



Our Lady of the Valley Parish

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The Season of Lent

Dennis Bratcher

Originating in the fourth century of the church, the season of **Lent** spans 40 weekdays beginning on Ash Wednesday and climaxing during Holy Week with Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday), Good Friday, and concluding Saturday before Easter. Originally, Lent was the time of preparation for those who were to be baptized, a time of concentrated study and prayer before their baptism at the Easter Vigil, the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord early on Easter Sunday. But since these new members were to be received into a living community of Faith, the entire community was called to preparation. Also, this was the time when those who had been separated from the Church would prepare to rejoin the community.

Today, Lent is marked by a time of prayer and preparation to celebrate Easter. Since Sundays celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the six Sundays that occur during Lent are not counted as part of the 40 days of Lent, and are referred to as the Sundays in Lent. The number 40 is connected with many biblical events, but especially with the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for His ministry by facing the temptations that could lead him to abandon his mission and calling. Christians today use this period of time for introspection, self examination, and repentance. This season of the year is equal only to the Season of Advent in importance in the Christian year, and is part of the second major grouping of Christian festivals and sacred time that includes Holy Week, Easter, and Pentecost.

Lent has traditionally been marked by penitential prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Some churches today still observe a rigid schedule of fasting on certain days during Lent, especially the giving up of meat, alcohol, sweets, and other types of food. Other traditions do not place as great an emphasis on fasting, but focus on charitable deeds, especially helping those in physical need with food and clothing, or simply the giving of money to charities. Most Christian churches that observe Lent at all focus on it as a time of prayer, especially penance, repenting for failures and sin as a way to focus on the need for God's grace. It is really a preparation to celebrate God's marvelous redemption at Easter, and the resurrected life that we live, and hope for, as Christians.

Colors and Symbols of Lent

The color used in the sanctuary for most of Lent is purple, red violet, or dark violet (see Colors of the Church Year). These colors symbolize both the pain and suffering leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus as well as the suffering of humanity and the world under sin. But purple is also the color of royalty, and so anticipates through the suffering and death of Jesus the coming resurrection and hope of newness that will be celebrated in the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Some churches use grey for Ash Wednesday or for the entire season of Lent, or for special days of fasting and prayer. Gray is the color of ashes, and therefore a biblical symbol of mourning and repentance. The decorations for the sanctuary during Lent should reflect this mood of penitence and reflection. Some Anglican churches use unbleached muslin, which can range from white to

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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Mon. - Fri.</i>	<i>7:00 am, 12:10 pm & 5:15 pm</i>	<i>St. Ann</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>8:00 am & 4:30 pm</i>	<i>St. Ann</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>8:30 am</i>	<i>St. Mary</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>10:30 am</i>	<i>St. Ann</i>

TELEVISED MASS FOR SHUT-INS

*Sunday 1:00 pm (channel 6 - Hornell)
Sponsored by Bishop & Johnson Funeral Home
and Peish TV*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

• *By Appointment* • *St. Ann's Church*
Saturday, 3:30 - 4:15 pm

BAPTISM

Contact Parish Office

WEDDINGS

Contact Parish Office 6 months in advance

Our Lady of the Valley Masses and Intentions

All Week Day Masses are at St. Ann Church

SATURDAY ~ February 20

8:00am. - St. Ann - Margeurite Mauro by Mr. and Mrs. George Sexsmith

4:30pm. - St. Ann - Zachary Smith by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Clancy

SUNDAY ~ February 21 ~ First Sunday of Lent

8:30am. - St. Mary - Bill Klos Sr. by Irene Klos

10:30am. - St. Ann - Parishioners of Our Lady of the Valley Parish by the Pastor
Rosario Prete by the Family

