Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish-Shrine

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 5th, 2017

The Italian National Parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago
Served by The Missionaries of Saint Charles – Scalabrinians
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- Nancy Diaz
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Office Hours

Sunday
-8:00am—3:00pm

Tuesday- Friday
-8:30am—8:30pm

Saturday
-8:30am — 1:00pm
-2:00pm—5:30pm

Monday
- We're Closed

Sunday Mass Schedule

5:30pm - Sat. Vigil Mass
7:45am - English
9:00am - Español
10:30am - Italiano
12:00pm - English
1:30pm - Español
5:00pm - Español

Weekly Mass Schedule

English
-Monday - Saturday at 7:45am

Español
-Martes y Jueves a las 6:30pm

Italiano
-Sotto richiesta

THE SCALABRINIAN MISSIONARIES AT MOUNT CARMEL SINCE 1905

Our Lady of Mt Carmel, is served by the Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Charles – Scalabrinians – .
We are an community of Catholic religious serving migrants and refugees of different cultures, religions and ethnicities in 32 countries.
The Congregation was founded in Italy on November 28, 1887, by Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini (1839-1905), bishop of Piacenza (Italy).
Our missionary focus is to be migrants with the migrants and to be in mission with people on the move, with a special priority for the poorest And neediest migrants.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL —MISSION STATEMENT

We are a faith community bound by the Grace of God the Father
who adopted us all as beloved children through Baptism.
We journey as brothers and sisters
inspired in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, nourished with the Eucharist
and strengthened by the love of the Holy Spirit.
Encouraged in the practice of our Catholic Tradition,
we experience and honor the maternal protection of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
while joyfully celebrating the religious practices of our ancestors in Faith.
Heartened by the zealous ministry of the Missionaries of St. Charles (Scalabrinians),
we strive to create a welcoming space were justice for all and the wellbeing of God's people
become the inspiration in our efforts to build God's Kingdom.

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NUESTRA SENORA DEL MONTE CARMEL — VISIÓN

Somos una comunidad de fe vinculada por la Gracia de Dios Padre,
que nos ha adoptado como hijos amados por el Bautismo.
Caminamos como hermanos y hermanas
inspirados en el Evangelio de Jesucristo, nutridos con la Eucaristía
y fortalecidos por el amor del Espíritu Santo.
Alentados en la práctica de nuestra Tradición Católica,
experimentamos y honramos a la protección materna de Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo,
celebrando alegremente las prácticas religiosas de nuestros ancestros en la Fe.
Animados por el celo ministerial de los Misioneros de San Carlos (Scalabrinianos),
nos esforzamos por crear un espacio de bienvenida donde la justicia para todos
y el bienestar del pueblo de Dios nos inspiran en nuestros esfuerzos para construir el Reino de Dios.

Church Services

We encourage all to register
at the Parish-Shrine.
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Les invitamos a registrarse
en el Santuario Parroquial.

Support Staff

Business Manager
Alexander Sanchez 708.345.3632

Religious Education
Modesta Martinez 708.344.4140

Activities Coordinator
Miguel Aldana 708.345.3632

Music Coordinator
Ann Marie Nabor 708.579.5373

Community Center Site Director
Pablo Cruz 708.345.3632

Sacramental Life

Confessions *Confesiones*
Saturdays—*Sábados*
4:00pm—5:30pm or by appointment/ *o con cita.*

Baptisms *Bautizos*
Come to the parish office. *Pase a la oficina parroquial.*

Weddings *Bodas*
Contact the priest at least six months in advance.
Contactar al sacerdote seis meses antes de la ceremonia

Quinceañera
Contactar a la secretaria cuatro meses antes de la ceremonia.

Presentaciones
Contactar la Secretaria al menos dos semanas antes

Religious Services

Recitation of the Holy Rosary
Mon—Sat at 7:00am

Adoration *Adoración al Stmo. Sacramento*
Wednesdays 6:00pm—8:00pm

Novena & Benediction
Wednesday/Miércoles 7:30pm

Grupo de Oración Carismática
Martes a las 7:00pm

Other Services

Gift Shop Hours *Venta de Artículos Religiosos*
During the regular office hours.
Durante las horas de oficina

Community Center *Centro Comunitario*
Social outreach *Servicios a la comunidad* (708) 345 - 3632

Food Pantry *Despensa de comida*
Wednesdays 4:00pm—6:00pm

Religious Education—*Catecismo*
Saturday - *Sábados* 3:30pm — 6:30pm
Sunday - *Domingos* 10:00am—1:00pm
- Mass Included—Incluye la Misa

