

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 11, 2018**



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HIS ONLY SON, SO THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM
MIGHT NOT PERISH BUT MIGHT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.**

**THE BASILICA PARISH OF THE SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY
SOUTHAMPTON, NY**



Welcome to the Basilica Parish of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

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Daily Mass

Mon. Wed. Thurs. Fri. at 12 noon
Tue. at 8:00 am
First Saturday 8:00 AM
Holydays: 7 PM Vigil, 8:00 AM,
12 Noon

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5 PM
Sunday: 8 AM, 9:30 AM,
11 AM, 12:30 PM (in Spanish)
and 5 PM

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4 PM - 4:45 PM

Ministry to the Sick

For communion at home or Anointing
please contact the Parish Office.

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office
to schedule an appointment . Baptisms
are generally performed on Saturdays.

Marriage

Arranged at least six months in
advance, please call the Parish Office.

Becoming A Catholic

We welcome those who would like to
become Catholic and adult Catholics
who have never received formal
religious education and/or sacraments.
Contact the Parish Office.

BASILICA PARISH OF SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS & MARY

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Readings: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

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

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday, March 17 5 PM Fr. Paul Dahm

SERVERS C. Fox-Bathon, D. Maher,
W. Salinetti
E.M.'S T. Cavallaro, A. Fiore, T. Westergard
LECTORS F. Milani, H. Reister

Sunday, March 18 8 AM Fr. Bill Gill

SERVERS D & K Grigo
E.M.'S J. McKenna, C & J Mottern,
M. Muller
LECTORS P. Bogan, K. Muller

9:30 AM Fr. Mike Vetrano

SERVERS I. Brady, M. Campbell, J. Kearns,
J. Ruggieri
E.M.'S G. Arresta, J. Cuccia, M. McDonald,
D. & O. Valle
LECTORS G. Kearns, H. Reyes
GREETERS J. McCulley

11 AM Fr. Joe Finnerty

SERVERS L & M Nydegger, G. O'Brien, S. May
E.M.'S S. Adelante, T. D'Angelis, M. Lynch,
S. McCulley, T. Sanders
LECTORS G. Bauer, J. Cleary
GREETERS C. Butler, C. Brown

5 PM Fr. Bill Gill

SERVERS R. Anderson
E.M.'S B. Anderson, M. & P. Nikolich
LECTORS N. Conroy, S. Krawciw

ALTAR MINISTRY

ALTAR CLOTHS: G. Bauer

HAND LINENS - March 12- 25—H. Reister

SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL

March 11—M. Lynch

March 18—D. Podlaski

HAMPTON CENTER

March 11—E. Shimkus, J. Taylor

March 18—S. Fitzgerald, J. McCarthy, L. Puglisi

Rosary— March 15—C. Bishop



Mass Intentions for the Week of March 12-18

Monday	12:00	Dorothy DuCasse DeLisa
Tuesday	8 AM	John Herger
Wednesday	12:00	Bernard McKenna
Thursday	12:00	Paul & Melissa McNeely
Friday	12:00	Joseph & Edward McKenna
Saturday	5 PM	Theresa Weston
Sunday	8:00	Peter Manglaviti
	9:30	People of the Parish & Teresa Gibbons, Catherine Collins
	11:00	The James Family
	12:30	Mass in Spanish
	5 PM	Donald McLam

Financial Realities and Stewardship

Regular Collections:

March 4: \$11,008.00

Special Collections:

Propagation of the Faith: \$2,815.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through time, talent and treasure. For all that you do - thank you!

Pastor's Letter

March 10/11

A Simple Powerful Message

Dear Parish Family,

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life.*

This passage, from St. John's gospel, captures in just one sentence of twenty-seven words the entire message of the preaching of Jesus. It is, in other words, the good news. The early Christians who cherished this message had been through trials, difficulties, and persecution. Though there was as much bad news in their world as there is in ours, they nonetheless chose to keep their focus on the good news. God loved them. God loved the world. God even loved their enemies and persecutors.

Just a few days ago our country and our world mourned the passing of an amazing evangelist – Billy Graham. An evangelist is someone who preaches the gospel, the good news. Graham did this in a way that captured the imagination of millions of people. He was able to speak to a multitude of cultures, to presidents and world leaders, to believers and non-believers, and to clergy of every kind. He preached with the bible in one hand and a newspaper in the other. Although he was critical of the evils of this world he never wavered from the point of the message which was that everything and everyone could be redeemed by God's eternal and faithful love.

