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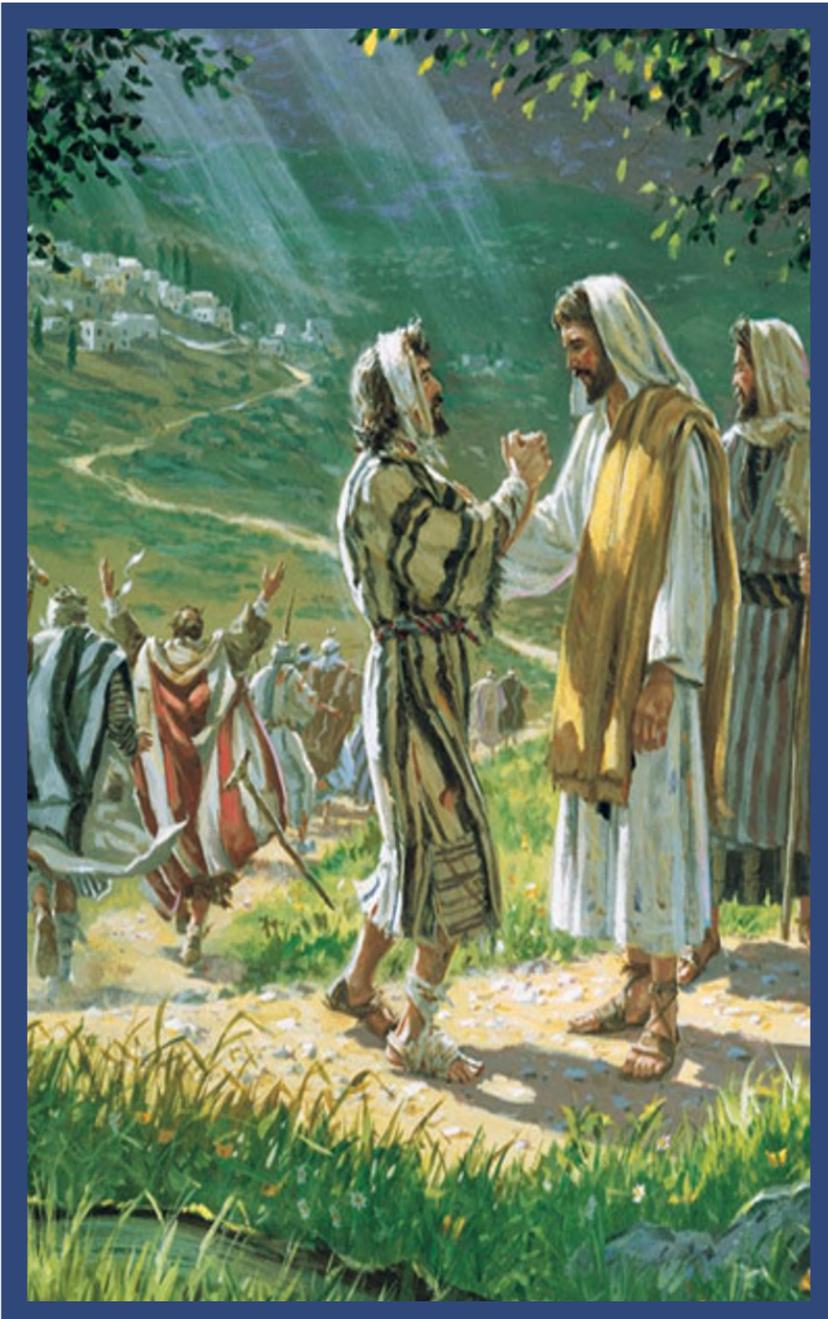
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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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LENT IS ALMOST HERE!

It is amazing to think that this Sunday is not only the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, but it is also the last Sunday before we begin, once again, the great season of Lent. Yes, Ash Wednesday is coming this Wednesday! It also falls on Valentine's Day (although if you want to be picky, the 14th February in the calendar of saints is actually the feast day of St. Cyril and St. Methodius!). You will notice that we will have various extra activities during the season as detailed in the Lent program that will be given out at Mass this weekend. Please do keep a copy of the program on the refrigerator door, or in whatever place that you usually keep notices and other such things. We also have the usual copies of "The Word Among Us" that can be a great guide through the daily Scripture readings for Lent.

