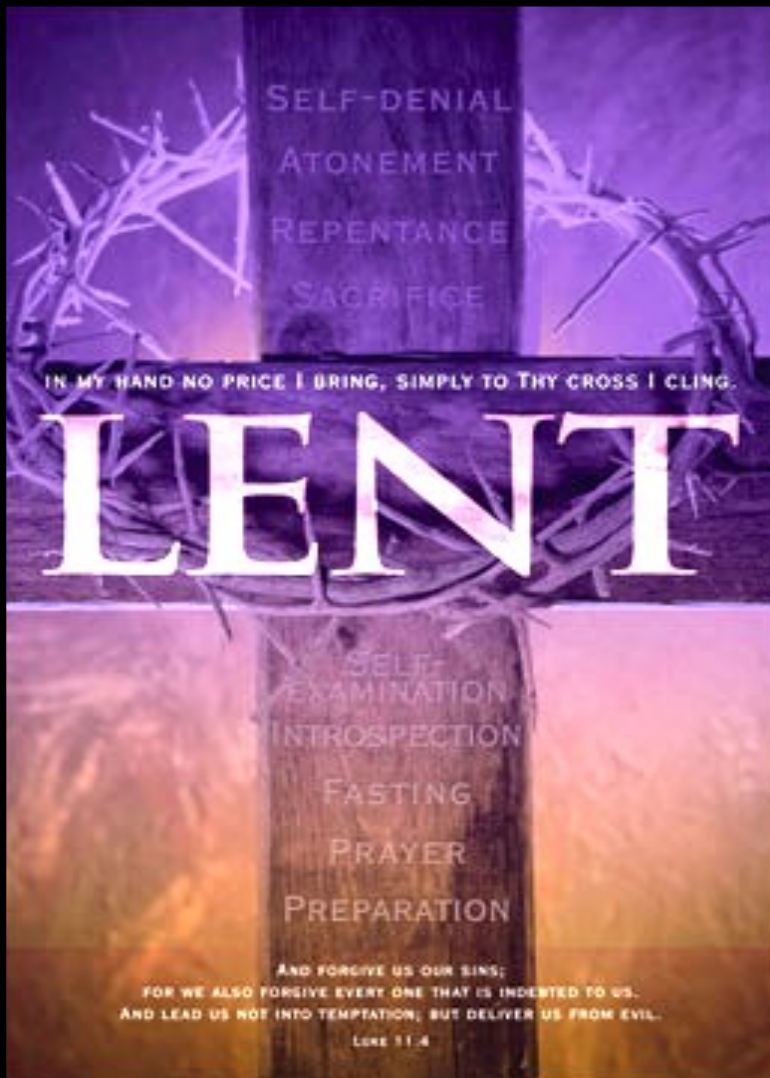


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



Mass Schedule

- Monday, March 8th **St. John of God**
No Mass
- Tuesday, March 9th **St. Frances of Rome**
Mass 8:15 am
† Rita Hall
- Wednesday, March 10th
Mass 8:15 am
L& D members of the Leineweber & Cahow families
- Thursday, March 11th
Mass 8:15 am **Adoration Following Mass**
† Juanita Tully
- Friday, March 12th
Mass 8:15 am *Abstain from meat*
Archbishop ListECKI SP.I.
- Stations of the Cross with Adoration
6:00 to 7:00 pm
- Saturday, March 13th
Confessions 4:15- 4:50 pm
Mass 5:15 am
† Leon Rausch

- Sunday, March 14th **Fourth Sunday of Lent**
Confessions 7:30 -7:50 am
Mass 8:00 am
Our Parish Family
- Confessions 9:30 -10:20 am
Mass 10:30 am
† JoAnn Goodman Shore

Daylight Savings Time Starts 3/14/2021

- Readings for the week of March 7, 2021**
- Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/
Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
- Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/
Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17[cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14
- Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/ Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/
Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Third Sunday of Lent

LENT
prayer • fasting • almsgiving

Almsgiving

Thus when you give alms, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by men.
Truly, I say to you, they have their reward.
When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Matt 6:2-4

From your pastor . . .

A number of parishioners have inquired about the moral status of using the new Johnson & Johnson vaccine to fight against the COVID-19 virus. I contacted our Diocesan Office of Social Concerns and asked the director, Christopher Ruff if he had any information concerning this new vaccine. He indicated that he is expecting a statement from the Vatican and/or the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in the near future. Until that happens, he referred me to the statement made by the Archdiocese of New Orleans, which I have reproduced below.

The Archdiocese of New Orleans has indicated that the Johnson & Johnson vaccine should not be used if the Pfizer and the Moderna vaccines are available. Apparently, like the AstraZeneca vaccine, the Johnson and Johnson vaccine has used an abortion-derived cell line in its manufacturing process.

I have been trying to secure information from Johnson & Johnson as to whether they would acknowledge the use of such a stem line, but I have not had any success. As of today (March 2nd) the Johnson & Johnson is being shipped but I don't believe it is being administered yet to the public. I would recommend that if and when you receive the vaccine, you specifically ask for the Pfizer or Moderna.

The statement from the Archdiocese of New Orleans appears with quotation marks and is in *italics*.

“There has been much discussion of late over the COVID-19 vaccines becoming available to the public as a means of bringing the pandemic under control. For Catholics in particular there has been much discussion and debate about moral and ethical questions around the development of the vaccines in regard to their use of morally compromised cell lines created from two abortions that occurred, one in the 1970’s and one in the 1980’s.

