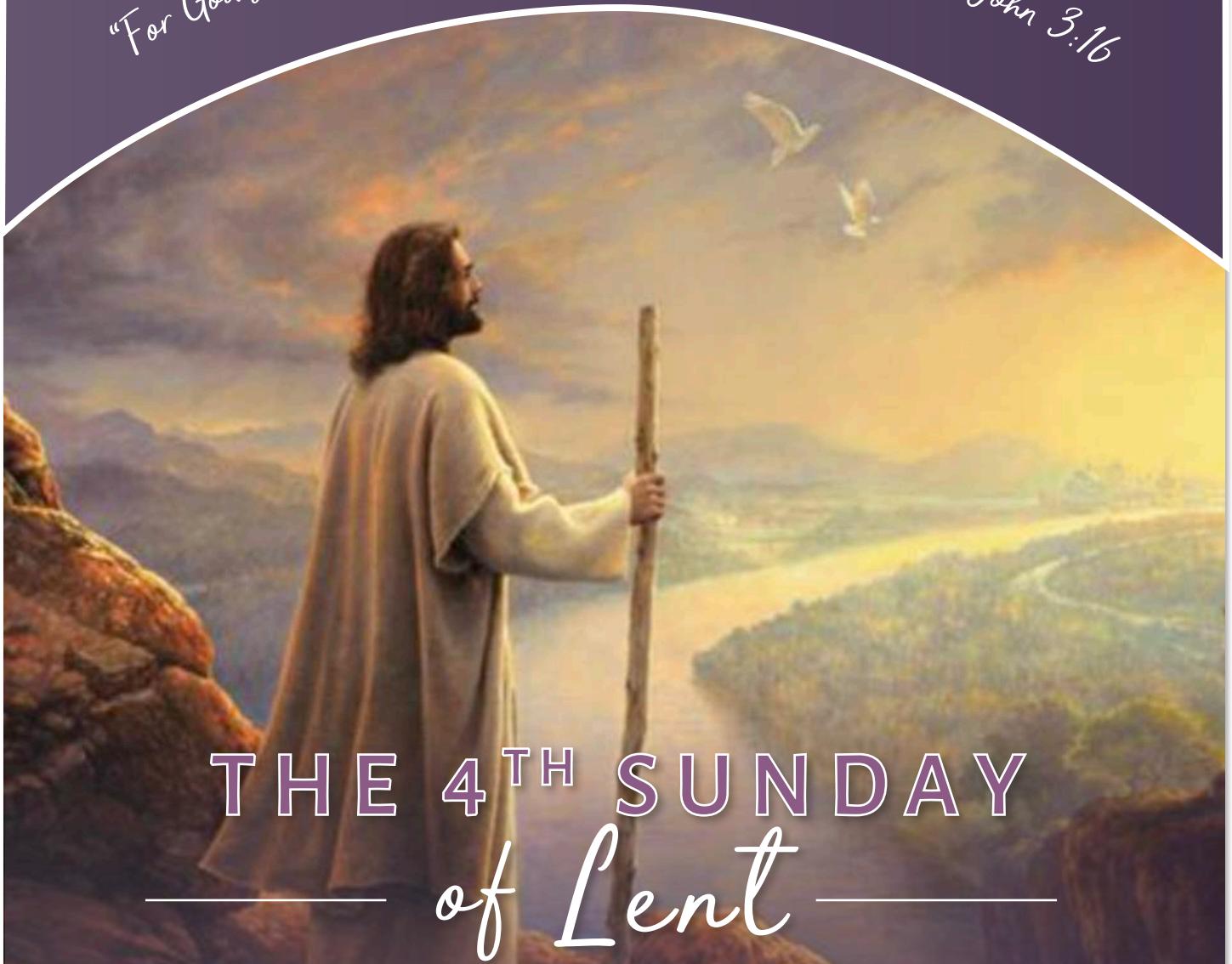


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MARCH 10, 2024 | THE 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16



