

**OUR SIXTH DAY WITH MARY** for men and women will be a day of spiritual treasures—a kind-of Lenten Day of Recollection and Spiritual Renewal—next Saturday, March 3rd, beginning at 7:40 in the morning. If you have never participated in a Day with Mary, you owe it to yourself to stop by for at least a part of it. Many participants, after attending their first one, eagerly await each future Day with Mary experience.

**A REMINDER** that the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) is available right here in our own church every Saturday at 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.; also, every Friday during Lent at 4:30, preceding Stations of the Cross. If you haven't received this sacrament in a while, Lent would be a good time.

**A PLENARY INDULGENCE** is attached to praying the 14 Stations of the Cross. Will you set aside one hour for Jesus this Friday afternoon—from 5 to 6 o'clock—to come to Stations and stay for Mass.

**OUR PRE-EASTER POLISH FOOD SALE** will be on Saturday, March 24th, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. It's the perfect opportunity to stock up on our famous pierogi and golumbki and other favorite Polish food items for your Family Swieconka.

**OLPH BINGO** every Thursday evening is a nice way to spend an enjoyable few hours with friends. Our doors open at 4:30; our famous Polish kitchen begins serving great comfort food with weekly specialties, also at 4:30; and bingo begins promptly at 6:45.

When winter weather turns bad, station 1420 AM will broadcast a notice if our bingo is cancelled.

**ATTIC TREASURES SALE**, sponsored by the Women's Guild of St. John Neumann Parish, will be conducted in their Parish Hall (Route 18, Middleboro Road, East Freetown) on Saturday, March 10th, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Admission is free; the hall is wheelchair accessible; breakfast and lunch will be available.

**LENT HAPPENS** every year, but for too many Catholics, it's not an incredible experience. It's just a time when they give up chocolate or some other food or activity they enjoy, then go back to it at Easter. It is *not too late* to make this Lent your Best Lent Ever.

A very worthwhile FREE e-mail program is yours for the taking. It will guide each participant on an incredible Lenten journey that can make Lent this year truly life-changing.

Short inspiring videos, practical tips, and simple prayers will provide a framework for growing closer to Jesus and deeper in faith each day.

It couldn't be much easier to sign up. Simply go to [BestLentEver.com/ParishSignUp](http://BestLentEver.com/ParishSignUp) Who among us does not want to open his/her heart to our Lord?

**CHOOSE LIFE!...** *"Make no mistake, abortion on demand is not a right guaranteed by the Constitution. No serious scholar, including one disposed to agree with the Court's result, has argued that the framers of the Constitution intended to give such a right. ...Roe v Wade has become a continuing prod to the conscience of the nation."*—President Ronald Reagan in his book, *Abortion and the Conscience of the Nation*

**2ND ANNUAL WOMEN'S & MEN'S CONFERENCE**, sponsored by the Diocese of Fall River, will be hosted at Stonehill College in Easton on Saturday, March 10th. The Conference program will feature dynamic speakers, prayer, music, reflection, and Mass, plus—new for 2018—a special track for young adults, ages 18 to 30. The flier in today's bulletin has more detailed information.

This Conference is a great Lenten opportunity for spiritual renewal and enrichment. To register, you may either visit [fallriverdiocese.org](http://fallriverdiocese.org) or complete and mail the registration form on the backside of the flier. The deadline for registering is March 1st.



Mass Intentions

**Sat. - Feb. 24 - 2nd Sunday of Lent**

**4:00 PM** +George Renaud  
Req. Ann Bodzioch Bojack

**Sun. - Feb. 25 - 2nd Sunday of Lent**

**10:00 AM** +Robert Cyr  
Req. Frances Pimental

**Mon. - Feb. 26 - Lenten Weekday**

**7:30 AM** OLPH Parishioners  
Living & Deceased

**Tues. - Feb. 27 - Lenten Weekday**

**7:30 AM** +Chester Urban

**Wed. - Feb. 28 - Lenten Weekday**

**7:30 AM** +Irene Gajownik

**Thurs. - Mar. 1 - Lenten Weekday**

**7:30 AM** Recovery after Surgery  
Req. Vincent Jazwinski

**Fri. - Mar. 2 - Lenten Weekday**

**4:30 PM** Confessions  
**5:00 PM** Stations of the Cross  
**5:30 PM** Return to Health and Sobriety  
Req. Gus S.

**Sat. - Mar. 3 - Lenten Weekday**

**10:00 AM** In Honor of Our Blessed Mother

**Sat. - Mar. 3 - 3rd Sunday of Lent**

**4:00 PM** +Stasia & +Joseph Patykula  
Req. Family

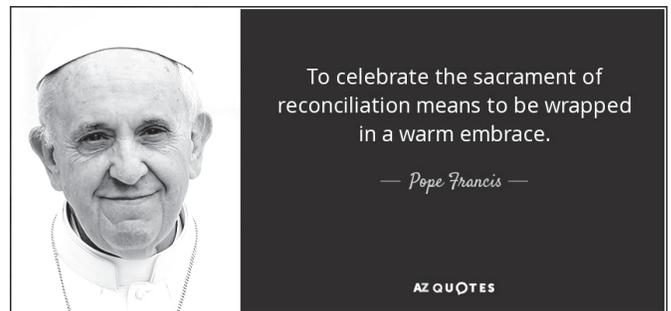
**Sun. - Mar. 4 - 3rd Sunday of Lent**

**10 AM** +Joseph Michael Bobrowiecki  
Req. Mother

**A MESSAGE FROM FATHER CONRAD**

Brothers and Sisters of Our Parish Family,

Celebrating and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) can be among the most blessed of human experiences. Yet, there are a number of reasons why we don't take advantage of this Sacrament, or we don't celebrate it well. Fear, shame, bad experiences of the past, or a long time since we last received the Sacrament are all possible reasons for struggles with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The solution is so easy. A simple understanding of this Sacrament and a little bit of encouraging ourselves to give it a new try, with a new expectation, can literally change our lives and will certainly renew our faith.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is God's gift to us. In the story of the Prodigal Son, Jesus tries to tell us that God is simply waiting for us to "come home." In the story, the father is not only waiting, He is out by the road longing for the wayward son to return. And when the son begins to give his practiced speech of repentance, the father interrupts him and calls for the celebration to begin. Jesus is telling us that this is how God feels about our reconciliation. It isn't about having to shame ourselves or being scolded (I guarantee this will not happen). It is all about letting ourselves receive the merciful and healing love and peace that only God's love can give us.

Peace and Blessings,

Father Conrad