



# CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN

MARCH 30, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'"  
- Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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## Opening Hymn

Our Father, We Have Wandered #956

## Responsorial Psalm #1027

Psalm 34: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

## Communion Hymns

Sacred Silence #2064

Psalm 51: Be Merciful, O Lord #51

Hosea #484

Return to God #478

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell;  
on the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the  
Father Almighty;  
from there He will come to judge the living  
and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of Saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.

## St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle. Be our  
protection against the wickedness  
and snares of the Devil. May God  
rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
and do thou, O prince of the  
heavenly hosts, by the power of  
God, cast into hell Satan, and all  
evil spirits, who prowl about the  
world seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen.

## Readings

#1027

First Reading:  
Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Second Reading:  
2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel:  
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



# A C U P O F J O E

Greetings in Christ, all! I pray that Jesus blesses each of us with a deeper hunger for holiness this Lenten Season and that He keeps us from discouragement and compels us to push forward!

This week, our Lenten homilies will focus on The Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy: "Visit the Sick" and "Comfort the Sorrowful." May Jesus guide our words and thoughts so that we preach His challenge well!



Speaking of a challenge... I want to take a moment here and remind us about the Stewardship for Saints and Scholars campaign. I told some of you that we hit our goal and it turns out I was mistaken. We are, at this point, \$80,000 away from hitting the goal the diocese set for us. I'm asking everyone who is thinking of participating to please consider doing so sooner rather than later; it would help us so much.

Beyond the diocese goal for us, we were hoping to raise \$600,000 more to fund our new building that is going up right now. At this point, it doesn't look like we will even come close to that. I understand and appreciate so much all who have given, all who have prayed and even those who simply felt like they couldn't support this in good conscience. I trust you and I trust your judgment. Honestly, I hate asking for money and I'm sorry to pester you all about these things, but obviously, donations are the only way for us to fund our parish.

Currently, fewer than 40% of our parishioners donate financially in any way. To be clear, I know some simply can't right now, and I promise I get that. I don't want anyone to think of this as a place where you have to "pay to pray." No, we come to Jesus with what we have, not what we don't have. What I am asking is for everyone who can, please help. The only way we can pay our employees or maintain the buildings and lawn, and the only way we can minister to people in need of sacraments or help, is through you. If you do not currently give, but believe you can, please consider setting up a monthly or weekly donation; it would help so much. Thank you with all my heart.

On a final note, I've received a couple of letters from the same person in the last few weeks with concerns or reports, but whoever it is, they forgot to sign them. If you have any concerns about me, the school, the parish or any other such thing, it's best to remember to put your name on it; that would help me follow up.

Okay, that's it for this week! Jesus bless you all and thank you so much for letting me be your priest. I'm a blessed man because of you and I know it.

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## Knights' Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus' monthly breakfast will be **Sunday, April 13th**, from 9 am to noon in the Fr. Bush Parish Center. We will have live jazz music again. Waffles, pancakes, omelets, eggs and more will be served. Bake sale items will also be available. Breakfast is \$7 for adults, \$5 for kids, \$30 for a nuclear family (parents and their kids). All profits will go to the Functional Independence Team at Grand Blanc East Middle School. Great food and fellowship. Credit cards accepted.



## Knights of Columbus Family Rosary

Please join us as we pray the Rosary for the intentions of all Holy Family Parishioners. We will pray a family Rosary **Sunday, April 6** (the first Sunday of every month), shortly after the end of 10:00 AM Mass.



Join us for a four-part study on the Acts of the Apostles, where we will explore the early Church's bold journey and spreading the Gospel.

### MONDAYS

April 28 - May 19, 2025

10 - 11:15 am

or

6 - 7:15 pm

St. Joseph Center

Materials Needed: Bible

Cost: Free!

Register today at [hfjb.org](http://hfjb.org)!



For more information, contact:

Paul Racine at 810-516-9739 or [pauljr Racine@gmail.com](mailto:pauljr Racine@gmail.com)

John Hendler at [johnhendler222@gmail.com](mailto:johnhendler222@gmail.com)

# STEWARDSHIP & WORSHIP

## Easter Flowers

A nice way to remember or honor someone at Easter and help make our church beautiful, is with a donation to the Easter altar flowers.



