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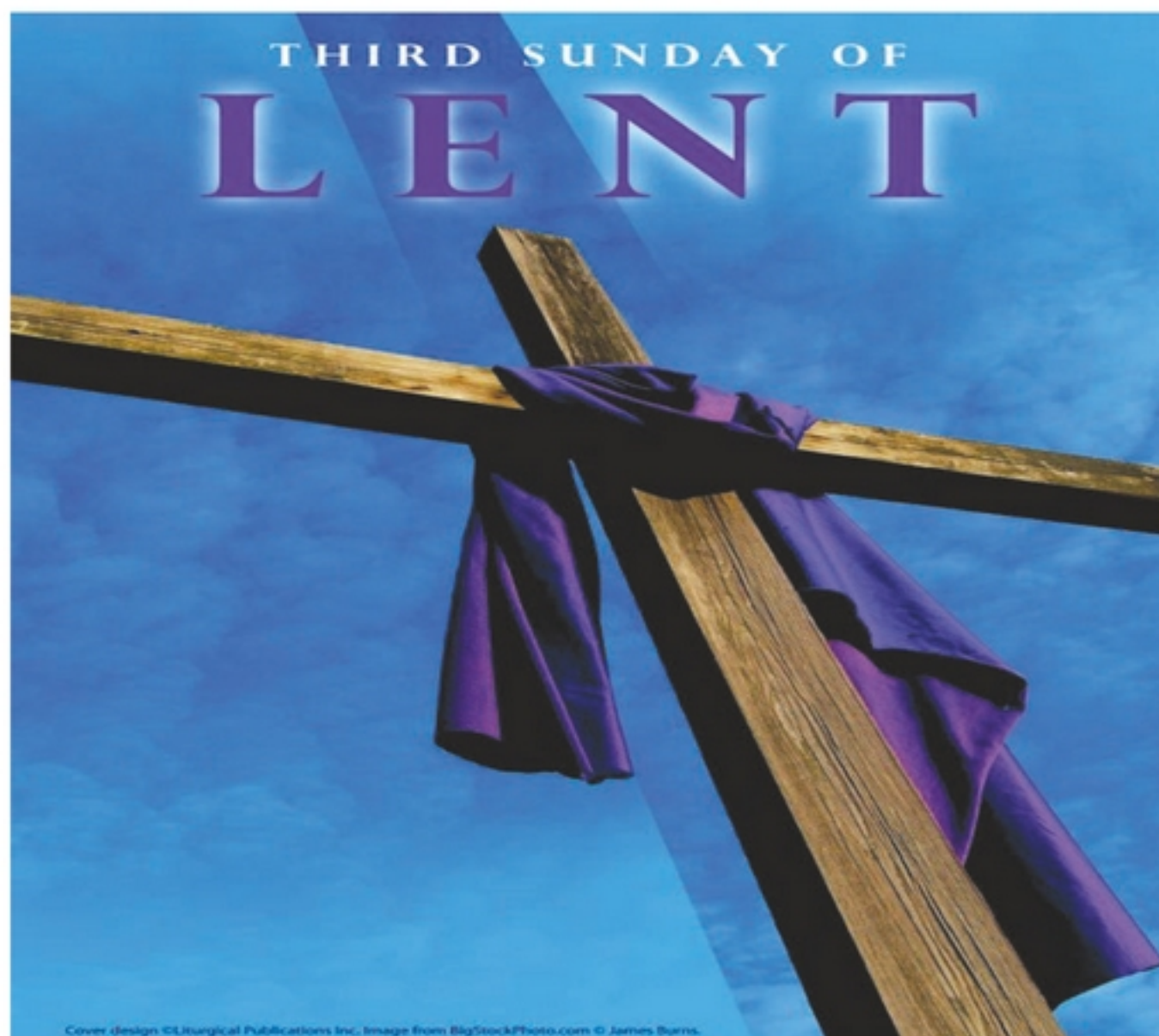
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Please send all questions, & inquiries in regards to
Family of the Holy Cross Pastoral Network to the
above email, please or call 315-866-6373.

Information, updates and cancellations from all
four parishes will be on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/familyoftheholycross>

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT — MARCH 3, 2024



Sacramental Information for all of our Churches

To make arrangements, please contact Parish Office @315-866-6373

Reconciliation

After Mass and By Appointment

Matrimony

Please contact Parish Office @ 315-866-6373 six months in advance. One year for those
who are under the age of 21. Pre-Cana is expected. Wedding dates are scheduled after
meeting with the Pastor

Anointing of the Sick

Can be administered at any stage of a person's illness. **One should not wait until
someone is near death before requesting anointing.** To schedule please call Parish
Office 315-866-6373.

Baptism & RCIA

Call Maria Fiorentino—Faith Formation Coordinator 315-866-6373

ALL ARE WELCOME!