THE 4TH SUNDAY
of Lent

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY

8:30 am | 10:00 am | 12:00 pm

DAILY LITURGIES

Monday ▶ Friday

Mass 12:10 pm

CHURCH OPENING HOURS

(Weather Permitting)

Monday thru Friday	11 am → 1:30 pm
Saturday	3:30 pm → 6 pm
Sunday	8 am → 1 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday: 10 am - 4 pm

Saturday | Sunday: closed

Call for other urgent arrangements.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 9

5:00 pm † Marie Cahill - 3rd Anniversary in Heaven

Sunday, March 10

8:30 am People of the Parish

10:00 am † In Loving Memory of John Aris

12:00 pm † In Loving Memory of Rita Romano

Monday, March 11

12:10 pm † In Loving Memory of Dominic Casulli

Tuesday, March 12

12:10 pm † Louise B and Gerald Grieco

Wednesday, March 13

12:10 pm † In Loving Memory of Mary Burke Fine

Thursday, March 14

12:10 pm † Louise B and Gerald Grieco

Friday, March 15

12:10 pm † In Loving Memory of Patrick Fitzgerald

Saturday, March 16

5:00 pm † Alice Maggiano

Sunday, March 17

8:30 am People of the Parish

10:00 am † For the Health & Well Being of Fred Ferris

12:00 pm † In Loving Memory of Maryann O'Grady

Baptism Ministry

See Dates & Details on Parish Website

Staff Contact: Stephanie Panzariello

Ministry Assistant:
Nic Vasil

Marriage Ministry

See requirements & details on Parish Website

Staff Contact: Gina Andreano

Ministry Assistant:
Sheila Mulcahy

Confession

Confessions are by appointment.

Contact the Parish Office.

Please consider helping us to defray the expense of these necessary items by donating: Hosts, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle, Altar Wine.

The requested donation for each is \$25.00.

This Week, the Altar Flowers are donated
**For the Health & Well-Being of
Baby Ava Elizabeth**

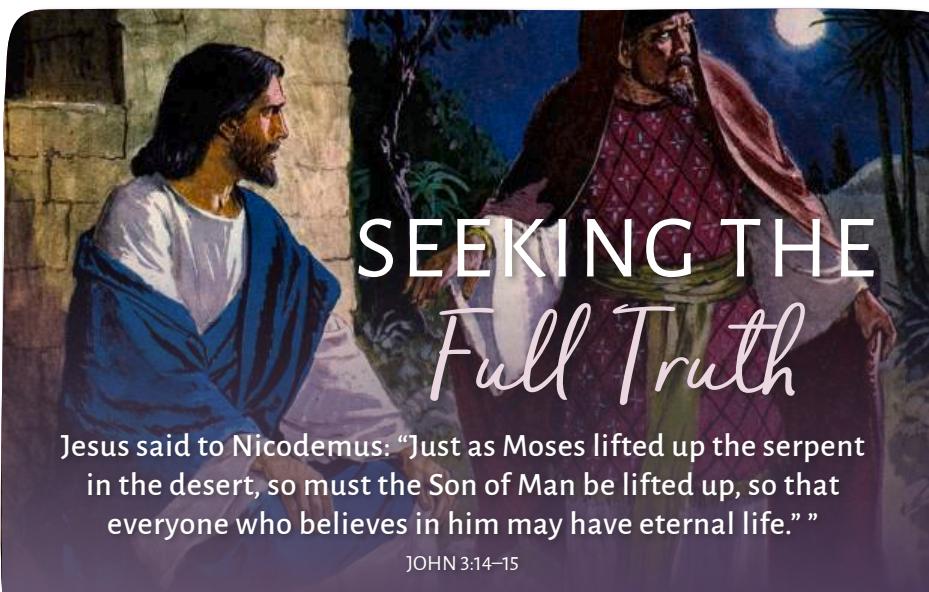
This Week, the Altar Hosts are donated
**In Thanksgiving for
Brian M. Moloney & Family**

This Week, the Sacramental Wine is donated
**For the Health & Well-Being of
Don Meyer**

The Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle is donated
**In Loving Memory of
Carlos Alberto Mendoza Oilden**

God Bless Your Generosity.





