

# Mary Help of Christians Church

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## A Call to a Stewardship Way of Life

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### WHAT AM I DO FOR LENT?

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We have just begun the season of Lent. Take a few moments to bring yourself into the presence of God and think back over this past year. Find a quiet place, maybe outside in a beautiful setting, a quiet room in your home, or before the Blessed Sacrament in the Church. It is easy to get caught up in the habits of the past and make a choice to give something up for Lent as we are used to doing. Lent is not only about giving something up. Lent is also about giving of ourselves. Giving to family, giving to the needy, giving of our time and our talents to our parish and community.

Lent is a time to reflect on your life, a time to see if you are really living as a responsible Catholic should be living. **Rate the following on a scale of 1-10.** This is between you and God.

\_\_\_\_\_ How well you have been taking care of your health? Make some notes on ways you can begin this Lent to take better care of the body God has gifted you with. Don't forget to thank God for your body. Pray for healing if you are not in good health.

\_\_\_\_\_ How are your relationships with family and friends? Are there broken relationships that need mending? What will you do this Lent to make wrongs right again?

\_\_\_\_\_ How would you assess your relationship with God? Are you giving Him the time and attention you would give to your best friend? Do you ignore Him? How can you make it better?

\_\_\_\_\_ How is your relationship with your parish? Knowing that we as community are the parish, do you do your fair share to make things work? Do you come to Mass every Sunday? Do you socialize with your fellow parishioners? Do you share your God given talents with your parish community?

\_\_\_\_\_ How would you assess your prayer life? Do you take time out each day to pray? Do you take time to assess your actions at the end of each day by doing a daily examination of conscience?

\_\_\_\_\_ How would you rate your care or abuse of the earth's resources? Do you recycle? Do you make an effort to conserve energy by carpooling or turning out unneeded lights in your home? Do you grow native plants to support native wildlife?

\_\_\_\_\_ How would you assess your financial stability? Are you saving for retirement? Do you give to the needy?

\_\_\_\_\_ Whether you are employed outside the home, a homemaker, retired, studying, how would you rate your satisfaction with your work? Do you put in honest day's work?

\_\_\_\_\_ Whether you are a student or not do you make an effort to continually grow and learn? Does this include spiritual learning?

\_\_\_\_\_ How would you rate your life overall? Do you feel you are a productive member of society? If yes, give thanks to the Lord! If not, what are you going to do about it? Set goals this Lent to be the best version of yourself that you can be. God's blessings be with you during this holy season.



## CONGRATULATIONS FATHER JERRY!

The parish was proud to celebrate with Fr. Jerry on the weekend of March 11-12 on the occasion of his 50th year of priesthood. We thank you Fr. Jerry as you celebrate your golden jubilee! We thank you for all you have done and continue to do to help us grow in our faith. Fr. Jerry was ordained on June 2, 1962. He will be in Rochester N. Y. celebrating with his classmates and family at that time.

### LENTEN PRAYER

Almighty and Everlasting God,  
You have given the human race  
Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility.  
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man  
And giving His life on the Cross.  
Help us to bear witness to You  
By following His example of suffering  
And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Your Son.

Amen



### Parish Picnic

Our annual parish picnic will be held on Sunday, March 4, from 2:30-5:30. We hope you will attend! We will provide, hot dogs, hamburgers, soda and water. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. We are usually overflowing with desserts! Consider bringing a salad or side dish. Thank you. We will have a D. J. and games for the children as usual. Bring a beach chair or blanket. If you have any questions or wish to RSVP please call Ellen 954 323-8008 or email to [preschool@mhocr.org](mailto:preschool@mhocr.org)  
Cost \$5 per person or \$10 per family to cover cost of food.



### Around Our Parish...

#### Spiritual Growth:

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Thursdays 7:30-10:00 AM and 5 - 7 PM**

**Rosary - Mondays 7:00 PM in Church**

**Men's Prayer Ministry Tues. 6AM P-A**

**Men's Bible Study Monday 7:30 P-A**

**Women at the Well**

**1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 8 AM**

**1st and 3rd Mondays 7:30 PM**

**Marriage and Family Life**

**Every 3rd Saturday 7:30/Church**

**Women's Club 2nd Tue each month**

**Land Stewardship Workday 2 and 4th**

**Saturday 8-11 AM**

**Life Line Screening March 3**

**Lenten Fish Fry March 16 6PM or 7PM**

**Men's Conference March 17 8AM-4PM**

**(Hosted at MHOC)**

**Women's Club Fashion Show March 25**

**Parish Mission March 25-28 7PM**

**Easter Egg Hunt March 31, 8:30 AM**

**Palm Sunday April 1**

**Holy Week begins April 1**

**Parent and Child Fishing Tournament**

**April 21, 8-11AM**

*Thank you for sharing your Time, Talent and  
Treasure with your parish community.*