The donations are also used throughout the year to beautify the church and gathering space. There are three ways you may participate:

- Flower memorial envelopes may be found on a table in the gathering space **this weekend**. These can be returned to the collection box or parish office.
- You may go online to donate under "Memorial Flowers" and then email your memorial names to Linda Doyle at [ldoyle@hfgb.org](mailto:ldoyle@hfgb.org).
- You may mail a check to the parish office with a paper including your names.

Please clearly print names. If you include a phone number, we can call if we have a question. For memorials to honor a living person, please write "living" after their name. All donations need to be submitted **by Wednesday, April 9th**, to be listed in the Easter bulletin.

## "Others First" is Next Weekend

We depend on your generosity to stock our Outreach Food Pantry and Clothes Closet. Please remember the needy as you shop this week. Our current need is for **floss, adult/children's toothpaste, razors, men's/women's deodorant, paper towel, facial tissue, and toilet paper**. Bring nonperishable items to Mass next weekend or drop items off at Outreach (white building north of the church) Mon.- Fri. 10 am - 2 pm. Clothing items to donate may be placed in shed behind Outreach (shed is back close to garage).



Your timely and wonderful generosity is appreciated, especially by our clients. It seems that no sooner are we low in supply, than you show up with products!

In addition to groceries and supplies, we greatly appreciate monetary donations which can be used to support our efforts. If you choose to give through Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, please designate **P152** to direct it to Holy Family. Thank you for any future giving that you might direct to Outreach!



"YOU ARE MY CHOSEN  
*Witnesses*"  
Isaiah 43:10

Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to our Diocesan Services Appeal. Our gifts to DSA enable our diocese to provide services crucial to our parish. The programs and services funded by DSA offer direct assistance to individuals and families, and to parishes, schools, and Catholic Charities agencies.

If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge, we invite you to do so today. Gift envelopes are available in church or the parish office. Or you may submit your gift online at [www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal). Your DSA gift will support the vital services and ministries that help bring the love of Christ to all we encounter.

Our parish goal is \$196,318. No gift is too small... every dollar donated helps those in our parish and in our unified efforts in the wider church. Further, one-half of all paid contributions received, over and above our parish goal, will be returned for our local use here at Holy Family. We encourage every one of our parish households to reflect on how we can bear witness to our faith in Jesus Christ by supporting the work of the DSA this year.

## Stewardship of Treasure March 22nd & 23rd, 2025

Registered families	2039
Envelopes received this week	130
Mail-in givers this week	23
Online givers this week	301
Amount offered from envelopes	\$ 6,361.00
Amount offered from mail	\$ 4,371.00
Amount offered from online giving	\$ 23,210.90
Amount offered from visitors	\$ 1,416.00
<b>Total weekly offerings</b>	<b>\$ 35,358.90</b>

## DBSA Peer-led Support Group

*(Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance)*

Join a community of caring and supportive people who can help you on your road to recovery. The support group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph Center. For more information, call Angela at (810) 347-4706.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE



This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief). An envelope may be found in your packet or you may give online.

## Holy Family Needle Crafters

We have been very busy these past couple of months, making many things for charity. Many baby blankets and bibs have been donated to Luke Project 52. We also tied fleece blankets for schools. We are now collecting items for the St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center (Flint) baby shower. We will deliver all the baby items collected at the April 14th meeting to Sr. Carol at the Center. Especially needed are diapers, baby outfits, wipes, toys, creams, cribs, new car seats with tags on them, high chairs and ANYTHING baby. They will all be used. Also, members were given white fabric in 10 x 10 inch squares. Please pair them with whatever blue fabric you have on hand and make four half square triangles to bring to the April 14th meeting. We will use them for a bereavement quilt project.



The meeting will be back at Linda Waggoner's house at 9:30 am on **Monday, April 14th**. Treats to be supplied by Debbie A. and Mary A. Everyone is welcome to join our group. Call Linda (810-444-7036) or Rose Mary (810-394-5485) if you have any questions. Keep on praying and crafting. God bless.

