

23 February 2025
VII Sunday of Ordinary Time (New Calendar)
Sexagesima Sunday (Traditional Calendar)

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat. 4PM/Sunday 8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
Sunday 9:30 AM (Live-streamed) & 11 AM
Confessions: Wed. 6:30-6:55 PM/Sat. 7:30-7:55 AM
Sat. 2:30-3:30 PM and 6:30-7:30 PM

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Mon. 24 Feb. St. Matthias, Apostle, Martyr, Judas' replacement
8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
For: Special Intention

Tue. 25 Feb. St. Walburga, Abbess/St. Lawrence Bai Xiaomen, Martyr
8 AM For: Special Intention
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Beecher
Holy Rosary for the Preborn and the Newborn

Wed. 26 Feb. St. Alexander, Bishop/St. Porphyrius, Bishop of Gaza in Palestine
7 PM For: Rev. Msgr. Eugene M Yennock+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Allen Kraegor

Thu. 27 Feb. St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows, Rel./St. Anne Line, Martyr
8 AM For: Marion Bracken+
Req: Frances Mc Cauley

Fri. 28 Feb. The Martyrs of Alexandria under Gallien
8 AM For: Dina Anderson (L.)
Req: The Anderson Family

Sat. 1 Mar. St. Hilary, Pope/ St. Oswald, Bishop
8 AM For: Special Intention
4 PM For: Virginia Patton

Sun. 2 Mar. VIII Sunday of Ordinary Time (New Calendar)
Quinquagesima Sunday (Traditional Calendar)
8 AM For: Ruth Massett+
Req: Allen Van Aiken
9:30 AM For: Marilyn Currao+
Req: Cheryl Pilger
11 AM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC

COFFEE & DONUTS ARE READY FOR YOU DOWNSTAIRS THIS AM

“Fellowship” is a big item for some Protestant denominations. As Catholics, we are faulted for not emphasizing it enough. So why not come down and rub elbows with your fellow parishioners? You may make a new friend!

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES THIS TUESDAY EVENING

This is the last week of our February break in classes. You saw why we took the month off!!! Classes resume next Tue. 4 March at the usual time.

Confirmation candidates are reminded to have their Confirmation Saint name chosen, and their Sponsor selected to be submitted at that class. Once again,

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on WED. 21 MAY AT 7 PM AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH IN ROME, N.Y.

GAME NIGHT: SATURDAY 1 MARCH POSTPONED

Due to having to prepare the social hall for the Pancake Breakfast (next notice), we will have to reschedule the Game Night we had originally scheduled for Sat. 1 March. Stay tuned, and we will try again.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: SUNDAY 2 MARCH AFTER 8 & 9:30 AM MASS

Once again the men of St Joseph' Society will be manning the spatulas and serving up their tasty pancakes and sausages. And will only cost \$7 per person or \$35/family. Please indicate how many in your family will attend by signing the list on the bulletin board. The breakfast is held in the rectory social hall.

ABJECT APOLOGIES TO YOU AND TO THE HOPE APPEAL DIRECTOR

In last week's bulletin I printed a statement about a letter I had received from the Director the Foundation of the Diocese of Syracuse, which conducts the HOPE Appeal. The statement said that we had been “dinged” by the HOPE Appeal for an additional \$1917 on top of our \$15,537, due to a shortfall in the 2024 Diocesan Appeal.

Upon discussing this with some fellow priests, I was made aware that I had completely misunderstood the letter. The \$1917.00 is the balance that we owe on our assessment, not an additional surcharge. I have sent my apologies to Beth Hoey, the Director of the HOPE Appeal, who had also pointed out my error. Mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa!

LENT IS ALMOST HERE: ASH WEDNESDAY IS 5 MARCH

Blessing and Distribution of Ashes 8 AM

Distribution of Ashes 12 Noon

Holy Mass & Distribution of Ashes 7 PM

Ash Wednesday is a Day of Fast for those between the ages of 18 and 59.

It is also a Day of Abstinence for those over 14. Details will be in next weekend's bulletin.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, HOLY COMMUNION & BENEDICTION

Every Friday during Lent at 7 PM. Confessions will be heard at 6:30 PM each Friday as well.

TRUMP ISSUES EXECUTIVE ORDER TO EXPAND IVF

This last Tuesday, 18 February, President Trump issued an executive order calling for policy recommendations to expand “access” to and affordability of in vitro fertilization (IVF). The directive was announced by the White House Press Office. Karoline Leavitt, Press Secretary, has stated that the order was to “protect IVF access and aggressively reduce out-of-pocket and health plan costs for such [so-called] treatments. From the description of the Press Secretary, it appears that the order does not make actual policy changes, but tasks administration officials (presumably at the Department of Health and Human Services) with brainstorming actions to pursue.

The order follows up on Trump's campaign promises to establish a new federal entitlement to IVF, if elected, whether through a direct subsidy or an insurance mandate. That promise was part of declaring himself a “leader of fertilization” and even “the father of IVF” in the wake of the February 2024 Alabama Supreme Court's ruling affirming that frozen embryos qualified as children under state law, thrusting the issue into the national spotlight and intensifying establishment Republicans' fears that voters would punish a firm, consistent pro-life stance. Yet, the IVF process is gravely unethical, as it entails the conscious creation of scores of “excess” human embryos only to be killed and unborn children being treated like commodities to be bartered over, in addition to separating sexuality from procreation.

It has been estimated that there are over one million embryos frozen in storage in the US following IVF and that as many as 93% of all embryos created through IVF are eventually destroyed. A 2019 NBC News Profile of Florida IVF practitioner Craig Sweet acknowledged that his practice has discarded or abandoned approximately a third of the embryos it places in cold storage.

Last week, Kaylen Silverberg of the activism group Americans for IVF said she would be meeting with policy makers, including members of the President's team, on 23 and 24 February to discuss further action on this issue. Prominent pro-lifers, including Bishop Joseph Strickland, were quick to lament the move by Trump, pointing out the aforementioned immorality of IVF. (*Calvin Freiburder, LifeSiteNews, 18 February 2025*).

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