

### Pastoral Staff:

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Jo Ann Morse, Music Director

Jack Hanlon, Liturgy Coordinator

Sr. Barbara McKenna, RSM, Bereavement Coordinator

**Your parish staff welcomes the opportunity to serve you. A priest will always be available for emergency sick calls. Many requests for service and information can be met during the daytime when the office is fully staffed. We suggest making appointments with the priest, deacon or other member of the parish staff since they might be engaged in other pastoral activities.**

### WE CELEBRATE EUCHARIST

#### Mass Schedule

#### Weekends:

First Saturday of the month: 8:15 AM

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM,  
12:30 PM. (Spanish). 5:00 PM.

#### Holydays:

Vigil: 7:00 PM.

Holyday: 8:15 AM., 12:00 Noon

#### Weekdays:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday &

Friday: 12:00 Noon

Tuesday 8:15 AM.

Please let us know if someone is unable to come to Church because of age or illness. We will be happy to bring Holy Communion to them at home.

#### Devotions:

Tuesdays: Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Novena. 8:15 AM Mass

## *Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary*

*168 Hill Street, Southampton, New York 11968*

### WE CELEBRATE BAPTISM:

Baptisms are customarily performed on Sunday at 2:30 P.M. Prior arrangements with the parish priest or deacon must be made as far in advance as possible. The Godfather and Godmother should be practicing Catholics. Our Baptismal Program meets at 7:30 P.M. on the second Monday of each month in the Parish Center.

### WE CELEBRATE PENANCE:

Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:45 PM. A more convenient time may be arranged with the parish priest by calling the Parish Center.

### WE CELEBRATE MARRIAGE:

In order to prepare adequately for the life-long commitment to the Sacrament and to arrange to participate in a Marriage Preparation Program, we ask that you make arrangements with the priest or deacon of your choice at least six months prior to the date of the marriage. Because of the Sunday Mass schedule, Nuptial Masses are normally celebrated on Friday evening or Saturday. Weddings should take place in the proper parish of the bride or groom.

### WE CELEBRATE HOLY ORDERS & RELIGIOUS LIFE:

The privilege of serving God's people as a priest, permanent deacon, religious sister or brother is personally fulfilling and spiritually exciting. Anyone who feels they might be interested in the priesthood, diaconate or religious life should speak to a parish priest.

### WE CELEBRATE GROWTH IN CHRIST:

Mothers and fathers are the first teachers of their children in the ways of the faith. We hope they will be the best of teachers by what they say and do. Our Parish Religious Education Program and Our Lady of the Hamptons Regional School strive to support and complement the responsibility of parents to be the primary teachers of the children they have co-created with God. Our Religious Education Program, which includes preparation for First Penance, First Eucharist and Confirmation, is a family centered, continual formation extending from Grade 1 through Grade 8. Our Ministry to high school students continues this formation for grades 9 through 12.

### WE SHARE OUR FAITH:

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Do you know of someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic or a Catholic who has not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. If so, please call the Parish Office. Continuing Adult Education is offered through the Parenting Programs. Little Rock Scripture Study Series and other spiritual development programs

### PARISH REGISTRATION

We ask that all Catholics living within the boundaries of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish fill out a registration (census) form. This helps us identify and provide for the needs of our parishioners. If you are new to the parish or if you are moving, please call the Parish Office.

**Parish Office Tel: 631-283-0097**

**Fax: 631-283-3836**

**E-mail:**

sacredheartsjm@optimum.net

**website:**

www.sacredheartsofjesusandmary.org

**Hours: Monday - Friday:**

9:00am - 12 Noon; 1:00pm-4:00pm

Evenings: By appointment only please

Sat. & Sun.: By appointment only please

**Religious Education Office: 283-0508**

**e-mail: bassuntarsm@gmail.com**

**Human Resources Office: 283-6415**

**e-mail: maryanntupper.hrp@hamptons.com**

**Spanish Apostolate: 283-4379**

**Vincentian Fathers: 287-9647**

**Our Lady of the Hamptons**

**School: 283-9140 Convent: 283-9110**

Sr. Kathryn Schlueter, CSJ, Principal

### WE REACH OUT:

The Human Resources Program volunteers reach out to meet the temporal needs of the elderly, the housebound and the poor of our parish and community. Our parish Care for the Caregiver Program delivers hot meals to families in need of this kind of help on Tuesday evenings. Call the Human Resources Office (283-6415) for more information and assistance.