During Lent

Fridays—Viernes

+ Abstinence / Abstinencia de Carne / Abstinenza
+ 7:00pm Stations of the Cross Trilingual

Wednesdays—Miercoles

+ 6:00pm Adoración y Predica Cuaresmal
+ 7:30pm Novena with Lenten Preaching

Thursdays—Jueves

+ 6:00pm 1st Reconciliation Rel Ed Students
Confesiones estudiantes de Catecismo

Martes y Jueves

+7:00pm Ensayo para el Via Crucis

March 9 Thursday

6:00pm Evening of Recollection
With Friar Johnpaul Cafiero

March 24th Friday

6:00pm Parish Reconciliation Service
Fish Fry at the Gym

April 10th Monday –Lunes

7::30pm Servicio de Tinieblas

Monday/Lunes
5:30pm Clases de Guitarra

Tuesdays / Martes
6:30pm Ballet Folkorico
7:00pm Grupo de Oracion
7:00pm Eng. Choir Practice

Wednesday/ Miercoles
6:30pm Ballet Folkorico
7:00pm Men of Mt. Carmel
7:00pm OLMC Fitness Club

Thursday/Jueves
6:30pm Ballet Folkorico

Friday/Viernes
7:30pm Practica de Coros
7:00pm Matrimonios con Prop.
7:00pm Jornadas Matrimoniales
7:00pm Boys/Girls Scouts
7:00pm Jovenes para Cristo

Weekly Offering

February 25 – February 26, 2017
Regular Sunday Collection: $6,616.00
Children: $371.00

From the Pastor's Desk

Our Lenten Journey has begun. Moved by the Spirit, the Lord Jesus went into the desert and remained there for forty days and forty nights; at the end of that experience, he was tempted by the devil… however, strengthen by that experience of communion with His Father in heaven through fasting and praying, he was able to overcome those temptations and thus return to his own people ready to lead them in a journey of Grace and Blessings into the fullness of New Life.

Inspired by this experience of Jesus, year in and year out, God's providence offers His People with the possibility of journeying through Lent into the Grace of New Life. It is important, though, to clearly understand that unless we dare to fully embrace the journey as a Faith commitment, we run the risk to avoid being transformed into New Creatures. By Prayer, Sacrifice and Alms Giving, believers in Christ are called to undertake this forty days of Lent as a drive from death into Life, from darkness to Light, from sin to Grace. That triple practice the Church relies on (Prayer, Fasting/Sacrifice and Alms Giving), suddenly becomes the shortest route to ensure believers with the Gift of New Life and Resurrection, God wishes to bestow on us when Easter arrives. The Triumph of Jesus over death is a gift God wants to share with all believers, however it is not possible to fully enjoy such and incredible gift, unless we have found the courage to get rid from all expressions of death in our life. When touched by sin, we stain ourselves with dis-Grace, therefore, unless we make the conscious move to empty ourselves from any expression of wickedness, the Glory of Easter will not fully shine in our horizon.

Here at the Parish-Shrine, we are offering different moments of prayer, reflection and encounter with the Lord, to make out of the Lenten Season an occasion of transformation and conversion. The evening of Recollection of March 9th, the Reconciliation Service on Friday 24th, Weekly Lenten Reflection with Novena and Benediction every Wednesday and Stations of the Cross every Friday, and above all, Sunday Mass… all these religious practices are to be seen as the tools to prepare our hearts for rebirth once the season is over. Let's come to Church this lent, let's profit from the means we are being offered and let's give God the opportunity to guide us into the fullness of life.

Adsum,

On **Thursday March 30th**
the Knights of Columbus
will be honoring our Pastor,
Fr. **Miguel Alvarez, cs**
at the Columbian Booster
35th annual Honors Night.
We would like to invite his staff
and parishioners of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel to
come out and support Fr. Miguel
for this distinguished award
from the Knights of Columbus.

The Donation is $40.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased at the Rectory. The event will take place at the White Eagle Banquets, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave, Niles IL.