## Palms

The palms that you received on Palm Sunday in previous years are sacramental because they have been blessed. We will gather them over the next several weekends and burn them here at the church. Baskets for the old palms will be located in the gathering space.



### Catholic 101

April 6, 2025  
This week's topic:

**Dignity of Life in Christ - Lazarus**

Whether you are already Catholic or becoming Catholic, ALL are welcome! Topics of discussion will be updated weekly. Please join us anytime!

Dcn. Dan Medich  
[dmedich@hfgb.org](mailto:dmedich@hfgb.org)

Sundays | 11:30 am - 1 pm  
St. Joseph Center

## 55 & Over Club

*And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I can remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.*

1 Corinthians 13:2

People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care.....about them.

Join us **Tuesday, April 1st**, at 11:30 am in the large hall of the parish center. Bring lunch.



## Story Hour

with Mrs. Purcell

Fridays, October - May  
10:30 - 11:15 am  
Holy Family School  
18 months - 5 years old

Please email  
Mrs. Jones at  
[cjones@hfsgb.org](mailto:cjones@hfsgb.org)  
to make your  
reservation and  
join us!

# HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

## WASHINGTON DC 2025



Our 8th-grade students had an unforgettable trip to Washington, D.C., starting with a visit to Gettysburg National Park. In D.C., they toured the U.S. Capitol, the White House, and the National Holocaust Museum and spent time at the Smithsonian Museum of American History.

They also saw the original Declaration of Independence and visited the Vietnam, Korean, Lincoln, and WWII Memorials. The group attended Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, toured Arlington National Cemetery, and visited the MLK, FDR, and Jefferson Memorials. After a busy and inspiring trip, students returned home with lasting memories, grateful for the support of their families and parish.



*Holy Family, believing that each student is a child of God, challenges each to embrace the Gospel message through the traditions of the Catholic faith, to achieve academic excellence and to grow as saints.*

**Be a part of our Holy FAMILY!**

Contact Lisa Harvey at 810-694-9072, ext. 0 or [lharvey@hfsgb.org](mailto:lharvey@hfsgb.org)  
[hfsgb.org](http://hfsgb.org)





# H O L Y F A M I L Y 2025 LENTEN JOURNEY

## *The Corporal Works of Mercy & The Spiritual Works of Mercy*

These 14 actions, inspired by Christ's teachings, call us to serve others both physically and spiritually—by feeding the hungry, comforting the sorrowful, forgiving others, and more. Through these works, we are invited to live out God's mercy in our daily lives, following Jesus' example of love and compassion which will be our 2025 Lenten Journey.

### HIS PASSION

— ONE-DAY REFLECTION —

*Led by Dcn. Dan Medich*

**Palm  
Sunday  
4.13.25**

**11:30 AM  
to  
5 PM  
St. Joseph Center**



Register  
at  
**hfgb.org!**

Register online at [hfgb.org](http://hfgb.org) by April 6th.  
Must be 17 or older.  
Snacks and lunch provided.

Questions? Contact Dcn. Dan at  
[dmedch@hfgb.org](mailto:dmedch@hfgb.org).



[hfgb.org](http://hfgb.org)



### Stations of the Cross

Fridays: 6:30 p.m.

### "Living" Stations of the Cross

*Presented by HFS 8th Graders*

April 11: 6:30 p.m.

### Confessions

Wednesdays: 5:15 - 5:45 p.m.

Saturdays: 8:30 a.m.



### Adoration

Tuesdays: 2 - 6 p.m.

Fridays: 12 - 4 p.m.

