



# St. Vincent de Paul Parish

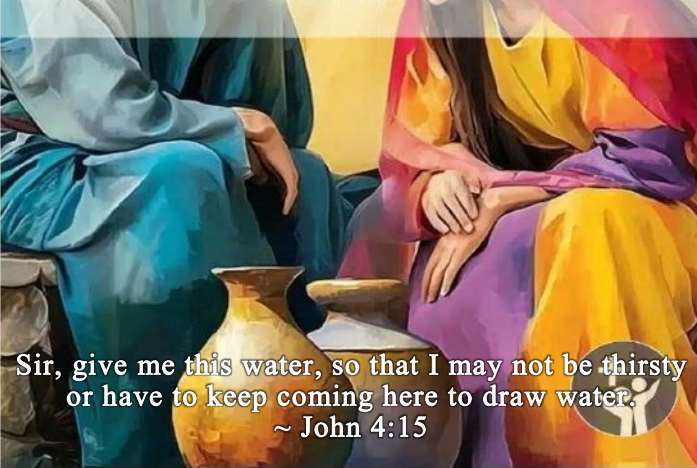
2244 Marshall Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003

We are the Roman Catholic Parish of St. Vincent de Paul in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, established in 1895, embracing the spiritual and corporal needs of Elm Grove and Wheeling. We strive to live as faith-filled disciples of Christ and in doing so, spread His Gospel message of Love, Hope, Mercy and Eternal Life.



## The Third Sunday of Lent - Sunday, March 8th, 2026

# 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A



Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.  
~ John 4:15

### First Reading - Exodus 17:3-7

The Israelites, thirsty and doubting God's presence, quarrel with Moses. God instructs Moses to strike a rock at Horeb, miraculously providing water, and the place is named "Massah" and "Meribah."

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Let us joyfully sing and worship the Lord, our creator and shepherd. I urge openness to His voice today, unlike our ancestors who hardened their hearts despite witnessing His works. .'

### Second Reading - Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Through faith, we are made right with God, gaining peace and the hope of sharing His glory. God's love, given through the Holy Spirit, affirms this hope, shown in Christ dying for us as sinners.

### Gospel Acclamation - John 4:42, 15

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

### Gospel Reading - John 4:5-42

In Samaria, Jesus met a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. He asked her for water, leading to a conversation about "living water" offering eternal life. Jesus's insight into her life convinced her of his prophetic nature. He revealed the future of worship transcending locations, focusing on Spirit and truth. Declaring himself the Messiah, his interaction led many Samaritans to believe in him as the Savior of the world.

### Week 4 - Thursday, March 12th at 6:00 pm "Conversion and Renewal: The Journey of Lent"

Repentance, confession, spiritual combat, and growth in holiness. Presented by Fr Joseph Wiley, Pastor Corpus Christi, Warwood

### Lenten Reconciliation Service at SVDP

Wednesday, March 18th - 6:15 pm

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm / Friday, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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**SVS School Advisory Board:**  
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### BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

**The weekly Bulletin Submission Deadline is Tuesday evening!**

Please submit any announcements, articles and information to be included in the weekly bulletin by emailing them to: [technology@saintvincentparish.org](mailto:technology@saintvincentparish.org)

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - 5:30 pm

Wednesday - 5:30 pm

Thursday - 9:00 am

*(When School is not in session, Mass time is 8:00 am)*

Friday - 8:00 am

Saturday - 8:00 am

#### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday - 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday - 9:00 am & 11:30 am

- **Rosary** 30 minutes prior to each Mass

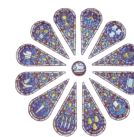
- **Adoration** Tuesdays from 10:00 am - 5:30 pm followed by Mass

- **Reconciliation** Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 pm, and on the 1st Saturday of the Month after morning Mass



# St. Vincent de Paul Parish School

Education for Your Child's Mind, Body, & Soul



127 Key Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003  
(304) 242-5844

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Facebook, Instagram & YouTube: [@SVS.Wheeling](https://www.facebook.com/SVS.Wheeling)

Thursday, March 12th

~ School Mass, 9:00 am

Friday, March 13th

~ Stations of the Cross, 9:00 am



So many special moments at SVS including celebrating our First Reconciliation and Dr. Seuss Week!



