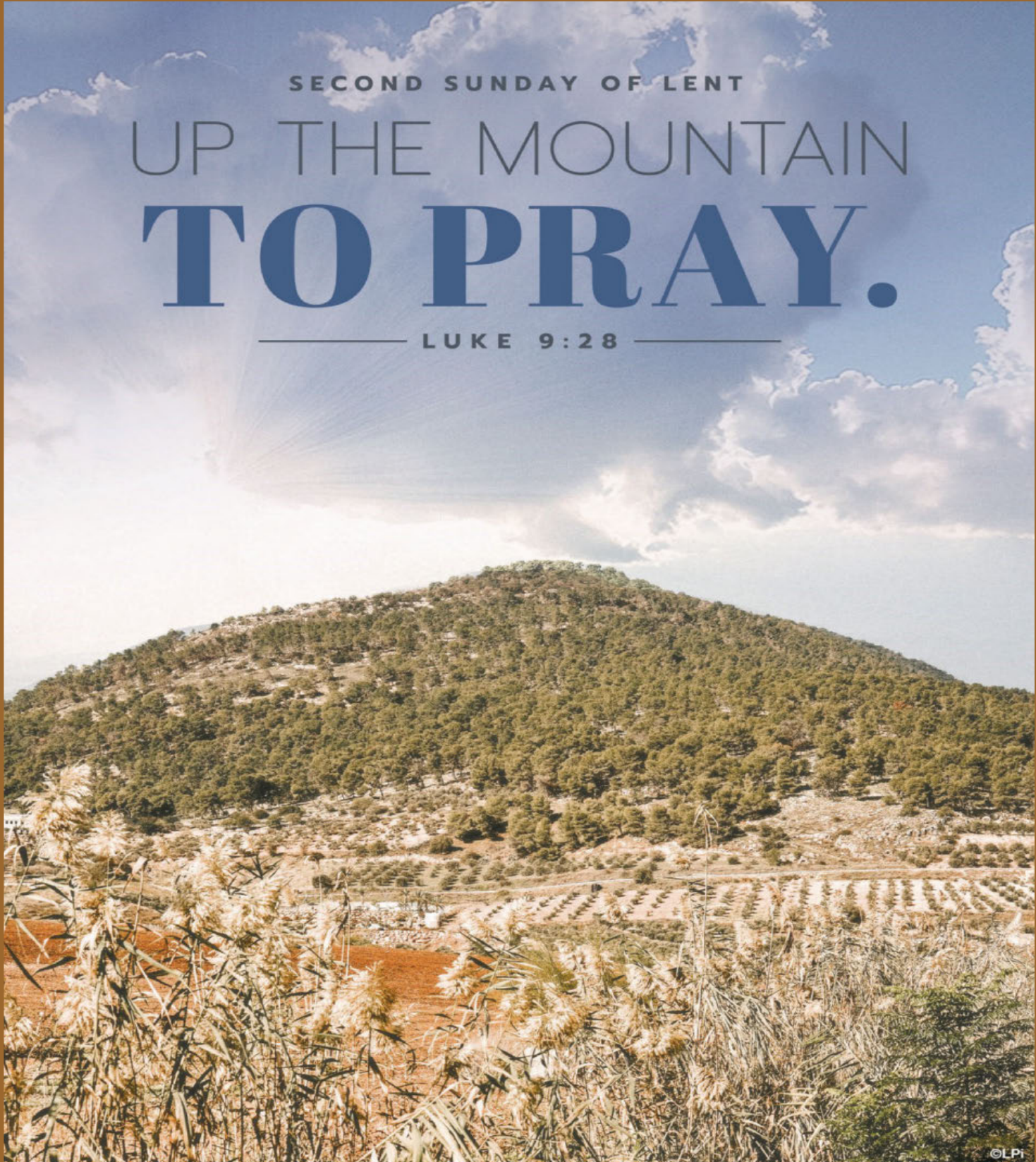


*St. Peter's Parish*  
*Rome, New York*  
*March 16, 2025*

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

UP THE MOUNTAIN  
**TO PRAY.**

— LUKE 9:28 —



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, March 15, 2025**

8:00am **GERALDINE SEARS** by Joseph and Kristen Szczerba  
 5:00pm **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MATTIA FAMILY** by Family \* **CAROL PIATT** by Pat Johnson

