

# Historic St. James at Sag Bridge Church

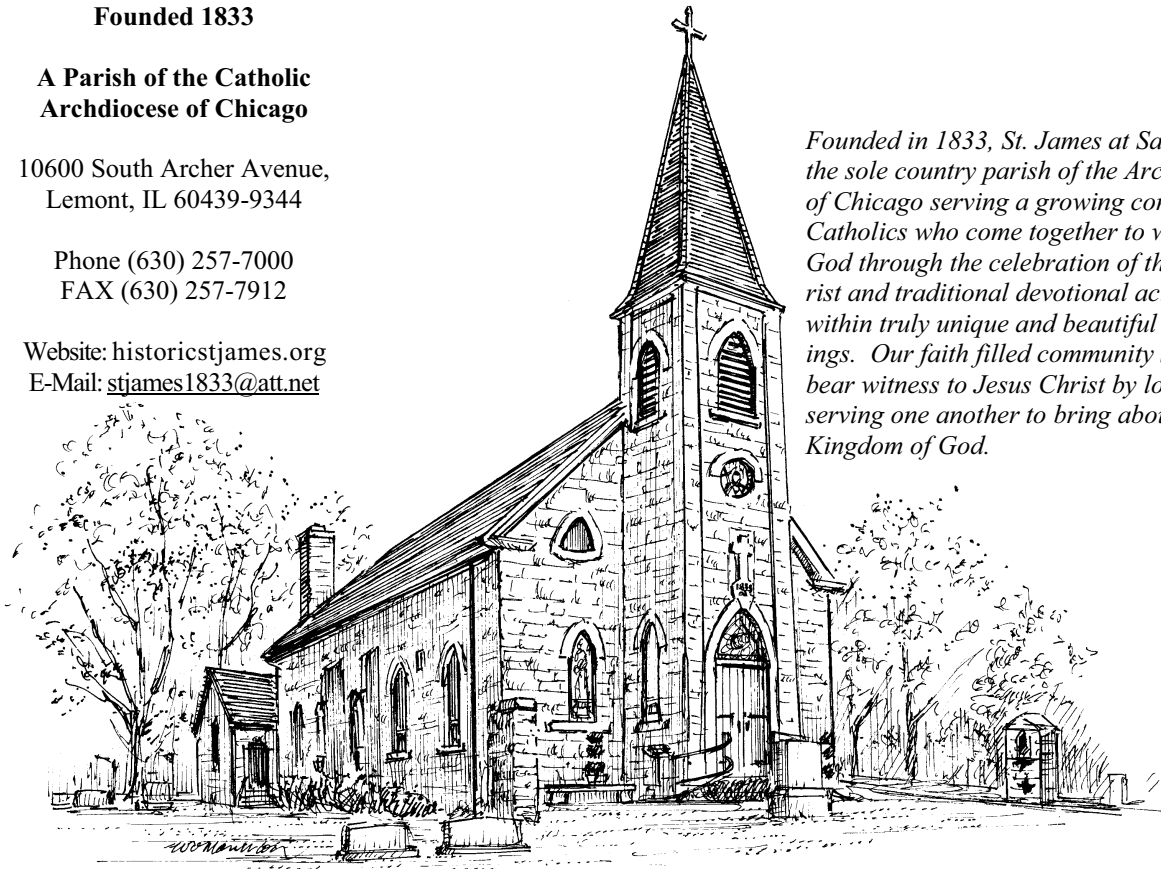
Founded 1833

A Parish of the Catholic  
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*Founded in 1833, St. James at Sag Bridge is the sole country parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago serving a growing community of Catholics who come together to worship God through the celebration of the Eucharist and traditional devotional activities within truly unique and beautiful surroundings. Our faith filled community strives to bear witness to Jesus Christ by loving and serving one another to bring about the Kingdom of God.*

**March 15, 2009 — THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Rev. Edward D. Gleeson, Pastor**  
**Mr. John M. Wilkinson, Permanent Deacon**

## Parish Boundaries

The Village of Willow Springs  
Unincorporated Lemont Township Along Archer Avenue  
and Bell Road, Village of Burr Ridge (Cook County)

## Mass Schedule

Weekends: Saturdays, 5:30 PM. Sundays, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM  
Holy Days: 8:15 AM and 7:00 PM  
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 8:15 AM  
Wednesdays: 7:00 PM

## Confession Schedule

Saturdays: 4:30 to 5:15 PM  
By appointment.

