



St. Padre Pio Parish

Roman Catholic Parish

March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Celebrating Eucharist:

Tuesday:	7:00 PM	Elba site
Wednesday:	7:00 PM	Oakfield site
Saturday:	5:45 PM	Elba site
Sunday:	10:00 AM	Oakfield site

Marriage: Please contact the parish office at least six months in advance. Attendance at a pre-marriage sacramental program is required.

Baptism: Parents must attend a pre-baptismal class before having their child baptized. Please call the parish office for more information.

Anointing of the Sick: The Sacrament is offered on request. Please contact the church office for anointing.

**Penance: Tuesdays:6:30-Elba
Wednesdays: 6:30-Oakfield**

New Parishioners: In God's name, we welcome you. May you find friendship, peace and serenity in our loving Parish. If you are a visitor interested in joining our parish or the Catholic Faith, please call the parish office at 585-948-5344.

If you are returning after being away...Welcome home...

You can find our bulletin each week on our website: www.padrepionny.com or call the office if you need the bulletin sent to your home. Call (585) 948-5344.



Elba Site
65 S. Main St., Elba

Parish Office

56 Maple Ave.
Oakfield NY 14125
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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8am-12pm

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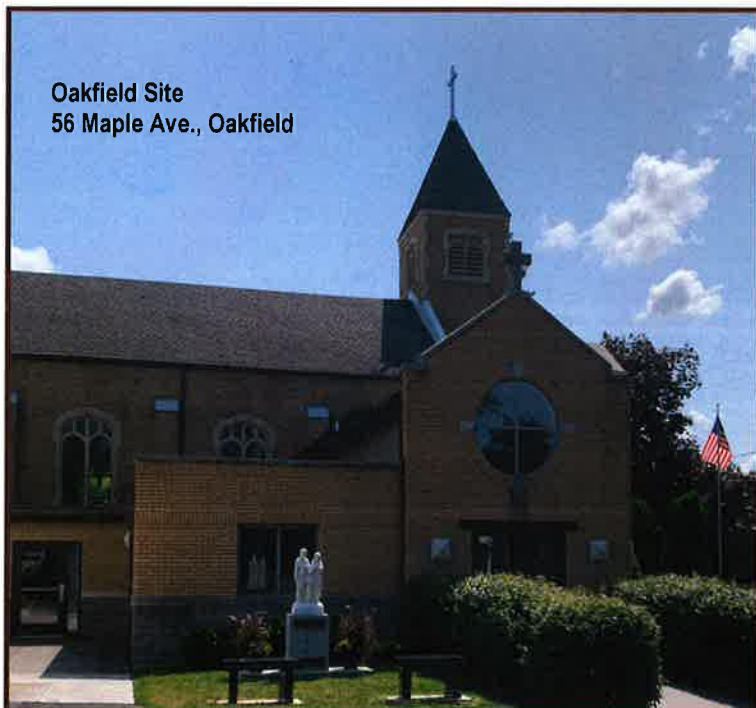
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Oakfield Site
56 Maple Ave., Oakfield

MASS INTENTIONS FOR:

Sat 3/9	ELBA	5:45pm	✝	Mary Arlene George by The George Family
Sun 3/10	OAK	10:00am	✝	Joe Farrel by Margaret Pedro
Tues 3/12	ELBA	7:00pm	✝	Walter Pahuta by The Warriner Family
Wed 3/13	OAK	7:00pm	✝	Leon Halat Sr. by Mary Ognibene & Family
Sat 3/16	ELBA	5:45pm	✝	Helena Jan Mazur by The Pruski Family
Sun 3/17	OAK	10:00am	✝	Doreen Johns by All Parishioners



The Bells will ring this week at the Oakfield worship site In Memory of

Myron "Mike" Day
(Birthday Anniversary)

By Wife, Norma

Call to Vocations
Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 10, 2024

Whoever lives the truth comes to the light," Jesus told Nicodemus. Step into the light of Jesus and hear His calling in your life. If it involves a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



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Amount Needed Each Week	\$4,646.62
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Your stewardship of time, talent and treasure is truly appreciated!