Graham preached actively from the early 50's until just a few years ago. His topics spanned the problems of human nature and the world. He spoke against immorality, racism, war, greed, and hatred. Often his interviewers would try to back him into taking a position against some issue or some persons. When that happened he would often break into a warm, engaging, smile and assure his questioners that there was only one thing he was completely sure of – the love of God and the salvation brought to us in Jesus Christ. Everyone was invited to decide for Christ. Regardless of age or race, saintliness or sinfulness, or the religion they practiced or did not practice – only one thing counted and that was Jesus Christ.

Every Christian is called to be an evangelist, one who spreads the good news. Somehow each day we need to think about whether or not we preach that good news with our lives. Think of that passage from St. John's gospel: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. A simple but powerful message.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Mike

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano, Pastor



FAMILIES – MARK THIS DATE
MARCH 14, 2018 AT 7 PM
**A FAMILY LENTEN
EVENING OF RENEWAL**

This Lent why not take one evening to come together and:
Learn to pray together as a family
Hear an inspiring message on keeping your kids Catholic.
Learn how our youth can be a dynamic force in our church.

On Wednesday, March 14, parents and children will come together for an evening of renewal. We will gather together for a time of Eucharistic Adoration followed by separate sessions for our parents and children. Both will hear an inspiring message created just for you! We will



Keeping Your Kids Catholic!
Erin Baudille

Erin is a wife, mom of two, and Catholic Speaker from Long Island. She has been speaking and ministering to families and young people for more than 10 years.



**Learning to Pray Before the
Blessed Sacrament**
Teresa Marino

Theresa has been serving the church through prayer and music for more than 12 years. She is currently the youth minister at Our Lady of Mercy Academy in Syosset.



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Morning Star Legion of Mary Praesidium

Devotions in the Honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help as well as the Rosary are prayed in community with the Legion of Mary:
EVERY Tuesday morning
immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP and PRAY WITH US!

VATICAN CITY — *At Mass in the Basilica of St. Mary Major Sunday, Pope Francis said that when we go through difficult times or have problems or worries, Mary is our shield, guarding our faith and protecting us from evil.*

“Where the Madonna is at home, the devil does not enter; where there is the Mother, disturbance does not prevail — fear does not win,” the Pope said Jan. 28, 2018.

“Who of us does not need this; who of us is not sometimes upset or restless? How often the heart is a stormy sea, where the waves of problems overlap, and the winds of worry do not cease to blow! Mary is the sure ark in the midst of the flood.”



Women : A Six Week Bible Study Just for You

*Living in the
Father's Love*
And Lent is a
perfect time
to begin!



All Women of our Parish are invited to join us on a six week spiritual journey deepening our faith this Lent. Join us on Wednesday Evenings in the Chapel room of the Rectory From 6:30 -8:15 PM

Living in the Father's Love, a six lesson Bible study, is a brief but powerful study meant to revive and refresh us as we discover just how much God loves us! In this study, we learn how the Gospels are deeply relevant to our relationships, both with God and with those we love.

Scheduled meeting nights are: February 21 and 28; March 7, 21 and April 4, 11.

Please contact Jeannine Rose to register and for information on how to order the book! The cost for the book is \$ 20.00 and can be ordered from www.walkingwithpurpose.com

*Come turn your heart towards the
Lord through reflection and
devotion:*

Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Youth Group

For Teens in grades 7-12



Youth Group will meet on:

Wednesday, March 14th

Youth Group from 6:00-8:00.

The Youth Group will be volunteering at the Evening for Lenten Renewal. This will be a great night for teens and their families!

Holy Thursday & Good Friday March 29th & 30th

Youth Group members are encouraged to attend and help out at Holy Week services.

Wednesday, April 4th Spring Break Movie Night!

Staying in Southampton over your Spring Recess?

Join us for a Youth Group movie night! Stay tuned for more details!

Follow us on Instagram!



SHYG168

Youth Group Summer Service Trip Catholic Heart Workcamp

July 8th-13th in Hartford, Connecticut
For teens entering High School in the Fall of 2018



Sacred Hearts Basilica along with St. Boniface Martyr Youth Group has registered for 25 spots. The cost of the week long retreat is \$375.00 per person.

