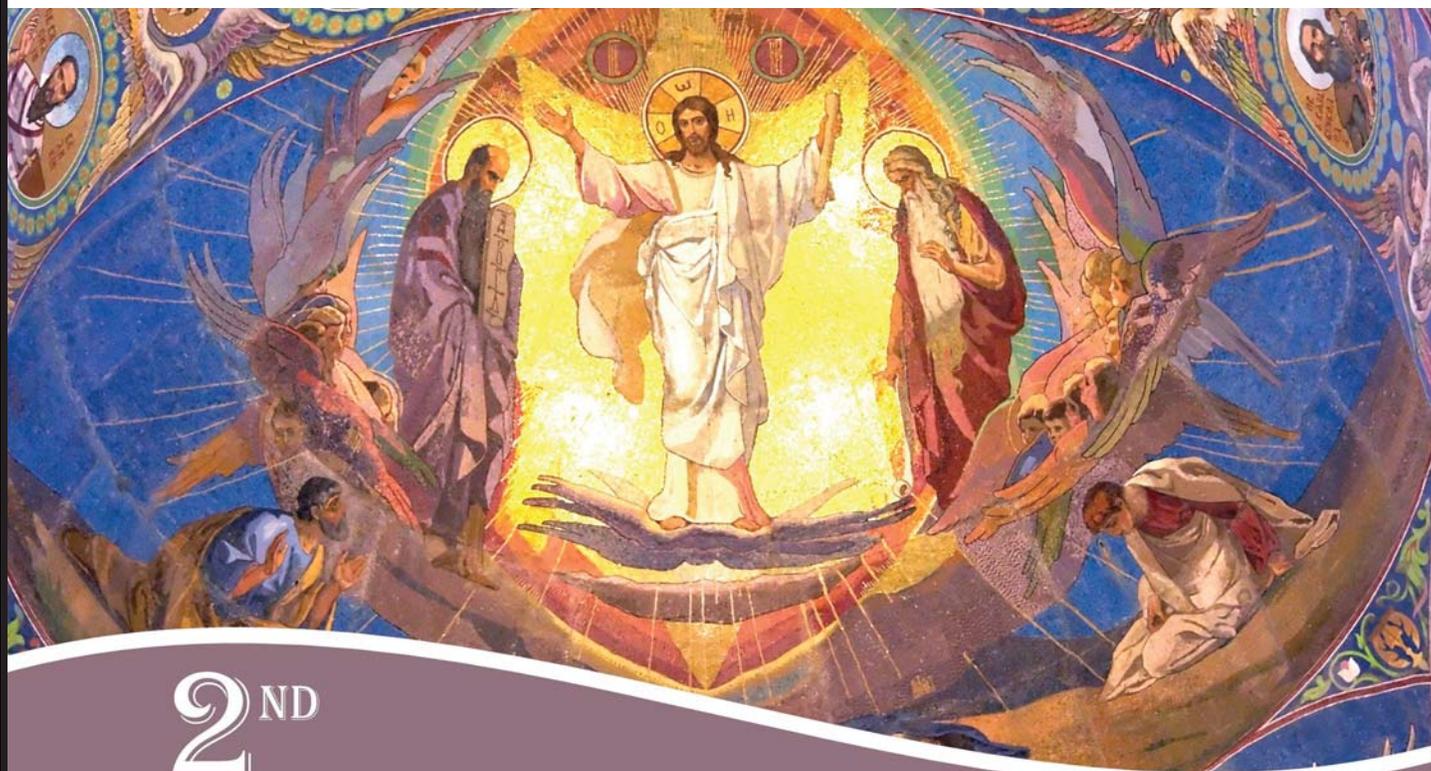


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2ND
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OF LENT

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him." Matthew 17:5

Mass is Live-streaming on the website Monday - Friday at 8:00am
Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm and Sunday at 8:00am and 10:30am

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March 1st, 2026

Second Sunday in Lent

**ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE
WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, February 28th

4:00pm — Mary Ellen Figlock, Ann Thomas, Margaret Cunha

Sunday, March 1st

8:00am — Priscilla “Paddy” Morgan 2nd Anniversary
10:30am — Antonio Machado

Monday, March 2nd

8:00am — Jose & Beatriz Pimentel

Tuesday, March 3rd

8:00am — Lori Teixeira 11th Anniversary

Wednesday, March 4th

8:00am — Intentions of Brian Machado

Thursday, March 5th

8:00am — Madeline C. Wojcik

Friday, March 6th

8:00am — John & Marion Munise

Saturday, March 7th

4:00pm — Paulette Tyler

Sunday, March 8th

8:00am — Jean Mills
10:30am — Durvalino Pinarreta & Family

Sanctuary Lamp for week of February 28th



Paddy Morgan

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BAPTISM

Parents who are registered and practicing members of the parish should call the rectory to make arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:30pm. Before and after all weekend Masses. Or at any time at the Rectory.