### WE RESPECT LIFE:

Birthingright maintains an office at 99 W Montauk Highway, Hampton Bays. Project Rachel offers confidential and compassionate counseling to anyone suffering guilt after an abortion. Please call Birthingright at 728-8900 for information.

# BASILICA PARISH OF SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS & MARY

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**February 26, 2012**

Readings: Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

**Mission Statement: We are a Eucharistic centered people, who by following Christ's teaching, together to love and serve those in spiritual and physical need in our community.**

### Masses for the Week of Feb 27-March 4

<b>Monday</b>	<b>12:00</b>	Kathleen Hull
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:15</b>	Ann Janidlo
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12:00</b>	Thomas Manglaviti, Sr.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12:00</b>	special intention
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12:00</b>	Frank Stachecki
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5 PM</b>	Adolph A. Guldi
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00</b>	William L. Zaluski, Jr., Harriet & William Zaluski, Sr. & Barbara Corwith
	<b>9:30</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>11:00</b>	Thomas Manglaviti, Sr., Dennis J. O'Connor, John Carroll, Cindy Carr, Kathleen Hull
	<b>12:30</b>	<b>Spanish Mass</b>
	<b>5 PM</b>	Cathy DeNoto

### SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL - Feb. 26—

**March 4—P. Sheerin**

**HAMPTON CENTER— Feb 26—S. Oldakowski,**  
M. Lynch

**March 2—Sr. M. Assunta, Sr. B. McKenna**

**March 4—A. Pastoria, M. Lynch**

**ALTARS - February—M. Lynch, C. Rotunno**

**LINENS - Feb. 27—March 4—S. Wesnofske**

### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

The February 19th collection was \$6814.00. The **Catholic Ministries Appeal** latest total is \$45,471.50 in gifts and pledges. That is 86% of our goal. May God bless you for your continued support and generosity. Thank you,  
Fr. Jeff.



### MINISTERS SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, March 3 5 PM Msgr. Gill

SERVERS	anyone available
E.M.'S	M. Adamczyk, A. Fiore, M. Lynch
LECTOR	K. Rothwell

#### Sunday, March 4 8 AM Father Kiernan

SERVERS	Ambrose Bros., C. Collum, I & L Martin
E.M.'S	P. Madison, L. McClain, C & J Mottern, M. Muller
LECTOR	S. Wilson
GREETERS	M. Steinbrecher, I. Hurley

#### 9:30 AM Bishop Wcela

SERVERS	L. Arresta, Malone Bros. A. O'Brien, M. Wilson
E.M.'S	G. Arresta, Sr. M. Assunta, A. Cuccia, Sr. B. McKenna, M. Nugent
LECTOR	J. Hanlon
GREETER	A. Lesta, J & N McCulley

#### 11 AM Father Trench

SERVERS	W. Menghini
E.M.'S	J. Cleary, V. Grattan, P. Jordan, J. Neknez, L. Robins
LECTOR	G. Bauer
GREETERS	C. Brown, C. Butler

#### 5 PM Msgr. Madley

SERVERS	M. Terry
E.M.'S	K. Maple
LECTOR	anyone available

**NO ALTAR FLOWERS** during Lent.

**Altar Flowers** can be donated by calling the office at 283-0097.

Anyone who would like to donate **Altar Candles, Wine or Altar Bread** in memory of a loved one or for a special intention please call the Parish Office—283-0097 Ext. 0.



### WE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED SICK

Patricia Kahl	Winnie Chin	John Bishop
Pat Reinhardt	Howard "Corty" Bishop	Grace McNamara
Robert O'Shea	Gene Travers, Jr.	Gerard Murphy
Suzanne Parillo	Patrick Dermody	Gwendolyn Porter
John Cuccia, Sr.	Jean Smith	Jean Kearns
Eileen Finlay	Beth Larkin	Elivira Schiavone
Annie Murphy	Louis Scricca	Stan Witkowski
Chris Begg		

## FROM THE DESK OF MONSIGNOR JEFF:

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Bishop Wcela's talks will be at the noon Mass and at 7 PM. The retreat will be the 5th, 6th & 7th of March. Confessions will be heard Tuesday after each day. Come and listen to the Bishop.