**Sunday, March 16, 2025 2nd Sunday of Lent**

8:00am **CHARLIE SPROCK** by Family \* **ALSTON J. HUEY** (Anniv) by Family  
 10:00am **TERRI LANIGAN** (1st Anniv) by Jack and Ellie Destito  
**ALOYSIUS PATRICK MCCARTHY** by Bob McCarthy and Family  
 6:00pm **BRIAN HEATH** by Mackenzie Rutledge \* **MARK H. JACKSON** by Kate Stephan

**Monday, March 17, 2025 St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day**

7:00am **ARTHUR O'CONNOR AND BETTY O'CONNOR RIEGLER** by Family \* **VLADIMIR WILLIAMS** by Mom  
 12:10pm **MARY PAT ROBERTS SCOTT** by Family

**Tuesday, March 18, 2025 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

7:00am **MARIAN NILES** by Bob, Kim and Marlee  
 12:10pm **REV. JOSEPH L. RITCHIE** (Anniv)

**Wednesday, March 19, 2025 St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00am **RICHARD JOHNSON** by Connie  
**IN THANKSGIVING FOR FR. DYER, FR. O'BRIEN, AND FR. TORMEY** by the Richard Johnson Family  
 12:10pm **ROSE MATTIA** by CSJ Associates

**Thursday, March 20, 2025**

7:00am **BOB ORDWAY** by the Giovanni Libertella Family \* **RICHARD JOHNSON** by his loving Wife  
 12:10pm **MSGR. JEROME F. MCCARTHY** (Anniv)

**Friday, March 21, 2025**

7:00am **PATRICIA CERJAN** (B'day) by Daughter, Jean  
 12:10pm **REV. WILLIAM BISHOP** (Anniv)  
 7:00pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** at St. Peter's

**Saturday, March 22, 2025**

8:00am **JANE FITSIK** (B'day) by daughter, Pat  
 5:00pm **ELIZABETH M. BELLMAN** (Anniv) by Evanciew and Palitti Families \* **MICHAEL PALINSKI** by Family

**Sunday, March 23, 2025 3rd Sunday of Lent**

8:00am **JACK ROTOLO** (B'day) by Steve and Michele Granacki \* **MARLENE (HUEY) FRANKLIN** (Anniv) by Family  
 10:00am **PRO POPULO**  
 6:00pm **MARK AND BRENDAN JACKSON** by Kate Stephan \* **BARBARA PAZDUR** by Joe and Lorraine Griffo

**Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation from St. Peter's Church  
 are now live streamed & available on the parish website: [www.stmarvsspeters.com](http://www.stmarvsspeters.com).**

**Please remember our families, friends and parishioners in your prayers.**

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### Office Hours:

Monday \* Thursday  
 9:00am-12:00pm & 1:00-3:00pm  
 Tuesday  
 9am-1:00pm  
 Wednesday \* Friday  
 9:00am-12:00pm

**Pastor:** Very Rev. Seán P. O'Brien, VF  
**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Immanuel Agbulu  
**Deacon:** Deacon Nicholas Rosher  
**Deacon:** Deacon John MacGaffick  
**Pastoral Associate:** Laura Mack

### REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

**WEEKDAYS** 7:00 am  
**SATURDAYS** 8:00 am \* Vigil Mass 5:00 pm  
**SUNDAYS** 8:00 am \* 10:00 am \* 6:00 pm

#### PARISH STAFF

**Director of Faith Formation:** Laura Mack  
**First Sacraments Coordinator:** Jean Bauer  
**Music Ministry:** Barry Russo  
**Maintenance Director:** Mark Lagasse  
**Cemetery Superintendent:** Kate Stephan  
**Communications/Media:** Joseph Stanton