WEDDINGS

Couples who are registered and practicing members of the parish may call the rectory eight months in advance to make arrangements.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you to our parish! Registration forms are available at the entrances of the church. Please complete the form and return as soon as possible.

WOMEN OF FAITH

For more information, please contact Tara Sousa at 508-272-1173 or tarasousa@aol.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #11914

For more information, please contact Grand Knight, Bob Crossman, at 508-823-7920.

MEN OF ST JOSEPH

The group meets on the First Saturday of the month, September through June. Beginning with 9:00am Mass, followed by a meeting of fellowship and discussion. All men are welcome.

WOMEN AT THE WELL PRAYER GROUP

This group meets on the Second Saturday of the month. Beginning with the Holy Mass at 9:00am, followed by a fellowship and meditation. All women are welcome.

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PRAYER and ADORATION:

MONDAY NOVENA

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena is held on Monday evenings at 7:00pm with Rosary and Benediction.

WEDNESDAY Divine

Mercy HOLY HOUR
Meets in the church, 6:00pm to 7:00pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION in CHAPEL

St Joseph’s Adoration Chapel is open Daily 7:00am to 7:00pm

FRIDAY CENACLE PRAYER GROUP

Meets in the church, Friday 1:00pm to 2:00pm

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FIRST READING**A Reading from The Book of Genesis**
Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram:
 “Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk
 and from your father’s house to a land that I will
 show you.
 “I will make of you a great nation,
 and I will bless you;
 I will make your name great,
 so that you will be a blessing.
 I will bless those who bless you
 and curse those who curse you.
 All the communities of the earth
 shall find blessing in you.”
 Abram went as the LORD directed him.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22**

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place
 our trust in you.**

Upright is the word of the LORD,
 and all his works are trustworthy.
 He loves justice and right;
 of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place
 our trust in you.**

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear
 him,
 upon those who hope for his kindness,
 To deliver them from death
 and preserve them in spite of famine.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place
 our trust in you.**

Our soul waits for the LORD,
 who is our help and our shield.
 May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us
 who have put our hope in you.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place
 our trust in you.**

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SECOND READING**A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul
 to Timothy**

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Beloved:
 Bear your share of hardship for the gospel
 with the strength that comes from God.
 He saved us and called us to a holy life,
 not according to our works but according to his own
 design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus
 before time began,
 but now made manifest
 through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus,
 who destroyed death and brought life and
 immortality to light through the gospel.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL**A Reading from The Gospel according to
 Matthew**

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother,
 and led them up a high mountain by themselves.
 And he was transfigured before them;
 his face shone like the sun
 and his clothes became white as light.
 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them,
 conversing with him.
 Then Peter said to Jesus in reply,
 “Lord, it is good that we are here.
 If you wish, I will make three tents here,
 one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”
 While he was still speaking, behold,
 a bright cloud cast a shadow over them,
 then from the cloud came a voice that said,
 “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well
 pleased; listen to him.”
 When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate
 and were very much afraid.
 But Jesus came and touched them, saying,
 “Rise, and do not be afraid.”
 And when the disciples raised their eyes,
 they saw no one else but Jesus alone.
 As they were coming down from the mountain,
 Jesus charged them,
 “Do not tell the vision to anyone
 until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