Thank you for your generosity for the Catholic Ministries Appeal. We just passed \$10,000 in pledges for this year. You are helping those less fortunate.

Congratulations to Chris Hamilton and Amie Hill, RCIA catechumens who are participating in the Rite of Election today.

**Stations of the Cross will be held during Lent on Fridays at 3 PM.**



### PARISH PROGRAMS

#### FRANCISCANS

The Secular Franciscans meet on the third Sunday of the month, after the 11 AM mass in the Parish Center. Would you like to know what we are all about? Please come to our meeting. Bring a bag lunch and we will supply the coffee.



#### BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study Group meets at 1 PM in the upper room of the Parish Center. All are welcome!

#### SPIRITUAL BOOK GROUP

The Spiritual Book Group meets on Tuesday, 1 PM in the dining room of the Parish Center. New members are always welcome.

“Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love.” - Pope John Paul II



Please join us in an hour of  
**Eucharistic Adoration**

Each Friday directly following the noon  
Mass

12:30-1:30 PM

“Come to Me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you...” “Cast all your anxieties upon the One who cares for you...”  
“My peace is my gift to you...” (Mt 11:28; 5:7, Jn 14:17)

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR THE 2011-2012 YEAR HAVE BEGUN.**

Please make sure your child/children are registered.

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE REGISTERED AT SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY. REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE BY CALLING THE PARISH OFFICE AT 283-0097.**

Parents of children who will be entering first grade in September: If your child is entering the first grade and you want him/her to receive the sacraments in the parish, it is time to register them for the Religious Education Program if they are not attending Our Lady of the Hamptons or some other Catholic School.

Religious Education Registration forms are now available on the parish website:

**[www.sacredheartsofjesusandmary.org](http://www.sacredheartsofjesusandmary.org)**

Please remember that children are required to attend each year from first to eighth grades, in order to be prepared for the receiving of Confirmation in the eighth grade. Also attendance each week is a must unless the child is sick or has a good reason for missing a class. Please encourage the school and coaches not to schedule games or practices on Wednesday afternoon or evening or Sunday mornings. It is up to all of us to encourage the importance of Religious Education in our community.

**Please check the website for meetings and Announcements. For more information please call the Religious Education office at 631-283-0508.**

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Mary***

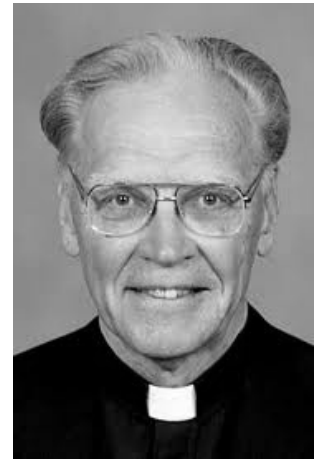
# ***Lenten Retreat***

***March 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> 2012***

***"Artists & Poets Help Us  
Experience God"***

***Presenter:***

***Bishop Emil A. Wcela***



***Monday: The God of Mystery***

***Tuesday: The God of Compassion***

***Wednesday: God With Us***

Monday thru Wednesday : Mass each day at 12 Noon  
talk will follow - 7 PM Retreat talk

Wednesday evening: 7 PM—Mass included for closing  
Reconciliation on Tuesday after each talk

(No 8:15 AM Mass on Tuesday—only 12 Noon)

### **BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

meets on the third Wednesday of the month following the 12 Noon Mass.  
The meeting takes place in the Parish Center.

All are welcome to attend.  
For more information please call  
Sr. Barbara McKenna 949-6770

### **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

Please welcome and pray for our adult RCIA candidates, Chris Hamilton and Amie Hill, who are preparing to finish their initiation into the Catholic Church. Chris & Amie are studying and praying to prepare for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.



### **OUR LADY OF THE HAMPTONS**

**Registration** for the 2012-2013 school year for pre-school children for three & four year olds at St. Rosalie's Campus, Hampton Bays is now open. Registration packets are available at the school ... 283-9140.

There will be an open house in Mid-March. Applications for waiting list status for grades K-6 at the Southampton campus are being accepted at this time.