Lent is very much a time of movement and of promise, just like our sense of the changing of the seasons and the hope of spring (as you may know, the word "Lent" is actually an ancient Anglo-Saxon word meaning "springtime"). We can also see Lent as a time of making wishes come true...I wish that I had more time to pray, I wish that I could pray, I wish that I could overcome this or that all too familiar fault or failing, I wish that I let God into my life more, I wish that a family squabble could be resolved...Lent can be a time when such wishes do not remain simply as wishes, but when they can become a reality. In other words, we can approach our Lord just like the leper in the Gospel this week and ask for his healing and life-giving touch. And then, like the leper, we can share that healing and life that we have received with the many others who also need those wonderful gifts.

Indeed, during Lent we make that extra special effort, with God's love and mercy, to work on areas in our lives that need help and growth. Indeed, we can

only do this *with* God's help and love. The leper could not heal himself and, of course, neither can we. We receive this help especially through being fed by the Eucharist and by His Word and also through celebrating the other sacraments such as reconciliation/confession. Another great thing about Lent is that we are not doing this alone. Everyone else in our parish community of Holy Trinity and millions, billions of other Christians throughout the world are doing the same thing. When we set ourselves goals or undertake projects (diets, training, exercising or whatever), isn't it so much easier when others join us in that project and help us to achieve our goals? Let us also remember those who are preparing to be baptized and/or received into the Church at the Easter Vigil this year.

So, for all of us, may this Lent be a very special time of renewal, refreshment and growth. Lent can be a time when we focus on serving our true master (God!) and when we put to one side some of our daily concerns and worries and deepen our trust in God. Please do make use of all the many resources that are available, whether they be the usual ones or extra ones that are offered during Lent. Whatever the weather may do during these coming weeks and whenever spring may arrive, may this season of Lent be for us a real "springtime of the soul".

Here is the schedule for Ash Wednesday:

7:15 am Mass with the giving of ashes (Hudson)
12:15 pm Mass with the giving of ashes (Hudson)
5:30 pm Mass with the giving of ashes (G'twn.)
6:00 pm Mass with the giving of ashes (Hudson)

Fr. Anthony



THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY, February 13

■ **Parish Council Mtg. 5:15 P.M. at St. Mary's Rectory**

■ **Adoration Committee Mtg. 7:00 PM at St. Mary's Academy**

WEDNESDAY, February 14

The Holy Season of Lent begins this day with the distribution of ashes at Masses in Hudson at 7:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. in Germantown.

THURSDAY, February 15

■ **Our Lady of Grace Prayer Group 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church**

■ **Bible Study: 7:00 p.m. St. Mary's Academy**

FRIDAY, February 16

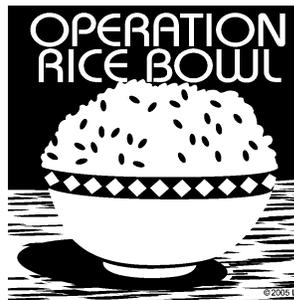
■ **Stations of the Cross: 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church**

Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday (February 14) and Good Friday (March 30) are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

According to Church law, all Catholics age 18 until age 59 are obliged to fast. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding for Catholics ages 14 and up.

These are practices that are not to be excused lightly. They are expressions of our desire to be converted in our hearts, to be reconciled with each other and to love our neighbor. It is helpful to remember that the ability to decide how much or little one will eat is in itself a gift.



"Rice Bowls" for Operation Rice Bowl

For many years our parish has participated in the "Operation Rice Bowl" program. It helps American Catholics participate in the fasting and almsgiving dimensions of the Lenten seasons by eating one very modest meal each week and putting the cost of a regular meal in the "Rice Bowl," which is returned to Church at the end of the Lenten season. These monies are then transmitted through foods and goods to those areas of the world where poverty is a major problem.

During the next few weekends we will have the cardboard "Rice Bowls" on tables at the Church entrances. We invite you to take one for your household, and to return it at the end of the Lenten season.

When Did I See You Lord?

In speaking with Jill Wishon, Director of the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, we learned that, although most of the people she serves receive food stamps, toiletry items are excluded from purchase.

Our Parish-Wide Lenten Service Project will involve a weekly collection of specific toiletry items. Our youth group will assemble 'care bags' for the Soup Kitchen to hand out to people in need.

Please help if you can!

