The Transfiguration

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MASS TIMES: Monday to Friday: 6:30 and 9:00 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM  See the Bulletin for the Holy Day Schedule
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 and 7:00 PM
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon and 5:00 PM
10:15 AM in the Holy Family Chapel

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second, third and fourth Sundays of the month. The Pre-Baptism Class is held in the Church on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00PM. Please contact the rectory for an appointment with a priest.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturday from 12:30 to 1:30 PM or by appointment with a priest.
For the Sacrament of Matrimony contact the rectory for an appointment with a priest.
The Sacrament of the Sick is celebrated on the fourth Saturday of every month following the 8:00 AM Mass. To arrange a visit to a sick person by a priest, contact the rectory.
Monday, February 22  The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
6:30 AM  James Reilly
9:00 AM  Nicholas Mercurio
         Helen Kreiner
         Gerard Curley, Sr.
         Kathleen Uttendorfer
         Linda Farese

Tuesday, February 23
6:30 AM  Ellen Tyler
9:00 AM  Deceased Members of the Noll Family

Wednesday, February 24
6:30 AM  Mary Ellen Peterson
9:00 AM  Doug Hennessy

Thursday, February 25
6:30 AM  Benjamin Eric Berger
9:00 AM  Nieves Rivera (School Mass)

Friday, February 26
6:30 AM  William Martin
9:00 AM  Agnes Schmitt & Teresa Kenny

Saturday, February 27
8:00 AM  Rose McDermott
Fr. Charles  4:30 PM  Kevin Gokey
         Irene Carey
         Evelyn Rein
         Jean Gibney
         Margaret Quinn
         Brian Urick
Fr. Francis  7:00 PM  Olga Hernandez

Sunday, February 28  Third Sunday of Lent
Fr. Charles  7:00 AM  William Christiansen
Fr. Adrian  9:00 AM  Donald Williams
Fr. Charles  10:15 AM  For the People of Our Parish
Fr. Francis  10:30 AM  Charles Frank Hefner
Fr. Adrian  12:00 PM  Lucia & Luigi DiMeglia
Fr. Francis  5:00 PM  Nora Hanovic
And They Recognized Him…

Topics & Presenters

“Recognizing God In Our World”  
Sunday, February 21st at 7:30 PM  
Monsignor Jim Vlaun,  
President & CEO, Telecare

“Recognizing God in the Loving Embrace of Forgiveness”  
(INCLUDING THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)  
Monday, February 22nd at 7:30 PM  
Fr. John Sureau, Associate Pastor,  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Lindenhurst

“Recognizing God in Our Hearts: Doing Our Soul Work”  
Tuesday, February 23rd at 7:30 PM  
Fr. Michael Holzmann, Pastor,  
Holy Cross Church, Nesconset

“Recognizing Him in the Breaking of the Bread”  
(Within the celebration of the Eucharist)  
Wednesday, February 24th at 7:30 PM  
Monsignor Joe DeGrocco, Pastor,  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Lindenhurst

The four presenters will preach the homily at all the Masses this weekend.  
Please save the dates and we hope to see you at the Mission.

Prayer for the Parish Mission

Lord of light and life,  
walk with us Lord as we climb the mountains in our lives.  
Listen to our questions and help us find your answers.  
Speak to us when the clouds appear.  
May your voice clear away our confusion.  
Free us to follow your way of self-giving love in paths of service and ministry.  
Bless the Parish of St. Barnabas as we seek to obey your will and share your love in this community.  
Strengthen each one of us Lord that we may be agents of your peace and instruments of your will.  
Amen.
There’s a story about four children who belonged to a Native American tribe in New Mexico. All four of the children wanted to climb the mountain that towered over their village. So the Chief told them to bring a twig back from a branch of a tree where they turned around.

The first child brought back a cactus leaf. The Chief knew that he had only gotten to the base of the mountain where the desert flowers grew. For him, it was enough.

The second child brought back a cottonwood twig. From that, the Chief knew that she had gotten half way up the mountain where the springs could be found. For her, it was far enough to know the mountain was bigger than she thought.

