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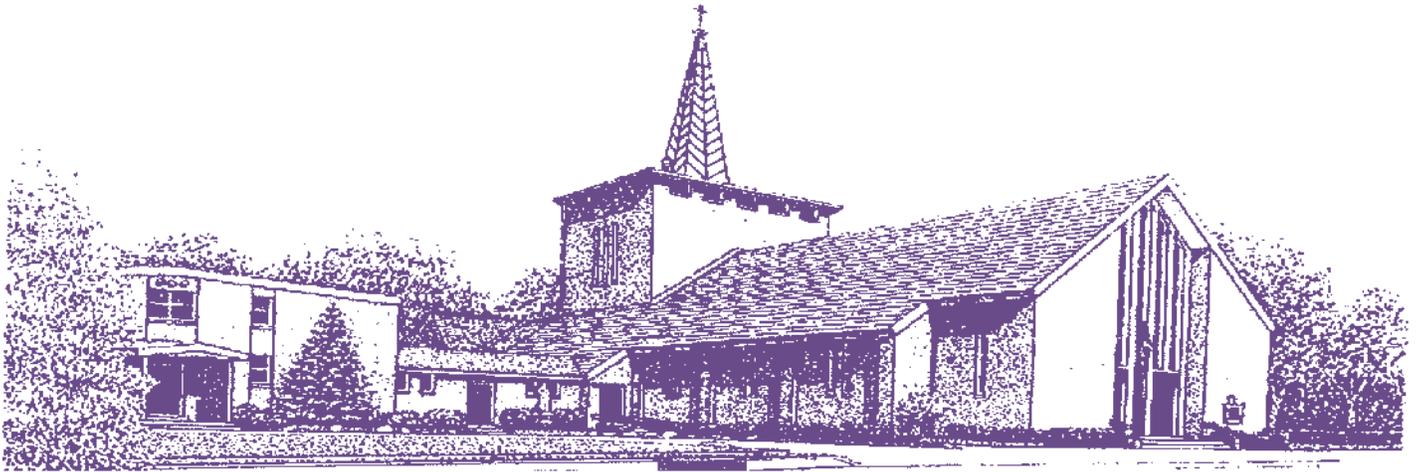
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SUNDAY MASSES:

SATURDAY EVENING: 5:00PM

SUNDAY MORNING: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, AND 12:00 NOON

WEEKDAY MASSES:

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 9:00AM

WEDNESDAY, 4:00PM

FIRST FRIDAY, 9:00AM AND 12:10PM

SATURDAY:

9:00AM

CONFESSIONS:

SATURDAY: 4:00PM TO 4:45PM

OR BY APPOINTMENT IN THE RECTORY.

BAPTISM:

ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE BY CONTACTING A PRIEST OF THE PARISH. AN INSTRUCTION CLASS IS HELD BEFORE THE SACRAMENT. PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED IN THE PARISH AND ENCOURAGED TO BECOME PARTICIPATING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY FOR AT LEAST THREE MONTHS BEFORE THE BAPTISM.

MARRIAGE:

ARRANGED SIX MONTHS IN ADVANCE. SPECIAL CONDITIONS APPLY FOR NON-PARISHIONERS. PRE-CANA REQUIRED.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

CALL THE RECTORY ANYTIME.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:

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EVERY FAMILY AND SINGLE ADULT SHOULD BE PROPERLY REGISTERED IN THE PARISH AND RECEIVING A MONTHLY SET OF ENVELOPES. NEW PARISHIONERS, WHO WISH TO REGISTER, CAN DO SO AT THE RECTORY.

HOMEBOUND:

PLEASE NOTIFY THE RECTORY REGARDING COMMUNION FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS.

Mr. George Eacobacci, Principal

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Third Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2020

"Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world;
give me living water,
that I may never thirst again."