Progress continues on the OLH building project for the new Wellness Center-classroom extension. As of Feb 20, most of the steel work has been completed, with roof and walls scheduled for the next two weeks. The projected completion date for the gym is late spring 2012. This will depend upon additional fund-raising from the local and school community. The school will be happy to discuss possible donations. (As a parochial school, OLH is not eligible for any federal, state or local assistance.)

### **LITURGICAL BITS AND BYTES**

#### **Stole**

The stole is part of the presider's vesture. It is the long, usually thin, strip of cloth that he wears around his neck with the two ends usually hanging down in front. It is a symbol of the authority granted to him by virtue of his ordination. The stole is usually the color of the season. Most of the time the stoles are worn on the outside, but some styles call for wearing under the overgarment, the chasuble. Deacons also wear a stole to signify their ordination to the diaconate. Their stoles are worn on the left shoulder across their body with the two parts connecting at the right hip.

### **Friends of the Seminary**

Seminary Lenten Day of Prayer  
Sunday, March 11, 2012  
9:30 AM—3:00 PM

***At the Foot of the Cross:  
Reflection on the Spirituality of the  
Seminary Chapel***

Presented by  
Rev. Msgr. Peter I. Vaccari, Seminary Pastor

CONFERENCES ◇ LUNCH ◇ CONFESSION ◇  
MASS

Advance Registration required by February 28th.  
For additional Information: 631-423-0483 x 102  
bmalone@icseminary.edu  
\$25 donation (non-friends)

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception  
440 West Neck Road  
Huntington, New York

### **NEW! YOUTH CATECHISM**

Sister Mary Assunta and Gayle Reisig will be selling a new catechism called "YouCat" which is easy to read. It is a book for all ages and would be good for family discussions. You can obtain a copy by either asking Sister or Gayle when you see them or call or come into the office. (631-283-0508).

**Sight & Sound Christian Theater presents:**  
**"JONAH"**

An extraordinary journey with one of the Bible's most colorful prophets! This lively, exhilarating family musical delivers powerful themes of love, mercy, obedience and second chances in an adventure that brings you right into the heart of the action!



Experience the mighty storm at sea that breaks apart an enormous ship right before your eyes. Then be immersed in an undersea world, and witness the giant fish that swallows God's misguided prophet. Jonah will have your entire family laughing, crying and identifying with a man who rediscovers the unfathomable mercy of God.

**Date: April 13, 2012**

**Where: Sight & Sound Theatre, Strasburg, PA**

**Price: Adult \$115**

**Child \$75**

**Includes bus, admission and dinner**

Bus pick-up from Westhampton Beach, Immaculate Conception parking lot @ 8 AM

\*pack a lunch for bus en route to Strasburg, PA

**Contact: [visitrussells@yahoo.com](mailto:visitrussells@yahoo.com) or 631-801-2231**

Sight & Sound Theaters is the nation's largest Christian theater and one of the highest attended live theaters on the east coast. This inspiring family experience includes a majestic 200-seat theater, a massive 300 foot wrap around stage, a professional cast, spectacular sets up to 40 feet high and an adorable variety of live animals. Go back in time and witness the greatest stories of the Bible as they come to life right before your eyes!

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE 50TH EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN DUBLIN,**

**IRELAND**  
**JUNE 4-13, 2012**



The Diocese of Rockville Centre is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the 50th Eucharistic Congress which will be held in Dublin, Ireland under the leadership of Bishop John D. Dunne, auxiliary Bishop of our Diocese. The dates are June 4—13, 2012. Msgr. Jim McNamara, pastor at Holy Cross Church in Nesconset, is coordinating the pilgrimage events. This pilgrimage is open to everyone.

We will celebrate Mass each day including Mass at the Cathedral in Tuam as well as at Knock. This pilgrimage begins on Monday, June 4, 2012 with a flight from JFK airport to Shannon airport. After some relaxing days in the west of Ireland and a memorable visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, the highlight of the pilgrimage will be the beginning of the Eucharistic Congress on Sunday, June 10th with the opening Mass.

Unless you wish to stay longer, our group will return to JFK airport in NY from Dublin on Wednesday, June 13th. There will also be an option to come for only the Eucharistic Congress portion in Dublin (departure from JFK June 9th) and then go off on your own to visit relatives or explore Ireland.