Cash bar,**Dinner at 7:30pm.**

Any questions about this event or information about becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus please contact Robert Adams Jr at 847-259-4975

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish & Shrine
Altar & Rosary

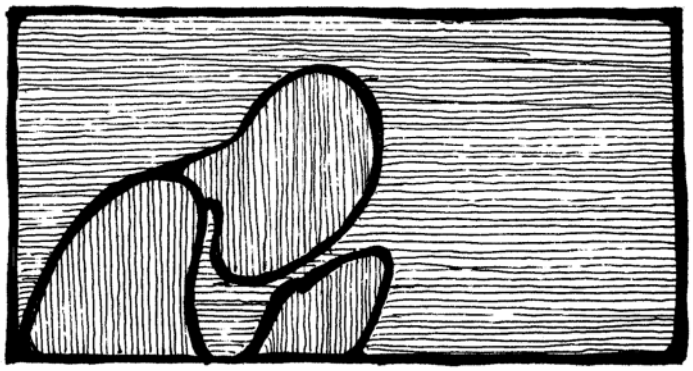
LENTEN EVENING OF RECOLLECTION

Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, OFM

When: Thursday, March 9th, 2017
Mass at 6:00pm / Followed by Dinner & Reflection

Where: O.L.M.C. Gym
22nd and Cortez st. Melrose Park

$15.00 Donation



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish & Shrine
St. Anthony Society

Annual Lenten Fish Fry

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STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

LENTEN JOURNEY

In Catholic tradition, lent is considered a journey towards Easter, a peaceful walking through reflection, prayer and fraternal relationships in such a way that reaching new life can be considered a wholesome experience. We would like to invite each one of you to take part in the different liturgical and spiritual services that will be offered here at the Shrine. Please make sure you take the time to join us in prayer and worship:

EACH **WEDNESDAY** OF LENT:
+Reflection during Novena with Fr. Feccia.

EACH **FRIDAY** OF LENT:
+ Stations of the Cross
-7:00pm Trilingual

Celebrating the Eucharist every Sunday should be the highlight in the life of every Christian
We should be attentive to enjoy this privilege during the Sundays of Lent

ABSTINENCE AND FASTING

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old or older on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of lent.
Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but are not yet 59. Those who are bound by these regulations may take Only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The Paschal abstinence and fasting are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged on Holy Saturday.

Mensaje del Párroco

¡Hemos comenzado nuestra jornada cuaresmal! Por seis semanas estaremos avanzando hacia la Pascua con el deseo de encontrar Vida Nueva y Resurrección en la Victoria de Cristo sobre la muerte. Inspirados en el Señor Jesús que por cuarenta días y cuarenta noches se internó en el desierto y al final venció las tentaciones de satanás, los creyentes abrazamos esta oportunidad de Cuaresma como una manera de viajar hacia nuestros corazones y encontrar allí todo lo que estorba, todo lo que no ayuda, todo lo que se opone a una relación personal con Dios y a la plenitud de una Vida en la Gracia.

La meta es lograr que, a lo largo de estos cuarenta días, podamos hacer un viaje desde la fragilidad de las cenizas hasta la Gloria de la Cruz. No podemos permanecer ajenos a las promesas de Vida nueva que Dios nos ofrece cada año con la Resurrección de su Hijo; desafortunadamente muchas veces los creyentes no tomamos con seriedad las practicas cuaresmales de Oración, Sacrificio y Limosnas y cuando la Pascua nos alcanza, nuestros corazones no se encuentran preparados para albergar el Don que Dios quiere depositar en ellos. Es importante que este año, hagamos el esfuerzo de caminar seriamente con Cristo hacia el Calvario, de esa manera Él se encargara de conducirnos al jardín de la Vida cuando llegue su Resurrección. Dedicar un tiempo extra a la oración, renunciar a algo durante la Cuaresma y estar al pendiente de la Abstinencia de carne los viernes y del Ayuno el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo, ser generosos con nuestros bienes y ayudar a los más necesitados con algo de limosna… estas son las obras que lograrán entrenar nuestro corazón en la disciplina necesaria como para vaciarlo de todo lo que se oponga el regalo de Vida que Dios quiere derramar sobre nosotros cuando llegue la Pascua.

Aquí en el Santuario Parroquial, las practicas cuaresmales que ofrecemos serán también de gran ayuda para vivir plenamente este tiempo santo. Cada Viernes tenemos el Viacrucis, Los miércoles tendremos reflexión cuaresmal durante la adoración, el Viernes 24 habrá Confesión para todos los que gusten acercarse a la reconciliación con Dios, las practicas del viacrucis viviente, y sobre todo la Misa Dominical. Estos medios sin duda nos ayudaran a vivir plenamente nuestro camino hacia la Pascua, aprovechemos de ellos y hagamos de esta jornada un auténtico camino espiritual.