MONDAY ~ February 22 ~ The Chair of St. Peter, the Apostle

7:00am. - St. Ann - Fr. James Lane and deceased Priests by Catholic Men's Forum

12:10pm. - St. Ann - Francis Hallsey by Mary and Family

5:15pm. - St. Ann - Thomas Fitzpatrick by Mary and Family

TUESDAY ~ February 23 ~ St. Polycarp

7:00am. - St. Ann - Pat Galbo by Ignatius Trentanelli

12:10pm. - St. Ann - Donald Wallace by Josie Ciancaglino

5:15pm. - St. Ann - Margaret Dash by Fr. Peter Anglaaere

WEDNESDAY ~ February 24

7:00am. - St. Ann - George Fawcett by George and Pat Prete and Family

12:10pm. - St. Ann - Peter DeSantis by Santa and Walt Cleveland

5:15pm. - St. Ann - Shirley Moretti by the Children and Families

THURSDAY ~ February 25

7:00am. - St. Ann - Marguerite Mauro by Laura Prete

12:10pm. - St. Ann - Tom Murphy by Noreen and Ailene Mahoney

5:15pm. - St. Ann - In Thanksgiving by Dorothy and Marge DeSanto

FRIDAY ~ February 26

7:00am. - St. Ann - Jo Ann Meyers by Mike and Katy Crowe

12:10pm. - St. Ann - Kathleen Bertch by Mary Hope Sikso

5:15pm. - St. Ann - Judy Palmer by John, Patty, Jimmy, and Ariana

SATURDAY ~ February 27

8:00am. - St. Ann - A Special Intention

4:30pm. - St. Ann - Catherine Parks by the Family

SUNDAY ~ February 28 ~ Second Sunday of Lent

8:30am. - St. Mary - Parishioners of Our Lady of the Valley Parish by the Pastor

10:30am. - St. Ann - Rosemary Argentieri by the Family

beige, with accents in red or black for Lent to symbolize this same spirit of penitance.

Some churches avoid the use of any flowers in the sanctuary during Lent, using various dried arrangements. This can be especially effective if a flowering cross is used for Easter. Other churches use arrangements of rocks or symbols associated with the Gospel readings for the six Sundays in Lent.

Some church traditions change the sanctuary colors to red for Maundy Thursday, a symbol of the disciples and through them the community of the church. Since Eucharist or communion is often observed on Maundy Thursday in the context of Passover, the emphasis is on the gathered community in the presence of Jesus the Christ.

Traditionally, the sanctuary colors of Good Friday and Holy Saturday are black, the only days of the Church Year that black is used. It symbolizes the darkness brought into the world by sin. It also symbolizes death, not only the death of Jesus but the death of the whole world under the burden of sin. In this sense, it also represents the hopelessness and the endings that come as human beings try to make their own way in the world without God (see The Days of Holy Week). Black is always replaced by white before sunrise of Easter Sunday.

The Journey of Lent

There are many ways for a congregation to mark the journey of Lent. Of course, beginning with a service of worship for Ash Wednesday is always appropriate (see Ash Wednesday: A Service of Worship). During Lent, one of the most effective visual reminders of the season that can be expanded in many variations is to use a rough wooden cross as a focal point in the sanctuary. The type of cross and how it is constructed will depend on exactly how it will be used. The cross is usually erected in the Sanctuary on Ash Wednesday as a visible symbol of the beginning of Lent. It is usually draped in black on Good Friday. The same cross can also become a part of the congregation's Easter celebration as it is then draped in white or gold, or covered with flowers (see The Flowering Cross).

One effective way to make use of the cross is to use it as a Prayer Cross during Lent. A hammer, square nails, and small pieces of paper are made available near the cross. At a designated time of prayer during the Sundays in Lent, or beginning with Ash Wednesday, people are invited to write their prayer requests on the paper, and then nail them to the cross. The quiet time of prayer with only the sounds of the hammer striking the nails can be a moving time for reflection on the meaning of Lent, and a powerful call to prayer. The prayer requests can be removed and burned as part of a Tenebrae or Stations of the Cross service during Holy Week to symbolize releasing the needs to God.

Some churches have a special time of prayer or meditation one night of each week during Lent. Often Catholic and high church traditions pray the Stations of the Cross (see The Fourteen Stations of the Cross). Some Protestant churches have a special series of weekly Bible studies followed by a time of meditation and prayer. Often, in both Catholic and Protestant traditions, the prayer time is followed by a simple meal of soup and bread to symbolize the penitence of the Season.

Reflections on Lent

We enjoy celebrating Palm Sunday. The children get to make

paper palm branches and for many it is one of the few times they get to take an active role in "big church." We wave the palm branches and celebrate. And we all love Easter Sunday! It is a happy time, with flowers, new clothes, and the expectation of Spring in the air.

But it is too easy and promotes too cheap a grace to focus only on the high points of Palm Sunday and Easter without walking with Jesus through the darkness of Good Friday, a journey that begins on Ash Wednesday. Lent is a way to place ourselves before God humbled, bringing in our hands no price whereby we can ourselves purchase our salvation. It is a way to confess our total inadequacy before God, to strip ourselves bare of all pretenses to righteousness, to come before God in dust and ashes. It is a way to empty ourselves of our false pride, of our rationalizations that prevent us from seeing ourselves as needy creatures, of our "perfectionist" tendencies that blind us to the beam in our own eyes.