The third child came back with a pine twig; it was from three-fourths of the way up the mountain. This child learned he was not quite mature enough to make it all the way to the top of the mountain - at least not yet.

But the fourth child came back without a twig; and the Chief knew he had made it all the way to the top of the mountain. He could tell, not by the twig, but by looking at his face. He was aglow with the knowledge that comes from having accomplished something important and from seeing the view from the top of the mountain over the valley below.

The same thing happens to us when we spend time with God in prayer, God’s love begins to show on our faces and in our eyes. We don’t need to tell anyone what we’ve done or where we’ve been - they can see it and know that God’s love lives in us.

You are invited to spend time with God in prayer this week at the Parish Mission. The presenters are excellent and are well known throughout the Diocese and from their presentations on Telecare. They are Msgr. Jim Vlaun, Fr. John Sureau, Fr. Michael Holzmann and Msgr. Joe DeGrocco.

Today’s gospel tells us that Jesus and his disciples loved to withdraw to the mountains of Israel to pray. Jesus needed these spiritual retreats to remain connected to his Father. If Jesus knew he needed to withdraw—how much more do we need to find quiet places to pray.

On the mountaintop of the Transfiguration Luke tells us the voice of God spoke to the disciples saying, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him.’ Luke includes this story because it holds out for us the two principal qualities for our faith. First, Jesus is God's Chosen One; to have Jesus is to have hope and fulfillment and healing and joy and laughter and liberty and new life and fresh starts and forgiveness and love and God's abiding presence. But secondly, that following Jesus will not always take us down the highway with the speedometer on cruise control, but also down the back roads that lead through suffering, pain, rejection, death, and always to resurrection.

Spend time in prayer this week. When you see God and suffering locked in the same Person, you’ll never quite be the same again.
Financial Reports

Weekend Collections
2/15/15: $12,874.00
2/14/16: $14,101.00

Parish Families Registered 5,005
# Envelopes Mailed 1,463
# Envelopes Used 495
# Envelopes 2/15/15 414

2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal Amount: $109,100.00
Total Pledged: $127,940.00
Total Received: $127,510.00
Total # of Donors: 711

Year End Contribution
Call the Rectory to receive a contribution statement for 2015.

Second Collection This Weekend
Maintenance & Repair
Thank you for your continued support of the Maintenance & Repair Collection. The collection will help cover the $2,600 cost for snow removal for the storm on Friday, February 5th.

Next Weekend
Catholic Ministries Appeal Presentation

Anointing of the Sick
The Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated on Saturday, February 27th following the 8:00 AM Mass. The anointing of the sick is a sacrament that strengthens those who are ill, facing surgery, those who are disabled and those in special need of God’s healing touch due to chronic physical difficulties. Those wishing to receive the sacrament should sit in the front rows of the church.

Next weekend, February 27th & 28th, at all the Masses in St. Barnabas we will present the CMA video.

This video will give you an opportunity to learn exactly what the annual Appeal supports. You will get a great sense of the many people the CMA serves throughout our Long Island Community.

You will see and hear their stories, and learn what CMA means to: the family served in an outreach program, the newly ordained priest, and students in campus ministry, sacramental preparation for our children and the funding for Catholic Charities’ outstanding programs.

Soon you may also receive a letter from Fr. Adrian asking for your gift/pledge to support the ministries of the Diocese through the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

This mailing gives all registered parishioners an opportunity to contribute to the Appeal. Please give prayerful consideration to your level of support to help fund the essential ministries and services supported by this Appeal which serves more than 600,000 people in our community each year.

Last year our Parish received a share of more than $35,000 to use for our own local parish needs.

We are counting on you, members of our parish family, to participate in this important campaign for the ministries and programs of our church and for all who depend on them.
Lent 2016 at St. Barnabas

GIVE UP

Put this Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl and Lenten calendar in a prominent place to use daily. Your gift of giving will help many.

TAKE UP

Take up prayer. This book will help you discover a powerful ancient form of prayer known as sacred reading. Our gift to you.