## 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GREENBACKS DINNER & RAFFLE

PRESENTED BY **Panhandle**  
CLEANING & RESTORATION

**GREENBACKS RAFFLE**

**\$20 PER TICKET**

**\$15,000**

**FIVE \$1000 PRIZES**

**\$10,000 GRAND PRIZE**



DINNER & RAFFLE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE!

## Parish Information

Ways to donate to St. Vincent de Paul Parish - Weekly Envelopes, Loose Check or Cash, On-line Giving.

How to give on-line: Go to the Church Website, [www.saintvincentparish.org](http://www.saintvincentparish.org). Click on **DONATE** at top right of page. / Click on the **White Give Online box**. / It will take you to the page to give. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call the Parish Office.

When writing checks for any collection, please make all checks payable to **St. Vincent's Church**.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUAL PARISH SUPPORT!**

### Attendance for February 28th & March 1st

5:00 pm - 109 / 9:00 am - 140 / 11:30 am - 90 / 10:15 am (OLSD) - 37

**Total Attendance: - 376**

### Offertory for February 28th & March 1st

Collection: \$7,768 / Online Giving: \$1,446.99

**Total Collection - \$9,214.99**

Second Collection, March 8th - *Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund*

Upcoming Second Collection, April 3rd - *Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land*

# Parish Information

## Liturgy and Minister Schedule

### The Third Sunday of Lent - Sunday, March 8th, 2026

#### Greeters for March 7th & March 8th

5:00 pm - John Bartsch & Jeff Klosinski / 9:00 am - Gwen Gress & Tammy Rosenthal / 11:30 am - Derek & Madelyn Reed

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. March 7th	8:00 am 5:00 pm	† Bernie Coyne All the People of the Parish	Cecilia Palmer	Wally McMasters, Tom McFadden & Carol Harris
Sun. March 8th	9:00 am 11:30 am	† Paula Teacoach † Bernie Coyne	Jenny Ray Lori Buchanan	Barb Napple, Derek Dimmey & Lynn Hetzel Judy Stadler, Karen Bates & Susie Newmeyer

#### Background on the Gospel Reading:

On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John's Gospel. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Instead, readings from John's Gospel are interspersed throughout our three-year liturgical cycle.

In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come. *(continued on page 7)*

#### Living the Word This Week: *How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?*

*Make a good examination of conscience and plan to receive the Sacrament of Penance during Lent.*

Tues. March 10th	5:30 pm	† Barbara Key	<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY (3.8.26):</b> Tammy Rosenthal  <b>ALTAR SERVERS (Weekend Masses)</b> Sam Anderson, Logan Buchannan, Emma Dean, Ava Dominquez, Lilly Eikey, Eleanor Hortet, Lydia Koval, Landon Kazemka, Aria Moore, Andrew Rowan, Brody Turkaly, Justin Wilson
Wed. March 11th	5:30 pm	† Barbara Key	
Thur. March 12th	9:00 am	† MaryJo Latz Dodderer	
Fri. March 13th	8:00 am	† Rusty Jebbia	

#### Greeters for March 14th & March 15th

5:00 pm - John Bartsch & Jeff Klosinski / 9:00 am - Cynthia Dimmey & Nancy Georges / 11:30 am - Nancy Freeman & Karen Bates

Sat. March 14th	8:00 am 5:00 pm	† Frank & Norma Dorsch † Bernie Coyne	Vickie Joseph	Nancy LaBrosse, Tom McFadden & Vickie Joseph
Sun. March 15th	9:00 am 11:30 am	† Thomas Brookover II All the People of the Parish	Denny Beiter Gwen Gress	Denny Beiter, Matt Koval & Susie Koval Lisa Armstrong, Tom McFadden & Susie Newmeyer