Adsum,

JORNADA CUARESMAL

La Cuaresma es un viaje hacia la Pascua. Después de cuarenta días de jornada, la Iglesia nos conduce al encuentro con el Resucitado. Con Oración, Penitencia y Caridad Fraterna preparamos nuestra existencia para el encuentro con la Resurrección. Les invitamos a tomar parte de los diversos momentos de celebración litúrgica y Reflexión Espiritual que se estarán ofreciendo en nuestro Santuario Parroquial:

CADA **VIERNES** DE CUARESMA:
+ Rezo del Santo Viacrucis
-7:00pm En varios Idiomas

La Asistencia a Misa Dominical
se vuelve un momento muy privilegiado
y de gran ayuda para nuestra conversión,
ojala podamos hacer el esfuerzo
de asistir en familia cada Domingo de Cuaresma

AYUNO Y ABSTINENCIA

ABSTINENCIA:

De acuerdo a las reglas de la Iglesia Católica, todos los mayores de 14 años deben abstenerse de comer carne el Miércoles de Ceniza y todos los viernes de cuaresma.

AYUNO: Debe ser observado por todas las personas entre 18 y 59 años de edad. Nos obliga el dia Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo –se invita también a prolongar el ayuno pascual haciéndolo el Sábado Santo-. La mejor manera de hacer ayuno es: Una comida completa y dos comidas ligeras si lo sienten necesario.

El Espíritu Santo llevó a Jesús al desierto

SEMINARIO DE VIDA EN EL ESPIRITU

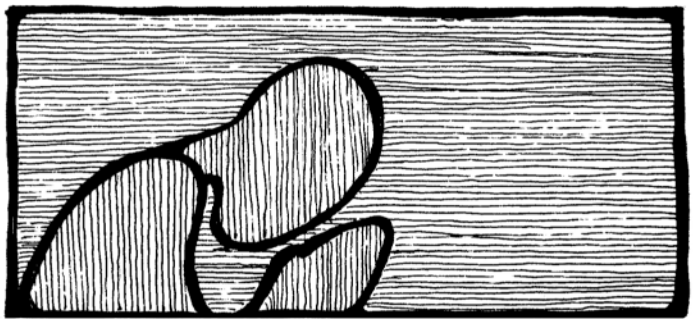
- Inicia el 8 de Marzo de 7:00pm a 8:30pm
- Lugar: Arriba del Salon San Antonio, por la 22 ave. y Cortez.

Para mas informacion favor de contactar a: Carmen Mendoza al (847)331-1432

El dia jueves 30 de Marzo
Los Caballeros de Colon estaran honrando
a nuestro Parroco **P. Miguel Alvarez, cs**
durante una cena de gala.
Invitamos a sus parroquianos y amigos
a estar presents para este
reconociemiento tan distinguido.

Los boletos para la cena estan a venta en la Rectoria y los pueden adquirir a $40.00 por persona.

Para mas informacion sobre este evento
o sobre como ingresar con los caballeros de Colon
pueden contactar la oficina de la Parroquia
o a Robert Adams al tel: 847-259-4975



TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Luego de una larga peregrinación, una imagen de Cristo llegó al pueblo de Esquipulas, Guatemala, el 9 de marzo de 1595. Dicha imagen negra de Cristo crucificado fue esculpida por Quirio Cataño a pedido de los habitantes del pueblo recién evangelizado.

En 1595, la recién esculpida estatua de Cristo iba rumbo a su destino, pero por cada pueblo que pasaba la gente pedía que lo dejaran una noche para que los fieles pudieran admirarla y rendirle culto a Cristo. Por tanto, la imagen tardó varios meses en llegar a su destino final.