LOOK UP

Check the Bulletin for all other Parish & Diocesan Lenten events.

Including:

- Times for Confession
- Friday Stations of Cross at 1:30PM
- Three Tuesday Evenings of Reflection with guest speakers. Benediction to follow.
- Daily Mass at 6:30AM or 9:00 AM for Lent.

LIFT UP


It's time for a faith lift!

Parish Mission February 21st -24th
Hi Everyone,

Last week I suggested three things that might be good to try this Lent. Did you find it easy or did you have to keep reminding yourself? That’s okay if it wasn’t easy to pray for someone. You might not have turned off your electronics or read your Bible. Keep trying, these are disciplines that take some practice.

Today’s Gospel is of the transfiguration. What must it have been like to see Moses and Elijah standing there with Jesus! It most certainly offered them hope and let Peter, James and John realize who Jesus was. This week I have two suggestions for our youth based on this Gospel.

1.) First, be open to allowing Christ to transform you this Lent. What does that mean? Jesus works in our lives but we have to be open to it. During Lent, if we are open to transformation, amazing things may happen. Have you been to Reconciliation lately or has it been a while? The grace of the sacraments can truly transform us.

2.) Secondly, try to see Jesus in someone this week. Look at someone in school and see God in them. We are all born with human dignity but we don’t always see God in everyone. This week look for that!

Hopefully these ideas will help you have a good Lent!

Have a blessed week!

Peggy

Our next night is Friday, February 26th - 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Open to all Middle Schoolers and High School teens to help run the night. We’ll have plenty of food and games! Never been here before? No problem, we’d love to have you stop down! We’ll be talking about Lent and how we can make this a Lent to remember.
We Pray for the Sick
Nicoletta Russo, Meghan Alice Roach, Debbie Cain, Stephen Rich, Patrick Hoyne, Jerry Hefner, Rosemary Grandwilliams, Barbara Cannon, George Donohue, Lillian Rocco, Pat Simone, Don Davis, Louis Romano, Kristin O’ Halloran, Patricia Merget, Mildred Scalesi, Rita Lemma, Mary Grimes, Donald Grimes, Jacob Daniel Haubeil, Damon Capobianco, Eugene Ryan, Carol Chiasera, Francis G. Noonan, Terri-Ann Clarke, Charlie Riiska, Natalie Martin, Patrick Clarke, Kevin Keegan, Jason Todhunter, John Nalick, Dolores Young, Corinne Capozzi, Barbara O’Neil, Diane LaBianca, Theresa Anselmo, John C. Hannan Sr., Clarence Anspake, Dr. Lawton Manderson, Terrie Manderson, George Stockerl, James P. Corliss, Jr., Vic Caliguiri, Lottie Smakowski, Dominick Schiavone, James Hoare, Nicole & Baby Ella McKernan.

St. Vincent de Paul
As we begin the Lenten Season let us remember that God sent his son to us cloaked in poverty and humility. We should try to open our hearts to the grace of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Your donations to SVDP will help the poor and needy of the parish. Celebrate the grace of God’s love this Easter. Thank you for you continued support.

RCIA News
Having been presented to the bishop as nearing completion of preparation for the Easter Sacraments, our RCIA Elect and Candidates continue the Period of Purification and Enlightenment. All of us are called to continuing conversion throughout our lives, so we will join with the Elect in scrutinizing our own lives and praying to God for the grace to overcome the power of sin that still infects our hearts. The Scrutinies are celebrated throughout the world on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent. Here at St. Barnabas the masses will be February 27th, and March 12th at the 4:30 PM Mass. Please continue to pray of our RCIA Candidates and Elect.

Next Training for Our New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
Those new Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion who have completed the Parish Introduction Evening are now required to go for Diocesan training. Session “A” is required of ALL Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to homebound persons are required to attend Session “B” in addition to Session “A”. Session “A” must be attended prior to Session “B”. Please Call The Rectory to Register For Extraordinary Minister Training. (The pastor must send a letter to Bishop Murphy at least 10 days in advance requesting the training for each person attending).