SEEKING THE Full Truth

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

JOHN 3:14-15

The line quoted above concludes a dialogue that Jesus had with Nicodemus, a Pharisee and a member of the Sanhedrin. This is the first of three times Nicodemus is mentioned in the Gospel of John. The second time he appears is when he reminds the other members of the Sanhedrin that a man must be first heard before he is condemned. The third time was when Jesus was killed and Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes to prepare Jesus' body for burial.

Jesus was not accepted by most of the Pharisees and within the Sanhedrin. For that reason, Nicodemus was taking a risk by going to him at night to talk. But Jesus clearly senses faith in the heart of Nicodemus, which is why when Nicodemus asks Jesus about His teaching, Jesus answers him. Unlike the other Pharisees, Nicodemus was not trying to trap our Lord; he sincerely wanted to understand.

At the beginning of this dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus, Nicodemus professes the beginning of faith in Jesus when he says, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you are doing unless God is with him" (John 3:2). Interestingly, Jesus then speaks to Nicodemus in figures of speech, saying that one can only enter the Kingdom of God when they are "born from above" and "born from water and the Spirit." Nicodemus tries to understand but fails. Jesus then gently rebukes him by saying, "You are the teacher of Israel and you do not understand this?" (John 3:10). Jesus then goes on to speak further in symbolic language and figures of speech, concluding with the beginning of today's Gospel quoted above when He speaks in a veiled way about His coming crucifixion.

One thing that is important to understand from this dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus is that Jesus' language is veiled in symbolic language because, even though Nicodemus was on the right path, he was not yet ready for the full revelation of the Gospel. He could not yet fully comprehend all that our Lord came to reveal. Thus, Jesus spoke in veiled language and invited Nicodemus to keep seeking its hidden meaning.

In our own lives, we can come to God and want Him to speak clearly and definitively to us, revealing His perfect will for our lives. But often He doesn't. Why? Because God knows we are not yet ready for the full truth. When He speaks to us and when we gain insight in one way or another, this is good and reveals we are on the right path. But the Gospel, in its fullness, is so radical and so demanding that most people are not yet ready for the full truth. Therefore, in His compassion, God gives us only what we can handle at the moment. But this humble truth should encourage us, as it did Nicodemus, to not give up and to continue opening ourselves to the fullness of the Word of God.

Reflect, today, upon how open you are to the fullness of God's Word. What would happen if God were to reveal to you, by an immediate personal revelation of divine knowledge, all that was in His sacred mind? Would it be too much for you to handle? Yes, it would be. But that humble admission is an important step toward that very goal. Humble yourself, today, more fully before the mysterious Word of God and pray that you will continue to be changed and open so that the clarity of God's truth will more fully penetrate your soul.

Additional Collection

THIS MONTH

March 10

Catholic Relief Services



An annual diocesan collection that awards grants to US organizations dedicated to developing and educating improvised communities, as a refuge for people in need

March 17

Easter Flowers



Funds the beautifying our church with flowers in anticipation of the Resurrection of our Lord.

March 31

Easter Gift For The Parish



A gift to the parish that honors Christ's Resurrection and supports funding for various charitable activities and operational needs of the parish throughout the year.