## Mass Intentions March 31 - April 5

### Monday, March 31

8:00 AM Barbara J. Lusty by *Jim and Lynn Lusty*

### Tuesday, April 1

8:00 AM Betty Liwak by *Jim and Lynn Lusty*

### Wednesday, April 2

8:00 AM Mary Ann Wallace by *the Hasselbach Family*

6:00 PM Douglas Matthews by *Sandy Sprague*

### Thursday, April 3

8:00 AM Tom Martinbianco by *Jim and Lynn Lusty*

### Friday, April 4

8:00 AM Jessie Koster by *Maxine Shonk*

### Saturday, April 5

8:00 AM Carolyn G. Rappley by *Holy Family Parish*

4:00 PM Cora Mansour by *Pete & Debbie Sardo*

### Sunday, April 6

8:00 AM All Holy Family Parishioners

10:00 AM Sr. Kathy Nelessen by *Judy Bourdeau*

12:00 PM Leona Krause by *Pasko Family*

### Masses in Fiji on behalf of Holy Family:

Kathie Trombley by *Jim and Sheila Peltier*

Deceased members of the Jerry R. Sprague Family by *Jim and Sheila Peltier*

Staff & Volunteers of Holy Family Parish (Living) by *Jim and Sheila Peltier*

Dr. & Mrs. Perez Family (Living) by *Jim and Sheila Peltier*

To schedule Mass intentions, please email Theresa Dyer at [tdyer@hfgb.org](mailto:tdyer@hfgb.org) or call 810-694-4891, ext. 2211, or stop in the parish office 9 a.m. - noon or 1 - 4 p.m. Mon, Tue or Thur.

## 2025 Altar Flowers

Our web page for ordering Altar flowers is open! Please go to: <https://hfgbaltarflowers.pushpayevents.com/> Your \$50 donation for your specific month will help us provide flowers at the altar and around the sanctuary to beautify our worship space. Your loved one's name will be listed in the parish bulletin for that entire month. You may offer flowers in honor of a living person for a special occasion or in memory of your loved one.



We will continue to have Easter and Christmas memorial collections as well. **During Lent and Advent there will be no flowers in church.**

If you have any questions or if you need assistance ordering, you may contact Theresa Dyer at 810-694-4891, ext. 2211, or [tdyer@hfgb.org](mailto:tdyer@hfgb.org).

## Liturgical Ministry - April 5 - 6 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (schedule may not reflect recent changes)

### 4:00 PM Saturday - Fr. Joseph Krupp

**Lectors:** Colleen Argus, Ainsley Batey

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:**

Mary Throesch Paul Throesch Bethany Zloto  
Doug Zloto

**Altar Servers:**

Liam Verdun Emily Martin Grace Martin  
Oliver Hoerig

### 8:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi

**Lectors:** Cristina Carlstrom, (help needed)

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:**

Lisa Gaver Pat Gaver Cathy Lane  
Mike McReynolds

**Altar Servers:**

Gavin Raysin Dominic Taggart (Help needed - 2)

### 10:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Joseph Krupp

**Lectors:** Madeline Brender, Paul Bolt

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:**

Richard Cross Amy Daliege Gayle Elston  
Cindy Brendel

**Altar Servers:**

Madigan Elston Arabella McVeigh Theo McVeigh  
William Shaver

### 12:00 PM Sunday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi

**Lectors:** Debby Hux, Dr. Steve James

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:**

Karen Allen Bill Harris Scott Heron  
Dr. Steve James

**Altar Servers:**

Kolten Barry Owen Cameron Will Urbanik  
(help needed - 1)

## Weekly Readings March 31 - April 5

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

# WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

HOLY FAMILY  
GRAND BLANC

Tuesday 22  
April  
6 p.m.

Indoor  
**GARAGE**  
Sale

Second Volunteer  
Meeting

Fr. Bush  
Parish Center

Garage Sale Dates: May 2 & 3, 2025  
Drop off items beginning April 26th.

## Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for April

**For the use of the new technologies** - Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

## Cenacle of Divine Mercy of St. Mary Cathedral

Excerpts from *God in the Diary of Saint Sister Maria Faustina*  
(Diary, 164)

*"As often as you want to make Me happy, speak to the world about My great and unfathomable mercy."*



## THE HOPE OF RENEWAL



## 2025 DSA Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
In Your wisdom, You call us to be witnesses of Your truth.  
Grant us strength to reflect Your love  
and lead others to You.  
Fill our hearts with the Holy Spirit,  
That we may boldly share the good news of salvation.  
Bless the Diocesan Services Appeal,  
Strengthen our community, nurture faith,  
And guide us to serve with generosity and grace.  
May our contributions glorify Your name  
And bring hope to those in need.  
In every moment, remind us we are never alone,  
For You are with us, lighting our path.  
Help us remain steadfast as faithful witnesses,  
Always bringing glory to Your name.  
Through Christ our Lord, we pray.  
Amen.