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

Third Sunday of Lent — March 3rd

8:00 am—Victoria Kane

Req. Family

Fourth Sunday of Lent—March 10th

8:00 am—Presider's Intention



Blessed Sacrament Church

71 East Main St. Mohawk, NY 13407

<https://parishes.rcda.org/BlessedSacramentMohawk/>

Mass Schedule

Sunday—8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

After Mass and By Appointment

Trustees

Jim Walczak



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 3rd—Third Sunday of Lent

11:00 AM— Kirk Kennedy

Sunday, March 10th —Fourth Sunday of Lent

11:00 AM—Presider's Intention



St. John the Baptist Church

7514 N. Main St. Newport, NY 13416

<https://parishes.rcda.org/StJohnsNewport>

Mass Schedule

Sunday—11:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

After Mass and By Appointment

Trustees

Joe Gizzi

Brianne Slatton

3rd Sunday of Lent

I am the Lord your God ... You shall not have other gods beside me. —Ex 20:2-3

One of the greatest golfers of all time — if not the greatest — was Jack Nicklaus. Which is why it is baffling that at the beginning of each season he would return to his childhood coach and re-learn how to grip the golf club. It's like Shakespeare re-learning the alphabet and grammar. Why would he do that? Because Jack knew that the fundamentals are always relevant. Perfecting and obsessing over his grip allowed him to do everything else in the game well. In sports and life, the best ones love the basics.

Similarly, as we begin Lent, we re-learn the spiritual basics in the Ten Commandments. Consider the first, to "have no other gods besides me." This is our "grip." Is our connection to God one of absolute fidelity and exclusive worship? Am I willing to let go of my precious idols, the things I cling to instead of God? Once we say "yes" to this fundamental question of our spiritual "grip," then we are ready to properly engage with everything else in life. Watch how beautifully the game of life unfolds in the next nine commandments (numbered in parentheses): how we speak to God and others (2 and 8), how we organize our week (3), how we relate to our family (4) and the wider community (5 and 7), how we live our sexuality (6), and how we order all the other desires of the human heart (9 and 10). But don't rush to these later Commandments too soon! Everything in life is built on the first Commandment. The more we focus on worshiping God alone, the better we navigate the complexity of life with panache, effectiveness, and love.

Lenten challenge: This week, identify what you can do to better worship God alone. If you're not sure, scan the last nine commandments to identify what you are most likely to worship instead of God. Power, pleasure, control of your time, possessions, family, health, reputation, money? Commit to concrete action to help you let go of this "idol" to better hold on to God alone in faithful worship. Remember: the best love the basics. — Father John Muir ©LPi

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A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CHURCHES



Chicken Bar-B-Q
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 Sunday, April 7, 2024
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St. Francis de Sales Church Parish Hall
 Tickets Available at Network Office 228 S. Main St.
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If you are **New** to our network and would like to register to one of our parishes, please fill out the form below. **Current parishioners** please use the form below if you would like to update your information on file. Please complete and drop the form in the collection basket or mail it to the network office.

Family of the Holy Cross Pastoral Network Office
 228 S. Main St.
 Herkimer, NY 13350

Please call the office at 315-866-6373 with any questions.

Please check one: New Registration _____
 Updating info _____

Name of Church you wish to register to or update info:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Would you like to receive envelopes? _____

Would you like to receive The Evangelist? _____



Please Like and Follow us on Facebook (St. Francis de Sales Early Childhood Learning Center) and Instagram (@saintfrancisdesaleschool_) and visit our Website (www.stfrancisearlychildhood.org)



Enjoy a fun-filled evening at the St. Francis de Sales Parent School Association's first-ever **Spring Soirée** on Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 7 - 10 pm at Francesca's Banquets & Catering in Ilion, NY!

Purchase of your Spring Soirée Admission ticket provides you with delicious light fare food stations and hors d'oeuvres, an open bar featuring beer, wine, mixed and soft drinks, music, and mingling. Try your luck with our basket raffle, featuring 40+ baskets and prizes, and bid on luxury items and dream vacation venues while you delight in the company of family and friends.

The event is for adults only. Tickets are \$40 per person (price increases to \$45pp after 2/28/24). Cocktail attire is suggested. Purchase tickets online at bit.ly/sfspring-soiree or call the St. Francis de Sales School at (315) 866-4831 or stfranciseclc@gmail.com for a paper Ticket Purchase Form.

Proceeds from the event support the operating costs of St. Francis de Sales Early Childhood Learning Center. Interested in donating a basket to the fundraiser? Please contact the school!



Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St Bridget #265, cordially invite the women of The Family of the Holy Cross to a Lenten Retreat on March 9th, 2024 at Blessed Sacrament Church in Mohawk, from 9:30am to 2pm. The retreat will begin at 9:30am in the church hall with coffee and donuts. We ask you to please bring a bag lunch and drink. If you would like to attend or are even thinking of attending, please call Mary Tripp (Regent for Court St Bridget) at 315-866-2594, leave a message and will call you back.

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During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at Saints Anthony and Joseph on Friday at 12:00 pm and St. Francis de Sales at 6:00 pm.



