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Please introduce yourself to Fr. Roy Roberts after Mass



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Second Sunday of Lent March 16, 2025



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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday ~ 3:00 - 3:30 pm Or By Appointment

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For those interested in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children of Catechetical age please contact Fr. Roy Roberts

"Cheerfulness prepares a glorious mind for all the noblest acts."

St. Elizabeth Seton

Mass Intentions

Monday March 17th 10am: Egidio Gullo Req. by: Family

Tuesday March 18th 10am: Brian Huntley Reg. by: Cupe 1571

Wednesday March 19th

10am: Jack West

Reg. by: Fleischaker Family

Thursday March 20th

10am Egidio Gullo Req. by: Family



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March 16

Donna Parkes 9:00 Roberta Nepean Jess McDonald

11:00 Nicole Culligan Mike Culligan

March 23

Pat Spataro 9:00

Caroline Gaughan

Emma

11:00 John Blove

Wilma Blove KD Neely

Join us after each Sunday mass for coffee and fellowship.



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March 9, 2025

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Alcoholic Anonymous meet every Saturday at 8pm in the Knights of Columbus room.

Ruminations....

I am fairly certain that I have never been described as a spontaneous person. If I have, it is because they don't know me. It is not really in my nature, well, except maybe at the checkout counter and there is that delicious bag of all dressed potato chips calling my name. There have been times when shopping at Homesense as I have related before, that I have seen an item of interest, and then wandered around the store with the angel on one shoulder and the demon on the other in this great tug of war of whether I should purchase it is it a matter that I want it, or do I need it. That great debate can generate a couple thousand steps up and down the aisles trying to decide, only to return to the item and find someone has made the decision for me - it is gone. Recently, and that vague time reference means over the last couple of years, I am beginning to change some of my practices. There was a time as a young priest when I didn't maintain a day calendar. I could keep straight dates and meetings, and school visits precisely scheduled in my head. I never missed an appointment or an event. Those days are long gone, and even now with things clearly written in my agenda, I have missed the odd thing. I have in no way mastered the art of using my phone, which has the advantage of being able to set up reminders. Some of my outside appointments will send me reminders starting two days before, pinging me with a reminder that your appointment is in 'two days', then tomorrow, and then in two hours. I can't count how many times that buzz on my cell phone has saved my bacon. Well, I am falling into the practice of what may look like spontaneity, but in fact it is more akin to self -defense. If in the middle of a conversation, or some other task, I may suddenly excuse myself or put the pen down or leave the computer mid-sentence and go and perform some task or start a different project. It really has nothing to do with spontaneity or attention deficit disorder. It has everything to do with forgetfulness. Once I think of something that needs to get done, if I don't physically make a note of it (whoever invented the sticky notes should be made a saint), or get up and do it then and now, it will get lost in the annuls of 'coulda, woulda, shoulda'. One such recent example was the fish fry. We have been having problems with the fridge in the bar for drinks. Although it reads an appropriate temperature on the digital display, the fridge temperature drops far below freezing, so until it is fixed (the new part has been ordered) we are very deliberate about turning it on to cool the drinks but shutting it off at the end of the night so there are no accidents or wasted juice boxes. So in the midst of the rush of fries and fish, I made a mental note to myself to remember to shut the fridge off at the end of the night. There was no sticky note to remind me, no buzzing on my phone, only the confidence that of course I will remember such an important task. Sunday morning, while I was at the gym, long before sunrise, it occurred to me that I had not turned the fridge off. As soon as I got back I went to the hall to check. Cans of

ginger ale, Coke and the biggest tragedy of all, most of the leftover Coke Zero was frozen and had exploded. Cans were split open, tops popped off, the walls of the fridge were covered in a syrupy mess and the floor of it was thick in a slurry of icy sludge. I turned the fridge off. So if I get up in the middle of some activity, or unexpectedly excuse myself from some conversation, don't think it rude. Look at it in terms of 'do it now, or suffer the consequences of an hour and a half scrubbing the fridge clean. Fr. Roy



Announcements and Events...



The Week of Reconciliation March 31st – April 5th

We will offer times as follows: (provided there is no funerals)

Monday, March 31st - 10:30 am - 11:30 am Tuesday, April 1st - 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Wednesday, April 2nd - 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Thursday, April 3rd - 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Saturday, April 5th - 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm



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Stations of the Cross

Join us every Friday during Lent at 7pm for the Stations of the Cross.

Lent is Metanoia

Our journey through Lent is all about change for the better. It is an invitation to do a lot of soul searching and deep reflection on our state of life. As St. Augustine says, 'our souls are restless until they rest in thee O Lord'. In part, this means that we all have the capacity for more more life, more growth, more depth, more everything. Our spiritual status quo leads us to stagnate or settle for less than is offered to us. We journey with the woman at the well as Jesus asks her what she longs for. We encounter the man born blind and Jesus reminds us that He is the light of the World—truth is found in 'seeing'. And we witness the raising of Lazarus as Jesus orders the people to remove all the trappings and wrappings that hold Lazarus in death. At the end of our Lenten journey, if we take the time, we should become more the people God created us to be.

Sacramental Corner Confirmation

Enrolment Sunday / candidates bring your <u>Letter of Intent</u> to any Sunday Mass on March 15th/16th. The <u>Letter of Intent</u> should address the following:

- "What does Confirmation mean to me?
- "What does it mean to live out my Catholic faith?
- " How do you plan on living out your Catholic faith?
- "Since Sunday Mass is the hallmark of our identity as Christians,
- Where does it fit into your life?
- Why should the Church accept you as a candidate for Confirmation?

Confirmation Cross Ceremony

Will be on April 5/6. This is when the candidates will receive their Confirmation cross- a sign of being accepted as a candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

First Communion

First Communion Retreats March 20th, 22nd or 24th Parent and child attend. Arrive 10 minutes early

The Next Fish Fry

Our next Fish Fry will take place on Friday, April 11, starting at 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Declared the best French fries in the area.



Lent Evening Prayer

Sunday evenings starting at 7:00 pm, we will celebrate Evening Prayer or Vespers. This is a very reflective and meditative preparation for Easter. Please join us.

Let us pray for the sick...

Alana Brown-Wallace Betty Loft Kathleen Todesco Joshua Perek Donna Stea-Cutting Andy Dube Elizabeth Ryan Matteo Savella lackson Rowan Carmen Baldacchino Mervin Correa Leo Cadia Vaz Orsola Accardi Aria Crang Andy Waldherr Michelle Canale Pearl Clarke Laura Rostron Albina Barber

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