

# Lent

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

### March 19, 2023

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
Saturday, March 18 ~ Vigil/4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
5:30 PM Dave Barbuti, Peggy Kennedy  
Sunday, March 19 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
9:30 AM Mike Hurd/healing; Janet Murphy  
Monday, March 20  
9:00 AM The People of the Parish  
Wednesday, March 22  
9:00 AM  
Friday, March 24  
9:00 AM  
Saturday, March 25 ~ Vigil/5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
5:30 PM Peggy Kennedy  
Sunday, March 26 ~ 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
9:30 AM Julie Oparski/healing

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**  
Saturday, March 25 ~ Vigil/5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
5:30 PM Jennifer Zupetz  
Sunday, March 26 ~ 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
9:30 AM Eric Halahan

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**  
Saturday, March 25 ~ Vigil/5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
5:30 PM Katy Fayol (a), Joe Herschel (c)  
Sunday, March 26 ~ 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
9:30 AM Sue Schmaus (a), Lisa Dyer (c)

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE**  
Alexandria Baker-Bonitz (Navy) Dylan Bonitz (Navy)  
Sarah Bowen (Navy) Juan Gonzalez (Navy)  
Kaila McGowan (Marines) Anthony Pagano (Navy)  
Joseph Ruize (Navy) Carissa Tironi (Army)  
Elliott Weidel (Marines)

**PRAY FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES**  
Gina Lempka, Rosemary Osborne,  
Regina Parthesius, Robert Wise

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL**  
Marion Andersen, Pat Arlotta, Bridget Auer, Joanne Bach,  
Rob Brosnan, Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, Peter Cavalier,  
Barbara Ceriale, Brad Ceriale, Brian Cross, Nicole Dawson,  
Marie DiMare, Marie Elena DiMare, Tina DiMare,  
Mary Donnelly, Agnes Ferrone, Anna Gallo, Joe Gallo,  
Lenore Giansanti, Margaret Hale, Brandon Hriniak,  
Mike Hurd, Jon Miller, Julie Oparski, Marianna Oparski,  
Helen Ryan, Frances Salewski, Chris Strobl, Terry Waterson

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**LOOKING AHEAD**  
**Helping Hands Food Pantry**  
*Every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday by Appointment (9 AM start)*  
**Tuesday, March 21**  
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM  
**Friday, March 24**  
Stations of the Cross ~ 7:00 PM

**Saturday, March 25**  
Confirmation Students' Retreat at the National Shrine in Middletown, 9:45 AM to 2:00 PM

**Saturday, March 25 & Sunday, March 26**  
Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal  
Commitment Weekend

**Tuesday, March 28**  
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM  
Reconciliation for Levels 4-7 & Parents  
**Friday, March 31**  
Tenebrae Service ~ 7:00 PM

**Saturday, April 1**  
Food Pantry by Appointment ~ 9:00 AM Start  
Palm Sunday Vigil ~ 5:30 PM Mass

**Sunday, April 2 ~ Palm Sunday**  
*Beginning of Holy Week* ~ 9:30 AM Mass  
**Tuesday, April 4**  
**NO** Religious Education Classes

## Today's Scripture

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

**About Prayer: What is Prayer?**  
As we continue to reflect on what prayer is, it might help to note the following contrasts. Basically, prayer is communication between the person and God. But remember that it is more than petition (gimme this or that / do this or that for me). Consider how we communicate with people with whom we are close. We not only speak with one another, but also listen to each other. We not only communicate verbally, but also spend time together in many other ways. We focus not just on ourselves, our needs & desires, but even more on the other person.

Many books also talk about Meditation, but it is important to realize that different religious traditions use the word "meditation" in different ways. In many Eastern religions, meditation is wordless but in the Christian religion, meditation involves reading a religious text and then thinking about its meaning. Eastern meditation is more like the Christian idea of contemplative prayer. And for the Christian, contemplation is placing oneself before God without any words or thoughts.

There are many, many ways to pray, either with or without words. We will look at some of these models in the next few weeks.

*Material provided by Rev. Felix Just, S.J., at <http://catholic-resources.org>*

### May Their Souls Rest in Peace

## Peggy Kennedy

Mother of Pat Kennedy, Mother-in-Law of Kelly Kennedy, & Grandmother of Brendan Kennedy  
Entered into Rest 3-4-2023

## Janet Murphy

Wife of Rob Brosnan, Sister of Gina Lempka, & Aunt of Lenny Lempka  
Entered into Rest 3-10-2023

*The people of Our Lady of the Assumption will continue to pray for Peggy and Janet's soul, and the solace of their families.*

**Mass Attendance/Collection**  
# at Mass on March 11 & 12: **85**  
Weekend's Collection: **\$1,248.00**

### God's Blessings on those who received their Sacrament on March 18<sup>th</sup>

Natalie Chong	Philip Kura
Anthony Dworak	Sophia Rivas
April Rae Enners	Michael Scottot
Zoey Harget	Hannah Thompson

### Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Women's Retreat

## A Woman's Encounter With Jesus: Healing & Freedom

**Inspiring Presentation by Sr, Terry Rickard, OP**  
Prayer + Reflection + Discussion + Meditative Rosary  
**\$10 per person Saturday, April 1**  
at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center  
Sign In: 8:30 AM ♦ Program: 9:00 AM to Noon  
**Make checks payable to STB Columbiettes #16519. We must receive them no later than Monday, March 27.**  
Mail to: Mary Bell, OLMC,  
90 Euclid Ave., Middletown NY 10940

### Welcome to the Catholic Church

## Peyton Grace Pooley Zajac

Infant Daughter of Audrey Pooley-Zajac and Jamison Zajac  
Baptised March 19, 2023

*The Parish Family at Our Lady of the Assumption will hold Peyton in their prayers for a blessed life.*