#### PARISH COUNCIL

**Pastor:** Father Seán O'Brien  
**President:** Larry Riolo  
**Trustees:** Bernard Kaier,  
 Timothy Sestito

#### PARISH ORGANIZATION and PARTICIPATION

**Altar Rosary Society:** Mary Wahl  
**Scripture Study:** Betty Pettinelli  
**Funeral Preparations:** Barbara Thomas  
**Hospital Ministry:** Deacon John MacGaffick  
**St. Aloysius Catholic Center:** Julie McCormick  
**ASL Interpreters:** Gabby Griffin  
 Mary Margaret VanDamme

#### PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Deacon Nick Rosher	Dale Rashford
Laura Evanciew	Pat Reilly
Nancy Janik	Barry Russo
Mark LaGasse	Joseph Stanton
Laura Mack	Kate Stephan

Please contact a council member with any questions or concerns you have regarding the upcoming merger.

#### Faith Formation Office 315-336-5066

Online at: [www.smspfaith.com](http://www.smspfaith.com)  
 Email: [spcdre@twcny.rr.com](mailto:spcdre@twcny.rr.com)

#### St. Peter's Weekly Collection March 9, 2025

Cash and Envelopes	\$10,196.81
Electronic/Online	\$1,945.95
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,142.76</b>

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm or by Appointment

#### SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM MATRIMONY/ MARRIAGE

Please call the Rectory Office for information.

#### St. Peter's Special Collections March 9, 2025

Ash Wednesday	\$782.00
Black & Native American	\$768.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$50.00
Catholic Schools	\$40.00
Fuel	\$140.00

Thank you for your support.

#### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK FOR THE HOMEBOUND AND THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL

When a family member or friend may be in need of anointing, please call the Rectory Office.

**A SPECIAL NOTE:** For those who find it difficult to walk, etc. The front pews across the Church are reserved for you. Communion can be brought to your pew.

**HEARING AIDS:** Assistive hearing devices are available for loan at the altar rail and in the front vestibule before Mass.

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# FAITH FORMATION

## JESUS LITTLE FRIENDS

March 16, 2025, 10AM Mass

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**First Sacraments**  
March 16th  
9:00-9:50 AM

**Monday Night Classes**  
March 17th  
Grades 1-6 6:00-7:00 PM  
Grades 7-8 7:30-8:30 PM

**First Sacraments**  
March 23rd  
9:00-9:50 AM  
March 25th  
6:30 PM

Explanatory Mass Rehearsal

**Monday Night Classes**  
March 24th  
Grades 1-6 6:00-7:00 PM  
Grades 7-8 7:30-8:30 PM

**2nd Year Confirmation**  
March 16th  
**RETREAT**  
10:00AM Mass  
11:00AM -4:00PM Retreat

**OCIA**  
Mondays  
6:00 PM

[www.smspfaith.com](http://www.smspfaith.com)



## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM OUR PARISHIONERS!

### Disciple Maker Index SURVEY NOW OPEN.

Follow the link

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/x6a6a6>  
or QR code



to complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey. The survey assesses our unique strengths and opportunities.

Fellowship gathering to assist parishioners to complete the survey will be after **3/29 and 3/30 Masses.**

Share your perspective now to help strengthen our parish and better prepare Sacred Heart for the future! For more information, contact **Julie McCormick** via email [JULMCC5197@gmail.com](mailto:JULMCC5197@gmail.com)



## Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Solemn Vespers with Benediction

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 5:00PM  
Solemn Vespers,  
followed by Benediction – 5:30PM

Upcoming dates:  
May 23rd, June 20, July 18, August 22,  
September 19, October 24, November 21

**There will not be Solemn Vespers during Lent, due to Stations of the Cross**

## THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Will burn the week of March 16, 2025

FOR  
LISE BAUER

By Bauer Family

## LENTEN SERVICES

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 7PM

March 21st - St. Peter's Church  
March 28th - St. Joseph's Church  
April 4th - Transfiguration Church  
April 11th - St. John's Church

