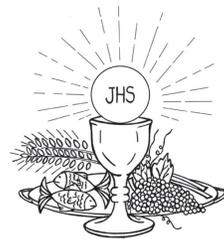


Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2020



MASS INTENTIONS

March 7 – March 15

SAT 7:30 pm Deceased Members of the
Charles Branon Family óby their estate

SUN 9:00 am Andrew Mawn
-by Teresa and John Manahan

11:00 am For the Parishioners

Daily Mass:

MON 8:30 am Amanda and Henry Furkey
-by their estate

TUES 8:30 am The Cheney family
-by a friend

Wed 8:30 am Fr. Joseph Sullivan
-by a friend

THUR 8:30 am Ronald Giroux
-by his family

FRI No Mass

Next Weekend:

SAT 7:30 pm Edward and Helen Howrigan
-by Cathy, Jim and Richard Howrigan

SUN 9:00 am Albert and Jacqueline Tetreault
-by their family

11:00 am For the Parishioners

Please pray for those who are ill:

Kristina Marcotte, Dan Schreindorfer, Shawn Branon, Diane Berthiaume, and Real Therrien.

Reconciliation During Lent: Confessions will be heard during Lent every Saturday before the evening Mass from 6:55-7:15, every Sunday morning before the 9:00 Mass from 8:25 ó 8:45, and following the 11:00 Sunday Mass when requested. Lent is a very good time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

On Monday, March 16, at **Holy Angels in St. Albans**, and on Tuesday, March 17, at **Nativity Church in Swanton**, Confessions will be heard from 6:00-7:00 pm. A number of priests will be available for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity for Confession during Lent.

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

Greeters	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
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Sat., Mar. 14

7:30 pm Rose Peno	Susan Magnan	Susan Rainville Andrew Rainville
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Altar Servers: Hannah Branon, Kayleigh Branon

Sun., Mar. 15

9:00 am Renee Andrews	Gail Williams	Mary Schreindorfer Libby Norris
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Altar Servers: Bailey Williams, Lyla Williams

Gift Bearers: Gino Farinaccio Family

11:00 am Joy Kane	Jane Brigham	Mary Ovitt
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Gift Bearers: Jerry and Jane Brigham

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Collection last weekend: Feb. 29 ó Mar. 1

St. Patrick	St. Anthony
	-St. George

Offertory:	\$ 1,403.00	\$423.00
35 Week Average:	\$ 1,290.00	\$404.00
Weekly Goal:	\$1,275.00	\$390.00
Vt. Catholic Charities:	\$ 485.00	\$ 91.00

Second Collections:

March 14: Projects and Food Shelf

Thank you for your continuing generosity!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Sunday, Mar. 8 ó **Grades 1, 2, 6, 7, 8-9**

To attend St. Patrick's Dinner

Tuesday, Mar. 10 - **Grade 4**

Fairfield Center School, 3:20-4:20 pm

Wednesday, Mar. 11 - **Grades 3 and 5**

St. Patrick Church, 3:20-4:20 pm



St. Patrick's Dinner: This Sunday A parish dinner will be held to celebrate St. Patrick's Day beginning at 5:00 pm. in the parish hall, to which all Parishioners are invited. This dinner will replace Religion classes (usually held from 6:00-7:00). All children are expected to attend the dinner and hopefully bring their parents!

parishes are asked to implement to address such concerns. First, we ask that people continue to be vigilant in self-monitoring their health. **If you are showing signs of illness, we ask that you refrain from coming to Mass.** The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is lifted when one is ill and risks transmitting infection to others. Also, prudential judgment should be used concerning Mass attendance when one has compromised health that would substantially increase the risk of infection when in public settings. **Until further notice, the Bishop asks that we refrain from all physical contact during the Sign of Peace.** When the invitation to exchange the Sign of Peace is given, the exchange may take place through a smile, and nod of the head, if desired. Additionally, the Bishop has **temporarily suspended Communion from the cup** until further notice. Communion will be distributed under the form of bread alone.

Christ Our Hope Campaign: We are excited to announce that starting next month our parish will be taking part in the **Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church** campaign. The campaign will build up our diocese through vibrant parishes, strengthening our faith formation efforts and serving the poor.

We will kick off the campaign next month. **We are still looking for volunteers to help spread the message and follow up on gifts requests.** If you are interested, please speak to Fr. Bill or call the parish office at 827-3203.

We will be sharing more information with you as we get closer to the kickoff date. Also, be sure to read the Vermont Catholic and Inland Sea for more information about the campaign.

Stewardship Messsge: "Rise, and do not be afraid." The challenges we face personally and as a Church are nothing compared with the glory of God. Let us rise confidently, with Christ as our hope.

Stations of the Cross: This coming Wednesday, March 11, the children of grades three and five will be praying the Stations of the Cross in the church at 3:30 pm. All are invited to join them.

Guidelines for Lent



- The time of Lent is to be observed by Catholics as a special season of prayer, penance and works of charity.
- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**, in particular, are the most important penitential days of the liturgical year. They are days of both fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.
- The rule of **fasting** states that only one full meal a day can be taken. Two small meals, sufficient to maintain strength, are allowed, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals breaks the fast, but drinking liquids does not. The rule of fasting obliges all Catholics from 18 to 59.
- Abstinence** refers to the eating of meat. The common estimation of the community is used to determine what falls under the category of meat. The rule of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years or older.
- The **substantial** observance of the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious obligation.

Solemnity of Saint Joseph at the Cathedral:

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph, in partnership with the World Apostolate of Fatima "Our Lady's Blue Army" is hosting an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary for Vocations, and Mass on March 19 beginning at 5:30 pm. The traveling Virgin Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be at our Cathedral from March 7-21. During this mission, we pray in a special way for the priests and seminarians of our diocese as we celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Protector of the church.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Sunday: Leo Capone **Monday:** Stephanie Branon, **Tuesday:** John Dasaro, Rachel Malone **Thursday:** Jonathan Branon, Megan Cushing, Mary Howrigan, Edward Sargent, Eileen Trudell, Garry Trudell **Friday:** Joshua Gagne, William Madison, Lance Reed **Saturday:** Daniel Branon, Kaia Norris, Jennifer Howrigan