By Father Edward A. Murphy

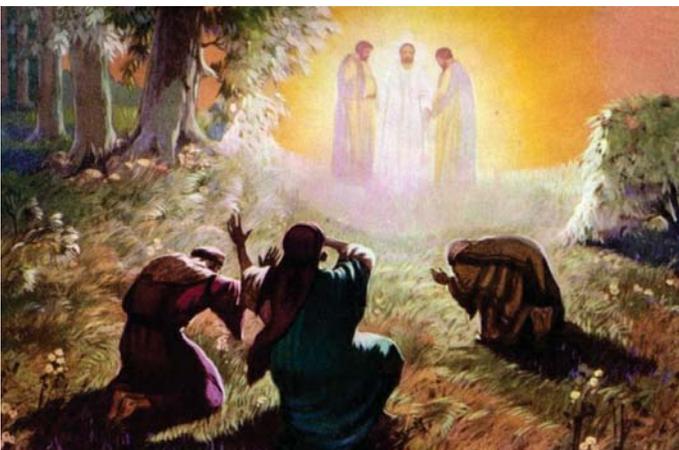
Fr. Edward A. Murphy

Gospel of Matthew

The Hebrew word 'Messiah' means 'anointed one'. It is translated as 'Christos' in Greek. Christ means 'anointed one' and Christians are the 'anointed ones' who share in the messianic mission of Christ. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we who are reborn in the waters of baptism are anointed to proclaim the kingdom of God. The anointing 'Christifies' those who receive it as it bestows the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Anointing with oil is a very ancient and important ritual in the Judeo-Christian tradition. The Jews anointed three categories of people: priests, prophets and kings. Christians, by contrast, anoint everyone in baptism.

Baptism gives all a shared, if differentiated, responsibility for the life and mission of the Church, and calls baptized and ordained to work together. All baptized members of the Church participate together in the prophetic or teaching office, in the priestly or sanctifying office, and in the kingly or governing office of Christ.



Points To Ponder

The story of the transfiguration directs us away from trying to understand Jesus only as he is revealed in glory. It points us down the mountain and invites us to walk with Jesus into the suffering, hungry crowds. The divine voice commands us to listen to Jesus. But listening is more than hearing. As Jesus says in the Sermon on the Mount, building on the rock means not only hearing his words, but acting on them (Matthew 7:24). Hearing without obeying leads to catastrophe.

At Gethsemane, when Jesus himself faces the temptation to disobey his Father and abandon the road to the cross, the same three disciples who saw him transfigured wait with him while he grieves and prays. He passes the test, but they do not. He walks steadfastly on to suffering and death, and they desert him and flee. On the cross Jesus shows the world the obedient Son of God in all his suffering humanity, pouring out his blood for the forgiveness of sins. After the resurrection, the Son of God appears to the disciples with all his divine authority, calling them to baptize and to teach people to obey his commands. Then he sends them down the mountain and into the world he loves, promising them that he will be with them always. We too are sent; we too must listen and obey. And the promise of his presence is ours as well.

Pray for Fr. Murphy

Please continue to keep Fr. Murphy in your prayers as he underwent foot surgery a few weeks ago. Please pray for a full and easy recovery.

Thank you.

**ST. ANDREW'S
WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT**

Thank you for your support to our Parish Family. The Offertory for the weekend of

February 21st & 22nd

will be available next weekend.

Thank you for your patience.

This week's Second Collection will be for:

Diocesan Assessment

Next week's Second Collection will be for:

Liturgical Expenses



**THE MEN OF
ST. JOSEPH**

The Men of Saint Joseph will meet again on

Saturday, March 7th at 9:00am.

All men are welcome to attend.

Women of Faith Meeting



The Women of Faith will be having a Brown Bag meeting this Thursday, March 5th at 7:00pm.

Confirmation Retreat Rescheduled

The Confirmation Retreat at St. Ann's Parish for Faith Formation Grade 10 has been **rescheduled**. The retreat will now be

held on **Saturday, April 11th** from 10:30am - 5:00pm. Please contact

faithformationtaunton@gmail.com

with any questions.



**St. Andrew the Apostle
Faith Formation Schedule 2025 - 2026**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADES 1- 8</u>	<u>CONFIRMATION GRADES 9 -10</u>
3/1/2026	Grades 3 & 4	Grade 10
3/8/2026	Grades 5 & 6	Grade 9
3/15/2026	Grades 7 & 8	Grade 10
	Grade 2	
3/22/2026	Grades 1 & 2	Grade 9
3/28/2026	Saturday - First Holy Communion Retreat & First Penance for Grade 2	
	St. Andrew's Hall - 10:00am - 1:00pm (Mandatory)	

*All parents are welcome to attend First Penance on 3/28/26.
*Confirmation will be held at Annunciation of the Lord on April 27th at 6:00pm.