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

##### **M - MARCH 9TH - MONDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT**

2 KGS 5: 1-15B / Ps 42: 2, 3, 43; 3, 4 / LK 4: 24-30. OPTIONAL FOR ANY DAY THIS WEEK: EX 17: 1-7 / Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7AB, 7C-9 / JN 4: 5-42

##### **T - MARCH 10TH - TUESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT**

DN 3: 25, 34-43 / Ps 25: 4-5AB, 6 AND 7BC, 8 AND 9 / MT 18: 21-35

##### **W - MARCH 11TH - WEDNESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK IN LENT**

DT 4:1, 5-9 / Ps 147: 12-13, 15-16, 19-20 / MT 5: 17-19

##### **T - MARCH 12TH - THURSDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK IN LENT**

JER 7: 23-28 / Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9 / LK 11: 14-23

##### **F - MARCH 13TH - FRIDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT**

HOS 14: 2-10 / Ps 81: 6C-8A, 8BC-9, 10-11AB, 14 AND 17 / MK 12: 28-34

##### **S - MARCH 14TH - SATURDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT**

HOS 6: 1-6 / Ps 51: 3-4, 18-19, 20-21AB / LK 18: 9-14

##### **S - MARCH 15TH - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

1 SM 16: 1B, 6-7, 10-13A / Ps 23: 1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6 (1) / EPH 5: 8-14 / JN 9: 1-41

#### Facing the Horror of My Sins:

*Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." John 4:16-18*

Reflect today on the importance of opening your eyes to see the reality of your sins. Don't run from your past—confront it, understand it, confess it, and receive the living water of mercy. The holier you become, the more clearly you will see even the smallest sins you have committed. That is good. It is necessary if we want to be healed and refreshed by God. Imitate this sinful woman today. God is never ashamed of us. Let the shame and guilt dissipate within God's abundant mercy so that like this woman, you will know that God knows you through and through and loves you despite your sin.

# Prayer & Worship

## Prayer List, Mass & Adoration Opportunities, Religious Education



### Prayer Requests

Abina Baker	Rosemary Mackey
Charles Ballard	Sue Marple
Michelle Banducci	Brandt Mazeroski
Brenda Beiter	Wally McMasters
Barb Bennett	Kathleen Huffman Miller
Russ Bennett	Kelsey Miller
Patricia Bock	Joseph Moskitis
Adrian Boggs	Arlene Muccioli
Linda Boggs	Lois Naegele
Cheryl Boissy	Bob Neidhardt
JP Boissy	Curt Nethercutt
Steven Bonenberger	Nancy Oliver
Carl Bott	Michael Pichette
Mary Kay Britt	Josie Purpura
Bill Childers	Jenna Russell
Kayla Clayton	Paul Russell
Debbie Clear	Peggy Shalvey
Theresa Comer	Jessica Shell
Gerald Cook	Julie Shiess
Linda Curtis	Addison Stephens
Holly Custer	Robbie Stern
Judy Dietrich	Joe Tankovits
Kerry Dietrich	Dave Taylor
Buck Ebert	Stephanie Temple
Ethan Eckman	Joann Thomas
Barbara Fitzsimmons	Monica Thomas
Keven Freeman	Marlene Trischler
Rita Gallo	Glen Ullom
Mary Beth Greenwood	Lynn Uraco
Barry Helms	Christy Vopal
Anne Hellstern	Kathy Wagner
Greg Hicks	Machelle Walton
Joe Holly	A.D. & Pam Wilson
Ginger Kent	Ann & Charlie Wolfe
Rosemary Kimmins	Dick Wolfe
Alice Knollinger	Logan Wolfe
Lori Konarski	Barbara Zorn
Susie Koval	All Homebound, Sick and
Al Kreitzer	Shut-Ins
Flavia Langan & Family	<b>Good Shepherd:</b>
Marcia Laughlin	Ted McKeets
Jacqueline Laurine	Joseph Moskitis
Geralyn (Gigi) Latz	<b>Peterson:</b>
Brandi Mackey	Jim Sengewalt
Richard Mackey	

Due to privacy concerns, we cannot publish names of sick or hospitalized without the permission of the individual or their family. To have someone placed on the prayer chain or taken off the prayer chain, please call the Parish Office at (304) 242-0406.

