financial strength by leveraging government funding and were able to open our doors and see the children fill the rooms with laughs and joy. We ask you to help with your generosity by donating to North Shore Early Childhood Center. There are a number of ways that you can assist us in this mission!

- Once you donate, many employers also provide company match donations that could increase your impact.
- Shop Amazon using Amazon Smile which donates a portion of the purchases you are already making, [amazon.com/smile](https://www.amazon.com/smile)

We all continue to learn and adjust protocols to continue to maintain a safe and healthy environment for everyone. For further information, please contact Teresa Colamarino at colamarinoteresa@gmail.com.