POLICE & FIRE DEPT MASS SUNDAY, MARCH 17



We are pleased to host, again, the Public Safety Department's Annual Communion Mass, for the members of the Hoboken Police and Fire Departments, here at Saints Peter & Paul. It will take place at the regular 12pm Mass on Sunday, March 17th, and also be the Departments' renewed celebration of the Feast of Saint Patrick. Fire and Police Department personnel will be in full force, including participation in the ministries of the Mass. All are invited to join in the Departments' celebration Mass. Obviously, the Church will be more crowded than usual at this 12pm Mass, and particular pews will be reserved for the uniformed personnel, so plan your attendance at Mass that weekend accordingly.

We are proud to honor our City's Police and Firefighters with this accommodation, as we give God thanks for their Service to the Community, and pray for their continued safety.

6 tips to Get You Through a Mid-Lent Slump

How is your Lent going?! Great, or not so great? Feeling like it is a long way to Holy Week? If your Lent has stalled- did you start with plans that were too much? Or did you begin with no idea how to begin? Either extreme means things might have fizzled out half way through. But fear not! Here are our 6 tips to help you reengage with Lent.

1. PRACTICE GRATITUDE IN THE MOMENT

Whenever I want to start over, I always think: "I'll start over later, tomorrow, when I've got time to sit down and take stock and begin again." Inevitably, that moment never happens, because I don't make it happen. I don't start over in the heat of the battle. So the battle never ends. If you feel like you're drifting through Lent, don't wait for the perfect time to restart. It won't happen- there isn't a perfect time. So wherever you are, stop, give yourself a few spare minutes, and thank God for, say, ten things about your day or your life right now. Gratitude helps turn our hearts back to God when we don't know where to begin.

2. ASK YOURSELF WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED SO FAR

When the road ahead looks long, it's easy to forget how far we've already come. So ask yourself, what have you learned so far this Lent? If the answer is 'nothing': ask yourself again! It doesn't have to be anything specifically Lent related. Maybe God has been working in your life in a way you didn't realize. Maybe there is something nagging you in the back of your mind that He wants you to look at. Or maybe you learned something through what you have given up or taken up that has surprised you. Remind yourself why you started and rejoice in what you have learned so far!

3. ENTER THE DESERT: GIVE YOURSELF A RETREAT

Not everyone is going to have the luxury of being able to go away on a retreat between now and Easter. But is there a day, half day, or even just an evening between now and then that you could turn into a mini retreat for yourself? If you have a busy family life, this may not be possible- or you might wish to include them in your plans too. Ideas could include: a special visit to Adoration, making time for Confession, going on a walk (without your headphones on) journaling, art, reading the Sunday gospel, spending some time in silence, and of course, prayer. Put all the distractions (TV, radio, internet, phone, music etc) away for a set period of time and enter into some quality time with God.

4. HAVE A MOVIE NIGHT

I know this may not be the most conventional way to re-engage with Lent, especially when it is so good to have some time away from the distractions of technology- but there are some plus sides too! Watching something- whether it's a movie about the Easter story (Jesus of Nazareth or The Passion of Christ for example)- or online talks or

retreats (Fr Robert Barron has excellent resources on wordonfire.org) these can be a powerful way to leave the lethargy behind. Whatever you watch, watch it actively, not passively, engage with the material, make notes if necessary and always follow it up with prayer time. If you're watching a movie on the Crucifixion of Christ, it's always good to reread the Gospel stories too. Movies can be a powerful way to imagine and feel exactly what is was like in the moment, but nothing is as powerful as simplicity of the words of the Gospel.

5. IF YOU DIDN'T START LENT WITH A PLAN, MAKE ONE NOW

Lent isn't meant to be a competition of who can give up the most, or be the most holy. It is meant to be a time of renewal, of clearing out the junk in our lives and letting Springtime enter our hearts. But let us also not forget that it is a time of friendship, of walking with Christ through His time in the desert. So when I say, 'make a plan' I don't mean, sit down and work out how you can cram in everything in the next few weeks. Instead, ask yourself, "how can I plan my day so that there is a way that I can best grow in time spent with Christ?". Are there distractions that you can cut down on? Is there an empty space in your day that you could spend in prayer? Could you put down your phone and engage in conversations more?