### MARCH DEVOTIONS



By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to certain devotion.

**The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph.**

### THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026

#### For disarmament and peace

*Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.*

<https://popesprayerusa.net/popese-intentions/>

### COMMEMORATIVE MASS ASSOCIATION (March)

#### Please pray for:

Dean Bishop, Lora & Bud Bishop,  
Pam Bishop, Hazel Hudock,  
Violet Morrison,  
William Ralph Morrison Jr.,  
Leonard & Yolanda Napple, Pat Napple,  
Mary Sofka, Michael Sofka,  
Kenneth Wardle, Mildred Wardle

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



This invitation is from Jesus, and it is personal to you! To spend just one hour each week with Him. Eucharistic Adoration takes place **Tuesdays, 10:00 am - 5:30 pm**. Benediction is at **5:30 pm**, followed by Mass.

In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus reminds us of this invitation: "Could you not keep watch for one hour with me?"

### BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for a meeting with Deacon Tom McFadden as well as the necessary preparation.

### MARRIAGE

Engaged couples should contact the parish Office at least six months in advance to make an appointment with Fr. Jeelson.

### PSR

**PSR Classes meet every Sunday from 10:15 am - 11:15 am in the Parish Center.**

If you would like to register your child for these classes, please pick up a form in the vestibule of the church. Completed forms can be turned into the parish office.

If you have any questions, please email Derek Dimmey at [ddimmey@stvincentschool.org](mailto:ddimmey@stvincentschool.org)

### OCIA

Any non-Catholic interested in becoming a Catholic can contact the Parish Office for information regarding the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults or contact Cynthia Dimmey at [cdimmey2015@gmail.com](mailto:cdimmey2015@gmail.com).

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring Holy Communion to parishioners confined to home. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements. Those who are seriously ill or who are preparing for surgery should request a priest for Anointing of the Sick.

### HOME VISITS

Anyone knowing of a homebound or sick parishioner that might like a visit from Fr. Jeelson, please contact the Parish office at **(304) 242-0406**.

### THEMES FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

The 3rd Sunday of Lent in Year A focuses on themes of faith, conversion, and God's desire to fill us with new life. The readings show us God's response to human needs and how He calls us to turn to Him with open hearts.

**Spiritual Thirst:** The Israelites thirsted in the desert, and the woman at the well thirsted for something deeper in life. God wants to satisfy our thirst for meaning and truth.

**God's Faithfulness:** God provides water to the Israelites in the desert and offers living water through Jesus to the Samaritan woman. These stories remind us that God is always faithful, even when we struggle to trust Him.

**Repentance and Conversion:** The Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus changes her life. Lent is a time to repent and let God transform us just as He transformed her.

**God's Love for Sinners:** Jesus meets the Samaritan woman where she is, despite her sins and past. God does not turn away from us but invites us to receive His mercy.

**Jesus, the Living Water:** Jesus speaks of the living water that brings eternal life. He alone can fulfill our deepest longings and give us life that never fades.

**Witness and Evangelization:** After meeting Jesus, the Samaritan woman goes back to her town and shares her experience. Her witness shows us that sharing our faith can lead others to seek Jesus.

**Peace Through Reconciliation:** St. Paul writes about the peace we have with God through Jesus. Lent calls us to seek this by being reconciled to God and others.

In Lent, the Church invites us to open our hearts to God's love and mercy. The readings on the 3rd Sunday of Lent in Year A encourage us to deepen our faith and let God refresh our spirits.