Through prayer that gives up self, we seek to open ourselves up before God, and to hear anew the call "Come unto me!" We seek to recognize and respond afresh to God's presence in our lives and in our world. We seek to place our needs, our fears, our failures, our hopes, our very lives in God's hands, again. And we seek by abandoning ourselves in Jesus' death to recognize again who God is, to allow His transforming grace to work in us once more, and to come to worship Him on Easter Sunday with a fresh victory and hope that goes beyond the new clothes, the Spring flowers, the happy music.

But it begins in ashes. And it journeys through darkness. It is a spiritual pilgrimage that I am convinced we must make one way or the other for genuine spiritual renewal to come. I have heard the passage in 2 Chronicles 7:14 quoted a lot: ". . . if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." This usually is quoted in the context of wanting revival or renewal in the church, and the prayer is interpreted as intercessory prayer for others. But a careful reading of the passage will reveal that the prayer that is called for here is not intercessory prayer for others; it is penitential prayer for the faith community, for **us**. It is not to call for others to repent; it is a call for **us**, God's people, to repent. It is **our** land that needs healed, it is **our** wicked ways from which we need to turn, **we** are the ones who need to seek God's face.

Perhaps during the Lenten season we should stop praying for others as if we were virtuous enough to do so. Perhaps we should take off our righteous robes just long enough during these 40 days to put ashes on our own heads, to come before God with a new humility that is willing to confess, "Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner." Maybe we should be willing to prostrate ourselves before God and plead, "Lord, in my hand no price I bring; simply to the cross I cling." That might put us in a position to hear God in ways that we have not heard Him in a long time. And it may be the beginning of a healing for which we have so longed.

O Lord, begin with me. Here. Now.

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Rev. Peter Arnold Anglaere
Pastor

In Christ we Conquer

Parish Activities and Coming Events

- Sunday:** Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament - 3:00pm. at St. Ann Church
Youth Group - 1st. & 3rd. Sundays, 7:00pm. in the church
Religious Education - NO Religious Ed - February 14th. and 21st.
- Monday:** Little Apostles Of Divine Mercy - After school in the school
Rosary and Miraculous Medal Novena - 7:00pm. in McAuley Manor Chapel
McAuley Manor Mass - February 22nd., 10:00am.
- Friday:** Hornell Gardens Mass - February 26th., 1:00pm.
- Saturday:** Ireland Pilgrimage Informational Meeting - February 27th., 1:00pm. in the school

Our Lady of the Valley Last Sunday's Collection

February 14, 2010

Actual - \$11,012

To balance our budget - \$9,290

YTD Actual - \$269,963

YTD Balanced Budget - \$286,740

Heat - \$1,734

Last week's actual donation per attendance - \$11.01

May God reward you for your generosity

It is important that all checks written out to the parish be made out to "Our Lady of the Valley".

"Magnify the Lord"

Fifteen minute meditation each Sunday Morning

by Fr. Paul Schnacky

8:30am. WCKR 92.1 FM * 9:15am. WLEA 1480

Printer Cartridges/Cell Phone Recycling

Instead of throwing your cartridges out, please save them and put them in the boxes at the church entrances.

Our Lady of the Valley Parish Web Page
www.ourladycv.org

Attention: Blood Pressure Clinic The next Blood Pressure Clinic will be the weekend of February 20th. and 21st., after the masses at St. Ann Church.

**Free Health Care
Health Ministry of the Southern Tier**

To make an appointment, call 607-962-2032

Lost and Found

The lost and found box is on the table outside the handicapped restroom at the Elm Street entrance. Items found are held in this box for several weeks, then given to the Salvation Army.

Altar Server Schedule

St. Mary

Sunday, February 21 - 8:30am. ~ Erika Lewis-Ellison and Luke Williamson

Sunday, February 28 - 8:30am. ~ Scott Lemay and Brent Green

St. Ann

Monday, February 22 through Wednesday, February 24 - 7:00am. ~ Franki Gambino

Monday, February 22 through Wednesday, February 24 - 5:15pm. ~ Sam Hendrickson

Thursday, February 25 & Friday, February 26 - 7:00am. & Sat., February 27 - 8:00am. ~ Shawn Smith

Thursday, February 25 & Friday, February 26 - 5:15pm. ~ Brianna Jacobs

Saturday, February 27 - 4:30pm. ~ Brooke Pierce and Sammy Schultheis

Sunday, February 28 - 10:30am. ~ Patrick and Mike Deebes

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism

Are you expecting a baby? Don't wait until that hectic time **after** you have your baby, plan to attend before your delivery date. **Preparation is required** if you are presenting a child for baptism for the **first time**. **Our next Baptism Preparation Session will be held on April 7th.** at 7:00pm. in the school. To register call Marianne Logan at 382-1484