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one." Mother Theresa

Here is the schedule:

February 17th-18th	Shampoo & Conditioner
February 24th & 25th	Toothbrush & Toothpaste
March 3rd & 4th	Deodorant & Soap
March 10th & 11th	Razor & Shaving Cream
March 17th & 18th	Q-tips & Band-Aids

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My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

The Diocese of Albany has always reached out with generous hearts and giving hands to the annual Black, Native American and Latin American collection. The missionary spirit of the People of God in each community and local church serves as a reminder that Christ is truly present where we gather.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church beautifully teaches us that the Lord's mandate to "make disciples of all nations" is grounded in the eternal love of the Most Holy Trinity. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has asked all Catholics to renew the Missionary ministry of the Church. Let us continue in our Evangelization efforts to provide opportunities to unite ourselves with others in the love of Christ with our support on this combined collection.

For the past 50 years, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops through its Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America has helped 25 countries in Central and South America as well as the Caribbean confront challenges to the faith. With your help and the support of the Catholic faithful, we have helped develop evangelization and catechetical programs. We have also funded activities that promote an encounter with Jesus Christ, so that the faithful can become missionary disciples.

With your support, last year the Black and Indian Mission Office provided grants to 132 dioceses throughout the United States. Most recently, the Diocese of Albany received several grants for our evangelization efforts with our local communities. Your prayer needs to be constant as together we join our hearts and hands, always serving the people of God in love and in imitation of Christ.

Next weekend, February 17 and 18, the combined Black, Native American, and Latin American Collections will be taken up in our diocese. I ask you to consider contributing to this Collection, and I am grateful for your generosity. Together let us ask the Lord to continue to bless us in all that we do.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
+Edward B. Scharfenberger



40 Days for Life Campaign
Wednesday, Feb. 14 to Sunday, March 25

40 Days for Life Campaign is a community effort of a period of 40 days of *prayer, fasting, community outreach and peaceful prayer vigil* at the **Planned Parenthood right of way, 1040 State Street, Schenectady, from 7 AM – 7 PM.**

In the Spirit of Christ, we peacefully and lovingly, pray, educate and witness to our community in order to bring an end to abortion and to provide hope and help for women in crisis pregnancies.

We need you to pray and discern to commit one hour per week.

This Lent, make a commitment to pray daily for an end to abortion. To see when Bishop Scharfenberger is coming to pray with us or other special prayer vigil events, go to rcda.org under events; Facebook: [diocese of Albany respect life](https://www.facebook.com/dioceseofalbany); or 40daysforlife.com/Schenectady. Contact: Viviane: 384-0699, Sarah: sch40days@gmail.com,

**Don't Give Up
 Chocolate for Lent!**

Instead, take a 40-day journey to become the-best-version-of-yourself. Join our parish for **Best Lent Ever**, a free email program designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. Every day you'll get inspirational videos, practical tips and encouraging stories. Are you ready to have your **Best Lent Ever**? Sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/Lent

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

HUDSON

Regular Offertory Weekend (Jan.28).....	\$5,953.00
Regular Offertory Last Weekend (Feb.4).....	5,558.00
Heat and Fuel (Jan. 28 & Feb. 4).....	998.00
Seminarian Support (Jan. 28 & Feb. 4).....	664.00

GERMANTOWN

Regular Offertory Weekend (Jan. 28).....	\$1,124.00
Regular Offertory Last Weekend (Feb. 4).....	1,170.00
Heat and Fuel (Jan. 28 & Feb. 4).....	20.00
Seminarian Support (Jan.28 & Feb. 4).....	30.00



The Columbia-Greene Perpetual Adoration Chapel Committee

Rebecca Romanchuk, President

Debbie Daus, Vice President

Elsie Turoci, Treasurer

Bill Meyer, Secretary

Dear Friends,

We would like to take this opportunity to share some exciting news with you. Some of you may be aware that our committee, in consultation with Father Anthony Barratt, has been working on a plan to establish a Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration (PEA) Chapel serving Columbia and Greene Counties. We are writing this letter to provide an update on the progress to date and to ask your prayers for the success of this wonderful project. Here are some of the developments to date:

A few months ago we wrote to Bishop Scharfenberger letting him know of our hope to implement Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration and requesting his permission to proceed with planning the project. Last month, we received the Bishop's enthusiastic endorsement for us to continue planning the project, including the following sentiment:

"The idea is beautiful and I am pleased that you are approaching the plan with care and thoroughness. Assuming you can gather enough people from neighboring parishes to commit to its operation, I believe the chapel will be a great asset to our diocese."

As the Bishop alluded to in his letter, the success of this project depends upon support from parishes in Columbia and Greene counties. Please keep this intention in prayer, and also prayerfully consider undertaking the commitment of becoming an "adorer".