# Parish Outreach

## Service Organizations, Announcements & Ministries

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



~The Knights of Columbus distributed Baby Bottles the weekend of February 22nd.  
~The Knights kindly ask to please put cash or loose coins in the bottles.  
~**The bottles will be collected on Palm Sunday, March 29th.**  
~All proceeds will go to help assist women with young children or crisis pregnancies.  
~Thank you for your support and cooperation!

### CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT

The Laymen's Retreat League invites all Adult Catholic men of the area to join us for a Day of Reflection with Rev. Bill Petro. The theme will be "God's love restores us to well-being" It will be held **Saturday, March 14th**, at Saint Vincent dePaul Parish's Marist Center Wheeling, WV. The time is **from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm** (includes breakfast and lunch). The cost is **\$30**

### ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS



In the name of St. Patrick, the Glorious Apostle of Ireland, the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Div. 1, Wheeling, WV, wish you a Happy St. Patrick's Day and Irish-American Heritage Month!

Men: celebrate and be proud of your Irish-Catholic heritage all year long by joining the AOH!

Info at [www.aoh.com](http://www.aoh.com), [facebook.com/roadbowling](https://www.facebook.com/roadbowling) or contact **Tom Connelly at 304-280-4350**. Slainte!

### RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality is an ecumenical center for prayer and spiritual growth, located in the heart of the city of Charleston, West Virginia. Presently, our calendar reflects the following:

#### Praying with the Four Teresas: In-person Retreat

This in-person retreat has been moved to **Saturday, April 25th, (9:30 am – 3:30 pm)** – Sr. Cheryl Clemons, OSU, Ph.D., Executive Director of WVIS, will offer a Day of Prayer and Reflection entitled "Deepening Our Prayer Life: Advice from the Four St. Teresas." For more information, visit our website at [www.wvis.org/programs](http://www.wvis.org/programs) or email Sr. Cheryl at [exec.director@wvis.org](mailto:exec.director@wvis.org).

#### Ignatian Silent-Directed Retreats

If you've ever wondered what it would be like to take a little "vacation with God," we invite you to come to the WVIS retreat house for a 1-, 3-, or 5-day retreat experience.

The retreat house is open and available to retreatants on **March 19th-28th** and **April 19th-29th** (there are more dates can be found on our website [www.wvis.org/ignatian-silent-directed-retreat](http://www.wvis.org/ignatian-silent-directed-retreat)).

Questions, email Sally at [sally.orcutt@wvis.org](mailto:sally.orcutt@wvis.org).

### From the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston



To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at **800-352-6513**. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at **888-434-6237** or **304-233-0880**.

### SVDP YOUTH MINISTRY

Our next meeting will be **Sunday, March 8th** in the St. Vincent de Paul's Marist Center at 3:00 pm. The plan is to play cards / games.

Hope to see you there and reach out to me with any questions. Thanks, **Nataliedrew Georges - 304.218.9360**

### PSR - IMPORTANT DATES

If your child is preparing to receive First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation, here are the dates for upcoming Sacraments.

~ **First Communion Retreat**, scheduled for **Saturday, May 2nd**

~ **First Communion**, scheduled for **Sunday, May 3rd**.

~ **Confirmation Retreat**, scheduled for **Thursday, April 30th** after 9:00 am Mass

~ **Confirmation** at SVDP, **Saturday, May 16th** at 5:00 pm Mass

If you have any questions please email Derek Dimmey at [ddimmey@stvincentschool.org](mailto:ddimmey@stvincentschool.org)

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

*"It is better to give than to receive"*

This Catholic lay organization leads women and men to join together to service those who are needy and suffering.

#### We are looking for New Members!

If you would like to attend a meeting, please call **Mary Lou Kent at 304-242-1019**.

### THIRD ORDER OF MARY

The Third Order of Mary are not meeting in the months of January and February.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, March 14th, 2026** at **10:00 am** in the Caveney Room.

### ST. JOHN'S BEREAVEMENT GATHERING

*Grief from a Faith Perspective:*

If you, or someone you know has lost a loved one and may benefit from a gathering for those grieving, please join us at **6:00 pm** on the last Monday of each month at St. John's Fellowship Hall in Benwood, WV.



