

5 March 2023
II Sunday of Lent (Both Calendars)

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat.4PM/Sun. 8AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
Sunday 9:30 AM (Live-streamed) 11 AM

Confessions: Wed. & Fri. 6:30-6:55PM/Sat. 7:30-7:55AM
Sat 2:30-3:30 PM & 6:30-7:30 PM

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Mon. 6 Mar. Blessed Rose of Viterbo, Virgin
8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
For: Special Intention

Tue. 7 Mar. STS. PERPETUA & FELICITY, Martyrs of Carthage
8 AM For: Paul & Stella Henry+
Req: The Henry Family
Holy Rosary for the Preborn & Newborn

Wed. 8 Mar. ST. JOHN OF GOD, Religious
7 PM For: Michael Armitage (L.)
Req Beth Anderson

Thu. 9 Mar. ST. FRANCES OF ROME, Religious
8 AM For: Robert McCauley+
Req: Frances McCauley

Fri. 10 Mar. St. John Ogilvie, Priest, Martyr under James VI
8 AM For: Olivia Riccaboni
Req: Beth Anderson

Sat. 11 Mar. St. Dominic Cam, Priest, Martyr under Tu Duc
8 AM For: Special Intention

4 PM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC

Sun. 12 Mar. III Sunday of Lent (Both Calendars)
8 AM For: Special Intention
Req: Col & Mrs. Michael Adamitis
9:30 AM For: Gertrude & Arnold Newman+
Req: Their Family
11 AM For: Olivia Riccaboni
Req: Beth Anderson

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTIONS RESUME THIS TUE. 7 MARCH

Jr. High School Class: 7 -7:45 PM Rectory

Sr. High School Adult Class: 8-8:45 PM Rectory

**ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING: THU. 9 MARCH 6:30 PM
RECTORY**

Our program will focus on the Stations of the Cross. All women of the parish are welcome to join us.

STORIES AND LOLLIPOPS: NEXT WEEKEND AFTER MASSES

Bring your children down into the church basement next weekend after Mass when we will read a short story to them and give them a lenten lollipop: kale flavored (just kidding).

SPAGHETTI SUPPER JUST AROUND THE BEND

Sunday, 19 March beginning at 12 noon (please note the corrected time). At our newly refurbished rectory basement, our Rosary Society ladies will serve up a delicious dish of pasta and meatballs, with bread, salad, and drinks.

And to crown the menu with a special feature, Our Lady's Sodality girls will be making the desserts, and we all know how delicious they will be.

Now, can you believe this...all for \$6.00/person with a \$12 cap for families!!! You cannot even go to Mickey D's for that money! So please sign up this weekend, as our seating capacity is limited....the early bird gets the worm, as they say.

SOME IDEAS FOR YOUR LENTEN ALMSGIVING

We all have our favorite charities to support, and are more likely to donate to those charities which we know use our offerings for the good of the poor, for works of religion or for the support of consecrated religious (priests, brothers and nuns). Nothing is more disgusting than learning that some of the most widely-known charities use inordinate amounts of our donations for mega-salaries for the CEOs or the "administration" of the charity. For instance, I just learned that the head of Catholic Relief Services, the charity that our Bishops maintain to relieve poverty overseas, earns a whopping \$600,000 salary!!! That's some take-home pay for the guy who is supposed to making sure the slum kids of Haiti have a bowl of rice each day. So, here are some charities that you may not have heard of, because they do not spend hundreds of thousands on slick flyers, magazines or ads:

Aid to the Church in Need: a Pontifical charity which is trying to alleviate the suffering in the Middle East and the Ukraine, particularly at this time: 725 Leonard St. PO Box 220384 Brooklyn NY 11222-0384.

Missionaries of the Poor: Brothers who work with the poorest in Haiti, Jamaica, and other third world countries: PO Box 29893, Atlanta, GA 30359

Carmel of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, 327 Water St., Fairfield, PA 17320-9530. Cloistered Carmelite nuns who are building a new monastery.

These nuns pray, sacrifice and do penances for us all in the silence of their cloister. We can at least support them with our alms.

DO NOT TRY THIS AT HOME

One of the most remarkable and edifying groups in the Catholic Church today are the Discalced Carmelite Hermits of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. They have begun a Monastery in Fairfield, PA and have 13 hermit monks in their enclosure. They are receiving good numbers of young men interested in joining their way of life, which is described herebelow. Naturally, they celebrate the traditional Latin Mass and Divine Office. Reading their daily regimine of prayer and fasting makes one blush to compare what we do in comparison to these holy men.

Their day begins at Midnight, when they rise to chant the Offices of Matins and Lauds (the Divine Office). Then they do mental prayer until 3 AM. At 3AM they go back to sleep until 6 AM.

At 6AM, they rise and offer “our souls to God in interior mental prayer for another hour in the solitude of our monastic cells.

At 7:30 AM, they pray Prime and Terce (two more of the hours of the Divine Office), and prepare themselves for the “culmination of our religious life and union with Christ in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.”

After Holy Mass, their day is filled with assiduous spiritual reading, hours of hard manual labor, the four remaining hours of the Divine Office, studies and more mental prayer.

During Lent, they eat only one meal per day, consisting of bread, beans, rice, nuts, vegetables and fruits. During Lent, there are additional prayers and penances that are offered to God.

Their monasteries are built without many common material comforts, as the Hermits imitate the poverty of the Holy Family of Nazareth. They have no electricity, no running water, no central heating. The Hermits accept these sacrifices to offer them to our Lord, in reparation for sin.

Throughout the day, the Hermits must carry water to their cells for personal use, gather loads of wood to burn to heat their cells and to boil water for the community's laundry, and to cook their meals.

These self-sacrificing men do all this in imitation of Our Lady, for the good of souls and the Church. Won't you please support them? Send an offering to:

Discalced Hermits of Our Lady of Mt Carmel
PO Box 485
Fairfield, PA 17320-0485