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St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

1st Sunday of Lent



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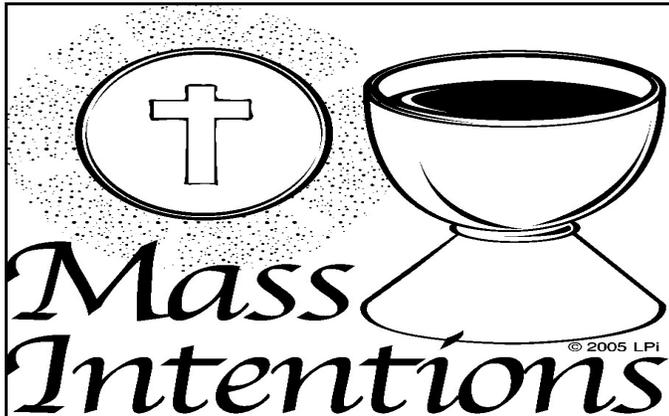
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Saturday, March 5, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Mary Foran by St. Francis Bible Babes

Sunday, March 6, First Sunday of Lent
10:30 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Monday, March 7
12:00 p.m. Bob Totman by Bob & Bea Grace

Tuesday, March 8
8:00 a.m. Stanley Charlier by Joyce & Al Mancini

Wednesday, March 9
12:00 p.m. Margaret Baumgartner by Rosemary & Tom Rounds

Thursday, March 10
8:00 a.m. Ruthie Cole by Arlene Peters

Friday, March 11
NO MASS

Saturday, March 12, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Martha Savo by Mary Russik & Bernie O'Neil

Sunday, March 13, Second Sunday of Lent
10:30 a.m. John Krinik by Mary Jane & John Paske

Catherine's Cupboard

Our parish pantry is open to anyone in need of food. We are open on the **1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** No requirements except to show ID showing who you are. A person can come as often as needed. We are here to help, not to judge. So please pass the word to anyone you think may need assistance. Canned or dry goods, plus paper & personal care products (**toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, baby diapers, women's personal items**) are always needed and welcome. Drop off in the barrel at the church foyer or leave the items in the Parish Center.

Weekend's Offering (02-27-22)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$2,979.00
Loose Collection.....	\$465.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,962.00
Total Collection.....	\$5,406.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

Faith Formation

Faith Formation for Grades K-Confirmation meet today.

Faith Formation Classes Grades 7 & 8 Bottle Drive was a huge success! **\$433.34 was raised from 7,039 cans and bottles during the drive.** The cash will help purchase a bike rack for the parish and go toward our other environmental initiatives. We hope this will help us reduce our carbon footprint and increase good health!

Save the Date

Sunday March 27th--students in Grades 7-8-9 will participate in the Southern Region Middle School Rally held at St. Patrick's Noon-5:30 PM. (This includes Mass for participants and their family.) All students will receive a hard copy of the content information as well as registration materials this weekend. Parents please check your email for details and registration forms. The Rally is not optional and replaces Faith Formation for this weekend.

Bishop Lucia: Special Listening Sessions

Bishop Lucia has scheduled special listening sessions for those who, for whatever reason, may feel unwelcome or alienated from the Church. These listening sessions are part of the process of preparation for the World Synod of Bishops to be held in 2023. The Bishop would like to hear from those who feel the Church has not been responsive to their circumstances or needs. The Synod offers the hope that through listening, the Church will become more responsive to all.

The session here in Broome County will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 13 in the Southern Region, at Seton Catholic Central High School in Binghamton.

All of us know friends and family members who are no longer active in their parish. Please invite, welcome, and if possible accompany them to participate in these sessions.

For further information, call Sr. Katie at (315) 470-1473.

****Attention: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers****

It is time once again to submit your dates of unavailability for the months of April, May, and June. If there are dates when you would be unavailable to Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Serve, please call Ed and Cindy White at 607-648-2784 or by cell 607-206-3469 **BEFORE MARCH 7TH!**

Prayers . . .