Facilitators: Deacon Doug Breiding,  
Deacon Tom & Michele McFadden  
*Sponsored by Mount Calvary Cemetery*

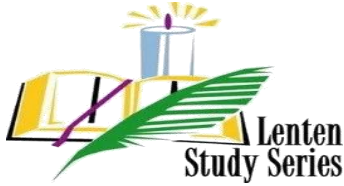
Next gathering will be on  
Monday, March 30th

**Whoever drinks the water I  
shall give will never thirst.  
The water I shall give will  
become in him a spring of water  
welling up to eternal life.**

John 4:14

# Lenten Study Series Topics

*"Conversion and Renewal: A Lenten Journey with Christ"*



**Each Thursday** during the Lenten Season, St. Vincent de Parish will be hosting a study series that is open and available for anyone to attend. Each study series begins at **6:00 pm** in the Sanctuary.

## Week 4: Thursday, March 12th

### "Conversion and Renewal: The Journey of Lent"

Repentance, confession, spiritual combat, and growth in holiness.  
Presented by Fr Joseph Wiley, Pastor Corpus Christi, Warwood

## Week 5: Thursday, March 19th

### "The Seven Last Words of Christ"

Forgiveness, suffering, hope, trust, surrender.  
Presented by Fr John Soplonski, Vocation Director, DWC

## Week 6: Thursday, March 26th

### "Walking with Jesus to Calvary: The Passion Narratives"

Study the Passion in the gospel of John  
Presented by Fr Jeelson Stephen, Pastor St. Vincent de Paul, Wheeling

**LENT 2026** | Reflect. Repent. Restore.


Sunday March 8	Monday March 9	Tuesday March 10	Wednesday March 11	Thursday March 12	Friday March 13	Saturday March 14
<p><b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> "But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth."  John 4:23</p>	<p>Pray one of the Penitential Psalms (Psalms 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143) and give thanks for God's mercy. Have you gone to confession yet this Lent?</p>	<p>Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary for the Pope's Intention for March: For disarmament and peace. Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.</p>	<p>"The poorest are not only objects of our compassion, but teachers of the Gospel. It is not a question of 'bringing' God to them, but of encountering him among them."  Pope Leo XIV, Dilexi te, no. 79</p>	<p>As Lent nears its halfway point, recommit yourself to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to purify your heart for the Paschal feast.</p>	<p>Pray the Stations of the Cross (<a href="#">Stations Of The Cross USCCB</a>), either in your parish or on your own.</p>	<p>Lord Jesus, have mercy on me, a sinner.</p>



# Lenten Calendar

## SVDP Lenten Schedule

### MARCH 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8 3rd Sunday of Lent	9	10	11	12 Lenten Study Series "Conversion and Renewal: The Journey of Lent" - 6:00 pm	13 Day of Abstinence OLSD Fish Fry! Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm	14
15 4th Sunday of Lent	16	17	18 Lenten Reconciliation Service - 6:15 pm	19 Lenten Study Series "The Seven Last Words of Christ" - 6:00 pm	20 Day of Abstinence OLSD Fish Fry! Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm	21
22 5th Sunday of Lent	23	24 	25 Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	26 Lenten Study Series "Walking with Jesus to Calvary: The Passion Narratives" - 6:00 pm	27 Day of Abstinence OLSD Fish Fry! Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm	28
29 PALM SUNDAY	30	31 Chrism Mass celebrated in Wheeling, 4:00 pm				

### APRIL 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 HOLY THURSDAY	3 GOOD FRIDAY Day of Fasting and Abstinence	4 HOLY SATURDAY
5 EASTER SUNDAY						

#### Background on the Gospel Reading: (continued from page 3)

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshipping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same.

The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

#### FIRST FRIDAY MASS

Join Us for First Friday Mass at the Bishops' Chapel at 5:30pm at Mount Calvary Cemetery; Wheeling, WV.

