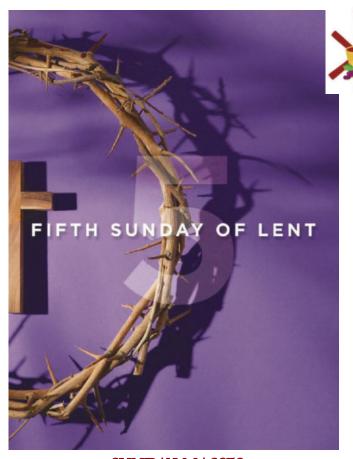
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Saturday Vigil

4:30 pm St. Mary 5:00 pm St. Agnes

Sunday

Saint Mary

8:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am & 4:30 pm **Saint Agnes** 7:30 am & 10:30 am.

DAILY MASSES

8:00 am St. Mary 9:00 am (Mon-Fri) St. Agnes

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Benediction and Rosary Monday @ 7:30 pm St. Mary Church

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Monday, March 27	Novena	7:30 pm
Tuesday, March 28	Saint Mary Church Legion of Mary Rectory Basement	10:30 am
	Knitting Group	10:00 am
	St. Agnes classroom	
Wed, March 29	Legion of Mary	6:30 pm
	(St. Agnes) double cl	assroom
Thursday, March 30	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
	St. Mary Church	
Friday, March 31	Stations of the Cross	7:30 pm
	St. Agnes Church	
Sunday, April 2	Jr. Legion of Mary	10:00 am
	Rectory basement	



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Bo The Junior branch of the Legion of Dart Mary is inviting all boys & girls aged 10-18 to join this special group of young people. It is a unique way to

learn more about Jesus, Mary and the saints. Meetings are held each Sunday morning from 10-11:30 am in the rectory basement of St. Mary Church. For more information please contact Sharon DiNapoli at 203~799~8670

The by-laws of the St. Joseph Society require the elections of officers every two years. All members, in good standing, can nominate themselves or other members at the monthly meeting on April 3 in Fr. Callahan Hall. The election of nominated members will be held at the following meeting on May 1.



Like to Do Something More for Lent??

The Legion of Mary has made many rosaries along with finger rosaries. These items can be found on the Legion Table at the entrances of both St. Mary & St. Agnes Churches. Please help yourself.

Save the Date April 14th at 7 pm Sock Hop: Dancing through the Decades More Information in the coming weeks.

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends:

The days of Lent are passing very quickly. As we enter this fifth week of Lent, the week before Holy Week, you will notice something rather striking, rather stark, in our churches. The statues have been veiled in purple cloth. They have been hidden from our sight. This custom was quite common in the Church of yesterday, when on Passion Sunday (what we now call the Fifth Sunday of Lent), the traditional Gospel reading told of a confrontation between Jesus and the Jewish religious authorities centered on the question of who Iesus is. At the end of the story, his opponents we are told "picked up rocks to throw at him; but Jesus hid and went out of the temple area." This reference to Jesus hiding himself is an allusion to the fact that, as the Gospels tell us, during most of his final days on earth before his death, Jesus remained out of sight away from the crowds.

For us, this veiling of the statues should signal that something important is on the horizon. Something significant is about to be revealed to us, and that is to be found ironically in Christ crucified. As the preface prayed at Mass during this week proclaims, "For through the saving Passion of your Son the whole world has received a heart to confess the infinite power of your majesty, since by the wondrous power of the Cross, your judgment on the world is now revealed and the authority of Christ crucified." We veil images of saints, but leave the crucifix unveiled to direct our focus where it properly should be in these next days of Lent: on the Cross of Christ, an instrument of suffering, death and shame in the eyes of the world, but for us, the ultimate sign of God's goodness, power, and love for us all. This is made all the clearer when we reflect on the prayer we use at the Stations of the Cross: "We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, for by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world." May we take some time during these waning days of Lent to meditate on the Cross of Christ, which represents the price of our salvation and the

length to which God would go to save us all.

Fr. Lijo and I are making ourselves particularly available in these next two weeks to visit those who are homebound and unable to get out to church. We would be happy to hear confessions, offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and bring Communion. Please contact the rectory so that we can set up a time to come for a visit.

Finally, one of the essential parts of a worthy celebration of Lent is to take the time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To that end, I remind everyone that we are available to hear confessions for two hours each week and that there are two additional hours for confessions scheduled for Holy Saturday morning at St. Agnes. Of course, either Fr. Lijo or myself would be most happy to hear confessions by appointment if the regularly scheduled hours do not work with you. Just call the rectory (203) 878-3571 to make an appointment with either one of us.

Have a good week!

Rev. Celeant. Xmalus



Applications for the Ladies Guild scholarship (awarded to an eight grade girl entering a Catholic HS in the fall) or a grant for girls already attending a Catholic HS are available at the rectory during office hours. Deadline to submit the completed application is April 21st and must be returned to the rectory in a sealed envelope. The scholarship and grants are based on available guild funds. Any questions about the application process can be directed to Suzanne Beliveau, Scholarship Chair at subelive@me.com





Mass Intentions



St. Agnes Church

Monday, March 27 Lenten Weekday 9:00 Patricia Carboni by cousin

Tuesday, March 28 Lenten Weekday 9:00 Claire Meyer by Jessica Berrios

Wednesday, March 29 Lenten Weekday 9:00 Intention of the Presider

Thursday, March 30 Lenten Weekday 9:00 Intention of the Presider

Friday, March 31 Lenten Weekday 9:00 Intention of the Presider

Saturday, April 1 (Vigil) 5:00 Harold Ericson by his family

Sunday, April 2
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
7:30 People of Precious Blood Parish
10:30 Chris Kelleher by family



Holy Thursday, April 6

Morning Prayer at 8:00 AM at St. Mary Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 PM at St. Agnes

Good Friday, April 7

Morning Prayer at 8:00 AM at St. Mary The Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 PM at St. Mary

Holy Saturday, April 8

Morning Prayer at 8:00 AM at St. Mary Blessing of Easter Food at 12:00 Noon at St. Mary The Great Vigil of Easter at 8:00 PM at St. Mary

Easter Sunday, April 9

Mass at St. Mary at 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM Mass at St. Agnes at 7:30 AM & 10:30 AM

St. Mary Church

Monday, March 27 Lenten Weekday 8:00 Michele Swaller by family

Tuesday, March 28 Lenten Weekday 8:00 Robert & Sara Broderick by son Robert

Wednesday, March 29 Lenten Weekday 8:00 Lawrence Meehan by Maria & Deke Wilson

Thursday, March 30 Lenten Weekday 8:00 Carol Smith by Jack & Sharon Fowler

Friday, March 31 Lenten Weekday 8:00 In Thanksgiving by Kathy

Saturday, April 1 Lenten Weekday 8:00 Barbara Schreyer by Bill, Barbara & Zachary Petry

4:30**(Vigil Mass)**Dorothy Laudano by Kathy & Alan Magel

Sunday, April 2
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8:30 Gladys DiMaio 100th Bday by family
10:00 Helen & Ray Zaleski
by Larry & Helene Zaleski

11:30 Josephine Funteral by family 4:30 Mary & Maurice Condon by family

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (April 2, 2023)

Gospel: Matthew 21: 1-11 Isaiah 50: 4—7

Psalm 22: 8-9,17-18,19-20, 23-24

Philippians 2: 6~11

Passion of the Lord: Matthew 26: 14-27: 66



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