Please remember all of our parishioners who are in hospitals and nursing homes and our homebound. Also, please pray for our deceased parishioners and loved ones especially, Sadie Weckel, Ruth Jump, and Sandy Gobany.

Lent 2022: A Season of Growth

No! You have not missed Lent— Lent begins this Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. It was strange that this past month of February we were not celebrating the season of Lent, the calendar gave us more time to prepare. Lent is a time for growth— to grow personally as well as a church community. Lent lies at the very heart of our Catholic/Christian faith. These next 6 weeks can be approached as a time of retreat— a time for deepening our relationship with Christ and to deepen our baptismal commitment to live the Gospel in our day to day living. Central to our baptismal life in Christ is be in union and to live the mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection. Hopefully, what we are offering in this parish this Lenten season will assist you to further your growth in Christ. We begin with the distribution of ashes

Days of Fasting & Abstinence

Days of fasting and abstinence include Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. For all who have reached their fourteenth birthday, no meat may be consumed. For all who have reached their eighteenth birthday and not yet reached their sixtieth birthday, a limit of one full meatless meal may be consumed. Days of abstinence include all Fridays during Lent. For all who have reached their fourteenth birthday, no meat may be consumed on Fridays during Lent.

Presence

Join our parish in this year's engaging Lenten video study on Formed.org called PRESENCE: THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST. With beautiful film-making and powerful teaching, the PRESENCE series will move your heart and give you plenty to discuss with your study group over 3 weeks in March. We will meet Tuesday (March 15, 22, & 29) at 2 PM or 7 PM or Wednesday (March 16, 23 & 30) at 10:30 AM via zoom, and in-person on Sunday morning (March 13, 20 & 27) during Faith Formation. The Sunday session is directed to parents who would like to engage in a Lenten Study at a time that hopefully is more convenient to participate. This engaging video as well as many others can be found on formed.org! Our parish has been given a 3 month free subscription through April to Formed for parishioners.

- 1.) To sign up either scan the QR code=>
Or go directly to signup.formed.org
- 2.) Enter our parish zip code (13901) or St. Francis of Assisi Binghamton
- 3.) Type in your email, and you are all set!



After you have registered for formed you can download the free app for your apple or android devices just go to the app store and download the Formed app. To sign up for the zoom session please contact Maria Kirk at Mkirk@syrdio.org or call the parish center at 607-722-4388. Your study guides (\$5 each) can be picked up from Delores at the Parish Center. Monday --Thursday 8 AM--4 PM.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the cross will take place every Friday of Lent in the Church at 3:00PM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Operation Rice Bowl

Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States— in a life-changing Lenten Journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. You received a CRS Rice Bowl with your bulletin. You can also download the CRS Rice Bowl app! May these 40 days better prepare is to encounter ourselves, our neighbors, and our God! CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program. It offers opportunities for your family to engage daily with the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. And it's an opportunity for us as a parish to come together as a community and reflect on what it means to live out our Gospel call to go out and encounter those most in need. During the next 40 days, we will encounter the stories of people in Bangladesh, Rwanda, and Guatemala where CRS is at work. We'll be invited to eat simple, meatless meals each Friday from these countries. And, through the stories, we'll learn about the principles of Catholic social teaching— and ways we can put them into action during Lent and beyond. We will reflect of how an encounter with resurrection can be transformative. We will see how our prayers, fasting, and almsgiving can give hope to those worldwide who are most in need, especially those forces to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities.

Daily Mass— Lenten Reminder

This Lent, build into your schedule to attend **Mass in our church at 12Noon, Mondays & Wednesdays or in our chapel (in the parish center) at 8AM on Tuesdays & Thursdays.** Remember when daily Mass was a regular practice for young and old during Lent? Why not join us in our beautiful church and chapel as often as you can?! All are welcome. We hope to see you there!

Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

*O Prince of Peace,
Once more we hear the guns of war,
Once more we see the faces
Of frightened children.
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
That they may be granted peace;
We pray for the people of Russia,
That they may demand peace;
We pray for our country, t
Tat we may be a positive part
Of peacemaking in this world.
O Prince of Peace, lead us from this dark time
To a deeper understanding
Of the global human family,
So all may break bread together
In the secure embrace of peace.
Amen.*

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

Distribution

March 15th— P. Peters, A. & S. Faughnan

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

A journey from grief to healing

For those who are living through the loss of a loved one, our highly successful support group provides a safe space to share ideas, thoughts and experiences that can lead to healing. This is one of life's most difficult journeys and there is no need to travel it alone. New knowledge, skills and perceptions can ease your way to move on without your loved one. The new date for this 9 week program will begin on **Monday, March 7th from 6pm to 7:30 at the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center**. For more info and to register, please call Ginny Thompson at 607-222-1621.

Wednesday Lenten Speaker Series At Ogden Hillcrest UMC

Our neighbors are having a Lenten speaker series that will be held Wednesdays, 7:00PM at Ogden Hillcrest UMC. All are invited!

March 9th— Rev. Cris Mogenson, Broome County Jail Chaplain

March 16th— Fr. Tim Taugher, St. Francis of Assisi

March 23rd— Rev. Jennifer Piatt, Nimmonsburg UMC

March 30th— Rev. Nancy Adams, Binghamton District Superintendent

April 6th— Rev. Joyce Allen, Ogden Hillcrest UMC

Ladies of Charity Scholarships

The Ladies of Charity will award three \$500 scholarships to high school seniors who plan to pursue a service-oriented career which specifically makes a difference in someone's life. The scholarship is based on academic achievement, financial need, and service to school, Church and community. Please see your school guidance counselor for an application. **Deadline is April 22, 2022.**

John M. DeBella Scholarships

St. Francis of Assisi Finance Committee, in conjunction with the DeBella Oversight Committee has set aside a sum of money to establish the John M. DeBella College Scholarships. **Four, \$500 scholarships will be awarded to four seniors from the parish who plan to attend college in the fall.** Applications for these scholarships are available on the tables at the rear of the church. The application is also available on our church's website. **Applications are due by 4 PM on Thursday, April 28th. (Please note, the parish office is closed on Friday).** In order to be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must be a REGISTERED member of the parish. Email mkirk@syrdio.org if you have questions

1st Sunday of Lent: Creation Care Tips

If you are looking for something to fast from this Lent, why not set yourself the challenge of fasting from buying anything new (except groceries and essential toiletries)? For six weeks vow to buy things second-hand, borrow, barter, trade, or do without. You may just discover that some things you thought were essential are not essential after all. You could also discover new channels for second-hand resources such as Freecycle or "Buy Nothing New" groups in your area that are committed to reducing the waste stream.

1st Sunday of Lent: Justice Challenge

This Sunday's Gospel describes Jesus' temptation in the desert. Jesus was tempted with three things: satisfying the flesh by breaking his fast and eating the bread; becoming instantly famous by performing a super-hero act; and seizing power by making a pact with the devil. Jesus rejected all three temptations. Your challenge this week is to examine your own life to determine the temptations which the devil is placing in front of you. What do you need to say no to? What are you tempted to do which would cause others' lives to be lessened if you indulged in it?

Southern Tier Afghan Resettlement Fund

- Use your camera on your smartphone to scan this QR code =====>>
- Learn more about our Southern Tier Afghan Resettlement Fund
- Donate to help an Afghan family in need right here in the Southern Tier



"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

STAND WITH UKRAINE

Sunday, March 6th

@ 1:00PM

Binghamton City Hall

Let us come together to show our support for Ukraine

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**

March 12th & 13th, 2022

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Brendan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Logan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Lector	Betsy A Shields
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Anne Smilnak
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Beatrice Grace
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Robert Grace

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Jessica Wojnar
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	J D Wojnar
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Alexander Watkins
10:30 Mass	Lector	Ildiko Mitchell
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Anne Wolanski
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Scott Iglar
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Donna Iglar

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

March 13th

Ede Blabac & CeCe Barry

Please go online to
stfrancisbing.org
to view our latest Sunday mass and
Children's Liturgy.

