

Mass Intention
13 March - 21 March 2021

- 13 March 2021 - Saturday - Lenten Weekday
4.30 pm: +Florence Hubert *by their Children*
- 14 March 2021 - Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Lent
8.30 am: +Frank Carroll *by Frank & Kathleen Geosits*
11.00 am: +Herbie Hall Jr *by Rose Marie & Robert White*
- 15 March 2021 - Monday - Lenten Weekday
8.30 am:
- 16 March 2021 - Tuesday - Lenten Weekday
8.30 am:
- 17 March 2021 - Wednesday - St. Patrick - Bishop
12.00 noon: St. Patrick's Church - Long Eddy
- 18 March 2021 - Thursday - Lenten Weekday
8.30 am:
- 19 March 2021 - Friday - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Bl. Virgin Mary
8.30 am:
- 20 March 2021 - Saturday - Lenten Weekday
4.30 pm: +Joseph Ducey *by Jonelle Rizzi*
- 21 March 2021 - Sunday - Fifth Sunday of Lent
8.30 am: +Aline & William Francis *by Frank & Kathleen Geosits*
11.00 am: +Helen Theysohn *by Mary Schumacher*



Novena to St. Patrick - on 14 March - Sunday at 8.30 am
Feast of St. Patrick - on 17 March - Wednesday at 12 noon

St. Patrick's Prayer

May the Strength of God pilot us. May the Power of God preserve us.
May the Wisdom of God instruct us. May the Hand of God protect us.
May the Way of God direct us. May the Shield of God defend us. May
the Host of God guard us against the snares of the evil ones, against
temptations of the world. May Christ be with us! May Christ be before
us! May Christ be in us, Christ be over all! May Thy Salvation, Lord,
Always be ours, This day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen.

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

God
sent
His SON,
so that



The
world
might
be
saved
through
HIM

Regular Mass with Social - Distancing
Saturday: 4.30 pm - Holy Cross Church
Sunday: 8.30 am - St. Patrick's Church
11.00 am - Holy Cross Church

"The Lord opened the understanding of my unbelieving heart, so that I should recall my sins." - St. Patrick

Feast of St. Patrick

St. Patrick was born towards the close of the fourth century, in a village called Bonaven Taberniae, which seems to be the town of Kilpatrick on the mouth of the river Clyde in Scotland. In his sixteenth year he was carried into captivity by barbarians, who took him into Ireland, where he was forced to shepherd cattle in the mountains. After six months spent in slavery under the same master, St. Patrick was advised by God in a dream to return to his own country. Some years afterwards he was again made captive, but regained his freedom after only two months. When he was at home with his parents, God revealed to St. Patrick many visions that He destined him to the great work of the conversion of Ireland. After these visions, St. Patrick left his family and consecrated his soul to God. He promised to carry the Lord's name to the ends of the earth.



St. Patrick set off for Ireland to preach the Gospel where the worship of idols was still generally practiced. He devoted himself entirely to the salvation of these pagans, traveling over the whole island baptizing an infinite number of people and instituting a monastic life. He took nothing from the many thousands who he baptized. St. Patrick used the three-leaf shamrock to preach the meaning of the Holy Trinity and its three persons in one doctrine. Legend also tells us that St. Patrick reportedly raised as many as 33 people. It is also told that he is responsible for driving all the snakes off Ireland into the sea. When St. Patrick passed, he was buried at Down in Ulster. His body was found there in a Church of his name in 1185. *May St. Patrick continue to protect us!*

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, Anita Robertson, Linda Roche, Gloria Grunn, Marcia Bauer, Frank M Geosits Jr, Baby Alexian, Shirley Rangaves, Josephine, Danny Andrews, Dr.Kuncar, Christopher Milk, Vincent McCarthy and all sick and needy.



LITURGY OF WORD

First Reading: 2 Chro 36:14-16,19-23

Second Reading: Eph 2:4-10

Gospel Reading: John 3:14-21

In the first reading, taken from the Second Book of Chronicles, we learn the compassion and patience of God. God chose Cyrus the Great, a pagan conqueror, to become the instrument of His mercy to, and salvation of, His chosen people exiled in Babylon. In today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 137), the Psalmist voices the pain of exile the captives of Judah suffered. In the second reading, Paul tells us that God is so rich in mercy that He has granted us eternal salvation and eternal life as a free gift through Christ Jesus. Today's Gospel provides a theme that parallels the Gospel, but on a much higher level. Jesus, the Son of God, becomes the agent of God's salvation, not just for one sinful nation but for the sinfulness of the whole world. Through John 3:16, the Gospel teaches us that God has expressed His love, mercy, and compassion for us by giving His only Son for our salvation. Nicodemus, the wealthy Pharisee and member of the Sanhedrin, meets Jesus by night and begins a long religious discussion. Jesus explains to him that he must believe Jesus' words because Jesus is the Son of God, and, by referring to the story of Moses and the bronze serpent (Nm 21:1-9), further explains God's plan of salvation. Just as God saved the victims of serpent bite from death through the bronze serpent, He is going to save mankind from its sins by permitting the crucifixion and death of His Son Jesus, because the love of God for mankind is that great.



Stewardship March 7, 2021

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| Sunday Collection | \$ 1649.00 |
| Fuel Collections | \$ 70.00 |
| Candle | \$ 111.00 |
| Poor Box | \$ 112.00 |

With Prayers & Blessings of God the Father

Fr. John Kennady MMI
Dn. John Lyttle
14 March 2021