Faith Formation News

Next Mass and Classes will be on March 17, 2024.

Any questions or concerns please call Maria Fiorentino— Faith Formation Coordinator @ 315-866-6373 or email @ St.FranFF2021@gmail.com

We are still looking for volunteers to help out with Faith Formation. Please call or email Maria Fiorentino, if you have any questions or would like to sign up to volunteer @ 315-866-6373 or email St.FranFF2021@gmail.com

Important dates to remember for First Communion and Confirmation Classes

All events take place at St. Francis de Sales Church

March 23rd @ 10:00 am First Reconciliation for the First Communion Class

April 14th during Faith Formation Class the Confirmation Class will have a reconciliation service

April 28th First Communion during the 9:30 am Mass

May 5th—Confirmation Rehearsal @ 11:00 am

May 7th—Confirmation Mass @ 6:30 pm

Thank You
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Please remember you can put your envelopes into the collection basket at any of the churches and they will be delivered to the church marked on the front of the envelope. Also, if you don't have envelopes and would like to put cash/check into the collection basket for a specific

church, please use an envelope and put the name of the church on the front of the envelope. There are white envelopes in the vestibule of the churches. **Please make checks payable to the church that you are donating to and NOT to Family of the Holy Cross. Thank you!**

Mass Intention Request

Need a Mass Intention? Fill out the form below along with money/check (please make check payable to the church you are requesting the Mass from) and mail it to the office, drop it off at the office, or put it in an envelope mark the front of envelope Mass Intention and place it in the collection basket. You may also email the parish offices and give all the information below and then mail a check to the network office or place the check/money in an envelope mark on the front of envelope payment for Mass intention with your name, church's name and put it in the collection basket. **Mass Intentions are \$15.00 per request. There will now be a limit of 6 Mass Intentions per Mass at every church.**

When requesting a Mass Intention please remember that Masses fill up fast so, please try to schedule in advance for specific dates.

Also, so we can accommodate others, please only one intention per form. **Please submit Mass Intentions 2 weeks in advance if you are requesting a specific date.**

Any questions please call 315-866-6373 or email:
familyoftheholycross@gmail.com

Church: _____

Intention: _____

Date Requested: _____

Requested by: _____

Phone #: _____

And email: _____

Would you like a Mass card sent: _____

If "yes"

Name of recipient: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 3—Third Sunday of Lent

9:30 am—Mary Thomas
Eleonora Ceneviva
Delores Devaney

Req. Thelma and Frank Spina
Req. Tom and Bev Findura
Req. Maureen Von Werne

Sunday, March 10—Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:30 am—Mary Thomas
Eleonora Ceneviva
Dennis Sanita

Req. Thomas and Mamie Della Posta
Req. Celia and Joe Grande
Req. Al and MaryLou Vanderwiel



St. Francis de Sales Church

219 N. Bellinger St. Herkimer, NY 13350

<https://parishes.rcda.org/StFrancisdeSales/>

Mass Schedule

Sunday - 9:30 am

Reconciliation

After Mass and By Appointment

Trustees

Paul Frezza

Mark Ainsworth



The rosary is sometimes called the Gospel in miniature because the mysteries cover many of the main events in the lives of Jesus and his mother Mary. By thinking about these mysteries, we are meditating on some of the most important messages of Christ in the Gospels.

Please join us in praying the rosary on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm, at St. Francis starting on March 5. During the months of May and October we will meet each Tuesday.

Prayer is the pathway to union with God. It makes us better people and helps us to gain inner peace. Please join us.

STS. ANTHONY & JOSEPH CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 2—Third Sunday of Lent (Vigil Mass)

4:00 pm—Walter Czuryla, Sr.(Birthday)
Dennis Sanita
Jimmy Ocuto
Edward Franco (Birthday)
Marty Benedict
Jennifer (Gros) Houle

Req. Irene
Req. Mary Franco
Req. Paul & MaryEllen DeCeglie
Req. Mary & Family
Req. Pat & Bob Bono
Req. Michael Green

Wednesday, March 6—Lenten Weekday

12:10 pm—Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, March 9—Fourth Sunday of Lent (Vigil Mass)

4:00 pm—Michael Renshaw (Anniversary)
Charles and William Witkowski (Anniversary)
Cushman, Carney & Muto Families
Dennis Sanita

Req. Family
Req. Sister
Req. Jack & Louise Carney
Req. Bill & Janet Palmieri



Sts. Anthony & Joseph Church

229 S. Main St. Herkimer, NY 13350

https://parishes.rcda.org/sts_anthony_joseph/

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass @ 4:00 PM

Reconciliation

After Mass and By Appointment

Trustees

Deborah Sweeney

Paul DeCeglie



Sts. Anthony and Joseph Church Sanctuary Lamp is given in Memory of:

Doris Still

Req. Mary Franco



Sts. Anthony and Joseph Church Altar Bread & Wine is given in Memory of:

Dennis Sanita

Req. John Franco

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