# PARISH PRAYERS & MORE

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Matthew Church on March



*Rest in Peace*

20 for **Gary Blondin**. Gary, age 84, died Tuesday, March 11, 2025. He was born in Flint on June 10, 1940, to Isreal and Ena Blondin. He married Sandra Herrick on February 6, 1965. Surviving are his wife, children Michael (Angela), Jennifer (Michael) Lueckeman, and Greta (Rexford) Hart, as well as 18 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, and a sister. He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter (Terry), and a brother.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Mary Catholic Church in Millersville, OH, on March 22 for **Rafael Tolento, Jr.** Rafael, age 95, died Wednesday, March 19, 2025. He was born August 6, 1929, in Lorain, OH, to Rafael and Olivia Tolento, Sr. He married Graciela Reyna on July 23, 1960. Surviving are six children, Lawrence, Martha (Dale) Mansour, Gloria Hoover, Ruben, John (Amy), and Charles, as well as eleven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and two siblings. He was preceded in death by seven siblings.

*Lord, we remember in our prayers Gary Blondin and Rafael Tolento, Jr., whom you have called to be with you. May the calming peace of your love be with their families. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.*



*In Loving Memory*

**Please pray for the following Holy Family parishioners who died on these dates:**

**March 30**

Daphine Bissonette, Rose Marie Quinn

**March 31**

Emma Peterson, Jim Moyle, JoAnn Hanson, Emma Brunette, Robert Yaklin

**April 1**

Kermit Debeck, Ted Owens, John Mahalic, Albert Serra, Frederick Daprai

**April 2**

Emilia Cozzarin, N. Gene Jackson, Brianne Karbowski, Francis Winiger, Cayla Sheeran, James Londrigan, Clayton Otis

**April 3**

Suzanne Bankston

**April 4**

Francis Hiteshow

**Please Pray for the Ill and Their Caregivers**



*Pray For...*

Please remember in prayer those listed in the March 2nd bulletin and those listed in the Parish Book of Intercessions (in the Gathering Space).

**April 2025**

## *Apostolate of Prayer for Priests... Lansing*

Apr. 1 Rev. Steven Mattson / Rev. Daniel Wheeler

Apr. 2 Our Holy Father

Apr. 3 Rev. Richard Kropf / Rev. Phillip Schweda

Apr. 4 Rev. Thomas Wasilewski / Rev. John Byers

Apr. 5 Rev. David Speicher / Rev. Jeffrey Robideau

Apr. 6 Bishop Emeritus Carl Mengeling

Apr. 7 Rev. Daniel Kogut / Rev. George Puthenpeedika

Apr. 8 Rev. Pieter vanRooyen / Rev William J. Stevenson

Apr. 9 Rev. Thomas Thompson / Rev. C. Peter Dougherty

Apr. 10 Rev. Paul Xavier / Rev. Karl Pung

Apr. 11 Rev. Jon Taylor / Rev. Michael O'Brien

Apr. 12 Rev. Brendan Walsh / Rev. Walter DeSa

Apr. 13 Bishop Earl A. Boyea

Apr. 14 Rev. David Reamsnyder / Rev. Richard Eberle

Apr. 15 Rev. Miguel Colunga-Santoyo / Rev. Peter Clark

Apr. 16 Rev. Michael Williams / Rev. David Fons

Apr. 17 Rev. Gary Koenigsnecht / Rev. John Whitlock

Apr. 18 Rev. John Klein / Rev. David Harvey

Apr. 19 Rev. Peter Lawrence / Rev. Lewis Eberhart

Apr. 20 Rev. Michael Newman / Rev. Robert H. McGraw

Apr. 21 Rev. Louis Ekka / Rev. Kenneth Nielson

Apr. 22 Rev. Gregg Pleiness / Rev. Joseph Kim

Apr. 23 Rev. Nathaniel Sokol / Msgr. Robert Lunsford

Apr. 24 Rev. Matthew Fedewa / Rev. Bosco Padamattummel

Apr. 25 Rev. Michael Murray / Rev. Kusitino Cobona

Apr. 26 Rev. Jay Kersten / Rev. Frederick Thelen

Apr. 27 **Rev. Thomas Nenneau** / Rev. Eric Weber

Apr. 28 All priests

Apr. 29 Rev. Dennis Howard / Rev. Georges Bidzogo

Apr. 30 Rev. Matthew Bonk / Rev. Alan Wakefield

Prayerfully Prepared for You by the Sisters of the Community of the Resurrection, Cason, Maine