Travel arrangements are being made through 206 Tours in Hauppauge. If you wish to have a brochure sent to you, you can contact Eva at 206 Tours at 631-361-4644 or [eva@206tours.com](mailto:eva@206tours.com).

You can access the brochure at: [Pilgrimages.com/bishopdunne](http://Pilgrimages.com/bishopdunne).

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

By the First Sunday of Lent, many people have given up on "giving up." Yet experiencing hunger for favorite things is a sign of a desire to face our deepest hungers. We do not embrace fasting as individuals, but rather as the community's way of life in this season. Sometimes it helps to see Sunday as an oasis in the Lenten desert, a place where fasting is not as strictly observed. If we count the days of the Lenten calendar, starting backward from the end of Lent on Holy Thursday, it is difficult to measure the forty days. Many are surprised to learn that the Sundays are counted as part of Lent, but are not counted in tallying the forty days of the Lenten fast. For that, we count the fast backward into last week, beginning on Ash Wednesday. So, until today we have been in the Lenten fast, days that function as a kind of overture to a symphony of conversion.

Today Lent solemnly begins, marked in many places by the sending of catechumens and candidates to the bishop for the call to the Easter sacraments. Tomorrow with them, we embrace the Lenten fast again. Today we are exactly forty days from the opening of the Paschal Triduum on Holy Thursday.

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# First Sunday of Lent

## Clear Conscience

The first reading usually has something in common with the Gospel. Today's, however, has more in common with the second reading from St. Peter. They both talk about Noah and the ark, when the few good people were saved by going through the water. Peter compares that to the waters of baptism, in which we are saved by God. He also speaks of Jesus "preaching to the spirits in prison," referring to the fallen angels whose disobedience led the rest of the population to turn away from God. Just as God washed away the evil of the world in the waters of the flood, so the waters of baptism have made us into a new people who have clear consciences, because God has forgiven our sins and because we promise to follow only the Lord.

That leads into the Gospel, in which Jesus is tempted by Satan. But unlike the people of Noah's time, Jesus does not fall to the temptations. Instead, he comes out of the desert, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is near. He tells us to repent and believe in the Good News.

So now we have a choice to make. Do we accept this kingdom and repent, or do we ignore our baptism and do what we want? We may say that we are willing to repent, but do we do anything about it? Do we still have a clear conscience when we think of how much time we spend getting to know Jesus? Do we ever pray or read the Bible outside of church? Do we give nearly as much to the poor as we spend for movies, hobbies, video games, or drinks? Do we ever tell anyone about the kingdom and what Jesus has done for us?

Next time you see a rainbow, think about the covenant that God made with Noah. Just as God's promises get better and better till the coming of Christ, we are challenged to be more and more like Jesus. Are you satisfied with just a promise that God won't destroy us all in a flood? Or are you ready to live the New Covenant that Jesus promises to those who will follow him?



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**516-594-9063**

**OFFICE FOR THE PROTECTION OF**  
**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

**516-678-5800**

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## Prayers and history of the Church

February 26, 2012

First Sunday of Lent

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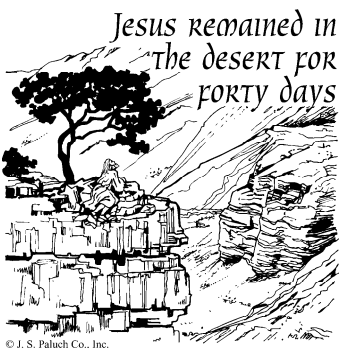
Today is the First Sunday of Lent. In today's Gospel, Jesus has just been baptized by John the Baptist and now is led by the Spirit into the wilderness. Notice that Jesus is in the wilderness 40 days and the traditional length of Lent is 40 days. After that time in the wilderness, Jesus begins his work of preaching about the kingdom of God.

### Gospel

Mark 1:12-15

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

And the Spirit immediately drove Jesus out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.



Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the

good news."

### The Gospel of the Lord.

**For Reflection:** How might Lent be like the wilderness? Do you have temptations? Do angels wait on you?

### Prayer:

God of our fathers and mothers,  
You led your people out of Egypt,  
And sent your angels to care for Jesus  
In the wilderness.  
Be with us this Lent  
As we try to love you  
And serve you better. We ask this through Christ our  
Lord. **Amen**

## St. Katharine Drexel

**Feast Day:** March 03  
**Born:** 1858 : : **Died:** 1955

Katharine was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, to Francis Anthony and Hanna Langstroth Drexel. Katharine's mother Hanna died when she was just a month old. Two years later, her father who was a rich industrialist and patron of



railroads married a wonderful woman named Emma.