Contact: faithformationtaunton@gmail.com

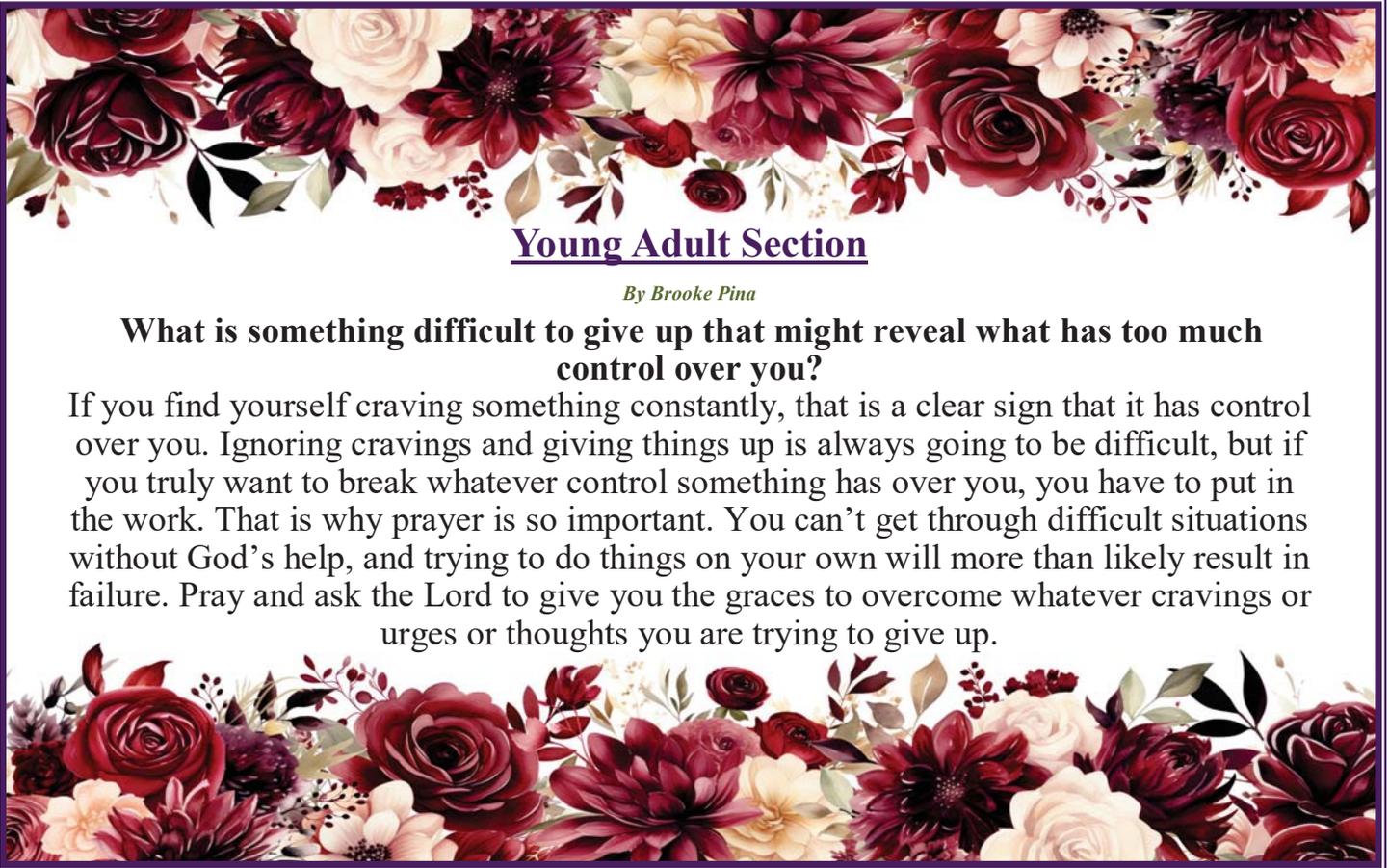


The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.) is a process for those who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith and prepare to enter the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation.

Who can be a part of the O.C.I.A.?

- Someone who is unbaptized.
- A baptized Christian who is interested in the Catholic Church.
- A baptized Catholic who has not received 1st Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.
- A Catholic who would like to know more about their faith.

There are forms available at all entrances or contact the parish office at 508-824-5577 or Standrewtaunton@comcast.net.



Young Adult Section

By Brooke Pina

What is something difficult to give up that might reveal what has too much control over you?

If you find yourself craving something constantly, that is a clear sign that it has control over you. Ignoring cravings and giving things up is always going to be difficult, but if you truly want to break whatever control something has over you, you have to put in the work. That is why prayer is so important. You can't get through difficult situations without God's help, and trying to do things on your own will more than likely result in failure. Pray and ask the Lord to give you the graces to overcome whatever cravings or urges or thoughts you are trying to give up.