## Baptisms

First Sundays of every month by appointment.  
Parents must be registered parishioners.

## Weddings

Minimum eight months in advance.  
At least one partner must be a registered parishioner.

## Religious Education Classes

1st through 8th Grade  
Tuesday evenings, September through May  
Parents must be registered parishioners.

## Registration In Rectory

### Office Hours

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Thursdays: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

## Parish Ministerial Staff

Father Edward Gleeson, Pastor  
Deacon John Wilkinson, Minister of Care  
Brian Tishuk, RE Director  
Pamela Stafford, Music Coordinator  
Pamela Mikrut, Organist  
JoAnn Starha, Altar and Rosary President  
Rodney Poynter, Holy Name President  
Barbara Tishuk, Our Lady of the Forest President

## Rectory Support Staff

Donna Slosowski, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper  
Bernice Raj, Housekeeper/Cook  
Donald Lasica, Sacristan

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

### THIS TEMPLE OF ST. JAMES CAN BE DESTROYED IN THREE DAYS, MAYBE FOUR

In this Gospel from St. John Jesus drove the money-changers out of the temple. It was a really bold act. So the eyewitnesses wanted to know by what authority He had done this. His answer was even bolder than His action. "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." Wow! So the Jews retorted: "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" St John explained what Jesus had really meant. "But He was speaking about the Temple of His Body."

With some difficulty this sturdy wee bit of a church can probably be bulldozed in three or four days. Imagine, however, that you are standing in front of Holy Name Cathedral and someone says:

"Destroy this church and in three days I will put it back up again." Such a person would be considered a wacko. Jesus made his statement probably in the year 29 AD. That same temple in Jerusalem was not completed until shortly before the Romans sacked it in 70AD. The Jews thought of their temple with a small "t", that is, the building itself. But the Christ was speaking of the Temple with a large "T", that is, His own Body. That includes us. We are the Temple of God with a large "T".

The old temple in Jerusalem was a sacred, holy place where devout Jews came to worship the one true God. Much more sacred and holy was Jesus Himself. He was the perfect priest, the worshipper of His Heavenly Father. Jesus would complete His priesthood when the Temple of His Body hung in death on the cross. It was His resurrection, however, that would fulfill His prophecy about the destruction of the temple. "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." From the death of the Christ flowed a fullness of life which not only raised Him from the dead but also lifted us out of the grave of sin. This life which flows from the cross comes to us in the waters of Baptism and gives us a new life in the Lord, so that we become His Body, His Mystical

Body, the Church. From the destruction of the Temple of His Body, Jesus rose in glory as the Head of the Church, His Mystical Body. What He said of His Body as the Temple applies to us now since we have become part of Him, many though we are, just as many elements went into the building of that old temple in Jerusalem.

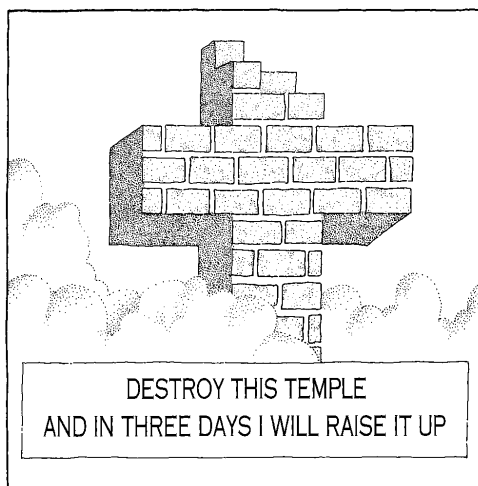
As we enter this wee bit of a church with a small "c" we realize that through the Sacrament of Baptism we have been transformed into the Church with a large "C", the new spiritual Temple with a large "T". This wee bit of a church becomes a place of worship when the Christ gathers His people, the Church, to join Him in the worship of God His Father. A lot more precious than the old temple of Jerusalem is this new Temple, the

Body of the Christ. A lot more lovely than Holy Name Cathedral or St. James at Sag Bridge are we who gather in the name of the Lord, for we are united with Him as the Head of His Body, the Church.