We will continue to post new videos for
reflection by 4:00PM on Saturdays.

Also find the videos on our
Facebook (search "@stfrancisbing")
YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi Binghamton)

**You can still view children's liturgy
virtually!**

Question of the Week

Question for Children: When you feel
tempted to do wrong, how do you re-
main strong in your faith?

Question for Youth: What is one thing
you will do during Lent to become
more open to God in your life?

Question for Adults: As you come to
understand the temptation of Jesus in
the desert, which one of the devil's of-
ferings is hardest for you to resist?

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One Minute Meditations

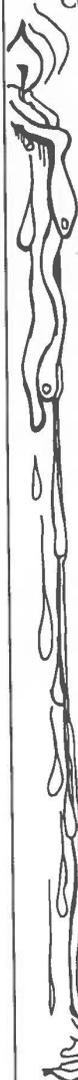
The Commandment imbalance

Of the Ten Commandments – God’s most important laws – only the first three address how we are to respect the Creator of the universe. The other seven detail how we are to treat each other. It is one more way God lets us know how very much He wants us to love one another.

Just adore

Do you ever run out of things to say during your prayer time? Or worse, do you ever get weary of saying the same things over and over? Why not just sit in silent adoration of the one who loves you more than you can imagine? What words can be better or more appropriate than that?

“Then you shall delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will nourish you with the heritage of Jacob, your father, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken”
(Isaiah 58:14).



3 ways to become holier during Lent

Jesus said, a disciple *“when he is fully taught will be like his teacher”* (Luke 6:40). Lent is our chance to shed the worldly baggage that keeps us from becoming more like Christ. Consider these ideas for routing out sin and embracing virtue:

Remove the wooden beam. We delight in pointing out the sins and shortcomings of others. This is the sin of detraction, disclosing someone’s faults and failings to others without an objectively valid reason. We can use the season of Lent to search for our own faults and remove them instead.

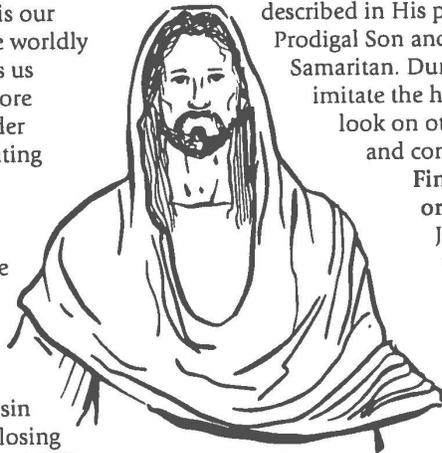
Look like Christ. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said that we all crave

being looked upon with love. Christ looks upon us with pure love, as described in His parables of the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan. During Lent, let’s imitate the heart of Christ and look on others with empathy and compassion.

Find the sacred in the ordinary. St.

Josemaria Escriva taught that there is a call to holiness that can be lived by sanctifying our everyday life. He said, *“Carry out the little duties of each moment: do*

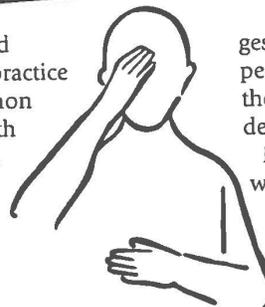
what you ought and concentrate on what you are doing ... There is no other way, my daughters and sons: either we learn to find our Lord in ordinary, everyday life, or we shall never find Him.”



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics make the Sign of the Cross?

Back in the second century when this practice began, it was common to honor a ruler with a gesture of respect. Whether bowing down on one knee or touching the forehead, such



gestures were ritual ways to honor a person of great power. The Sign of the Cross became one such devotion to the Holy Trinity.

Now a prayer in itself, each time we make the Sign of the Cross we express respect for God and request His blessings for ourselves.

"Giving up" or "giving for?"