The Archdiocese of New Orleans, in light of guidance from the Vatican, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and the National Catholic Bioethics Center affirm that though there was some lab testing that utilized the abortion-derived cell line, the two vaccines currently available from Pfizer and Moderna do not rely on cell lines from abortions in the manufacturing process and therefore can be morally acceptable for Catholics as the connection to abortion is extremely remote.

It is under the same guidance that the archdiocese must instruct Catholics that the latest vaccine from Janssen/Johnson & Johnson is morally compromised as it uses the abortion-derived cell line in development and production of the vaccine as well as testing.

We maintain that the decision to receive the COVID-19 vaccine remains one of individual conscience in consultation with one’s healthcare provider. We also maintain that in no way does the Church’s position diminish the wrongdoing of those who decided to use cell line from abortions to make vaccines. In doing so, we advise that if the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine is available, Catholics should choose to receive either of those vaccines rather than to receive the new Johnson & Johnson vaccine because of its extensive use of abortion-derived cell lines.”

I hope the above is helpful in your making an informed decision concerning this matter. Until I write again, may God bless you and all the parishioners of Saint Mary’s Parish.

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel

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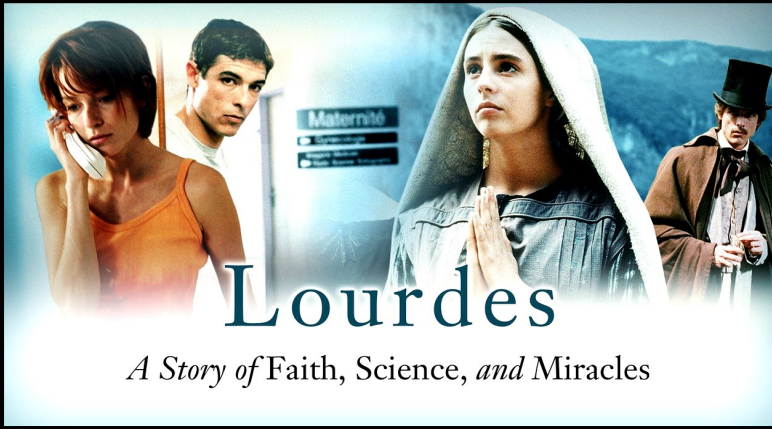
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February 27/28, 2021 Stewardship

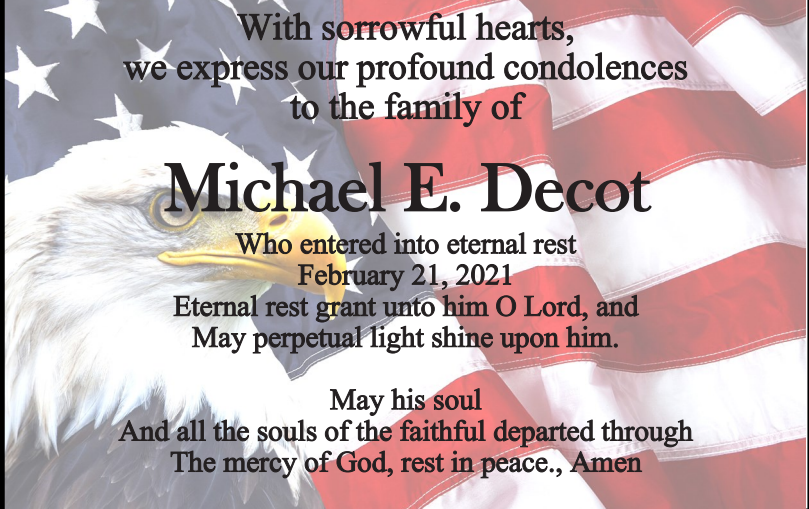
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Pastoral Care.....	82.00
Building & Maintenance.....	20.00
Catholic School Support.....	20.00
Festival.....	22.00
Easter Flowers	75.00
Total.....	\$4,138.00
<i>January (ACH) Automatic Contributions...</i>	<i>\$6,220.00</i>
<i>February (ACH) Automatic Contributions</i>	<i>\$6,170.00</i>



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Scrip Sellers
 March 13 5:15 P.M. Colleen Pulvermacher
 March 14 8:00 A.M. Christine Schmitt
 March 14 10:30 A.M. Mary Jo Nigl



With sorrowful hearts,
we express our profound condolences
to the family of

Michael E. Decot


Who entered into eternal rest
February 21, 2021
Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and
May perpetual light shine upon him.

May his soul
And all the souls of the faithful departed through
The mercy of God, rest in peace., Amen



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**Stations of the Cross and Adoration
Every Friday in Lent
6:00 to 7:00 pm**

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For those seeking the Sacrament of Marriage in our Church
please notify the pastor as soon as you are engaged,
but **not less than six months**
prior to the proposed wedding date.

**Spirituality Day
2021**



LDCCW Presents

**A Lenten Journey
Through The Holy Land**

**Saturday, March 6, 2021
9 am–12 pm**

Our host, Lorraine Riedl, will take us on a virtual walk through the life of Jesus in the Holy Land using photos from a recent pilgrimage.

Go to LDCCW.org for Zoom meeting log on information.



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