Even though our place of worship is very small, we have all of those rich symbols of the faith that can be found in all of the other churches of our Universal Church. Statues, stained glass windows, stations of the cross, holy water

fonts, the baptismal font, kneelers, pews, the tabernacle, the altar, the ambo, candles, the big crucifix, and the eye of God. They serve to remind us of the pious men and women who have gone before us. Today we look around at the living signs of our Catholic Faith, the parishioners who are members of the Body of the Christ. Be perceptive; see beyond their exterior. Jesus stood in front of the temple, a mere building. But through His words He invited people to respond through faith to a reality deeper than the building before them. Likewise He invites us to look beyond mere externals and see that we, the people in church, are the Church, the Body of the Christ.

God Bless Our Parish,  
FATHER ED GLEESON, PASTOR



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## FLOWERS

The two large bouquets adorning the main altar were made available through the kindness of **JANE HOPSON** in memory of Louise Apyar. Thank you!



**The collection for St. James on the weekend of March 8, 2009 was \$3,664.02**  
**Zacchaeus House Sharing was \$860.54**

The number of February March 8th Offer-tory Envelopes handed in the weekend of March 7th and 8th was 135. The amount of money coming out of those envelopes was \$3,048.00 which averages out to \$25.58 per envelope. Our many thanks to the 135 contributing families.

***BLESS YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED AND VALUED SUPPORT.***



### CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY HERE AT ST. JAMES

Come join in the fun and good food even if you are or are not Irish this Sunday, March 15th at approximately 1:00pm in Sag Hall. A Corned Beef and Cabbage lunch will be catered and served. Cost is \$10.00 per person or \$40 per family. We will also be celebrating Father Gleeson's 66th birthday.

### **ALL JOIN HANDS TO RAISE THE ROOF**

A fund to cover the structural repairs and recent fire damage which together crippled Holy Name Cathedral for the last two years, His Eminence Francis Cardinal George and Rev. Dan Mayall invite you to *All Join Hands to Raise the Roof* benefit on **Monday, March 30th** at the Grand & State Ballroom in the Palmer House Hilton Hotel, 17 E Monroe St., Chicago. Cocktail reception begins at 5:30pm and dinner at 7:00pm. To order tickets or to donate visit: [www.HolyNameCathedral.org](http://www.HolyNameCathedral.org).

## CARDINAL'S LETTER ON AID FOR CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For the past 15 years, the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe** has focused on rebuilding what was lost from decades of war, oppression and devastation. Catholics in this region were forced to practice their faith in the shadows for fear of persecution.

The theme for this year's collection, "Believe in the Power of the Spirit of Love," illustrates that in spite of this severe repression, God's love has sustained and strengthened the people of this region thus creating a new generation of believers, as well as, energizing those who clung to their faith throughout the darkest of times.

Support of this effort will educate and train seminarians and catechists, restore worship centers and evangelize children, adults and seniors. A foundation for a revitalized Church in Central and Eastern Europe has been established and your generosity will sustain the confidence and hope of our brothers and sisters in central and eastern Europe.

May Our Lord continue to bless you and your loved ones as we strive to live with a deep sense of solidarity for the needs of others within our parishes, our Archdiocese and throughout the Universal Church.

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
 Archbishop of Chicago

### ALTAR & ROSARY CORNER

Members of the St. James Altar & Rosary Sodality are making a Lenten Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Christ's Passion, St. John, IN, on Saturday, **March 28th**. They plan to meet in the church parking lot at 8:45am. Any questions, please call JoAnn Starha at 630-323-2864.

### WHERE JESUS WALKED

The Lady of the Forest Guild invites you to visit the Holy Land through sight and sound. Your guide for the afternoon is the distinguished lecturer Carl Dinello. Through Carl's personal collection of slides, you will be taken on a scriptural journey during the time of Jesus.

We invite your family on **Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM** in Saginaw Hall to this outstanding presentation. Make this part of your Lenten journey. It is an opportunity to enhance your knowledge in our Catholic Traditions.