Emmaus Retreat



Please join us for our next Emmaus Retreat that will take place on Friday, March 13th to Sunday, March 15th, 2025, at LaSalette Retreat Center in Attleboro, MA! Emmaus is a retreat for men and women (ages 20+) who seek to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, regardless of their present level of faith or practice. We want to invite you to join us on our next Emmaus weekend. You will be welcomed by a loving community, spend time in personal and communal prayer, and celebrate the sacraments. For more information or to apply online, email us at emmausretreats@gmail.com or visit our website: www.emmausretreats.com



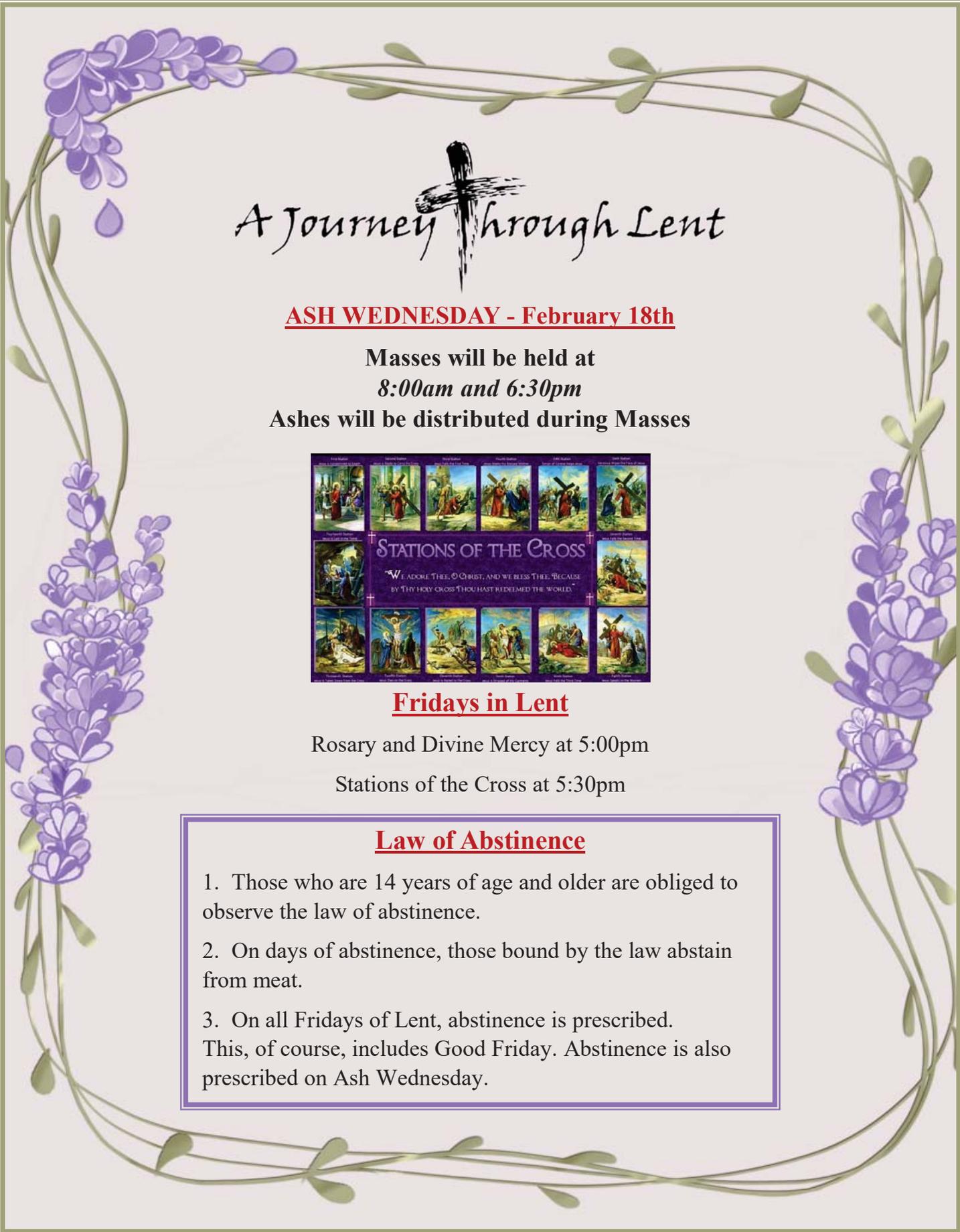
Knights of Columbus Scholarship



The Knights of Columbus are offering scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are members of St. Andrew's Parish. Scholarships will be awarded in May.