The project was discussed at the September 2017 Vicariate meeting (a meeting of the various parish leaders in the two counties that make up the Hudson Valley Vicariate). Our parish leaders supported the project and then contacted parishioners in their respective parishes to provide two or three representatives to be part of the *planning group* for the project. The group has met on a number of occasions since then.

A key development in the preliminary planning stages of the project has been for the planning group to examine the geographical and practical factors that would provide a reasonably convenient location to the greatest number of people in the two counties. After some discussion and a review of a number of sites, Saint Mary's Church in Hudson has been

suggested as the site for the Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Before any further developments, there will be an informational meeting at Saint Mary's Church, 429 E. Allen St., Hudson, on March 14 at 6:30 pm to provide an update on progress, to obtain feedback/ideas and to answer questions and concerns posed by the community there, as well as the other parishes in the two counties/Vicariate .

Please look for future letters from the group providing updates on the progress of the project, as well as brief catechetical reflections to aid you in your contemplation of the Eucharistic mystery. The Eucharist is such a wonderful gift and yet it is also a mystery that can never be completely understood by any of us. The Eucharist is indeed "the source and summit" of the life and mission of the Church and our Catholic faith. Incidentally, this is why Bishop Scharfenberger has asked for a Diocesan-wide *Eucharistic Congress* to take place later this year. May God bless and keep you.

The Columbia-Greene Perpetual Adoration Chapel Committee

SACRAMENTS

The sacraments are wonderful gifts from God to us. Through outward, visible signs; the sacraments are channels of God's love and mercy and so they draw us in to the life of the Trinity. They therefore also continue the saving mission and ministry of Jesus Christ in and through His body, the Church. Below is some information on how to make contact regarding the celebration of the sacraments.

BAPTISM: Congratulations! If you would like to arrange preparations and a date for Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

RCIA: For those enquiring about the Catholic Faith or wishing to complete their sacraments: welcome! Please contact the Parish Office and we will be very glad to help you further.

RECONCILIATION: Celebrated on Saturdays 2.30-3.45 pm in Hudson, before and after Masses in Germantown, or at anytime by appointment. (Note: it is best to call ahead first to check on the availability of a priest)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Priests regularly visit the hospitals, nursing homes and the homebound. Please do contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know is in need of the anointing of sick.

MARRIAGE: Congratulations! So that proper arrangements (paperwork, preparations etc.) can be made, please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Anthony at least six months before the desired date.

VOCATIONS: If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, please contact

Readings for the Week of February 11

Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31--11:1 /Mk 1:40-45
Monday:	Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a] /Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a] /Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

READINGS AND HYMNS (HUDSON)

Reading: p. 93 Opening Hymn: # 572 Closing: # 538

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

MONDAY: Weekday (Feb. 12)

7:15 AM Marie Conte - Alma & Jorge Merlos
Paul Donahue - Pat & Eileen Maloy

TUESDAY: Weekday (Feb. 13)

7:15 AM Paul Donahue - Dick & Frieda Van Deusen
Harry Sansone - Barbara Ellsworth

WEDNESDAY: Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14)

7:15 AM Gilbert Parody - Edward & Lynn Pawluk
Charles "Chuck" Jordan - Nettie Shallo
12:15 PM Rose Leach - Deborah Leach & Susan Curran
John Meacher - Joe & Michelle Kocan
5:30 PM Living & Deceased of Parish Community
(G'TWN)
6:00 PM John Westerman - Edward & Lynn Pawluk
(HUD)

THURSDAY: Weekday (Feb. 15)

7:15 AM Living & Deceased of Skibo Family - Ed & Nancy Ziembra
Paul Donahue - Catholic Daughters Court Columbia #248

FRIDAY: Weekday (Feb. 16)

7:15 AM Michael Erickson - Elaine Erickson & Family
Barbara Maloy & Donald Dolan - Pat & Eileen Maloy
9:00 AM Memorial, Nephew Christopher - Jane & Bill Martin
(G'TWN)

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: (Feb. 17)

4:00 PM Alfonse Acciani - Steve & Betsy Acciani
(HUD) Frank Havlik - Wife & Family
5:30 PM Living & Deceased of Parish Community
(G'TWN)

SUNDAY MORNING MASS: (Feb. 18)

9:00 AM Diana Mottoshiski - Jen Daly & Family
(HUD) S. James & Muriel Reardon - Family
Donna Lynn Scalera - Mr. & Mrs. Edward Pawluk & Family
11:00 AM Lewis Rubino - Preventive Services
(G'TWN) John Meacher - Liepshutz Family

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