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 14 *Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent*
5:00pm Henry Nehrbauer—12th Anniversary

Sunday, March 15 *Third Sunday of Lent*
8:00am Martha, John & Michael McGowan
10:00am Betty Depew
12:00noon David Roberts—4th Anniversary

Monday, March 16 *Lenten Weekday*
9:00am Alfredo Castagnetto

Tuesday, March 17 *St. Patrick*
9:00am Thomas Flynn

Wednesday, March 18 *St. Cyril of Jerusalem*
4:00pm People of St. Anthony

Thursday, March 19 *St. Joseph*
9:00am Thurgood Ray

Friday, March 20 *Lenten Weekday*
9:00am Josephine Dronzek

Saturday, March 21 *Lenten Weekday*
9:00am Nicoletta Savino

Saturday, March 21 *Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent*
5:00pm Michael Popoli

Sunday, March 22 *Fourth Sunday of Lent*
8:00am Vincent Galle, Sr.
10:00am Elizabeth Esack
12:00noon Noel Fitzpatrick



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Last Weekend's Collection \$ 6,261.00
Same Weekend Last Year \$ 5,853.00
Attendance 511

[We have 870 registered families in our Parish. 212 Church envelopes were used last weekend.]

Your continuous support and generosity to the Parish both financially and spiritually and all that it does for others is greatly appreciated.

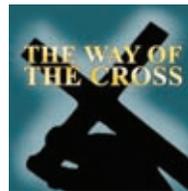
ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

March 15-21

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Call the rectory (965-2733) to reserve a specific week for a loved one or special occasion.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Lenten Friday evening
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COVID-19 CANCELLATIONS

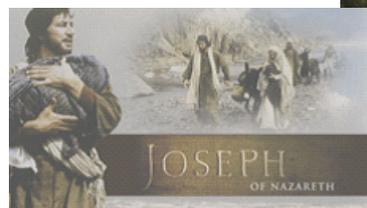
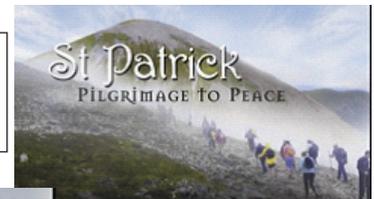
Out of an abundance of caution, we have decided to **CANCEL** at least the first two "PASTAS WITH THE PASTOR" scheduled for March 13 and 20, and also the Irish-Italian Tenors Concert on March 13. A decision on holding the final pasta scheduled for April 3 will be made in greater proximity to that date. Please notify the Rectory Office (914-965-2733) to inquire about the procedures for a refund.

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This week we celebrate the lives of St. Patrick and St. Joseph.



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SAINT PATRICK: MARCH 17



St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*. In *The Confession*, he wrote: "The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. "Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family.

A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision he described in his memoir: "I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victorius, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: 'The Voice of the Irish.' As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea-and they cried out, as with one voice: 'We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us.'" The vision prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland.

Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433. There are several legends about what happened next, with the most prominent claiming he met the chieftan of one of the druid tribes, who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftain and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland. There, he converted many people -eventually thousands - and he began building churches across the country.

He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message.

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in *Confessions*. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461. He died at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church. He is believed to be buried in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick. His grave was marked in 1990 with a granite stone. "The Breastplate," Patrick's poem of faith and trust in God: "Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

SAINT JOSEPH: MARCH 19



Everything we know about the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus comes from Scripture and that has seemed too little for those who made up legends about him. We know he was a carpenter, a working man, for the skeptical Nazarenes ask about Jesus, "Is this not the carpenter's son?" (Matthew 13:55). He wasn't rich for when he took Jesus to the Temple to be circumcised and Mary to be purified he offered the sacrifice of two turtledoves or a pair of pigeons, allowed only for those who could not afford a lamb (Luke 2:24). Despite his humble work and means, Joseph came from a royal lineage. Luke and Matthew disagree some about the details of Joseph's genealogy but they both mark his descent from David, the greatest king of Israel (Matthew 1:1-16 and Luke 3:23-38). Indeed the angel who first tells Joseph about Jesus greets him as "son of David," a royal title used also for Jesus.