A deposit of \$125 is due to reserve your spot today!

Visit the Catholic Heart Workcamp website at: <http://heartworkcamp.com>
or email Youth Minister, Maura Mandato at

Youthgroup@shjmbasilica.org for more information.



Our Youth Group at the Diocesan Youth Rally with Fr. Mike, Chris and Maura Mandato

Girl Scout Sunday * March 11, 2018

As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. *1 Peter 4:10*



Congratulations to our parishioners **Lola Anderson, Ava Cuccia, Julia Fritsch and Emily Milton** for completing the **Mary, the First Disciple Program!** The girl scouts will be receiving the **Marian Medal Award** at the annual Girl Scout Convocation at St. Agnes Cathedral on May 6th.

Congratulations to Southampton Troop 705 Girl Scouts for achieving the following awards on the path to Gold! The Girl Scouts are OLH alumni or current students.

Silver Award :: Lola Anderson, Ava Cuccia, Julia Fritsch and Emily Milton These Senior level Girl Scouts fundraised, met and worked with Southampton Town to put in a Little Library the East Quogue Village Green. The library is sustainable source of books for the community encourage literacy from youth to adult.



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Bronze Award :: Juliette Kearns, Anna Milton, Ava Zeledon These Cadette level Girl Scouts designed activities to help troops at OLH get started. They invited kindergarten girls to many of their meetings, All Saints Day treat bag delivery at BISHOP RYAN VILLAGE as well as their annual Christmas party. Our local Girl Scouts continue to build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place!



Admission \$15

Angel Tea

Sunday, April 22, 2018

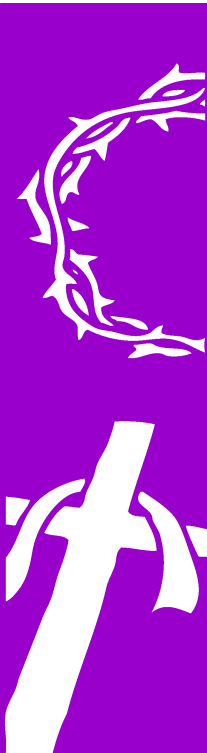
3:00 p.m.

Sacred Hearts Church - Parish Hall

Presented by Adult Faith Formation

Tea, Sandwiches, Raffles, 50/50, and Fun with Sr. Pat Duffy, OP

RSVP – Mary Welker 631-283-0827 by April 16



Ideas for a Good Lent

Come to daily mass.: One wonderful way to make this season holy is to participate in daily Mass every day or a few days a week. We celebrate mass Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at noon, and Tuesday at 8 AM.

Sign up for an online Lenten series: Best Lent ever :
<https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever>

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday after the Noon mass.

Rosary and Marian Novena on Tuesday morning after the 8 am mass.

Keep Friday as a day of Fast and Abstinence

 Pax Christi Catholic Church

Reflections On the Gospel
March 11, 2018

This Sunday's readings are all about God's love and mercy for us, even if the First Reading may seem to send a mixed message. In that reading, we hear how people added infidelity to infidelity and God sent prophet after prophet to set the people straight. Unfortunately, they failed to heed the prophets and things turned very violent. The people lost their homeland and their freedom. But please note: God did not do this to them. Scripture tells us when the people rejected all God's messengers "there was no remedy." Enemies "burnt", "tore down," and "destroyed." The Second Reading and the Gospel remind us that God is with us, ever trying to redeem us from our sinfulness. It is we who choose God or not. It is we who choose darkness or light. Think who are today's prophets. Are they Dreamers or students from Parkland, Florida? Are they Native Americans and other environmentalists opposing the desecration of sacred lands in North Dakota? Are they people standing up for refugees or universal health care or affordable housing or living wages? Are they Plowshare activists calling for nuclear weapons abolition? God still sends us prophets. Are we paying attention?

RESOURCES FOR THOSE SEEKING AN ALTERNATIVE TO ABORTION:

Rockville Centre Diocese, 516-678-5800, ext.626,

www.respectlife.drvc.org

Birthright, 631-728-8900, 800-550-4900

The Diocese of Rockville Centre provides both information and support services in regard to the Life issues, particularly in regard to crisis pregnancy, when abortion is being considered as the only way out of a difficult situation. There is a diocesan outreach program, with a 24-hour confidential hotline, where a woman with an unexpected pregnancy can turn for help: call 1-855-301-4247, or a call can be made to OPTIONLINE at 1-800-712-HELP(4347).