Calling all Catholic Daughters!! Due to inactivity of many of our members, our numbers at meetings have declined to unacceptable levels. The few loyal members cannot do the work of many hands. If you are interested in saving a court that has been in existence for 97 years, please attend the March informational meeting on Tuesday, March 9th., at the OLV meeting room in St. Ann School at 7:00pm. **Remember our motto is Unity and Charity!**

Catholic Men's Forum Catholic Men's Forum presents "Spirituality" with Fr. John Cullen, Pastor of St. Mary Church in Canaseraga, to be held on Tuesday, February 23rd., 7:00pm. at Club 57 Restaurant. What defines human spirituality? Is there a connection with our modern faith and spirituality? Discussion to follow. Men and women of all faiths are invited to attend this casual, no charge presentation. A great way to begin your Lenten devotions.

SAS On-Line Auction

St. Ann School is holding an on-line auction. Please check out the site to help out St. Ann School.

www.biddingforgood.com/stannschool

Thanks for your support

Winter Blues Bonanza

Knights of Columbus * Saturday, February 27th.

\$10,000 in prizes

Doors Open at 6:00pm. * Drawing Starts at 7:00pm.

\$100 per ticket * Limit 2 people per ticket

1 - \$5,000 * 1 - \$2,500 * 2 - \$500 * 15 - \$100

For Tickets call Mike Fucci 725-0924

St. Ann School Alumni 40 Week Club

Feb. 15th. - Week #16 Drawn by: Elena Turner

\$10 - Rose Ann O'Connor

\$15 - Nancy Losecco

\$25 - Joe Aini

Congratulations to All !

The Word of Life Human persons are not to be understood merely from the perspective of their past histories or from the present. We must always see in other human beings persons with whom we shall one day share God's joy. We must look upon them as persons who are called, together with us, to be members of the body of Christ, with whom we shall one day sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and with Christ himself, as their brothers and sisters, as the brothers and sisters of Christ, and as children of God. Pope Benedict XVI, "In the Beginning..." *A Catholic Understanding of the Story of Creation and the Fall*

Prayer Corner

If you have a loved one or friend, of any faith, for whom you would like the prayer support of the community call the office at **324-5811**. We ask that you please keep the following parishioners and friends in your thoughts and prayers throughout your week.

Our Sick

Fred Lehman, Bob Morgan, Talia Neu, Cheyanna Nickel, Reilly Tierney, Rebecca Baker, Louise Everly Kelleher, Debbie Clair, Ann Marie Shaw, Katherine Solo, Anthony Mannino, Heidi Jamison, Kathy Mullen, Jenna Gerhart, Caleb Woodworth, Matthew Lancaster, Marion Elling, Philip Lauria, Terri Sills, Michael Marmat, Helen Erskine, Mark Andrew Zdanowski, Becky Shafer, Samuel McKee, Anne Mignone, Joanne Dugo, Tara Little, Isaac Mielke, Linda McMordie, Alan Cocchetto, Amanda Diage, Frank Schreiber, Teresa Amidon, Susan Kadue, Erin Frewin, Stacey Pullen, Mary Jo Jacobs, Jack Cregan, Martha Glynn Samiec, Bill America, Daltin Ames, Brenda Tenney, John Orzechowski, Henry Wolfe, Bence (Banjo) Maristela, Diana Sermonis, Mary Wallace, Ethan Bibb, Marge Stephens, Jan Traeg, Kendyl Dykeman, Vicki Hallett, MaryAnn LaShure, Ashley Greenfield, Alexis, Betsy, Agnes Norton, Mary Jo Palmeter, Krystal and Baby Grace Potter, Donna Roosa, George Welch, Thomas Scaglione, Pauline Wilcox, Cheryl Mastin, Ray Testani, Maria Dunn, Michael Dininney, Mary Ann Daniels Albright, Ronald Minute, Kate, Sandy Bush, Penny Dessena Gray, Michelle Coates, Geraldine Shultz, Tommy Harrison, Bob Greenfield, Tony Changose, Mary Rose Cilano, Kris VanScoter, Kathleen Beckerman, Christina Fontanez, Ignatius Trentanelli, Rosemary Dempsey, Caleigh Whiteman, Ashley Zahradnik.