### CONFESSIONS BEGINS WEEK OF MARCH 24TH

Mondays - St. Paul's Church 5PM- 6PM  
Tuesdays - St. Peter's Church 5PM-6PM  
with Benediction to follow confessions  
Wednesdays -St. John's Church 4:30PM-6PM

## MARCH 2025 BAPTISMS



AMELIA ROSE LACOVISSI  
CALLUM PATRICK MILLER  
COOPER OLMSTEAD  
HATCHER WILLIAM OLMSTEAD  
ROBERT THOMAS TARDUGNO

Congratulations and Welcome

## Surrender for Serenity, Al-anon family group

NOW AVAILABLE, Join with ZOOM  
on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/947650599>  
password 12345

Face to Face Meetings on **Thursdays in March** at 5:30-6:30 at St. Aloysius Center, 400 Floyd Ave.  
**Meeting night moving to Wednesdays beginning April 1st, same time and place.**

## THE PASSION OF JESUS presented by



Through narrative and songs, accompanied by piano, strings, flute and guitar, this one hour presentation will help provide, for all who attend, new insights and personal reflection on the days we call Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

**April 4th at 5:30 PM at the Church of the Annunciation,**  
7616 East South Street, Clark Mills, NY 13321  
**A meatless meal with drinks and dessert to follow**

## COFFEE AND QUESTIONS



**Thank you for your questions!**  
Fr. Immanuel will answer the questions about our faith and traditions from the coffee pot on **Wednesdays, March 26th and April 2nd at 6:30pm at St. Aloysius.**  
**All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.**

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING IS NOW REQUIRED FOR ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS**  
 EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2025  
 TRAINING MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE DESIGNATED DEADLINE LISTED BELOW

LAUNCH DATE	MINISTRY	TRAIN BY DATE
2025 MAR 01	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	2025 DEC 31
2025 JUN 01	MUSIC MINISTRY: • CANTORS • CHOIR MEMBERS • INSTRUMENTAL MEMBERS	2026 MAR 31
2025 SEPT 01	• SACRISTANS • ADULT ALTAR SERVERS • LITURGICAL MINISTRY LEADERS • LECTORS/READERS	2026 JUN 30
2026 JAN 01	• COMMENTATORS • GREETERS • USHERS • HOMEBOUND MINISTRY	2026 SEPT 30

This new policy will be implemented over a 2 1/2-year period, providing ample time for liturgical ministers in each category to complete Safe Environment training.

For your convenience, Safe Environment Training sessions will be provided on site at St. Peter's and at other locations throughout the diocese. Dates and times will be announced in the bulletin.

*Pre-registration is required and can be completed at:*  
<https://syracusedioocese.org/initial-safe-environment-training-for-adults>

**DONATIONS**  
**MISSION OF THE CHRIST CHILD**  
 IN MEMORY OF  
 GERALDINE SEARS

By Pam and Ed Palinski

**FINDING THE ONE**  
 REBUILDING THE BRIDGE & WELCOMING THEM HOME

**SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025**  
 9 AM - 3 PM  
 HOLY CROSS CHURCH, DEWITT

It's no secret, the fastest growing population in our Church, sadly, are those who have left the Church. These may include our grown children, a spouse, a parent or grandparent, another relative or a close friend. No generation has been immune from this departure. Let's turn our sadness into HOPE by taking a deep dive into understanding that God works through everyone - including YOU - to act as His hand, open and outstretched, to meet people where they are, ready to listen to their story, joyfully prepared for an encounter with our sisters and brothers who have left, to welcome them home.

Sponsored by the Office of Adult & Ministerial Formation

If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off?  
 -Matthew 18:12

Questions? Contact Fr. Jeff Dixe  
 jdixe@syrdio.org

JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SYRACUSE

**Altar Rosary Society**



Our annual St. Patrick's Day / St. Joseph's Day Dinner that was held last Thursday was very well received. As always we have a fun evening enjoying a great meal, great company & most importantly coming together as a parish family!!!!