Lent implies deprivation and uncomfortable penances, but it can be more meaningful. Consider turning your offerings into gifts of gratitude for God's gifts:

Give time in prayer: God, who created the universe, wants to spend time with you. Whether it's reading Scripture, praying the Rosary, or attending daily Mass, know that God is delighted you're spending time with Him, and will give you all the graces you need to stay close to Him.

Give small gifts with great love: St. Therese of Lisieux was expert at turning small sacrifices into



powerful deeds by her love. Our Lenten sacrifices, entrusted to God, do immense good that we'll see fully in Heaven. Whoever knew that our simple Lenten offerings can be part of God's saving work?

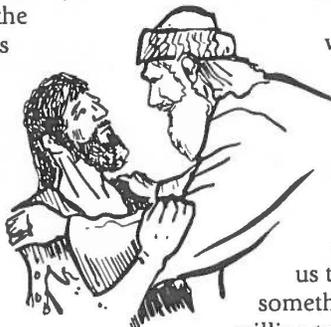
Give half your cloak: According to legend, St. Martin of Tours gave half of his cloak to a cold beggar. That night, Jesus appeared to St. Martin in a dream, wearing the cloak. When we serve others, it is Jesus who ultimately receives our gift.

from Scripture

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32, The Father's heart

In this Gospel reading, Jesus told the story of the Prodigal (or reckless) Son. It goes like this. One day, the younger son demanded his father to give him his share of the estate. He left to squander it far from home.

When his money was gone, his situation grew desperate and he returned to his father, humbled and asking for mercy. The father was overjoyed to have his son back and threw a huge party. The older son, however, resented his brother's welcome and complained to his father that he didn't get a reward to celebrate



his obedience—and he was the "good one!"

Jesus promised that when we approach God with a truly repentant heart, we can always come home. It's not that God wants us to feel bad, but, like any parent, he wants us to understand we did something wrong and be willing to change. Through this parable, Jesus shows us that God is a loving, generous Father whose deepest nature is merciful, forgiving love. We are reminded that we can always come home.

Q & A How can I get over my fear of Confession?

For many Catholics, going to Confession is unsettling. Facing and admitting our faults to another person – even in a confidential setting – is uncomfortable, even painful. In this



case, the priest is acting in the person of God and it takes courage and humility to present ourselves before God. In Confession we say to God, "Please forgive me

for intentionally rejecting You and Your love."

If you feel uncomfortable while waiting in the Confession line, it's a good sign. It means your conscience is healthy and working. Remember that God sees us standing in line and He is ready to welcome us back. He isn't angry or brooding, or smug because our poor choices proved He was right. In fact, when we are sincerely repentant, He and all of heaven celebrate because we're returning to Him (Luke 15:10). When the priest says the words of absolution, imagine God embracing you, saying, "My child, your sins are forgiven you...Go and sin no more." We receive powerful graces, and are asked to make amends where possible. Rejoice in the chance to start again.

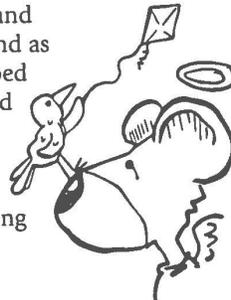
Feasts & Celebrations

March 2 – Ash Wednesday. First day of Lent. Ashes from burnt palms are placed on the forehead as a sign of penance. Ash Wednesday is a day of abstinence from meat and fasting – one regular meal and two smaller meals that together don't equal a full meal.

March 5 – St. John Joseph of the Cross (1734). St. John joined a group of Franciscans called the Reform of St. Peter of Alcantara. Despite his elevated position and spiritual gifts, he remained humble, doing menial tasks around the monastery.

March 8 – St. John of God (1550). Originally, St. John was a soldier known for his violence and immorality. After nearly dying in battle, he converted and dedicated his life to serving the poor and sick.

March 17 – St. Patrick of Ireland (c.461). Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but later returned to become the bishop of Ireland and is credited for having established the Church there.