## ST. JOSEPH

**FEAST DAY: MARCH 19TH**

**Far too often the feast day of St. Joseph is overlooked or overshadowed by the famous patron Saint of Ireland--St. Patrick. St. Joseph was the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus, protector of the Holy Family—which is far more important. In Lent people often look for ways to celebrate with a St. Joseph's table or a St. Paddy's Day party but St. Joseph deserves more reverence and recognition.**

St. Joseph was a carpenter, a working man, for the skeptical Nazarenes ask about Jesus, "Is this not the carpenter's son?" (Matthew 13:55). He wasn't rich for when he took Jesus to the Temple to be circumcised and Mary to be purified he offered the sacrifice of two turtledoves or a pair of pigeons, allowed only for those who could not afford a lamb (Luke 2:24).

Despite his humble work and means, Joseph came from a royal lineage. Luke and Matthew both mark his descent from David. Indeed the angel who first tells Joseph about Jesus greets him as "son of David," a royal title used also for Jesus.

We know Joseph was a compassionate, caring man. When he discovered Mary was pregnant after they had been betrothed, he knew the child was not his but was as yet unaware that she was carrying the Son of God. He planned to divorce Mary according to the law but he was concerned for her suffering and safety. He knew that women accused of adultery could be stoned to death, so he decided to divorce her quietly and not expose her to shame or cruelty (Matthew 1:19-25).

We know Joseph was man of faith, obedient to whatever God asked of him without knowing the outcome. When the angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him the truth about the child Mary was car-

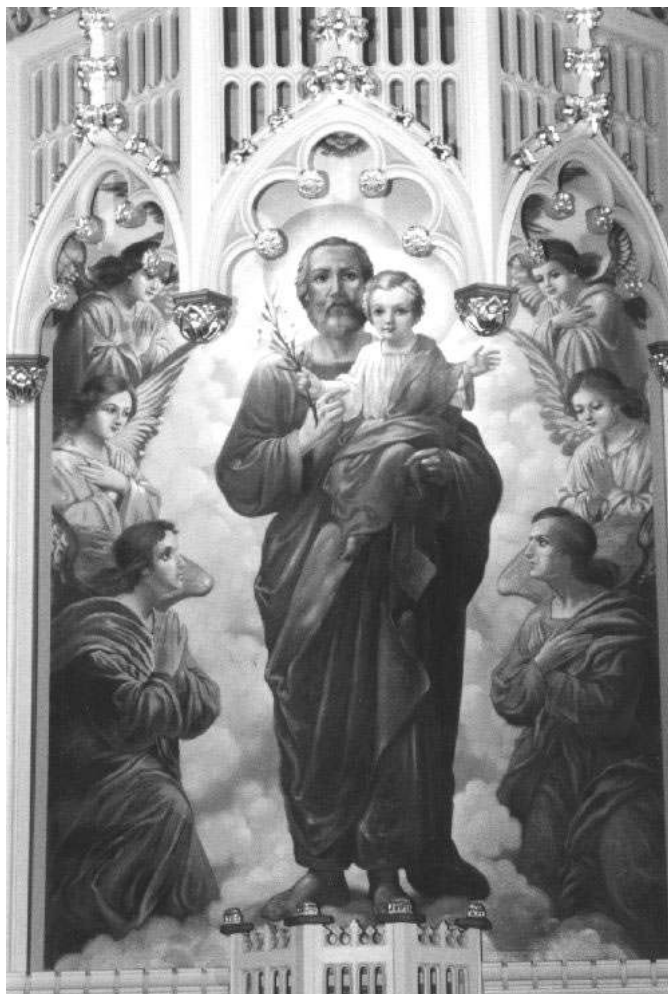
rying, Joseph immediately and without question or concern for gossip, took Mary as his wife. When the angel came again to tell him that his family was in danger, he immediately left everything he owned, all his family and friends, and fled to a strange country with his young wife and the baby. He waited in Egypt without question until the angel told him it was safe to go back (Matthew 2:13-23).

We know Joseph loved Jesus. His one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. Not only did he leave his home to protect Jesus, but upon his return settled in the obscure town of Nazareth out of fear for his life. When Jesus stayed in the Temple we are told Joseph (along with Mary) searched with great anxiety for three days for him (Luke 2:48). We also know that Joseph treated Jesus as his own son.