We know Joseph was a compassionate, caring man. When he discovered Mary was pregnant after they had been betrothed, he knew the child was not his but was as yet unaware that she was carrying the Son of God. He knew women accused of adultery could be stoned to death, so he resolved to send her away quietly to not expose her to shame or cruelty. However, when an angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him, 20 "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins," he did as the angel told him and took Mary as his wife. (Matthew 1:19-25). When the angel came again to tell him that his family was in danger, he immediately left everything he owned, all his family and friends, and fled to a strange country with his young wife and the baby. He waited in Egypt without question until the angel told him it was safe to go back (Matthew 2:13-23). We know Joseph loved Jesus. His one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. Not only did he leave his home to protect Jesus, but upon his return settled in the obscure town of Nazareth out of fear for his life. When Jesus stayed in the Temple we are told Joseph (along with Mary) searched with great anxiety for three days for him (Luke 2:48). We also know that Joseph treated Jesus as his own son for over and over the people of Nazareth say of Jesus, "Is this not the son of Joseph?" (Luke 4:22) We know Joseph respected God. He followed God's commands in handling the situation with Mary and going to Jerusalem to have Jesus circumcised and Mary purified after Jesus' birth. We are told that he took his family to Jerusalem every year for Passover, something that could not have been easy for a working man.

Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public life, at his death, or resurrection, many historians

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believe Joseph probably had died before Jesus entered public ministry.

Joseph is the patron saint of the dying because, assuming he died before Jesus' public life, he died with Jesus and Mary close to him, the way we all would like to leave this earth.

Joseph is also patron saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers (pregnant women), travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers, and working people in general. We celebrate two feast days for Joseph: March 19 for Joseph the Husband of Mary and May 1 for Joseph the Worker. March 19 has been the most commonly celebrated feast day for Joseph, and it wasn't until 1955 that Pope Pius XII established the Feast of "St. Joseph the Worker" to be celebrated on May 1. This is also May Day (International Workers' Day) and believed to reflect Joseph's status as the patron of workers.

In art, Joseph is typically portrayed as an older man, with grey hair and a beard, often balding, sometimes appearing frail and a marginal figure next to Mary and Jesus, if not entirely in the background. Some statues of Joseph show his staff topped with flowers. St. Joseph is shown with the attributes of a carpenter's square or tools, the infant Jesus, his lily blossomed staff, two turtle doves, or a spikenard. There is much we still wish we could know about Joseph -- exactly where and when he was born, how he spent his days, exactly when and how he died. But Scripture has left us with the most important knowledge: who he was -- "a righteous man" (Matthew 1:18).

THE "SCRUTINIES"



On the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent, you may notice at one of the Sunday masses at St. Anthony's that our RCIA candidates will undergo a ritual called a "scrutiny". What are the scrutinies?

These very special rites are celebrated on the middle three Sundays of Lent, at liturgies where the Elect are present. The Elect are those in our midst who are preparing for Baptism. Part of their journey to the font is that they have been received among us, the Rite of Acceptance, and they have been enrolled in the Book of the Elect in the Rite of Election.

Even if these rites are not celebrated at the liturgy we attend, or not celebrated in our parish or congregation at all, it can be wonderful to reflect upon the journey these Elect are making during Lent, as an inspiration and source of renewal for us in our journey.

These are ancient rites and they may, at first, seem strange to us. But they are profoundly rooted in our human experience. We need to examine (scrutinize) how we are, the areas of our lives where we are tempted, or seriously sin - in what we do and what we fail to do. We really need healing and the strength that can come from the support of our sisters and brothers.

Invitation to Silent Prayer

One of the most powerful moments of the Scrutinies is how they begin. After the homily, the Elect are invited to come forward with their sponsors and to kneel down. Then, the whole assembly is invited to pray for them in silence. It is a very solemn moment. This community has cared for these elect for some months now on their journey. We have sent them to reflect more and more deeply on the Word of God, and expressed to them our longing for the day on which they would join us at the table of the Lord. Now we pray for them in this sacred silence, deeply asking God to protect them and heal them in the weeks ahead.

Intercessions for the Elect

We then pray out loud together for the Elect.

Prayer of Exorcism

Then, we pray that they might be freed from the power of the Evil One and protected on their journey.