Please Keep all Those to be Baptized in your Prayers



Rachel Kelly



Belle O'Shaughnessy



Griffin O'Shaughnessy



Kathleen Naples



Sari Leah Clymas



Adam Brewton

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Ana O'Shaughnessy

Pray Too for Those to be Confirmed and Received



Sharon Campuzano



Gioia Nicole Sacco



Kelsey Brewton

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent— after the noon mass 12:30 PM

Living Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, March 30th , at 7:30 PM in the Church



Religious Education reled@shjmbasilica.org

First Communion: Our next event is a Teaching Mass on Saturday, March 17th at 11 AM. All religious education and OLH students and their families planning to receive First Holy Communion this May should be at this mass.

All Religious Education families are specially invited to our Family Lenten Evening of Renewal on March 14th! Please see more information about this in this bulletin.



*Growing Together
in faith, hope and love...*

Programs: Legion of Mary

Tuesday mornings:
After the 8 AM
Mass



in the Church.

New members are ALWAYS
welcome!

Secular Franciscans meet on the Second Sunday of the month after the 11 AM Mass in the Parish Center. You are always welcome to come to our meetings. Please come, bring a friend, bring a snack for breakfast, and we supply the coffee.

Resurrection Prayer Group meets on Tuesdays at 6 PM in the Parish Chapel Room. Come share your healing gifts with us. Prayer requests are always welcome.

Spiritual Book Group meets on Tuesdays, at 1 PM, in the Parish Center. All are welcome!

Pray for Our Sick

Peg Jordan & Pat Jordan
John Lynch
Suzanne Parillo
Bobby & Caroline Parillo
Ebby Culver
Elizabeth Joyce
Robert Melter
Daniel Sheerin
Richard Brown
Capt. Mark Enne
Michelle Morrone
Peter Madison
Elaine McDonagh
Michelle Cropp
Marielene Guimaraes
John Schizas
Robert Klein
John Nagy
Martin Pellicano
Glenn M. Kurtz
Viola Cummings
Lenny Evans
Roy Genova
Sherry Richici
Shirley Rolison
Kevin Murphy

Memorials:

Altar Flowers:



Bread, Wine & Candles

The Altar Bread, Wine and Candles for this week were given in loving memory of Tim Lynch by his wife, Joan and family



If you would like to donate altar flowers or bread, wine and candles in memory of a loved one or for a special intention please call the parish office.



Our Lady of the Hamptons

Save the date for the special LADIES LUNCHEON and Chinese auction to benefit OLH. The annual event will be held at the MUSES in Southampton on Sunday, April 22. Early reservations are advised. Information is available by phone: 631-375-2888 or by contacting LuncheonOLH@gmail.com.

Mr. Robert Giglio and his Science Bowl team competed in the Brookhaven Science Bowl with a successful record. Prep 8's Michael Surozenski was paired with Prep 7's Landon Nydegger, Daniel Hale, James Conigliaro and Harrison Hanley.



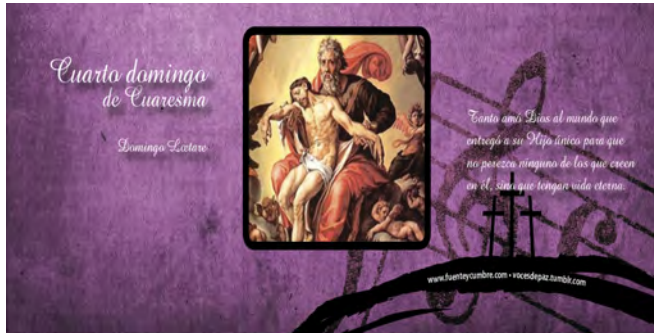
Members of the parish and local community are invited to a special Lenten presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross that will be offered by Mr. Peter Lynch and his Pre 6 class on Friday, March 23 at 9:30AM in the school's Gymnasium/Wellness Center.

Registration for the September 2018 school year at OLH is open now. Interested families are asked to call for personal appointments and tours. Consideration will be given to those seeking admission to Kindergarten and grades 1-5.

