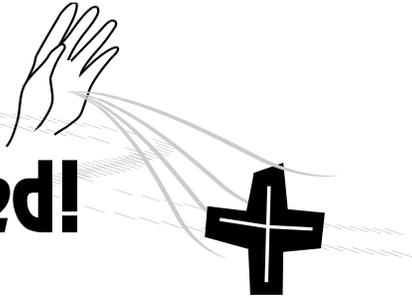


Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Be
Cured!**



February 11, 2018

Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018

5:00 p.m. – Louis Cipriani, Erica Swenson
Paul Pohlman

Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018

9:00 a.m. – Deceased members of the Gribbin Family
Brian Kaleita, Wolter Konefoll

11:00 a.m. – Mark Vulaj, Rudolfo Adduru

Monday, Feb. 12, 2018

6:30-8 p.m. – Religious Education

6:45 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018

10:00 a.m. – Lenten Bible Study

6:30-8 p.m. – Religious Education

6:30 p.m. – Lenten Bible Study

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018

9:00 a.m. – Jean Simmons, Raymond Foons

6:30-8 p.m. – Religious Education

7:00 p.m. – Fr. Pat, Thomas Fay

Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018

7:00 pm. – AA

7:15 pm – Choir Practice

Friday, Feb. 16, 2018

**7:00 p.m. – Traditional Stations
of the Cross**

Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018

5:00 p.m. – John Paul Jones, Ernest LaTuso
Raphael Targansky

6:15 p.m. – Ultreya

Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018

9:00 a.m. – Rosemary Anderson, Michael Soletro
Gregory Jackson

11:00 a.m. – The DeTulio & Owens Families
Elaine Blaut, Sydney Pingotti

HUGGED YOUR DEACON TODAY?

Not only is February the beginning of Lent and the month that marks Valentine's Day, but it's also a month that stars **Deacon John**. He was ordained a deacon 40 years ago on **February 11**, and he turns 93 on **February 23!**



Deacon John does not want a lot of fanfare, and we're respecting his wishes.

However, we're sure he won't turn down a congratulatory bear hug!

PRAYER BLANKET ETIQUETTE

We're thrilled that the **Prayer Blanket Ministry** has been welcomed with such enthusiasm. But to properly cover the need, prioritize the distribution of blankets – especially to those who have been waiting since fall - and ensure future supply, all requests have to be made by contacting Deb in the office.

Thanks to the efforts of the Confirmation candidates, as of this moment, we have blankets for first-time moms and their newborns, a handful for men and a handful for women, and a few for smaller children.

So yes, the new ministry's members will meet for the first time soon to make more blankets. Extra hands are always helpful, and donations of fleece, yarn and gift cards to JOANN Fabric and Craft store are also welcome. Need more info about the ministry? Call **Rebecca Suchy** at **778-2820**.

BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES

Couldn't make last Tuesday's **Lenten Bible Study**? No worries. There's no requirement to make each one. Feel free to stop in this Tuesday at either 10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. – or at any Tuesday session through March 20.

Prayer is one of the pillars of Lent, and delving into the Gospel of John is one way to strengthen that pillar in a most relevant way. In their discussions, the group focuses on literally how to practice what is preached, how to incorporate the messages into everyday life. For more information, call **Eileen Carson** at **551-2842**.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to Fannie Jackson and her family upon the death of her husband, Gregory Ellsworth Jackson. Please keep them in your prayers.

TREASURER'S REPORT

**February 3 and 4: Totaled ~\$6,404.82
Collection \$4,713.67 – Online \$1,691.5**

Thank you!

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Mass on **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14**, a day of fasting and abstinence, will be celebrated here at **9:00 a.m.** and **7:00 p.m.**, and ashes will be distributed at both Masses.

All Catholics 14 and older are obligated to **abstain entirely** from meat on Ash Wednesday and ALL Fridays of Lent. **Fasting** means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which altogether do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obligated to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

LENTEN RETREAT

“Christ, Our Joy: How a Personal Relationship with Christ Can Transform Your Spiritual Life,” presented by Jennifer Edwards, is the topic of the Adult Faith Formation’s Lenten Retreat on **Saturday, March 10**.

The day will start at 9 a.m. with coffee, snacks and fellowship - and end by 3 p.m. Bring a brown-bag lunch. A freewill offering will be accepted, and sign-up will begin after the Masses next weekend in Deacon John Hall.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Could you walk a mile in Jesus’s shoes? The Stations of the Cross bring us closer to Christ as we meditate on the great love He showed for us in His most sorrowful Passion!

You can pray the Stations of the Cross (also known as the Way of the Cross) alone at anytime, but people most often pray them in a group setting Friday nights during Lent. Tradition traces this loving tribute to our Lord back to the Blessed Mother’s retracing her son’s last steps along what became known as the Via

Dolorosa (the Sorrowful Way) on His way to His Crucifixion at Calvary in Jerusalem.

Pilgrims to the Holy Land commemorated Christ’s Passion in a similar manner as early as the 4th century A.D. The Stations of the Cross developed as a devotion in earnest, however, around the 13th to 14th centuries. It became a way of allowing those who could not make the long, expensive, arduous journey to Jerusalem to make a pilgrimage in prayer, at least, in their church! Although the original number of stations varied greatly, they became fixed at 14 in the 18th century.

The Stations of the Cross are usually represented in churches by a series of 14 pictures or sculptures covering our Lord’s Passion. They are meant to be “stopping points” along the journey for prayer and meditation.



Jesus falls a second time.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

To assist parishioners in prayer during the season of Lent in preparation for Easter, the following are scheduled:

- 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16:
Traditional Stations of the Cross
- 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23:
Traditional Stations of the Cross
- 6 p.m. Friday, March 2:
Soup to Sustain the Soul
Contributions of crock-pots full of favorite vegetarian soups to share will be sought. Stay tuned for details. The evening will also include Children’s Stations of the Cross
- 7 p.m. Friday, March 9:
The Joint Penance Service will be held at Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Bloomingburg.
- 7 p.m. Friday, March 16:
“Mary’s Way of the Cross”
- 7 p.m. Friday, March 23:
“Praying the Stations of Mercy with Pope Francis”
- 4-8 p.m. Monday, March 26:
Reconciliation Monday
- 3 p.m. Good Friday, March 30:
“Journey of Decision
A Way of the Cross”

Consider participating in one, if not all, as part of your Lenten journey.

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