We know Joseph respected God. He followed God's commands in handling the situation with Mary and going to Jerusalem to have Jesus circumcised and Mary purified after Jesus' birth. We are told that he took his family to Jeru-

salem every year for Passover, something that could not have been easy for a skilled working man.

Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public life, at his death, or resurrection, many historians believe Joseph probably had died before Jesus entered public ministry. Joseph is the patron of the dying because, assuming he died before Jesus' public life, he died with Jesus and Mary close to him. Joseph is also patron of the universal Church, fathers, carpenters, workers and social justice.

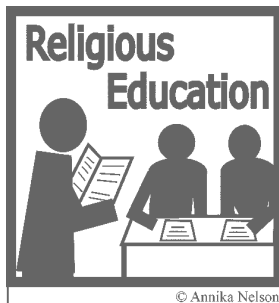




**Mass & Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick  
Saturday March 28th at 10:00am**

The SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK is not meant to be a private action involving only the priest and the sick person. Rather, it is a public action involving the whole Christian community, the whole body of Christ.

- Ordinarily, the recipients of the sacrament are as follows:
- Those who suffer from a serious illness.
  - Those who suffer from serious weakness caused by old age.
  - Those who have already been anointed, but suffer from a different illness, or the same illness grows worse.
  - Those who are to undergo surgery because of serious illness.
  - Small children who are seriously ill and sufficient reason to understand and respond to the sacrament with faith.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
CHASTITY PRESENTATION**

The **Evert Chastity Presentation video** will be shown to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders on March 17 in the rectory basement. Parents are welcome to attend.

Finally, both the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in a retreat led by Father Lombardo. That will be held on March 31. Again, parents are welcome to attend.

Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about any of these events.

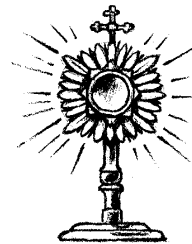
Brian Tishuk, RE Director



**LENTEN PARISH MISSION  
TAKE A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY WITH  
YOUR FAMILY THIS LENT.**

On Monday and Tuesday, April 6th & 7th, Preaching at 7:00pm followed by Confessions at 8:00pm. Ending on Wednesday, April 8th with Mass at 7:00pm and Confessions at 8:00pm.

**IT JUST ISN'T LENT WITHOUT IT!**



**DAY OF PRAYER**

On Friday April 3rd, St. James at Sag Bridge is having a special DAY OF PRAYER starting with Adoration at 9:00am until 6:00pm. As usual there will be a sign-up sheet in back of church so we know that all time slots are filled. You can sign up for 1/2 or 1 hour or more. Adoration is open to all parishioners and non-parishioners from 9:00am until 6:00pm. The women of our Altar & Rosary Sodality will meet in church at noontime to pray the Rosary during the Adoration. Benediction will be held at 6:00pm followed by our usual Friday Lenten Mass at 7:00pm with Stations of the Cross.

**HOLY THURSDAY BUS  
VISITING LOCAL CHURCHES**

Again this year we have hired a bus to take us visiting local churches on Holy Thursday. The churches are: St. Stanislaus Kostka, St. Mary of the Angels, Holy Trinity Polish Mission, St. John Cantius and Holy Innocents.

There is no cost to go. However, the seating is very limited. There is a Bus Trip sign-up sheet in back of church. You must sign up in order to go. You can still attend Holy Thursday Mass at our own St. James parish and the bus will leave our parking lot promptly at 8:15pm.

**LENTEN, HOLYWEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE  
OF DEVOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES**



Sunday, March 15th  
Third Sunday of Lent

Friday, March 20th  
Rosary at 6:30pm  
Mass and Stations of the Cross  
7:00pm

Sunday, March 22nd  
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Friday, March 27th  
Rosary at 6:30pm  
Mass and Stations of the Cross  
7:00pm



Saturday, March 28th  
MASS FOR THE  
ANNOINTING OF THE SICK 10:00 am

Sunday, March 29th  
Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Holy Land Lecture by Carl DiNello  
in Sag Hall 1:00pm



Friday April 3rd  
Adoration 9:00am–6:00pm  
Benediction 6:00pm  
Mass & Stations 7:00pm