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Ministry Schedule

Lector Schedule:

Saturday, 3/9	Elba	5:45pm	Tim Tomczak
Sunday, 3/10	Oak	10:00am	John Palillo
Saturday, 3/16	Elba	5:45 pm	Mindy Stempin
Sunday, 3/17	Oak	10:00am	Linda Giambrone
Saturday, 3/23	Elba	5:45 pm	Paige Harding
Sunday, 3/24	Oak	10:00 am	Chris Coffta

Greeter Schedule:

Saturday, 3/9	Elba	5:45 pm	Tim McKenrick
Sunday, 3/10	Oak	10:00 am	Bob & Chris Funke
Saturday, 3/16	Elba	5:45 pm	Cindy Kowalik
Sunday, 3/17	Oak	10:00 am	Norma Day
Saturday, 3/23	Elba	5:45 pm	Paige Harding
Sunday, 3/24	Oak	10:00 am	Jim & Chris Coffta

Eucharistic Minister Schedule:

Saturday, 3/9	Elba	5:45pm	Tim McKenrick
Sunday, 3/10	Oak	10:00 am	Barb Harkness
Saturday, 3/16	Elba	5:45 pm	Rex Norton
Sunday, 3/17	Oak	10:00 am	Reg Barcomb
Saturday, 3/23	Elba	5:45 pm	Mike Kowalczyk
Sunday, 3/24	Oak	10:00 am	Jim Coffta

Altar Server Schedule:

Saturday, 3/9	Elba	5:45 pm	
Sunday, 3/10	Oak	10:00 am	Allison Harkness/Lauren Emerson
Saturday, 3/16	Elba	5:45 pm	
Sunday, 3/17	Oak	10:00 am	Lily Czachorowski/Tori Davis
Saturday, 3/23	Elba	5:45pm	
Sunday, 3/24	Oak	10:00am	Clara Torrey/Lucy Torrey

Usher Schedule:

Saturday, 3/9	Elba	5:45pm	Mike Kowalczyk
Sunday, 3/10	Oak	10:00am	Steve Harkness/Reg Barcomb
Saturday, 3/16	Elba	5:45 pm	Tom Stempin
Sunday, 3/17	Oak	10:00 am	Jan Bencic/Terry Martino
Saturday, 3/23	Elba	5:45pm	Tim McKenrick
Sunday, 3/24	Oak	10:00 am	James Zasowski/Reg Barcomb



FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

- ! Sunday, March 10th-10am-Noon-Family Gathering K-10
- ! Sunday, March 17th-10am-Noon-Class Grade K-10
- ! Sunday, March 24th-10am-Noon-Class Grade 2-10
- ! Sunday, April 7th-10am-Noon-Class Gr. 9-10
- ! Sunday, April 14th-10am-Noon-Class Gr. 2-8
- ! Sunday, April 21st-10am-Noon-Class Gr. K-10
- ! Sunday, April 28th-10am-Noon-Family Gathering K-10-LAST CLASS

CHURCH CALENDAR

- Monday, March 11th-Men's Group Meeting-7:00pm-Oakfield
- Tuesday, March 12th-Altar & Rosary mtg.-1:00pm-Elba
- Tuesday, March 12th-Parish Council Meeting-7:00pm-Oakfield
- Wednesday, March 13th-Choir Practice-7:30pm-Oakfield
- Thursday, March 14th- Eucharistic Adoration-9am-2pm-Oakfield
- Friday, March 15th-Station of the Cross-6:00pm-Oakfield
- Sunday, March 17th-Baptism-after 10am Mass-Dennis Joseph Beuler
- Thursday, March 21st-Eucharistic Adoration-9am-2pm-Oakfield
- Friday, March 22nd-Stations of the Cross-6:00pm-Oakfield
- Sunday, March 24th-PALM SUNDAY**
- Wednesday, March 27th-Choir Practice-7:30pm-Oakfield
- Holy Thursday, March 28-Church Office Closed
- Good Friday, March 29th-Church Office Closed
- Sunday, March 31st-HAPPY EASTER**

This Sunday's Gospel:

John 3:14-21

This Sunday's Gospel describes Jesus as the Son of God sent into the world to reveal God's love. Those who believe in Jesus believe in the power of God's love as the light of their lives—a light that can turn darkness into light and troubles into joys.

Pray Together

As a special devotion, try to have a family evening prayer each day this week. Use a favorite family prayer, pray in your own words, or say one decade of the Rosary. Set a definite time for this prayer. Remember that the prayer time does not need to be long or involved. The important part is praying together in the Light of Christ.

The **Altar & Rosary Society** will hold a meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 in Elba at 1:00pm in the afternoon. If you are interested in joining our Ministry. Please feel free to join us. No reservations are necessary.

Just a reminder: If you are attending a Mass at any parish in our Family #12, you can still put your Padre Pio envelope in their collection basket. It will then be mailed back to us and you will be credited for those envelopes.

Holy Thursday:

Morning Prayer: St. Padre Pio-St. Cecilia-9am

Mass of The Lord's Supper and Repository: Resurrection Parish-St. Joseph-7pm.

