



St. Bartholomew's Church, Old Forge *St. Anthony's Church, Inlet and Raquette Lake*

February 24 through March 3, 2024

Second Sunday in Lent

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY	Feb 24	@4:00 PM (OF)	For Gloria Bolton rb Deb Fenton
SUNDAY	Feb 25	@8:00AM (Inlet)	For The People of Our Parishes
		@10:00 AM (OF)	For Bertrum Barter rb the Family
MONDAY	Feb 26		No Mass
TUESDAY	Feb 27	@8:00 AM (OF)	For Elizabeth Quinn rb Barbara Ball
WEDNESDAY	Feb 28		No Mass
THURSDAY	Feb 29		No Mass
FRIDAY	Mar 1	@10:00 AM (Inlet)	For Sr. Mary Kevin DeTore rb a Friend
SATURDAY	Mar 2	@4:00 PM (OF)	For Shirley Grande rb Valerie Gaudin
SUNDAY	Mar 3	@8:00AM (Inlet)	For Sr. Jane Francis Pfisterer rb a Friend
		@10:00 AM (OF)	For Bob Bourney rb K of C Council 3057



Religious education: The next religious education meeting is this Sunday, February 25, after the 10:00am Mass at St. Bartholomew's. Parents, please plan to have your children attend.

LENTEN THOUGHTS:

What began as a shorter time of preparing catechumens for baptism at the Easter Vigil, expanded over the centuries to 40 days of penitence, excluding Sundays. Lent began on Ash Wednesday and ended when the Easter Vigil began. Today the Season of Lent is a little less than 40 days, the Church having designated the three days from the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday to the Vespers (Evening Prayer) of Easter Sunday as a Sacred Triduum (3 days), celebrating the Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

While the development of the Lenten days was various throughout the Church, it may have been suggested by Christ laying in death for 40 hours, or by his 40 days of prayer and fasting in the desert (a number itself reminiscent of Israel's 40 years in the desert for disbelieving God). Regarding the connection to Christ's own life, the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning" [Heb 4:15]. By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert. (CCC 540).

We are planning a few events as Lent gets under way. Please read the bulletins for further information as it comes up.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK:

Tuesday, February 27 is the memorial of St. Gregory of Narek (+1003/1011), abbot. We are not sure when he died but he was an Armenian mystical and lyrical poet, abbot and theologian. He was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Francis in 2015. He is best known for his *Book of Lamentations*, a major work of mystical literature.

Wednesday, February 28 is the memorial of Pope St. Hilary (+468). He is honored as the guardian of Church unity. Hilary was a papal legate to the Robber Council of Ephesus in 449, barely escaping with his life from this affair. When he became pope, he called two councils, rebuilt several Roman churches, built up the churches in France and Spain and lectured the emperor when he adopted a heresy.

Friday, March 1 is St. David's Day in Britain and Ireland. St. David of Wales (+589) is the greatest figure in the 6th century, Welsh Age of Saints, founder of scores of religious communities, and the only native-born patron saint of the countries of Britain and Ireland.

Your Financial Stewardship:

St. Bartholomew's	<u>2/18/24</u>	<u>2/19/23</u>	St. Anthony's	<u>2/18/24</u>	<u>2/19/23</u>
Regular	1659.00	1088.00		682.00	527.00
European Relief	50.00			97.00	25.00
Fuel					
Easter flowers	504.00			102.00	

Due to your generosity, the European Relief Services is receiving a total of \$122 from St. Anthony's and \$321 from St. Bartholomew's. Thank you for your continued financial support!!

The **Community Food Pantry**: If someone needs food when the Pantry is not open, call Jane@315 527-1919. We are here to help. The next open dates for the Food Pantry are Tuesday Feb 27 and Thursday Feb 29 from 4:00 to 6:00pm.

Please be aware that many national Catholic websites do not have up to date information about our Mass times. We have no contact with these groups. Since our schedules change, please check our own website, "fultonchaincatholics.org" for correct, current information.

Reminders:

Communion Visits: Fr. Kornmeyer and Deacon Tim take Holy Communion regularly to parishioners who cannot attend Mass for whatever reason. If a friend or family member would benefit from this, contact them and arrangements will be set up soon. For those who need the anointing of the sick, please call the office. Don't wait for the 'right' moment.

Confessions: The Sacrament of Penance is offered each Saturday from 3:00 to 3:45 pm at St. Bartholomew's, and each Sunday before the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses. Accept the grace of God and receive this powerful sacrament again soon.

Low gluten hosts are available at our Masses. Speak with a priest or deacon before Mass to request it.

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Deacon: Dcn. Timothy Foley

Organist and Par. Music Director: Brother Ed Bick, TOPSF, **Par. Office Manager:** Debbie Booton McCoy

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