Placement in the elite OLH Prep program for grades 6,7 and 8 is at a premium, so early consideration is advised. This program features Regents level courses in Math and Science, as well as an aggressive ELA curriculum and integrated Fine Arts. Personal interviews are required. OLH Pre-school for young children is offered at the campus of St. Rosalie's Church in Hampton Bays. Early registration for the 2018-19 school year is beginning now. The OLH Pre-school offers bi-lingual teachers, enrichment in dance, as well as pre-reading and readiness for kindergarten. Tours and conferences leading toward admission can be arranged. Informational packets are available. Call 631-283-9140 to set up a personal appointment and tour. More information is available on the website www.olh.org.

Bishop McGann-Mercy Diocesan High School Open House—March 18, 2018

Bishop McGann-Mercy Diocesan High School in Riverhead will hold an Open House on Sunday, March 18th from 12:00 -2PM for families of prospective students in grades 7-12. All interested are invited to tour the school and learn more about its unique programs and services. With a STEM-centered engineering and environmental science curriculum, Advanced Placement courses, Scholar and Remedial Programs, plus a comprehensive athletic and extracurricular opportunities, Bishop McGann-Mercy High School provides a well-rounded learning experience rooted in the Catholic tradition. The dedicated faculty and administration coupled with a successful alumni base ensures that McGann-Mercy is positioned as the Catholic High School of excellence on the East End. For more information about the Open House, please call the Admissions office at 631-727-5900, ext. 335.



IV Domingo de Cuaresma, Año B

“Tanto amo Dios al mundo que nos entregó a su Hijo Único.”

El Templo – Ciro, el gran rey de Persia, mandó construir un templo para la presencia de Dios en Jerusalén. Jesús, el Hijo de Dios, es el nuevo templo y la presencia de Dios para cada uno de los creyentes. Él es la señal de salvación y fe que nos alivia. Es el don que Dios nos entrega por su incomparable riqueza y bondad. Su cruz florida es la obra de arte que Dios creó en Jesucristo, la vida. Y nosotros podemos ser las ramas de la vida que dan flor durante la Cuaresma. *Texto: Philip J. Sandstrom, S.T.D. © 2000, OCP. Derechos reservados.*

Servicios legales para la comunidad inmigrante

ALFA Teléfono: 631-707-5375 /

OLA of Eastern Long Island 631 899 3441.

El Asesor de Inmigración de Caridades Católicas

Estará a su disposición el jueves 12 de Abril de 2pm a 5pm en Apostolado Hispano de Southampton.

Seguro de Salud para Niños *Fidelis Care* los Miércoles entre las 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM en el Apostolado Hispano.

Vía Crucis - Todos están invitados al Vía Crucis aquí en nuestra parroquia todos los viernes de la cuaresma a las 7:00 PM.



Noches de confesiones en la Cuaresma

Viernes, 23 de marzo a las 7:00 PM – Montauk
Lunes, 26 de marzo a las 7:00 PM – Bridgehampton
Martes, 27 de marzo a las 7:00 PM – Hampton Bays
Martes, 27 de marzo a las 7:00 PM – Southampton
Miércoles, 28 de marzo a las 7:00 PM – East Hampton

Rincón de Información

Comunidad de Oración para Adultos y Familias

Los martes a las 7:30 PM en la Iglesia. El 3º martes de cada mes hay Hora Santa.

¿Desean bautizar a sus hijos? Los papas y los padrinos asistan al curso Pre-Bautismal, sin previo aviso.

Curso Pre-Bautismal

El curso se da el último domingo de cada mes a la 1:30 PM en el Apostolado Hispano en Southampton o a las 5:00 PM en la iglesia en East Hampton. Es preciso llevar la copia del acta de nacimiento del niño.

La fecha de los Bautismos:

Los primeros Domingos de mes en Southampton a la 1:30 pm.

Requisitos para el Bautismo de un Niño

Curso: Para bautizar a su hijo, es necesario que los padres y padrinos asistan al curso pre-bautismal.

Padrinos: Debe escoger a los padrinos conscientes de los requisitos. Los padrinos tienen que ser católicos bautizados, confirmados y que han hecho su Primera Comunión y deben poder comulgar. El padrino (madrina) debe ser un(a) soltero(a) o debe ser casado por la iglesia.

Permisos: Si viven afuera de la zona servida por el Apostolado Hispano, necesitan una carta de su párroco dándonos permiso para bautizar su hijo.