Repository open until 10pm

Good Friday:

Morning Prayer: St. Padre Pio-St. Cecilia-9am

Celebration of The Lord's Passion-Resurrection Parish-St. Joseph-3pm

Stations of the Cross: Ascension Parish-7pm Rev. Matthew Zirnheld, Pastor

Holy Saturday:

Morning Prayer: St. Padre Pio-St. Cecilia-9am

Blessing of Food Baskets: Ascension Parish-12pm

Easter Vigil:

Resurrection Parish-St. Joseph-8pm.

Note: The only Mass offered on Holy Saturday is at 8pm.

Easter Sunday:

7:30am-Resurrection Parish-St. Mary's

8:30am-St. Padre Pio-Elba

10:00am-St. Padre Pio-Oakfield

10:30am-Ascension Parish

12:00pm-Resurrection Parish-St. Joseph

Eucharistic



Adoration

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Eucharistic Adoration will begin at St. Padre Pio Church (Oakfield site) on March 14th, from 9:00am-2:00pm, and will take place each Thursday at this time. Come and enjoy some quiet time with the Lord. We are still in need of more volunteers to commit to **afternoons and evenings** so we can keep this going throughout the day. Only **one hour** is required. If you are interested, please contact the Church office at 585-948-5344 or email office@padrepiony.com.

HOPE when hope feels lost. We know that asking for help can be a difficult thing to do, and that's why our staff works extra hard to make Catholic Charities a welcoming environment, enveloping those who come to us in their times of need with dignity and respect. One client shared, "I admire how the staff is welcoming and non-judgmental in all situations. I appreciate all the care and concern shown for my children and their wellbeing." When you support the Appeal, you support this level of care. Give today and help provide HOPE to those in need. Visit ccwny.org/donate or text HOPE4WNY to 44321.

For those that are interested, the **Annual Chrism Mass** will be celebrated Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 7:00pm at St. Joseph Cathedral in Buffalo.

Spring Forward



March 10, 2024 • Set your clock ahead!

Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

March 2024

St. Padre Pio Catholic Church
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One Minute Meditations

Pope St. Zachary

Born to a Greek family in Calabria, Italy, St. Zachary was deacon

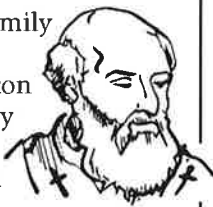
to Pope Gregory III before succeeding him as pope in 741.

As pope, St. Zachary skillfully negotiated peace for Italy several times, most notably with the Lombards and the Franks. St. Zachary supported St. Boniface's German mission, ransomed slaves sold by Venetian merchants, and supported the restoration of churches. He carried the Church through troubled times with charity, prudence, and skillful leadership.

Trust

St. (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta refused donations beyond the current needs of her community. Accepting such help would mean she didn't trust God to provide for their needs. When we rely on God, we demonstrate our faith, just as Mother Teresa did.

"God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it"
(1 Corinthians 10:13).



Finish Lent strong

The last weeks of Lent can feel like the last yards of a marathon. We're just pushing ourselves to reach the finish line of Easter. Instead, think of Lent as a time of silence, simplicity, and sacrifice that helps us become the people God wants us to be. That's the real point of Lent.

Silence: Prayer is oxygen for the soul. It is during prayer when God speaks to our hearts. Lent done right removes distractions so that our prayer is richer and our focus more attentive. It is critical to find time to be with Him in attentive silence each day.

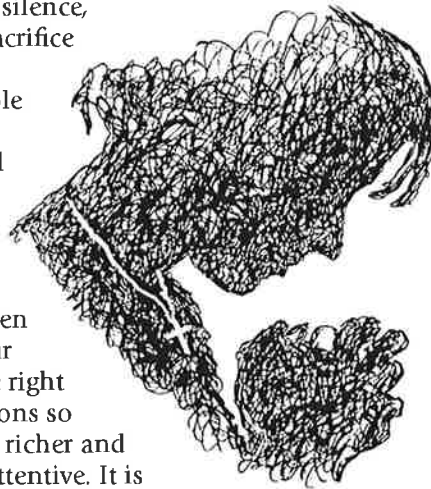
Simplicity: Avoid material clutter. Consider the six month rule – if you haven't worn it or used it in the last

six months – give it away. Not only will you help those in need, decluttering creates room in our homes and hearts for God.

Sacrifice: Through sacrifice we give back to God what we owe Him. While we can't repay Him for His gifts in equal measure, we can express gratitude with small sacrifices that show our return back to Him in gratitude and love.

