

**PARISH EVENTS and LITURGIES**

**Sunday, March 8**

- 8:30 am Christian Initiation, FLC
- 9:00 am Religious Education, FLC & SH
- 10:30 am Preschool, FLC
- 10:30 am Mass - OLPH Parishioners**
- 11:30 am Children's Choir
- 6:00 pm Youth Night, SH

**Monday, March 9**

- 12:00 pm Mass - Barbara & Steve O'Connell**  
(Intentions)

**Tuesday, March 10**

- 11:00 am Confessions
- 12:00 pm Mass - Leah & Kaylee Shrewberry**  
(Special Intention)
- 5:00 pm Lenten Confessions & Adoration
- 6:30 pm Faith Formation Parish Team, FLC

**Wednesday, March 11**

- 12:00 pm Valleywide Reconciliation at St. Gerard
- 3:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration (3-6:15pm & 7-9pm)
- 4:00 pm Olive Branch Open
- 5:00 pm Confessions
- 6:30 pm Mass - Jessica Stephenson †**

**Thursday, March 12**

- 10:30 am Bible Study, FLC
- 12:00 pm Mass - Michael Hurley †**
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir
- 7:00 pm Roanoke College Mass

**Friday, March 13**

- 4:30 pm Fish Fry
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 14**

- 8:30 am Carmelites, FLC
- 10:00 am First Communion Prep, SH
- 3:00 pm Olive Branch Open
- 3:30 pm Confessions
- 5:00 pm Vigil Mass - OLPH Parishioners**

**Sunday, March 15**

- 8:30 am Christian Initiation, FLC
- 9:00 am Religious Education, FLC & SH
- 10:30 am Preschool, FLC
- 10:30 am Mass - David Kahn †**
- 11:30 am Children's Choir
- 5:00 pm Mass Roanoke College

**24 Hours of Adoration**

**Friday, March 27 from 12:00 pm to  
Saturday, March 28 at 12:00 pm  
Come and spend time with Jesus**

	<b>March 14 Saturday Mass 5:00 pm</b>	<b>March 15 Sunday Mass 10:30 am</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Elijah Buchanan	Cora Clouse Annabelle Krell
<b>Lectors</b>	Norman Ata Janet deGuzman	Kathryn Anderson Max Stephenson
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Theresa Ata Dennis Kafura Parish Deacon	Jeffrey Krajnik Janie Christian Laurie White Parish Deacon Parish Deacon Kimmie Chernichky Vicky Rowland
<b>Linen Washer</b>		Sandy Shedwell
<b>Ushers</b>	Paul Chauvin Scott Kuhn Jack Miller Al Scalera	Maria Carrier David Hafey Greg St. Clair Bill Thompson
<b>Bus Driver</b>		Alex Juarez

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK  
March 8 - March 15, 2026**

**Sunday:** Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/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; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/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/Lk 11:14-23

**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11 ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21 ab/Lk 18:9-14

**Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/  
Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

*Please pray for our sick, that they may be  
strengthened by the love of Christ.*

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| Rob Ahlers       | Placido de Guzman | Judith Perrine      |
| Louise Amato     | Therese Huynh     | Nancy Rondeau       |
| Joe Birkenmaier  | Teresita Jornales | Emily Tamandl       |
| Fr. Tom Collins  | Bernie Langheim   | Jax & Janie Tamandl |
| Johanna Espelage | Joseph Mukuni     | John Wizorek        |

**AT THIS TIME OF LENTEN JOY** Please pray for our Elect who after study and much preparation will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Our Candidates (people coming into full communion) will be receiving First Eucharist and Confirmation, and one adult confirmand will receive the sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.

**SECOND COLLECTION** next week is for Catholic Relief Services revealing Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. Funds for this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**THE OLPH YOUTH GROUP** will collect plastic Easter Eggs and individually wrapped candy the week of March 7 & 8 and March 14 & 15. A box will be in the Commons for all donations.

*Please no candy with peanut butter or peanuts.*

**Thank you for your generosity!**



**Easter**  
egg donations

Help make Easter EGGstra special by donating plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy the weekends March 6/7 & March 13/14

**March 8, 2026**  
**3rd Sunday of Lent**  
**John 4:5-42**

Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, "Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way." That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: "One sows and another reaps" (John 4:37). He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit.

This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

**Lenten challenge:** *Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.*

~Fr. John Muir

WEEKLY OFFERING	Feb. 28 & Mar. 1, 2026	JULY 1YTD
Sunday - Holy Days	\$11,716.00	\$455,562.00
Total Income Budgeted	\$10,710.00	\$381,297.00
Better or <b>Worse</b>	\$ 1,006.00	\$ 74,265.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 3,920.00	\$ 51,916.00

**Thank you for your continued support.**

**Blessing of Living Water**

Lord, where there has been dryness in my life, bless me with Your living water!  
 Where I fear to dream of new hope and growth, bless me with Your living water!  
 Where I'm thirsty for new and abundant life, bless me with Your living water!  
 Drench the parched earth with Your promise, bless me with Your living water! ~Amen