# FOLLOWING OUR FAITH

## Our Catholic Heritage

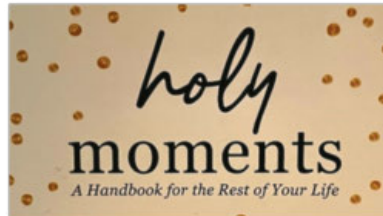
by Earl Hagen

**184th Pope - Blessed Gregory X (1271-76)**

Born in Piacenza, Italy, circa 1210, known as Teobaldo by his parents. He became pope on September 1, 1271. His papal election was the longest in the history of the Catholic Church as they could not reach a decision. The election continued for nearly three years due to infighting among the cardinals, leading to the rise of an antipope. The people removed the roof of the conclave and put the cardinals on bread and water until they could come to a decision. Teobaldo turned down the position several times before finally accepting.



He is primarily recognized for overseeing the Second Council of Lyons which began in 1271. A convention designed to unite the eastern and western churches. He became ill during the last days of the council. As his symptoms worsened, He suffered from a painful hernia and asked his companions to stop several times on their travels to let him rest. He made it to Vienne and several other cities before he died of natural causes from a high fever. He is now the patron saint of the church, a feast day held on January 10. He was pope for four years and 131 days. The pope died on January 10, 1276.



by Matthew Kelly

**The Divine Plan -**

**WE NEED  
A NEW APPROACH**

Our decency and humanity should ensure that children don't go to bed hungry, that the elderly have the care they need, that the sick are tended to, and that young people are educated.

Law is a poor substitute for love. Laws take over where our love runs short. Laws compel us to do what we should do willingly. Laws cannot legislate love and only love can take us from the current state of affairs to the world we all want to live in.

A government is no more capable of solving the most pressing issues of our times than it is raising a child or healing a troubled marriage.

The role of a government is limited by the IQ, EQ, and SQ of the citizens that put the government in place, and by the virtue of the character of the men and women who make up that government.

(To be continued next week)

Kelly, M. (2022). *Holy Moments. A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life.* Blue Sparrow. Pg. 77

## Women's Ministry at Holy Family



Holy Family offers many opportunities for women to support one another as we grow in holiness. Check out the Women's Ministry page at [hfgb.org/women-ministry/](http://hfgb.org/women-ministry/) or contact any of the women listed below for more information:

- Walking With Purpose: Vikki Lasota 248-653-2117
- Divine Mercy Cenacle: Lauren Barton 248-894-2485
- Well-Read Mom: Elizabeth Petrides 810-265-4189
- Holy Family Needlecrafters: Linda Waggoner 810-444-7036
- Rosary Makers: Barbara Jarvis 248-752-3731
- Meals for Moms: Elizabeth Petrides 810-265-4189 / Samantha Rice 269-491-3240 / Molly Ralph 810-553-0235
- Moms Play Group: Stephanie Robinson 586-899-9084 / Erin Downes 517-294-7679

## Saint

**March 30: St. Peter Regalado**

On March 30th, the Catholic Church celebrates the feast day of Saint Peter Regalado, a Franciscan friar known for his love of the poor and the sick.



Born in 1390 in Valladolid, Spain, to a wealthy and pious family, he entered the Conventual Franciscans at the age of 13. He was known for his love of the poor and the sick, and miraculous stories are told about his charity, such as when bread never seemed to run out as long as he had hungry people to feed.

He was canonized in 1746.

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## Break Open the Parables - Young Adult Retreat

Hosted by Casey Vandenberg  
Take your faith to a deeper level as we unravel  
the secrets contained within the parables.