Sacraments: Sacraments are the fuel for fighting evil. During Lent, these spiritual battles intensify. Weekly

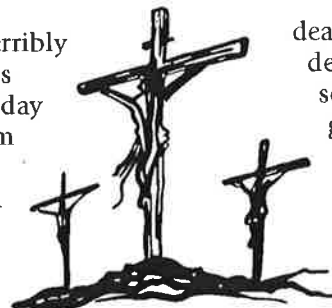
Mass and monthly Confession keep up our spiritual strength. Don't fight on fumes. Fuel up with the Sacraments.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics call Good Friday "good"?

Although it recalls a terribly sad event, Good Friday is "good" because it is the day when Jesus saved us from our sins, reconciled us with God, and reopened Heaven. Out of what seemed like defeat, God brought victory. By His

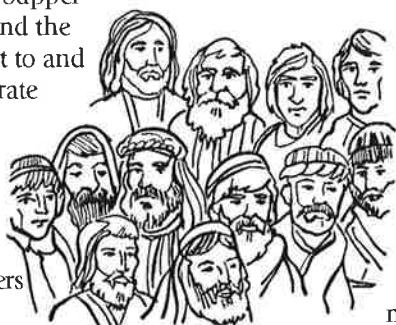


death, Jesus conquered sin and death. On Good Friday, we see more clearly God's goodness, justice, wisdom, power, and love. "God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

“By this all men will know that you are my disciples...”

Each Triduum begins by recalling the Last Supper during which Jesus gave us the priesthood and the Eucharist as His means of remaining present to and in His Church. On Holy Thursday, we celebrate discipleship and are all asked to renew our commitment to following Jesus.

Disciples act with love. *“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another”* (John 13:35). True followers of Jesus know that how we treat others proves that we know Him and follow Him.



Disciples answer the call. God chooses us first, but we must answer the call. If Peter had not dropped his nets and followed Jesus, he would not have been a disciple. Discipleship involves a choice to drop everything for Him.

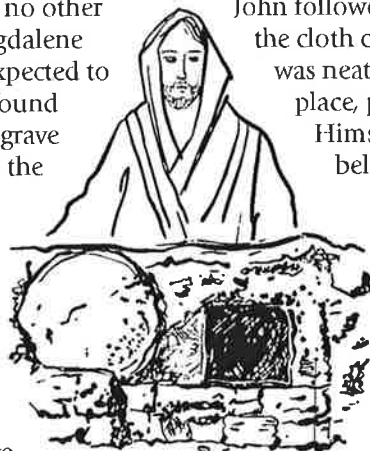
Disciples make other disciples. Ultimately, we need to do what Jesus did, which is to make more disciples. This was His final command, *“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations”* (Matthew 28:19). The Catholic Church’s mission is to make disciples who make disciples.

from **Scripture**

John 20:1-9, Jesus – not death – has the last word

The Resurrection is the keystone of our Faith, making a claim no other faith can. When Mary Magdalene arrived at the tomb, she expected to find a body. Instead, she found the stone rolled back, the grave clothes neatly folded, and the tomb empty. She concluded, wrongly, that thieves had taken the Lord’s body, and she ran to tell Peter and John.

When Peter and John arrived, Peter entered first and also saw that the grave clothes had been left behind, not left in a heap, but neatly arranged. No grave robber would have taken the



body and left the clothes behind. John followed Peter and saw that the cloth covering Christ’s face was neatly folded in a separate place, perhaps by Christ Himself. He saw and believed.

The Resurrection proves that Christ is who He says He is. Therefore, we must give Him our final allegiance. Because Jesus rose from the dead in glory, we also have the hope of rising

in glory with Him on the Last Day. Christ – not death, sin, or evil – has the last word.

Q & A What are the Corporal Works of Mercy?

As followers of Christ, we’re encouraged to care for each other. Jesus’ parable of the judgment of the sheep and the goats (Matthew 25:31-46) lists the ways we can care for those in physical need: *“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me...”* (Matthew 25:35).



These are the Corporal Works of Mercy: to feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to visit the sick and imprisoned, to shelter the homeless and to bury the dead. Essentially, *“it is by what they have done for the poor that Jesus Christ will recognize His chosen ones”* (Catechism of the Catholic Church #2443).

The Corporal Works of Mercy are about being aware of others’ needs and responding to them. Living the Corporal Works of Mercy is how we can make our love for God and others visible and effective. *“Whatever you did for one of these...you did for me”* (Matthew 25:40).

Feasts & Celebrations

March 8 – John of God (1550). Moved to repentance by a homily of St. John of Ávila, St. John left his career in the Portuguese military to establish a hospital for the sick and poor. After his death, his assistants formed the Brothers Hospitallers.