Preparación Pre Matrimonial – Para casarse por la iglesia, haga una cita para una entrevista con P. Cesar, P. Jesús. El curso pre-matrimonial se da por seis domingos, de las 9 AM al mediodía comenzando el primer domingo de octubre o de febrero.

Horas del Apostolado: los martes a viernes de 2:00 – 5:00 pm Favor de llamar previamente al Padre para concertar una cita.

Padre Marvin: Cel 631 377 9053

Padre Cesar Lara: Cel. 631-332-5300

Padre Jesús Arellano: Cel. 929-257-3467

This scripture verse tells us what a great gift God has given to us, and why it was given. Perhaps you have seen it on billboards or even homemade signs. Find it in your Bible and mark the lists below to tell where it is written.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

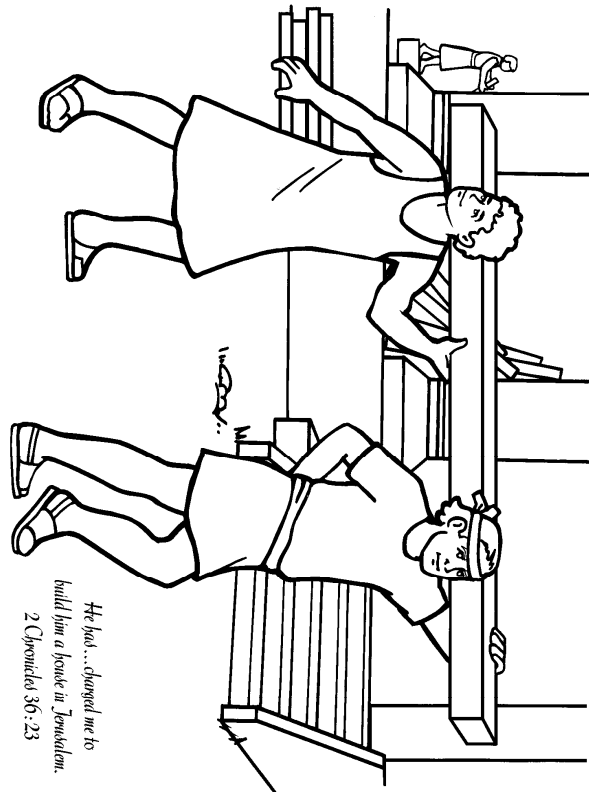
Put a check by the <u>book</u>	Put an "X" by the <u>chapter</u>	Put a ♥ by the <u>verse</u>
Moses	Ten	4
John	Seven	7
Noah	Three	25
Esther	Two	16

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Paul's letter to the Ephesians (2:10) tells us what we are. Color only the capital letters in the quilt to find out.

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i	D	S	f
H	A	N	D
g	I	W	m
O	+	R	b
K			



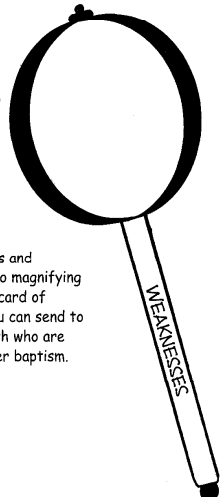
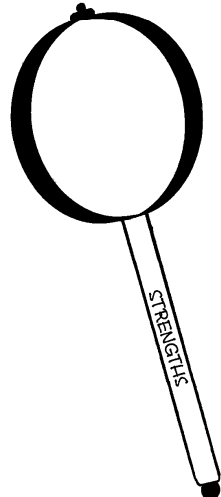
He has... charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem.
2 Chronicles 36:23

CATHOLIC CORNER

SCRUTINIES

Adults in Catholic churches all over the world are preparing for their baptism at the Easter Vigil. Will any adults in your parish be baptized this year? Part of their preparation will include a *scrutiny*. The word *scrutiny* means "a close examination." On the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent these men and women examine their lives very closely. They look for weaknesses, things that keep them from Jesus or times when they are not strong enough to stay away from what they know is wrong. They also think about their strengths, their good actions or times when they have the strength to resist

temptation. As we pray for them while they do this hard work, their scrutinies remind us to examine our own lives, too, so we can renew our baptismal promises and live as better followers of Jesus.



Write your strengths and weaknesses in these two magnifying glasses. Then create a card of encouragement that you can send to the people in your parish who are getting ready for Easter baptism.