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LENT 2022

 = a day of fasting and abstinence

 = a day of abstinence from meat

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>March</p> <p>"Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in fasting and prayer" (<i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i>).</p>			<p>2 <i>Ash Wednesday</i></p> <p>Go to an Ash Wednesday liturgy and wear the cross of ashes all day. </p>	<p>3</p> <p>Choose Lenten offerings of prayer, penance, and almsgiving.</p>	<p>4 </p> <p>Abstain from eating meat today, and make your meals truly penitential.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Make a list of the ways you can support the poor. Do one activity each week.</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Put a cross, crucifix, or other image of Jesus in each room of your home to help keep you focused on him.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Look for evidence of God at work in your life.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Call Catholic Charities (703-549-1390, www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/org) to see how you can help.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Give up something good you enjoy, just for today. Offer it for the souls in Purgatory.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>See what luxuries you spend the most money on. Take a tenth of that and donate it to the poor..</p>	<p>11 </p> <p>Meditate on the Stations of the Cross today. Try to imagine yourself at the scene of each one.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Make a short visit to the Blessed Sacrament in church and thank Jesus for all He's done for you.</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Pick one way you can simplify your lifestyle to make more room for God.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Complete a task or errand you have been putting off.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Make a conscious effort to see everyone with loving eyes today.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>At the end of the day, make an examination of conscience. Pick one change to make.</p>	<p>17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i></p> <p>Explore ways to support your parish religious education program.</p>	<p>18 </p> <p>Pray for the people in the world who can't afford to have meat as a regular part of their diets.</p>	<p>19 <i>St. Joseph's Day</i></p> <p>Ask St. Joseph, Protector of the Church, to watch over you and help you grow closer to God.</p>
<p>20</p> <p><i>Screen-free Sunday</i></p> <p>Limit screen time to necessities and do something that lifts your soul.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Today, resolve not to be critical of others. Use only kind words.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Perform some act of service for your parish. Ask at the rectory for suggestions.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Do an examination of conscience based on the Ten Commandments.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Offer a Rosary for increased faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.</p>	<p>25 </p> <p>Make one small sacrifice today: cream in your coffee, an impulse purchase, 10 minutes of sleep, etc.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Attend a Reconciliation Service or go to Confession on your own.</p>
<p>27 <i>Laetare Sunday</i></p> <p>Celebrate the halfway point of Lent. Do something fun after Mass today.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Make a fresh start on your Lenten journey today. Renew your Lenten observances.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Give a kind smile to everyone, regardless of how you feel.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Trim down your possessions and give what you don't need to the poor.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Refuse to gossip. Pray for the person instead.</p>	<p>1 April </p> <p><i>First Friday Devotion</i></p> <p>Attend daily Mass. Thank Jesus for His presence in the Eucharist.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Write down all your tasks and prayer intentions and entrust them to God. "Jesus, I trust in you."</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Try to find the time to read an entire Gospel in one sitting. (Hint: St. Mark's Gospel is the shortest.)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Deepen the level of your prayer. Slow down and think about what you're saying.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Ask at the parish office for anything you can volunteer with for Holy Week.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Resolve to say only positive things about yourself and others.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the needs of the Church. Find it here: www.usccb.org/prayers.</p>	<p>8 </p> <p>Forgive an offense you may have suffered and let God be the final judge.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Ask Jesus to heal whatever keeps you from feeling God's bountiful love.</p>
<p>10 <i>Palm Sunday</i></p> <p>Place palms around each image of Jesus in your home. Welcome the Messiah into your heart.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Ask God for a special grace that will bring you closer to Him.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Notice someone who may be hungry for love or attention and satisfy that hunger.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Think about a way in which you might have betrayed Jesus. Ask his pardon.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Attend Mass. Offer prayers for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.</p>	<p>15 <i>Good Friday</i> </p> <p>Find time today to read the Passion Narratives in all four Gospels.</p>	<p>16 <i>Holy Saturday</i></p> <p>Today, light a candle and renew your commitment to Christ.</p>