6. FINALLY, JUST WALK QUIETLY AND HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD

As we get ever nearer to Holy Week, remember God wants us as much as we want Him. As good and wonderful all the extra things we may be doing or giving up for Lent are, remember to get to the heart of what this is. Read the Gospel passages of Christ's return to Jerusalem, the Last Supper and the Way of the Cross. The words of Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium* are beautiful here:

'Now is the time to say to Jesus: "Lord, I have let myself be deceived; in a thousand ways I have shunned your love, yet here I am once more, to renew my covenant with you. I need you. Save me once again, Lord, take me once more into your redeeming embrace". How good it feels to come back to him whenever we are lost!'

Come into Christ's embrace, and grow in His love, so that together, we can walk through the events of Holy Week with Him, and rejoice with Him on the other side!



Simple Stations This Friday

Our last Simple Stations of the Lenten Season will be prayed immediately following the 12:10pm Mass this Friday **March 15**.

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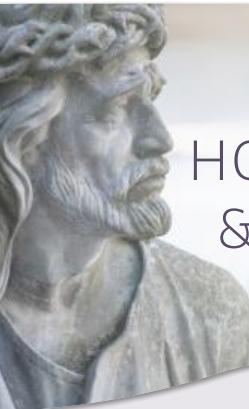


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SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES

PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Vigil Mass

5 pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Masses at

*8 am, 10 am, 12 Noon

**Note: Time is different from usual Sunday Mass!*

***Note: The usual 12:10pm Mass will continue on Monday (3/25), Tuesday (3/26), and Wednesday (3/27), but NOT on Holy Thursday & Good Friday.

HOLY THURSDAY

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7 pm

Adoration

8 pm until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Passion of the Lord Service

3 pm

HOLY SATURDAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Easter Vigil

7:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Masses at

*8 am, 10 am, 12 Noon

**Note: Time is different from usual Sunday Mass!*

FAMILY MASS



We had a beautiful **Family Mass** on March 3rd! **Msgr. Michael** presided over the ceremony which was filled with children and families! Thank you to all the Parish children who participated throughout the Mass, especially our Children's Choir who uplifted us in song.

If your child is interested in participated in an upcoming Family Mass, please contact Mr. Dan at daniel.apadula@spphoboken.com.



SANDWICH SUNDAY!



A **HUGE THANK YOU** TO ALL who volunteered for Sandwich Sunday this past weekend! We had an wonderful turnout and were able to prepare **upwards of 200 bagged lunches for the Hoboken Shelter!** A special thank you to **Raina Fernandes & Family** who generously sponsored this event!



If you are interested in sponsoring a future Sandwich Sunday, please contact Danny Rosado at danny.rosado@spphoboken.com



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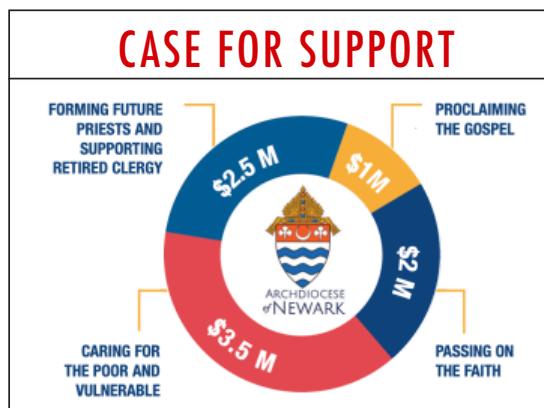
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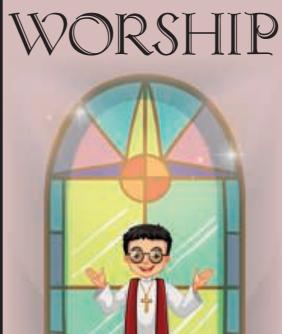
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