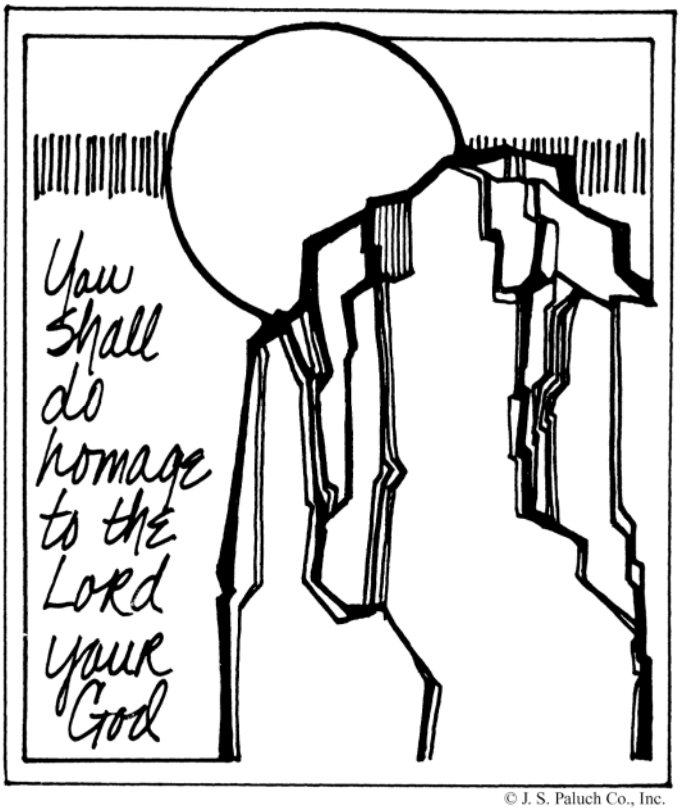
Recientemente, una réplica del Cristo Negro de Esquipulas también tuvo problemas en llegar a su destino. Dicha copia, hecha en Guatemala para la comunidad guatemalteca de Los Ángeles, California, tuvo problemas al cruzar la frontera entre México y Estados Unidos, ya que las autoridades de inmigración no permitieron pasarla por falta de documentos. Los fieles no tuvieron otra opción que pasarla, a precio de "mordidas" y a escondidas, por lo cual se le llama el Cristo "Mojado" de Esquipulas. Cristo tuvo que entrar en este país como muchos inmigrantes latinos, a escondidas.

Fr. Feccia's Reflection

1a domenica di Quaresima — Anno "A" * *Premessa*. Il tempo liturgico della quaresima è caratterizzato da due *tematiche:* la dominazione penitenziale e la chiara ispirazione battesimale. Particolarmente espressive di questi valori sono le letture bibliche domenicali: il vangelo della tentazione (1º domenica), seguiti per l'*anno* "*A*" , dai tre vangeli classici della primitiva iniziazione cristiana: la samaritana, il cieco guarito, la risurrezione di Lazzaro… vangeli che ci descrivono la natura stessa della vita cristiana, vista come esigenza di conversione (samaritana), come vita nella luce della fede (cieco guarito), come risurrezione a vita nuova (risurrezione di Lazzaro).
Non è ormai fuori moda la quaresima, questa «*decima dell'anno*» offerta a Dio? Una lunga quaresima di quaranta giorni di digiuno nel deserto dove il corpo e l'*anima del nuovo Adamo si fanno pi*ù liberi e la sua coscienza diventa più limpida e trasparente. Solidale con tutti coloro che sono costretti a *subire* la fame e l'*oppressione, Ges*ù*, nuovo Mos*è rivive i quarant'*anni di* lotta di Israele nelle solitudini dell'*esodo.* «*Nel deserto io valgo quanto le mie divinità*» (S.Exupery). Raccontando col linguaggio vivo delle immagini questa prova, i vangeli suggeriscono che Gesù*, vero Dio e vero uomo, fu tentato da satana tutta la sua* vita.
Molto più tardi egli stesso descriverà ai discepoli i tentativi compiuti dal suo avversario per *offuscare in lui la coscienza della proposta* missione. Avrebbe accettato di essere povero, ignorato, debole?sarebbe stato capace di non cedere con la realtà dell'*incarnazione rinunciando a servirsi* come un *superuomo dei miracoli,* dell'*autorità, della potenza di attrazione?* Sarebbe stato il figlio-servo, secondo il cuore di Dio, o un Prometeo che *conta soltanto sulle proprie* forze *per rubare il fuoco dal* cielo? Ogni volta che Gesù*, nel* suo cuore di carne, ha conosciuto la tentazione di un messianismo temporale l'*ha respinta per appoggiarsi* unicamente alla *parola di Dio. Ha* fuggito le folle che chiedevano prodigi e volevano farlo re. Ha allontanato decisamente Pietro che cercava di distoglierlo dalla strada della passione. Ha voluto bere il calice amaro della propria morte, rinunciando a salvare se stesso quando è stato *inchiodato sulla croce.*

INDICAZIONI PRATICHE DEL DIGIUNO E DELL'ASTINENZA

+ il **mercoledì delle ceneri** e il **venerdì santo** sono giorni di digiuno dal cibo e di astinenza dalla carne e dai cibi ricercati o costosi.
+ i **venerdì di Quaresima** sono giorni di astinenza dalla carne e dai cibi ricercati o costosi.
+ negli **altri venerdì dell'anno**, i fedeli possono sostituire l'astinenza dalla carne con altre opere di carattere penitenziale.
+ al digiuno sono tenuti i fedeli dai **diciotto** anni compiuti ai **sessanta** incominciati; all'astinenza dalla carne i fedeli che hanno compiuto i **quattordici** anni.
+ anche coloro che non sono tenuti all'osservanza del digiuno, i bambini e i ragazzi, vanno formati al genuino senso della penitenza cristiana.