**2026 Schedule:** April. 16th\*, May 1st, June 5th, July 3rd, August 7th, September 4th, October 2nd, November 6th, December 4th, 2026

# Lent

## Announcements

### MOUNT CALVARY CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN-UP

We will be conducting our Spring clean-up at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Wheeling, WV, weather permitting, beginning **March 2nd** and concluding by **March 15th**.

All items will be removed throughout the entire Cemetery.

**Please remove any items which you wish to keep by February 28th.**

After March 2nd, all items will be removed from the graves. Please do not place any items in the Cemetery until after March 15th.

Further information is available at Mount Calvary Cemetery Office by calling **304-242-0460**. Copies of the Rules and Regulations are available at Mount Calvary Cemetery's Main Office.

### LENT

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.

**FASTING DAYS:** include Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (one full meatless meal is permitted), and meatless Fridays during Lent (fish and shellfish are permitted).

**THE THREE PILLARS:** of Lent are **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**. In addition to fasting, many also choose to abstain from other comforts during Lent.

**HOLY WEEK:** begins with **Palm Sunday**, March 29th, a celebration of Christ's triumphant return to Jerusalem.

**EASTER TRIDUUM:** begins with **Holy Thursday**, April 2nd, at Sunset, signaling the end of the Lenten season.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at St. Vincent's Parish each **Friday** during Lent at **9:00 am (school)** and at **7:00 pm**.



On **Good Friday**, Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at Our Lady of Seven Dolours Mission at **3:00 pm**.

### RESOURCES FOR YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY

As Catholics around the world gather for Mass and prayer services on Ash Wednesday, we are bonded by the physical and spiritual connection we share as followers of Jesus. Use the resources on this page to further your knowledge and appreciation of the sacred rituals of Lent.

<https://www.lovolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/len/arts-and-faith-for-lent/cycle-a/arts-and-faith-week-1-of-lent-cycle-a/>

### ATTENDING MASS WHEN TRAVELING

If you are traveling or attending a new church, it can be difficult to find Mass times or church contact information within a specific area.

**CatholicMassTime.org** provides easy access to Mass schedules, church locations, parish contact information and more. Our mission is to connect Catholics with church information across the country, in every state within the USA. We hope our service will help you and your family more easily find Mass times while traveling or at home.

### **Our Lady of Peace Parish Infant of Prague Novena**



**January 26 - March 23 (9)**  
**Mondays at 7:00 pm**  
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**LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF  
FASTING & ABSTINENCE**

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.  
Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.  
Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



*Our Lady of Seven Dolours  
Altar Rosary Society  
Annual Fish Fry!*

**Join us for Fellowship and Great Food!**

**Date: Beginning Friday, February 20, 2026**  
Every Friday of Lent (with the exception of Good Friday)

**Time: 11:00 am—5:30 pm (Or Until Sold Out)**

**Place: OLSD Church Hall in Triadelphia**

**Phone: 304-547-5342**

**Local Delivery Available: 11:00am to 1:00pm**

**For Carry Out Orders - see reverse side**



**50/50 Raffle tickets will be sold  
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# Lent

## Announcements



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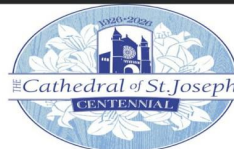
Thursday, March 12, 2026

11:00am-4:00pm

For an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org

Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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## Join Us for the 100th Anniversary of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

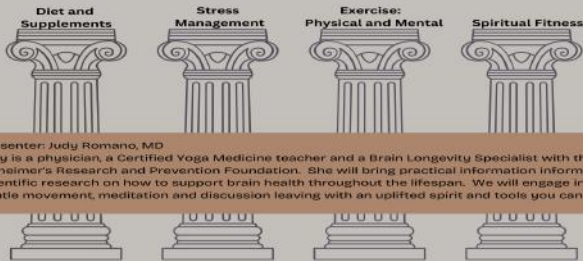
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Reception to follow in the Great Hall  
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**DATE:** March 14, 2026  
**TIME:** 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** St. Joseph Retreat Center  
**COST:** \$50  
(Limited Scholarship Available)