March 19 - St. Joseph, Husband of Mary (1st century). Jesus’ earthly father and husband to the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph is a model of fatherhood and a protector of families.

March 24 - Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion (1st Century). On

Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion, we recall Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when He was greeted by cheering crowds waving palms. This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.

March 26 - St. Margaret Clitherow (1586). St. Margaret converted to Catholicism soon after she married, when Catholicism was illegal in England. Margaret continued to practice her faith, even hiding priests in her house so they could say Mass. She remained joyful, faithful, and peaceful until her martyrdom.



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In the Eucharist Christ gives us the very body which he gave up for us on the cross, the very blood which he 'poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.'

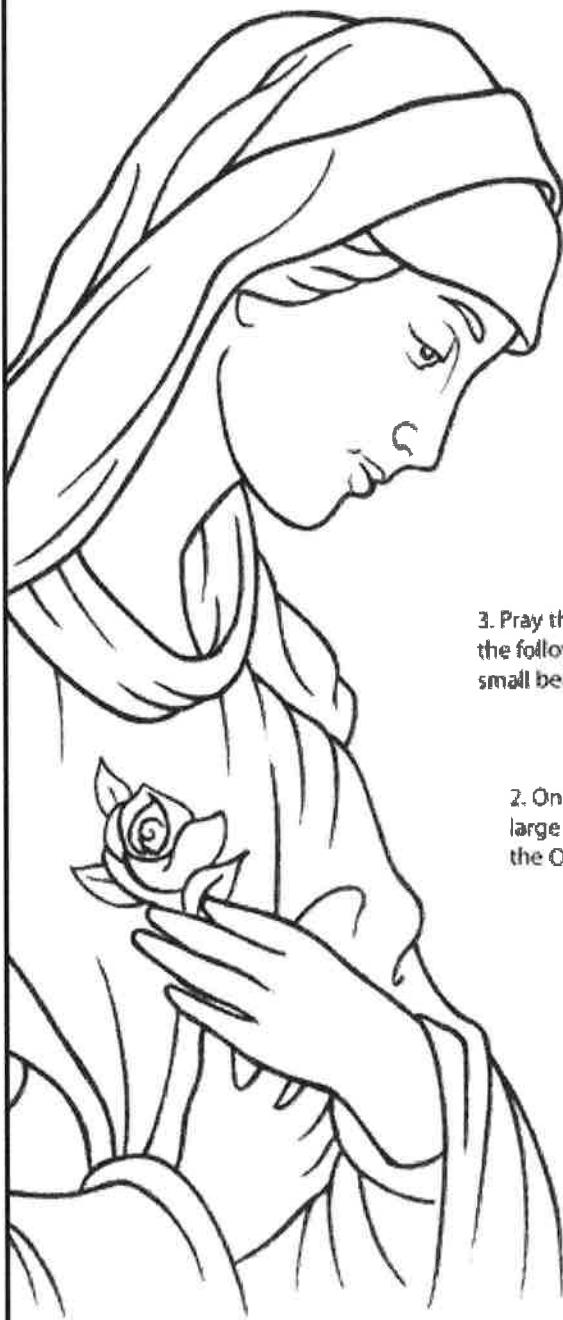
—Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1365

All the way back in the Book of Genesis when Adam and Eve committed the first sin, God promised to send someone who would restore humankind to friendship with God. We believe that someone is Jesus, the Son of God and Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, who became one of us.

When Jesus comes, he does not sin at any time during his life. But he still dies the death of a criminal on the Cross. If we are honest, it is we who deserve the punishment for sin. But it took the perfect man, who was also God, to pay the price for our sins. It is Jesus' very Body, now glorified in Heaven, which we receive in Holy Communion.

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7. On the chain before the next decade, pray the Glory Be & The Fatima Prayer.

8. Repeat each decade (steps 5, 6 & 7) starting with the Our Father until you reach the medal in the center.

6. Pray a Hail Mary on each of the 10 smaller beads.

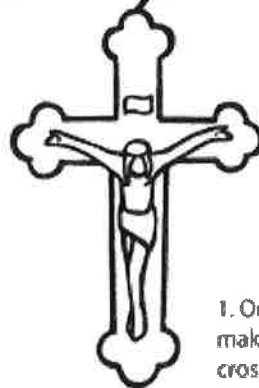
9. Finish by praying the Hail, Holy Queen and closing prayer.

5. On the large bead, meditate on the first mystery and pray the Our Father.

3. Pray the Hail Mary on the following three small beads.

4. On the chain before the next bead, pray the Glory Be.

2. On the first large bead, pray the Our Father.



1. On the crucifix, make the sign of the cross and then pray the Apostles' Creed.

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