Emma was a loving mother to Elizabeth and Katharine. She then had another daughter Louise and the girls had a happy childhood together. Although their family was wealthy, they were taught to love their neighbors and be especially concerned about the poor.

Their wealth was used for the benefit of others to show their love for God. Her parents even opened their home to the poor several days a week. Elizabeth and Katharine taught at the Sunday School that Emma began for the children of employees and their neighbors.

She turned her energies and her fortune to the poor and the forgotten. Her work for Jesus was among the African American and Native American people. She visited the Dakotas, met the Sioux chief and began her systematic aid to the Indian (Red Indian) missions, spending millions of the family fortunes. She began to build schools, supply food and clothing, furnishings and salaries for teachers. She was also able to find priests to serve the spiritual needs of the people

In 1891, Katharine became a nun and took the name of Sister Mary Katharine, she then began a new religious community of missionaries in Santa Fe, New Mexico. They were called the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored (now known simply as the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament).

She was later known as Mother Katharine. The sisters of her order center their life around Jesus in the Eucharist. She and her sisters started schools, convents and missionary churches. In 1925, they established Xavier University in New Orleans. During her long, fruitful lifetime, Mother Katharine she and her sisters accomplished many wonderful works for the poor. She believed that she found Jesus truly present in the Eucharist. So, too, she found him in the African and Native Americans whom she lovingly served. Mother Katharine died on March 3, 1955, at the age of ninety-seven.



# Lent

## A Sense of the Season

The word Lent means springtime. This word comes from the same root as lengthen. Day-time lengthens during Lent. The northern hemisphere turns toward the sun, the source of life, and winter turns into spring. In Hebrew, the word for repentance is the same as the word that means to turn, like the turning of the earth to the sun, like the turning of the soil before planting.

“Even now, says the Lord, turn to me.” (Joel 2:12) The word sin means separation. We are called to turn from our separate selves, from our sin, to come together in community. Self-denial is the way we express our repentance. In the lengthening brightness from Ash Wednesday until Holy Thursday afternoon, our holy Lent, we turn to God as our source of life.

Self-denial is threefold, advises Matthew’s gospel. We pray: “Go to your room, close your door, and pray to your Father in private.” We fast: “No one must see you are fasting but your Father.” We give alms: “Keep your deeds of mercy secret, and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.” Through the Lenten exercise of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we spring-clean our lives, sharpen our senses, put tomorrow in its place and treasure the day at hand.

Why are there forty days in Lent? It took forty days for sinfulness to drown in the flood before a new creation could inherit the earth. It took forty years for the generation of slaves to die before the freeborn could enter the promised land. For forty days Moses and Elijah and Jesus fasted and prayed to prepare themselves for a life’s work.

At the beginning of Lent the bishop calls out the names of the catechumens who seek to be baptized at Easter. Their names are written in the book of the elect, the chosen. God has chosen them, and they have chosen to turn to God. Lent is the forty days before the baptism of the catechumens. The already baptized can share the excitement and the struggles of the elect and rediscover the meaning of baptism in their own lives. During the forty days, both catechumens and the faithful journey together to the holy font.

We keep Lent together. We put aside our business-as-usual to support each other in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We turn to God to enlighten us and purify us throughout the lengthening brightness of our holy season of Lent.

“For now is the acceptable time! Now is the day of salvation!”



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
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**The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic Service organization in the world. Founded by a young priest in 1882, the order has grown to 1.7 million members worldwide.**

**With the four principles of our order being charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism... foremost comes charity. In 2009 alone, the Knights contributed over 143 million dollars and over 63 million man hours to various charitable activities.**

**Having embarked on a mission to spread God's message of faith and love, we stand united with the Church. In countless ways our belief strengthens us to speak out for religious and moral values.**

**As Knights our faith is our foundation. Dedicated to the Catholic Church's growth, we encourage lay persons to participate as Parish Board members, lectors and ushers. By working hand in hand with others in service to God, our faith communities prosper.**

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**Southampton, New York 11969**

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