**Reserve your spot today!**  
Contact Anna Marie Troiani  
Phone: 304-907-0171  
Email: [atroiani@csjoseph.org](mailto:atroiani@csjoseph.org)

### Recovering Our Soul Connections: A Retreat for Women Who Have Been Sexually Abused

**Begins online April 1, 2026 and culminates in an  
in-person retreat May 28-May 31, 2026**

at The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality, Charleston, WV

To request an application or more information, email us at  
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**Liz Deal**, Spiritual Director, WVIS,  
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Contributions from donors keeps the **cost to retreatants to \$200 each** if you would like to donate to support this effort, please contact Sally Orcutt ([sally.orcutt@wvis.org](mailto:sally.orcutt@wvis.org)).

## St. Joe's Parish Lenten Mission

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#### Why host?

Because when we gather, we grow stronger together. Coffee & Connections is an easy way to bring people closer, share hope, and live out our call to serve one another.

#### Invite us to your parish!

Contact our Director of Donor and Parish Relations, Bill Hagy at [bhagy@ccwva.org](mailto:bhagy@ccwva.org) or 304.360.4249



# Parish Information

## Weekly Calendar of Meetings & Upcoming Events

### SVDP - A LOOK AHEAD...

<i>Prayer of the Week</i>	<i>Lord, help us to seek You with open hearts and to welcome Your love that brings true life. Teach us to break down barriers and share Your peace with others. May we share Your love as a source of hope and joy in our communities. Amen.</i>
Sunday, March 8th	~ The Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ Small Group, (Drnach), 10:10 am - 11:20 am (Apologetics from Ignatian Spirituality)
Monday, March 9th	
Tuesday, March 10th	~ Adoration, 10:00 am - 5:30 pm ~ Small Group, (LaBrosse), 2:00 - 3:15 pm, in the Youth Room
Wednesday, March 11th	~ <b>WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO!</b> ~ Doors open at <b>4:30 pm</b> / BINGO starts at <b>6:00 pm</b>
Thursday, March 12th	~ Small Group, (McKeets), 2:00 - 4:00 pm (The Chosen - Season 4) ~ Small Group (Mazzocca), 3:00 - 4:00 pm (now meeting at the Mazzocca's House. If you want to join their small group contact Barb Mazzocca.)
Friday, March 13th	~ <b>OLSD FISH FRY!</b> , 11:00 am - 5:30 pm (or until sold out) ~ <b>Rosary</b> (Mazzoca), 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Saturday, March 14th	
Sunday, March 15th	~ The Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ Small Group, (Drnach), 10:10 am - 11:20 am (Apologetics from Ignatian Spirituality)

### UPCOMING SVDP SOCIAL EVENTS...



**HELP WANTED**


We could use a few extra hands to help with our Wednesday Night Bingo!

**SVDP BINGO DATES FOR MARCH**

- Wednesday, March 4th
- Wednesday, March 11th
- Wednesday, March 18th
- Wednesday, March 25th

**THANK YOU!**  
to each and every one of our **BINGO VOLUNTEERS (3.4.2026)** for helping to make our Wednesday Night Bingo successful!


*Lisa Armstrong, John Bartsch, Denny Beiter, Gwen Gress, Faith Hicks, Jeff Klosinski, Camille Laudermilt, Jacki Laurine, Bruce & Anita Littleton, Patty Snyder*




**TRIVIA NIGHT - Friday, April 17th**  
Doors open at 6:30 pm  
Trivia starts at 7:00 pm  
\$10 per person

**JANUARY & FEBRUARY FUNDRAISER UPDATE**

- Euchre Night...\$264.51
- Bingo (January)...\$1967.67
- Trivia Night...\$536.12
- Mardi Gras / Pancake Dinner...\$473.41
- Super Bowl Squares...\$500.00
- Bingo (February)...\$4661.82



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