The Laying On of Hands

In a silent ritual deliberately reminiscent of the rite used for ordination in the Sacrament of Holy Orders, the priest or deacon lays his hands for a brief moment on the head of each of the Elect. It is a solemn act of calling down the Spirit of Jesus to be with them and protect them.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK

We pray for all the sick of our Parish, especially:

- Drew Aaron · Maureen Boolukos · Gianna Colao ·
- Maggie Coleman · James Collins · Bridget Conlon ·
- Kevin Corneille · Bessie Cortes · Laura DeSantis ·
- Mark DeSantis · Kathleen Doherty ·
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UPCOMING OFFERTORY SCHEDULE

March 22	TWO COLLECTIONS 2nd Collection for Easter Flowers
March 29	ONE COLLECTION
April 5	ONE COLLECTION
April 10	HOLY LAND COLLECTION
April 12	EASTER COLLECTION

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GENEROSITY!!!

We want to use this column to give ourselves a much needed review of our religious knowledge. It will be an 'on-going' column and will follow the three year cycle of readings at Mass.

Reading I: Exodus 17:3-7
 Responsorial Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
 Reading II: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
 Gospel: John 4:5-42



Water

This week's Gospel story is many-sided, as you will see. The woman at the well. But what catches me is the part about water soothing our thirst. Jesus asks the woman to draw some delicious well-water for him to drink. She hesitates. She is Samaritan—a people at odds with the Israelites. But apparently she sees his need, and gives water to him.

I remember bicycling with a friend, Gerry Stockhausen, SJ, out in the countryside on a very hot day. We had not counted on one particular hill that would continue to rise up before us, a very long, unremitting one. We worked and worked and worked and at last achieved the top.

He says he will put right inside her a flowing fountain of such water. It will slake her thirst forever! Hurray!

But the heat and humidity had parched us, remarkably so. Off to the left stood a farmhouse or residence of some kind. Hey, why not go ask for a drink of water?... But the house was at the top of its own hill, and we saw four hundred steps leading up to it. Ok not four hundred, but very many. How could we put ourselves through another Olympic ordeal and mount steep stairs in order to subject some innocent citizen to our begging?

Well, we clambered up, knocked at the door and received greetings from a most gracious lady who could think of nothing more delightful than to bring us each a big glass of cool, wet water. Aaaaahhhhhh. Savor it. Be refreshed. Then, thanks, and off and away. Nothing else in this world could have tasted so delicious and so satisfying. We were craving what our bodies ached for, and got such a kindly answer.

Nevertheless, it seems that human beings have a thirst for something even more profound than such a welcome drenching. As St. Paul puts it, this week in the Second Reading, we thirst for "the love poured forth from God in Jesus through the Holy Spirit." Love. This is our primordial need, very like the need for water. It is "a God-sized hole" within us, a yearning for the greatest love there is.

Often you and I use other lesser things to try and satisfy this great need—food, work, looks, accomplishment, other persons, sex, drink, and so on. Each of these is good in itself. Yet taken to excess all of them lose their importance. They hum that famous line, "Is that all there is?" even at their very best.

We are each built in such a way that we die without real love. Our small selves have been fitted with a soul that opens wide to love and especially to the greatest love of all, God's.

We can open up to this depth-center within us. Careful, patient steps will get us there—Lenten quiet, self-denial, re-fitting of our lives, peace within our losses—these we can have. We can cycle our way to the top of our life's hill, can clamber up our own endless steps, and can get ourselves to knock on Christ's door and wait.

Wait.

Will someone answer?

Will someone give us "a spring of water welling up to eternal life"?

Wait.

Wait.

John Foley, SJ

ANTICIPATED SUNDAY MASS PRESIDERS

March 21st/22nd

5pm Father Mastrolia

8am Msgr. LaMorte

10am Father Mastrolia

12 noon Capuchin Father

CHURCH CLEANING

Team	Captain	Phone #	Date & Time
4	Doris Ciufu	963-1991	Fri, Mar 20, 10am
5	Anita Dharmay	646-938-8151	Th, Mar 26, 5pm
6	Agnes Hernandez	476-8583	Th, Apr 2, 10am
1	Gail O'Rourke	715-6035	Th, Apr 9, 11:30am
2	Angela Marranzino	457-0303	Fri, Apr 17, 10am
3	Nina Miller	965-0498	Fri, Apr 24, 10am

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