

**All Masses are
cancelled in this
weekend (March
14-15, 2020),
due to Corona-
virus**

&

**Church will remain
open for private
prayer**

**-From Timothy Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York**

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. **The first is personal:** The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. **The second is social:** Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the **story is educational:** Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

"I am Patrick, a sinner, most uncultivated and least of all the faithful and despised in the eyes of many."- St. Patrick

St. Patrick's Day On March 17, 2020

We have Mass at 12.00 pm at Patrick's Church – Long Eddy and followed by Lunch.

Following Christ coming to Liberty

Following Christ is the follow-up to the series, *Discovering Christ*, which was held in Sullivan County last year. During this series we will learn all about Catholic discipleship! If you attended a *Discovering Christ* course you are welcome to register! The series will run at St. Peter's in Liberty (basement level) on Sundays from 5-7:30 p.m. April 19 & 26, May 3, 17 & 31, and June 6 and June 14 from 2-7 p.m. (retreat) at St. Peter's Church in Liberty (basement level). \$40.00 per person to cover meals/materials - due in cash the first day. To register, contact us: discoverchristsullivan@gmail.com or call Mary Ann 845-701-1491 or Judy at 914-799-5050.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

J. Gottesmann, W. Rieger, K. Eschenberg, J. Feeley, R. Knack, Ron Rhodes JR, Dan Buddenhagen, Brenda Long, Mary Ann, Eileem Ohman, Madeleine Wootan, Olga Viruet, Barbara Donatelli, Anita Robertson, Linda Roche, Gloria Grunn, Marcia Bauer and all sick and needy.

To submit a name please call the Rectory



Stewardship Mar 8, 2020

Sunday Collection	\$ 1085.90
Second Collection	\$ 461.00
Candle	\$ 24.10
Poor Box	\$ 48.00

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."

- St. Mother Teresa

BIBLE – STUDY

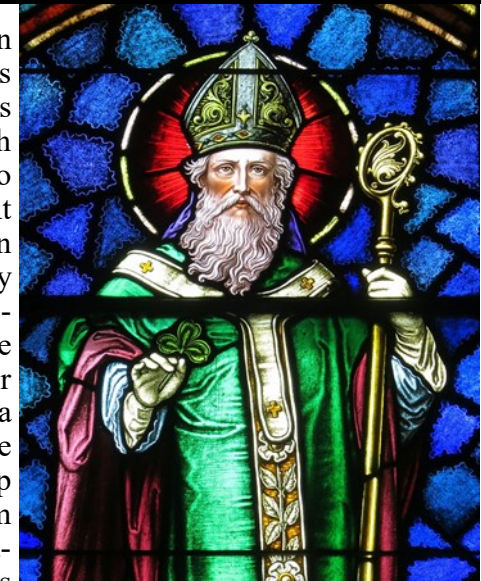
"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom..." (Col 3:16)

Monday – at 10:30 am
Holy Cross – Rectory

All are invited

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick was born to Roman Christian parents in 387, in what is now part of Scotland. When he was a teenager, he was captured by Irish pirates and shipped to Ireland to work as a slave tending sheep. At the time, Druids and pagans lived in Ireland. It was during this captivity that St. Patrick's spirituality deepened because in his hardships he turned to prayer. Some years after his capture God, instructed him in a dream to board a ship to escape. He went to the shore and found a ship whose crew was willing to take him to Britain. He spent four years studying for the priesthood and was



subsequently ordained. He was later ordained as a bishop and tasked with spreading Christianity in Ireland. He persevered in his ministry, built churches all around the country and was able to convert all of Ireland to Christianity. He is associated with the shamrock, which he used to explain the Holy Trinity. He died between 461 and 464 and is believed to have been buried at Down Cathedral in Downpatrick, Ireland. His feast day is celebrated on March 17.

St. Patrick was a great saint, highly revered for his holiness and humility. While many know him as the one who "banished snakes" from Ireland, he did much more than that. St. Patrick cast out darkness from Ireland and set the Emerald Isle on fire with the light of Jesus Christ. The great "Apostle of Ireland" is also known for his powerful intercession over the centuries. He continues to intercede for the world and is ready to take our petitions straight to our Heavenly Father.

St. Patrick! Pray for us all!

With Prayers & Blessings

**Fr. John Kennady MMI
Dn. John Lyttle**