Times and Places for Ministry Training:
In Nassau:
EM “A” Session and Lectors (English and Spanish)
April 2nd, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM in Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale
“B” Session Extraordinary Ministers
May 14th, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM in Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale

In Suffolk:
EM “A” Session and Lectors (English and Spanish)
March 12th, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM in McGann Mercy High School, Riverhead
“B” Session Extraordinary Ministers
April 23rd, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM in McGann Mercy High School, Riverhead

Evening Sessions for Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors at St. Elizabeth, Melville
Session “A” - Wednesday, April 13th, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
St. Barnabas

Three Tuesdays in March

Reflection & Prayer

Spring is coming!

7pm Guest Speakers:
March 1: Sr. Joann Bonauro
March 8: Ms. Leeann Graziose
March 15: Ms. Jan Jamroz

Followed by
Time for Discussion & Benediction

Check out the range of CDs, books, booklets, and DVDs available in St. Barnabas for a modest donation.

Books $4
Booklets $2
DVD’s $5
CD’s $3
Pamphlets 50c

US Army:
General Paul Hurley, PFC David Calame, Jr., PFC Justin Oney, Chaplain Spec Kevin A. Bauer, Major Eric Reid, SPFC Sean Luhman, SPC Andrew Crowley III, Lt. Richard Joseph Holahan, Major Benjamin H. Klimkowski, Staff Sgt. Eric S. Loughran, Staff Sgt. Christopher Price, SPC Kieran Riordan, First Lt Marlene Dwyer.

National Guard:

US Navy:

US Marines:

US Air Force:
Capt. McLean G. Bethea, Nicholas P. Wright, Rev. Major Timothy Hirten

US Merchant Marine:
Lt. J.G. Eric Stumpel.
Dear Parishioners:

In this special season of Lent, the Catholic Ministries Appeal provides each of us an opportunity to join together - renewed in spirit and in our commitment - to respond wholeheartedly to Pope Francis’ call to enter the Door of Mercy and open our hearts to our brothers and sisters, especially those in difficulty and need.

Our gifts to the Appeal serve others through numerous programs and ministries that feed the hungry, provide shelter and carry God’s love to the ill and homebound, including those imprisoned. Our support also demonstrates our commitment to vocations for the priesthood, the diaconate, religious education, youth programs and defense of the unborn.

In short, there is an abundance of ministry which take place on Long Island, in whole or in part, because of the Catholic Ministries Appeal. The presence and activity of these ministries connects our parish to the entire Catholic Church on Long Island. Moreover, our parish benefits financially by your support to the Catholic Ministries Appeal because once we reach our goal, 20% of all we raise comes back to our parish community to use for our needs.

This Lent, during our special Jubilee Year of Mercy, I invite you to reflect on the words of Pope Francis and answer his call to open our hearts as we work together as one and look to the future with hope. Please join with me in supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal by making a gift today.

Thank you for your continuing generosity in supporting the good works of our Church. May God bless you with many graces during this holy season of Lent.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Adrian McHugh, Pastor
CONTRITION AND CONVERSION

In his very first Angelus address as Pope, Pope Francis reminded us that God never gives up on us; he told us, “God understands us. He waits for us. He doesn’t get tired of forgiving us, if we repent and go to him with a truly open heart.”

Think about that: the Lord never gets tired of forgiving us! Sometimes, though, we get tired of asking for forgiveness, but we shouldn’t. God pursues us relentlessly with love and mercy. The Holy Father wrote this: “In the parables devoted to mercy, Jesus reveals the nature of God as that of a Father who never gives up until he has forgiven the wrong and overcome rejection with compassion and mercy. We know these parables well, three in particular: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the father with two sons (cf. Luke 15:1-32). In these parables, God is always presented as full of joy, especially when he pardons. In them we find the core of the Gospel and of our faith, because mercy is presented as a force that overcomes everything, filling the heart with love and bringing consolation through pardon.” (Misericordiae Vultus 9)

Such mercy on the part of the Father should empower us to undertake the journey of true conversion and contrition. Conversion means a turning around, a metanoia which involves a real change of direction, a complete reversal of a former way. It is conforming our life to Christ’s life more and more, so that more and more we live His life and allow His grace to grow in us.