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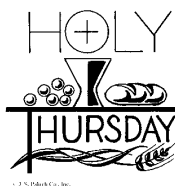


Saturday, Sunday,  
April 4th & 5th  
Passion Sunday  
(PALM SUNDAY)  
Masses with the  
Blessing and  
Distribution of Palms  
5:30pm, 8:30, 10:00,  
11:30am



**LENTEN PARISH MISSION**

Monday, April 6th  
Preaching 7:00pm  
Confessions 8:00pm  
Tuesday, April 7th  
Preaching 7:00pm  
Confessions 8:00pm  
Wednesday, April 8th  
Mass 7:00pm  
Confessions 8:00pm



Thursday, April 9th  
HOLY THURSDAY  
Mass of the Last  
Supper 7:00pm  
Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
8:30pm to 12:00 Midnight  
Bus Leaves to Visit Churches  
8:30pm



Friday, April 10th  
GOOD FRIDAY  
Outdoor Stations  
of the Cross  
3:00pm  
Good Friday Liturgical Service  
7:00pm



Saturday, April 11th  
EASTER VIGIL  
Blessing of Food  
Baskets 1:00pm  
Mass of the Easter Vigil 7:00pm



Sunday, April 12th  
EASTER SUNDAY  
Masses with the Sprinkling of  
the Holy Waters  
8:30, 10:00, 11:30am



Sunday, April 19th  
DIVINE MERCY  
SUNDAY  
Adoration 1:00 to 3:00pm  
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm  
Benediction 3:30pm

**VOTIVE CANDLES**

Votive offering for the week of March 15th:

Special intention for the Brady Family

St. James Altar & Rosary Sodality

**SPRED**

There is a family in our parish who will benefit from the SPRED PROGRAM AT St. Patrick in Lemont. There is a need for a few more men and women who would like to volunteer before we can begin. Please join us if you are a parent of a person with developmental and intellectual disabilities of any age or level of abilities or an interested volunteer on Monday, March 23, 7:00pm, in St.

Alphonsus's parish Center on Walnut St. in Lemont. SPRED is a ministry that gives to both our friends with special needs as well as to those who volunteer a deeper relationship with the Lord. In this Lenten season, we ask you to try something new and different for your spiritual life and SPRED IS ONE WAY. Come and discover what it is.

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
March 20	7:00PM
<b>Altar Servers</b>	W. Tishuk F. Zabilka J. Zabilka
<b>Lector</b>	P. Tishuk

Mass Intentions  for the week

**Monday** March 16 *Lenten Weekday*  
8:15AM †Henry, Irene & Richard Weissert

**Tuesday** March 17 *St. Patrick*  
8:15AM †Doyle & Fogarty Families



**Wednesday** March 18 *Lenten Weekday*  
7:00PM Prayerful Wishes



**Thursday** March 19 *St. Joseph*  
8:15AM †Matt & Pam Jagger

**Friday** March 20 *Lenten Week-day—Mass & Stations of the Cross*  
6:30PM Recitation of the Rosary  
7:00PM †Elizabeth Nelson



**Saturday** March 21  
**VIGIL: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
5:30PM †Joseph Obrochta

**Sunday** March 22  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
8:30AM †Jan Pulit  
10:00AM †Marie C. Murphy  
11:30AM †Robert Diamond

March 21 & 22	5:30PM	8:30AM	10:00 AM	11:30 AM
<b>Celebrant</b>	Father Gleeson	Father Gleeson	Father Fahey	Father Gleeson
<b>Altar Servers</b>	W. Tishuk R. Podkowski A. Podkowski	F. Zabilka J. Zabilka J. Beecher	D. Veitkus T. Wall R. Veitkus	A. Gorniak E. Czyzewicz E. Czyzewicz
<b>Lector</b>	L. Pieprzyca	S. Witter	H. Veitkus	D. Lasica
<b>LEM</b>	Deacon John	Deacon John	Deacon John	D. Lasica
<b>Ushers</b>	J. Starha C. Hughes E. Liczwek	M. Hally T. Lang F. Pearman H. Grutza	M. Wall M. Lavery D. Butalla J. Pajkos	B. Czaja J. Neadly R. Poynter M. Fleckenstein