Our Young Men & Women Serving in the Military

David Hunt * Megan Swift * Tim Didas * James Garafolo
Robert Kubiak, Jr. Graig Boccia * Bill Kays * TJ Murray
Michael Caruso * Daniel McAllister * Pete Lehman
Scott Smilinich * Jessica Fahl * Steve Merring
Jonathon Van Durme * Joshua Steinhilber * Ann Flansburg
Matthew Randazzo * Timothy Brownell * Kirk McManus
Stephen Galatio * Gregory Argentieri * Ryan O'Rourke
Chuck Coleman * Michael Ingham * Joe Testani
Fr. Patrick Van Durme * Michael Roberts * Patrick Duffy
Brandon Smith (Avoca) * Sopol Domm * Daniel Guthrie
Joe Hornbeck * Terry Leonard * Robert Murray * Elliott Butler
Joseph Murray * Matt Zapata * Kyle Stewart * Stephen Lapek
John Washington * John Parks * Adam Prouty * Carrie Prouty
Amanda Prouty * Angela Neu * Cory Rahr * Patrick Kelly
Seth Baker * Donald VanWinkle * Stuart McHenry
Jeremiah Wilder * Brandon Kimball * Jason Woodworth

Chapel of Perpetual Adoration

“Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you, for you alone? He burns with desire to come into your heart.”

...St. Therese of Lisieux

Open Hours

Monday at 7:00am.

Thursday at 9:00am.

Sunday at 5:00am.

Substitutes are welcomed. Please call:

Isabel Nobilski 324-1424

Donna Kull 324-2884

Help St. Ann School

The following businesses have donated gift certificates to be used for the preservation of St. Ann School. This is a partial listing of the certificates that are available. Check the bulletin next week for more. People may call the school at 324-0733 to purchase them at a reduced cost.

Business	Value	Quantity
Rent-a-Center	\$50	4 certificates
Weyand Chiropractic	\$32	1 half hour massage
Valley Salon	\$5	5 certificates
Tres Chic	\$25	12 tanning sessions
Rose's Gym	\$33	3 (3 1-month membership)
JMJ's Stop & Shop	\$20	1 certificate
Decorator's Choice	\$50	1 certificate
JRZEE Girls' Gifts	\$25	1 certificate
Home Video	\$10	3 certificates
Hornell Golf Club	\$25	4 (rounds of golf)

Please Note: Bulletin articles are to be at our Parish Offices, 27 Erie Ave., Hornell by **deadline, Monday, at noon.**

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Our Parish Goal: \$46,788

Pledged: \$32,329 - 69.10%

Giving Units Goal: 1450

Donors (Giving Units): 314

Participation Rate: 22%

Thank you for your generosity!



Recent Deaths

Our Condolences are extended to the families of

Sharon Armeli

Dona Argentieri

Walter Rutski

who recently passed away. May the Lord bless them and keep them. May the Lord let His face shine upon them, and be gracious to them. Lord, look upon them kindly and give them peace.

Join SAS Facebook Group St. Ann School invites you to join our Facebook Group! Check us out, we're "Friends and Alumni of St. Ann School Hornell NY".

Informational Meetings for Ireland Trip

Deacon Ray Defendorf and Fr. Jim Jaeger will co-host informational meetings in Hornell and Bath on the planned Ten Day September 2010 trip to Ireland.

Irish Treasures, Saints and Sites of the Emerald Isle will include visits to Dublin, Cashel, Blarney, Ring of Kerry, Kilarney, Galway, Connemara and the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock. In addition to these visits, the tour will also include visits to the home of Mother Catherine McAuley, founder of the Sisters of Mercy and the tomb of Matt Talbot, founder of the Irish temperance movement. Both McAuley and Talbot have been declared "venerable" by the Church, a step leading to sainthood. The Shrine of Our Lady of Knock is located at the site of an 1879 apparition of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist. The Shrine, which draws one and a half million pilgrims annually, has been visited by Pope John Paul II and Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

The ten day trip, which departs on September 20th., includes roundtrip airfare, first class hotels, breakfast and dinner daily, deluxe motor coaches, guided sightseeing, entrance fees and most gratuities.

Deacon Defendorf is an experienced international traveler having hosted over twenty trips to sights in the Holy Land, Egypt, Ireland, Europe, and Australia. He is the retired pastoral administrator of St. Mary's in Bath and currently serves as parish deacon at All Saints Parish, Corning. Fr. Jim Jaeger is currently the Sacramental Minister of St. Mary's in Bath and St. Gabriel's Church in Hammondsport.

To RSVP for any of these informational meetings or to request a brochure, contact Deacon Ray at 426-1100.

Saturday, February 27th. at 1:00pm.

St. Ann School - 27 Erie Ave., Hornell

Saturday, March 6th. at 1:00pm.

St. Mary School - 34 East Morris St., Bath