“We can only approach the kingdom of Christ by metanoia. This is a profound change of the whole person by which we begin to consider, judge, and arrange our life according to the holiness and love of God, made manifest in his Son in the last days and given to us in abundance.” (Rite of Penance 6)

There is nothing better than experiencing the new beginning God gives us when we reorient our life back toward Him. There is a real exhilaration that comes with changing our life and celebrating a return to Him. All this is made possible because of God’s mercy and forgiveness, but we must cooperate with His mercy through our sorrow (contrition), which aptly expressed in the Sacrament of Penance.

When we look over the actions of our life, and realize that we have sinned, and that we want to do better, we are experiencing contrition. That’s when God’s grace urges us to try to change the areas of our life that cause us to sin. Then, our conversion and reorientation back to God is made complete by celebrating the Sacrament of Penance; without this sacrament, the grace-filled experience of truly expressing our contrition is lacking something real and tangible. We should never cheat ourselves out of the full experience of contrition and conversion by missing out on expressing our contrition in the Sacrament of Penance.
**Girl Scout Sunday**
Our Annual Girl Scout Sunday Mass will be held on Sunday, March 6th at 9:00 AM. Immediately following the mass will be a Communion Breakfast in the school cafeteria. Tickets are $6, $3 for children 4 and under, and must be purchased no later than February 28th. For reservations, call Pauline Schlenke, 785-5549, Judy Hughes, 781-8040, Joan Monastero, 783-8567 or Joyce Caggiano, 796-9754.

**Golden Wedding Jubilee Celebrations**
This spring, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, April 10th at the Church of St. Lawrence the Martyr in Sayville and on Sunday, April 24th at the Church of Maria Regina in Seaford. Both liturgies will begin at 2:30 PM. **Couples may register for ONE liturgy.** Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory. Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by March 25th for the April 10th liturgy and by April 8th for the April 24th liturgy. If you have any questions you may call 678-5800 ext. 207.

**Save the Date - Diocesan Pilgrimage**
The Rockville Centre Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Basilica Shrine in Washington, DC will take place Saturday, September 24, 2016.

**Bereavement Counseling and Support Service**
St. Bernard’s Parish in Levittown and St. Bridgid’s in Westbury are offering general bereavement groups this spring, as well as ongoing groups for bereaved parents and survivors of suicide. Contact Alice Witt in Social Ministry for information at 785-6243.

**St. Joseph Volunteer Program**
The St. Joseph Worker Brentwood Volunteer Program is seeking to provide young women who have completed college with an opportunity to volunteer in a specific ministry in the field of social services, healthcare, education and advocacy/systematic change. Volunteers will live in community with other volunteers. The program begins in August and will finish in late June. Volunteers must be able to give a one-year commitment. Ministry will be in surrounding neighborhoods in Sisters of St. Joseph Ministries. Join us for an open house on Saturday, March 12th between 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM on the Mary Louis Academy grounds, Jamaica, NY. Hear about the SJW Volunteer Program and see the house where volunteers will live. Applications are being accepted now. The link for the application is visit http://brentwoodcsj.org/application-st-joseph-worker-program/. For more information call Sr. Theresa Scanlon, CSJ at (646) 660-2711 or Sr. Suzanne Franck, CSJ (631) 273-7575.