To obtain an application, all interested students should contact Laurindo DaGraca at **508-824-4147** or Michael F. Wojcik at **508-822-4254** or the Guidance Counselor of their school. All applications must be sent to the Scholarship Committee by **April 25th, 2026.**

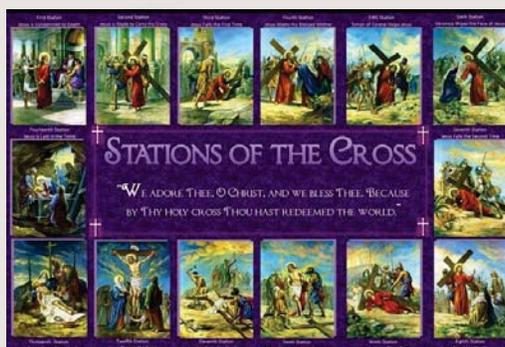


A Journey Through Lent

ASH WEDNESDAY - February 18th

Masses will be held at
8:00am and 6:30pm
Ashes will be distributed during Masses



Fridays in Lent

Rosary and Divine Mercy at 5:00pm
Stations of the Cross at 5:30pm

Law of Abstinence

1. Those who are 14 years of age and older are obliged to observe the law of abstinence.
2. On days of abstinence, those bound by the law abstain from meat.
3. On all Fridays of Lent, abstinence is prescribed. This, of course, includes Good Friday. Abstinence is also prescribed on Ash Wednesday.

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Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm

Saint Casimir

Feast Day: March 4



Born in Krakow, Casimir was the son of Casimir IV, king of Poland and grand duke of Lithuania, and Elizabeth of Austria. From a young age, he was concerned with the integrity and justice of

his father's rule. He worked to ensure the fair treatment and aid of the poor and less fortunate. He was called the Patron of the Poor because of his love for others and charitable works. Casimir was known to be a humble and approachable man, traits that were not always synonymous with rulers at the time. Known for his refusal to take up arms, personal piety, generosity to the poor and devotion to the Blessed Mother, he rejected the idea of marrying in favor of voluntary chastity. During a visit to Lithuania, he fell ill, died from tuberculosis at the age of 25 and was buried in the cathedral in Vilnius. Canonized in 1521, he is the patron of Poland and Lithuania.



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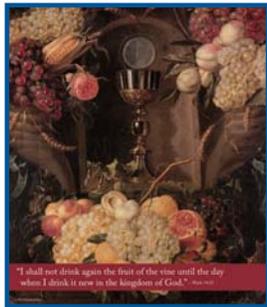
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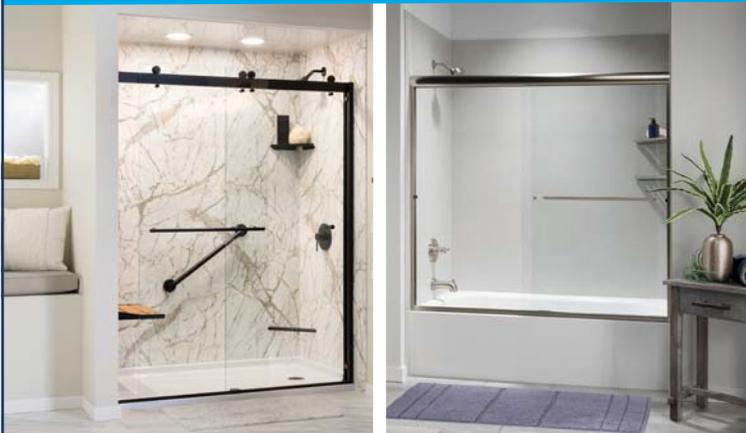


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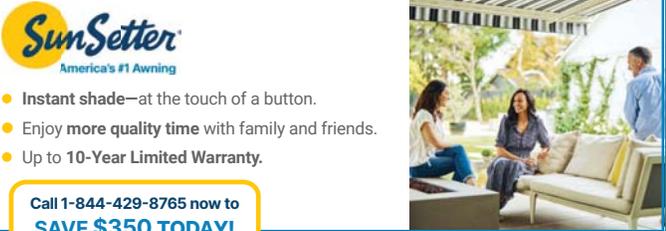
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