**April 11 - 12, 2025**

This retreat includes:

- Mass, Confession, & Adoration
  - Individual Reflection Time
- Plus

Special video teachings created for this retreat featuring:

Fr. Sebastian Walshe, Bishop Earl Boyea,  
and Dr. Mary Healy

Suggested donation: \$50

Register at [www.stfrancis.ws/weekend-retreats](http://www.stfrancis.ws/weekend-retreats)

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## Fashion Show

The women of St. Mark the Evangelist, 7296 Gale Rd.,  
Grand Blanc, are hosting a fashion show on **April 5**, at  
11:30 am in the St. Mark's Parish Center. They will be  
modeling clothes from Marta's Loft, Creative Fashions,  
and Kim Rose. Tickets are \$30 and lunch is included.  
Contact Kristin Woodberg at 586-504-4228 or Sue Griffith  
at 248-534-8198.

## County-wide Celebration of St. Joseph the Worker Feast Day

**To:** Pastor and volunteers of St. Joseph Guild, Ushers, or  
Men's Clubs, anyone who helps out with repairs around  
the church (men or women),

St. Francis Xavier Church of Otisville is proud to host this  
year's county-wide celebration of St. Joseph the Worker  
Feast Day on **Thursday, May 1, 2025**. You and your  
spouses are invited to join us for the celebration of Mass  
at 11:00 a.m. in the church, with lunch immediately follow-  
ing in Quaderer hall. Pastors are also invited to attend.

This is a great opportunity to thank all members of the St.  
Joseph Guild (men and women volunteers) for the many  
things they do to help with the upkeep of our parishes. We  
are truly blessed by their sacrificial giving, their time and  
talent, and their service.

Please respond to Ed LaBean at 989-871-4078 with the  
number of those attending **by April 20, 2025**.

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## Greater Flint Area Men's Group

There will be no meeting on April 2; the next meeting will  
be **Wednesday, April 9**, 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the basement  
of St. Matthew Catholic Church in downtown Flint. Come  
for fellowship and formation in the Catholic faith. No previ-  
ous attendance or instruction is necessary.

The group will pray Vespers and study the Compendium  
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(Volunteers may be available to pick up donations.)

## First Saturday Devotions

The World Apostolate of Fatima Diocesan Morning of  
Prayer and Reparation for World Peace will be held at  
Holy Rosary (5191 Richfield Rd., Flint) on **April 5**, at 9:00  
am. The morning will include Divine Liturgy, Investiture in  
the Brown Scapular, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,  
Holy Hour of Prayer and Rosary. Please call Brad at (810)  
744-6508 with any questions or concerns. More infor-  
mation on the website: [www.wafgc.org](http://www.wafgc.org)

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## Mass Schedule

**Saturday Vigil:** 4 p.m.

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**Monday - Saturday:** 8 a.m. (Livestreamed)  
(Playback available on YouTube & Facebook)

**Wednesday:** 6 pm

## Confession Schedule

Wednesdays 5:15 pm - 5:45 pm (before 6 pm Mass)

Saturdays 8:30 am (after 8 am Mass)

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## Prayers & Devotions

Rosary for Peace & with Fatima Prayer

- Wednesday 4 pm

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

- Wednesday after 6 pm Mass

Pray the Patriotic Rosary (Help Put God Back in America)

- Thursday 4 pm

**Word Among Us** reflections are available on their website: <https://wau.org/meditations>. We have a limited number of Word Among us booklets in a basket in the Ushers' Room.

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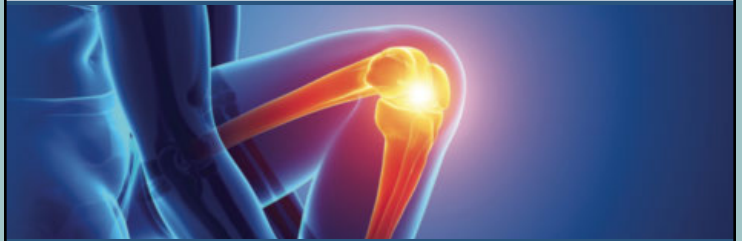
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