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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 4 — **SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY**
7:30 am †
5:30 pm For Frank Sylvester by Paul & Pat DePirro

SUNDAY, MARCH 5 — **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
7:45 am † Paz Tapia
† Maria Tapia
9:00 am †
10:30 am 45th Wedding Anniversary of Bruno & Laura Floretta
12:00 pm † Maryann Ciaccio - Wilczewski by Joseph Academy
† Frank Guiglio Sr. by Guiglio Family
1:30 pm †
5:00 pm †

MONDAY, MARCH 6 — **LENTEN WEEKDAY**
7:30 am † Dominic Michael by Aunt Mia

TUESDAY, MARCH 7 — **LENTEN WEEKDAY**
7:30 am †
6:30 pm †

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8 — **LENTEN WEEKDAY**
7:30 am † William Bill Bosco by Barbara, Tom, and Rose Mary
7:30 pm NOVENA

THURSDAY, MARCH 9 — **LENTEN WEEKDAY**
7:30 am †
6:30 pm †

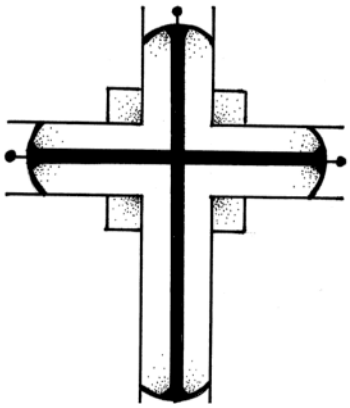
FRIDAY, MARCH 10 — **LENTEN WEEKDAY**
7:30 am †

SATURDAY, MARCH 11 — **LENTEN WEEKDAY**
7:30 am †
5:30 pm †

SUNDAY, MARCH 12 — **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
7:45 am † Paz Tapia
† Maria Tapia
9:00 am †
10:30 am † Francesco Palermo by Mother & Father
12:00 pm †
1:30 pm †
5:00 pm †

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ARE ILL OR INFIRMED :

Linda Bandy
Antonela De Biasio
Mary Donato
Judith Escamilla
Jacob Duda
Kristie Goldi
Linna Goldi
Susan Humpf
Carol Maioni
Vandy Liala
Ethan Maidl
Joseph Pulido
Lauren Rendi
Bobby J. Villa
Luke Westrick
Ann Yench
Alexandra Vitali
Ken Douglas
Michael Turso
Anna Baffa
Jan Clark
Sara Zonca
Nancy Oshea
Madeline Vittori
Victor Mejia Jr.
Nico Felice
Emelio Scalzitti
Nell Baker



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent years, there has been a resurgence of interest in various forms of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Some people suggest that this recovers an ancient tradition in the church, when in fact the practice belongs to a later time. The custom of showing the consecrated host to the people, encased in a vessel called a monstrance, developed in a period of history when even very pious people received Communion only rarely. The opportunity to see the host raised high above the head of the priest at Mass, or to see the host exposed outside of Mass, was thought by many to be a form of spiritual Communion. Without question, our Catholic practice of reserving the consecrated host both for adoration and Communion of the sick and dying is a cherished tradition.

Over the next few weeks, we'll look at how these traditions developed and how the Church envisions reservation and adoration today. We do this by the light of the liturgical reforms that have restored a heightened appreciation for how receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is central to our worship. "Perpetual Adoration," "Reservation," "Benediction," and "Reposition" are all part of the Catholic vocabulary. Often the terms are misused, and a tangled history—as well as widely varying practices in our parishes—adds to the confusion. Many Catholics today have never participated in Benediction, or even spent time in adoration on Holy Thursday night. There's plenty of interesting history, much of it surprising and challenging, and we will do our best to inform you along the way.

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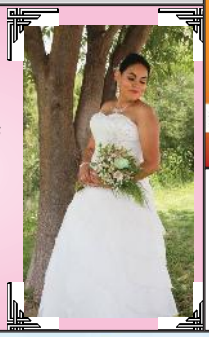

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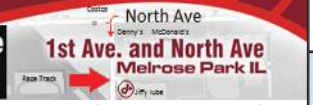

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