**2016 Catholic Men’s Conference**
The Long Island Catholic Men’s Ministry will proudly present its 7th Annual Men’s Conference on Saturday, March 12th at Holy Trinity High School in Hicksville from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This year’s theme is “Science and Catholicism.” The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Murphy at 11:00 AM. Three dynamic speakers will offer presentations on the day’s theme. They are: Barrie Schwortz (the Shroud), Tim Francis (Eucharistic Miracles) and Dan Lynch (The Tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe). Confessions are heard from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

**In marriage, celebrate together in good times, lean on each other in hard times, and stay committed to each other in all times.**

**Banns of Marriage**
Brian Joseph Heepke & Jennifer Rose Colella
St. Vincent de Paul

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Widow & Widowers Luncheon

On Tuesday, March 15th we will be meeting at 12:30 PM for lunch at Paddy’s Loft located at 1286 Hicksville Road in Massapequa. The cost is $28 and reservations are required. Please call Dolores Meadows at 826-2512 and forward your payment to her at 2671 Cedar St. Seaford, 11783.

Volunteer Drivers Wanted for Veterans

Nassau County will provide the vehicles to transport residents to and from the Northport VA, East Meadow, Valley Stream and Hicksville Clinics. The hours needed are Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. A valid NYS driver’s License is required. If you have any questions or would like further information, contact the Veteran’s Service Agency at 572-6526.

EMs, Lectors, & Altar Servers

Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers have been sent via e-mail the ministry schedule for March. For those who do not have e-mail or have not provided their e-mail address, please pick up a copy of the schedule in the Altar Server’s Sacristy following mass.

Knights of Columbus

Indoor Yard Sale

March 5th & 6th, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
101 Frederick Ave., Bellmore

Blood Drive

The Bellmore Knights will be sponsoring a blood drive on Sunday, March 13th from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM in the South Cafeteria of the school.

Wednesday, February 24th – all level 5, 6, 7 and 8 classes are cancelled for the night to give our students and their families, catechists and volunteers the opportunity to attend the last night of the Parish Mission. NOTE we will be holding classes at the 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM session for levels 1 through 4.

Tuesday, March 8th – Level 2 Parent Meeting 10:00 AM in the Holy Family Chapel OR 7:00 PM in the Church – the theme is :The Importance of the Sabbath” and we will discuss First Holy Communion details.

Wednesday, March 9th – Level 7 Parent Meeting 7:00 PM in the North Cafeteria – the theme is “Respect Life.”

Confirmation will be held on Monday, May 23rd

Please remember to check the Religious Education grade level calendars as well as the website to keep informed of dates of classes, as well as when classes are not in session, homework assignments, and requirements.

We have several First Holy Communion Dresses that were donated; many of them are brand new with the tags still on. We also have a few boys’ suits that were worn once that have been donated. If you are interested in looking at the dresses or suits please contact the Office of Christian Formation at 785-0130. We will be donating all remaining dresses and suits to our neighbors in need after March 11th!
The following is an excerpt from the Message of His Holiness Pope Francis:

*I asked that “the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God’s mercy”. The mercy of God is a proclamation made to the world, a proclamation which each Christian is called to experience at first hand. God’s mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn.*

*From the Vatican, 4 October 2015*

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**Family Liturgy**

**Holy Thursday Service for Children, Thursday, March 24th, 3:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel** - Please join us for this moving service where children will reenact the Last Supper. Children ages 3 and up are invited to participate as followers of Jesus. Practice will be held on Tuesday, March 22nd at 6:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel. If you are interested in participating please contact stbarnabasfamilyliturgy@gmail.com or sign up after the 10:15 Family Mass.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – Will take place outdoors in a grassy area immediately following the 10:15 Family Mass on Sunday, March 13th – weather permitting

**Palm Sunday, March 20th** - Children will participate in the entrance procession at the 10:15 Family Mass. Palms will be blessed and distributed after Mass.

**Easter Sunday, March 27th** - Following the 10:15 Family Mass small bottles of holy water will be available to take home.

Paper hearts will be available for children to color and complete, filling in how they will open their heart to Jesus during Lent. Each Sunday at the 10:15 AM Family Mass, children can present their completed hearts in the Offertory Procession. These hearts will then be placed on the cross with hopes of being transformed for Easter.

**During this Lenten Season we lift up, take up, and give up our hearts to Jesus. How will you open your heart to Jesus this Lenten season? What special sacrifices will you make or what special deeds will you do?**