*If you are interested in being an important part of a "WORKING" organization please call: Mary Wahl @ 315-617-3478 or Tina Brognano @ 315-571-6707 We are actively Recruiting Male Members as well!!!*

**ALTAR AND SANCTUARY CARE**

**MARCH**

Barbara Brady  
 Bernadette Curry

\*\*\*\*\*

**MERRY MAKERS**

**Winter Meeting**

April 9  
 6-9 pm

*In St. Peter's Church Hall*

*Remember, you do not have to be an expert to join.*

*As always, we continue to need more Sewers, Knitters & Crocheters*

**Merry Makers Request Forms**

can be found in the vestibule on the table. Place them in the collection basket during weekend Masses.

**For more information: Cate (315)225-7900**

**THE MISSION OF THE CHRIST CHILD**

The Food Pantry is an all volunteer team that distributes free food to low and middle-income families from the mission office at 400 Floyd Ave. every Tuesday. If you are interested in joining our volunteer team, please call or text the Mission at 315-271-4849

**March 11, 2025**

Families	89
Adults	123
Children	72
Seniors	20
Unique	7

**Total Fed 222**

*Thanks to all the volunteers that staff the Mission Food Pantry each week and to all of the parishioners that generously support the Mission with food donations and financial contributions.*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**COUNCIL #391**

112 Ridge Street Rome, New York

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** The next business meeting of the Knights of Columbus Council #391 will take place on Thursday, April 10th, at Council Hall, 112 Ridge Street, Rome. The meeting is at 7:00 PM, preceded at about 6:30 by the Holy Rosary.

THE CHILD MUST KNOW THAT HE IS A MIRACLE, THAT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE WORLD THERE HASN'T BEEN, AND UNTIL THE END OF THE WORLD THERE WILL NOT BE, ANOTHER CHILD LIKE HIM.  
- PABLO CASALS



**Defend Life**



The Knights are looking for interested Catholic males over 18 to join and help us support our area churches and community. To learn more about the Knights, or to join on-line, go to [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus) and mention "Council 391". We will be automatically notified.

The faithful are encouraged to pray the Rosary, especially on the 22nd of each month, in thanksgiving for the 'Dobbs' Supreme Court decision that overturned Roe v Wade. Pray also for the success of continued efforts on behalf of the sanctity of human life. Please say this prayer to adopt spiritually an unborn child: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

- Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

Knights of Columbus- Rome #391  
P.O Box 4623, Rome NY 13440

***THE BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS***

**Last Session** will be held, **Tuesday, March 18,**  
**at 6:30 at the St. Aloysius Center**

All are welcome to come listen to the DVDs

*Please check the website or FB for cancellations*

**ST ALOYSIUS WILL BE OPEN TO WALKERS FOR THE WINTER. PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

**WINTER PARKING ON PARK STREET**



We are asking you, for your safety, to **NOT park along the church building side of Park Street.**

With the winter season upon us, snow and ice falling from the roof has a potential to hit and damage your vehicle or even yourself!!!



**Pope Francis** asks us to pray for one of his published intentions each month. To pray with the Pope daily visit: [clicktopray.org](http://clicktopray.org)

**MARCH INTENTION**  
**FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS.**

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

March 16, 2025: 2nd Sunday of Lent (LK 9:28b-36)

Jesus "went up the mountain to pray" and he was "changed." Prayer has the power to change us. This Lent set aside a few minutes each day to pray for members of your family. Pray before each meal and if you are married, spend five minutes in prayer together.



***Prayer for Pope Francis***

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;

Grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.



**Blood Drive**

**March 24<sup>th</sup>**  
12pm - 5pm

**St. Aloysius Parish Center**  
400 Floyd Ave.



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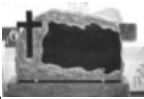


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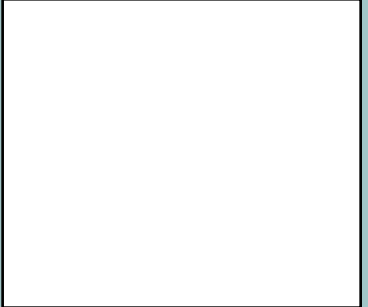
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