

# First Sunday of Lent

# March 1, 2020

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>

**8:30 am - St. John** – Priest's intention

9-9:30 am *Confessions at St. John*

3:00 pm *Confessions at St. John*

3:30 pm *Confessions at St. Elizabeth*

**4:00 pm - St. John** – Marion Handy

by M/M Ed Zuccaro

**4:30 pm - St. Elizabeth** – Mass for all Souls

### Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

7:30 am - *Confessions at St. John*

8:00 am - *Confessions at Queen of Peace*

**8:00 am - St. John** – Ken Capriola

by his parents

**8:30 am - Queen of Peace** – Mass for the Parishioners

**10:30 am - St. Elizabeth** – John Wall, Jr

by his estate

**11:00am - St. John** – Gertrude & Hermann Ruhland

by Reg & Rose Haselton

### Monday – March 2<sup>nd</sup>

**8:30am - St. Elizabeth** – Mass for all Souls

**2:15pm** – St. J. Health & Rehab - Mass

**5:15pm - St. John** – NO MASS

### Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Catherine Drexel

**8:30am - St. John** – James J. McCarthy

by Mary Ann Reis

**5:15pm - St. John** – NO MASS

### Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> St. Casimir

**8:30am - St. John** – Raoul Houde

by David & Tina

**5:15pm - St. John** – Deceased members of St. J. K. of C.

### Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

**8:30am - St John** – Pauline & Diane Langlois

by Ed

**5:15 pm - St John** – NO MASS

### Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> World Day of Prayer

**8:30am - St Elizabeth** – Living Dec'sd members of Schoppe/Fisher families

by M/M Scott Schoppe

4:30 pm - **St. John** – *Confessions- St. John's*

**5:15 pm - St. John** – Laura Bundy

by the family

**6:00pm - St. John** – *Stations of the Cross (all 3 Churches)*

### Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

**8:30 am - St. John** – Priest's intention

9-9:30 am *Confessions at St. John*

3:00 pm *Confessions at St. John*

3:30 pm *Confessions at St. Elizabeth*

**4:00 pm - St. John** – Alice Goyette

by the family

**4:30 pm - St. Elizabeth** – James & Dorothy Troiano

by Terri Binney

### Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am - *Confessions at St. John*

8:00 am - *Confessions at Queen of Peace*

**8:00 am - St. John** – Simone Carreau

by Michelle Descoteaux & family

**8:30 am - Queen of Peace** – Mass for all Souls

**10:30 am - St. Elizabeth** – Mass for the people

**11:00am - St. John** – Gabriel "Gib" Handy

by Priscilla Messier

*Please keep our parishioners who are ill & in need of your prayers, especially: Connie, Lapage, Randy Mackay, Martin Fortin, George Thurston, Charlie Weis, Randy Thomas & Jerry Prevost.*

### **\*\*\*Parishioners with Allergies\*\*\***

*We have learned that there are several parishioners who are allergic to perfume or men's cologne. Please consider this when preparing to come to Mass. Thank you.*

**SAVE THE DATE – JUNE 7<sup>th</sup>: Mass and dedication of the Stained Glass Windows by Bishop Coyne. Reception to follow the 8:30 am Mass at Queen of Peace.**

## PARISH EVENTS

**Sun.** Mar. 1 9:00am **NO** St.E. Rel. Ed.

9:15am **NO** St. J. Rel Ed.

9:30am **NO** QP Rel Ed.

6:00pm **NO** Confirmation

**Tues.** Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> 12:00pm Ecumenical Service/Lunch L'ville Methodist

6:45pm St. V.deP Meeting/St.J.

**Wed.** Mar.4<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm St. J. K. of C. Meeting

6:30am St. E. Women's Group

**Thur.** Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm Bible Study/Ad.Ed. Room

6:00pm Bible Study/Ad Ed Room

7:00pm St. John's Choir

**Sat.** Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm **NO** K of C. Bingo

**Sun.** Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00am St.E. Rel. Ed.

9:15am St. J. Rel Ed.

9:30am QP Rel Ed.

6:00pm Confirmation Class

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### FINANCIAL REPORT

**Fiscal Year:** 7/1/19-6/30/20 Budget: \$282,000 (\$6,000 needed per week)

**Reg. Collection Year-to-date:** \$157,176 + **On-Line: YTD:** \$58,068

### Collections and Receipts: February 23, 2020

Regular Offertory: \$2,930

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2. Click on REGISTER to create a personal account

### Bulletin Sponsors

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### **Second Collection Next Week: There is no Second Collection.**

**LENTEN NEWS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** The Lyndonville Ecumenical Council is sponsoring a mid-week Lenten Worship Service with a Lenten light lunch following each week's service.

**CHANGE OF DAY** - The services will be conducted on Tuesdays this year, (starting Tuesday, March 3rd), same place Lyndonville Methodist Church, same time Noon - 1 pm. A full schedule will be forthcoming!

### CHRIST OUR HOPE CAMPAIGN

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 faith formation efforts and serving the poor. We're still looking for people to serve on the campaign team to help spread the message and follow up on gift requests. If you are interested, please call the parish office.

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

**Please take the Lenten Booklets, Boxes for Almsgiving, "Lenten Reminders" and other Lenten materials at each Church.**

**PRAYER PARTNERS:** First Communion Candidates will be making their First Holy Communion on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up to pray for these young students on the bulletin board in the back of the St. John's Church. Write your name underneath their pictures so they will know that you are praying for them. Thank you.

**FUTURES PREGNANCY CARE OPEN HOUSE**

70 Church St.; Lyndonville, VT

**March 14, 2020 from 1-5pm**

*Corpus Christi Parish is actively supporting this Center.*

**Light of the World Retreat:** Already, 66 Corpus Christi parishioners have attended sessions 1 and 2. We are offering our session as a Lenten Retreat, March 20-22. The program includes inspirational talks, personal witnessing, guided personal reflection, Eucharistic Adoration, and the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confession. LOTW is an invitation to enter into a deeper relationship with Jesus, the true Light of the World. Materials are in all churches and on the parish website.

**Minimum Fasting Guidelines for Lent**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence from meat for Catholics. In addition, all Fridays of the year are days of abstinence from meat, although outside of Lent individuals are free to substitute another penance; during Lent, Fridays are always obligatory days of abstinence from meat.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, Who gives up His Flesh for us.

The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. Abstinence laws consider meat as the flesh coming from warm-blooded animals. Cold-blooded animals such as: fish, amphibians, reptiles, and shellfish are permitted. Also permitted are meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, foods such as, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are technically not forbidden. However, moral theologians have traditionally taught that we should abstain from all animal-derived products except foods such as, butter, cheese and eggs.

**The Eucharistic Fast**

A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before Holy Communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine. The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour.

**March 7<sup>th</sup>: Feast of Saints Perpetua & Felicity**

The day of their victory shone forth, and they proceeded from the prison into the amphitheater, as if to an assembly, joyous and of brilliant countenances; if perchance shrinking, it was with joy, and not with fear. Perpetua followed with placid look, and with step and gait as a matron of Christ, beloved of God ... Felicitas, rejoicing that she had [recently given birth in the prison], so that she might fight with the wild beasts; from the blood and from the midwife to the gladiator, to wash after childbirth with a second baptism.

... for the young women the devil prepared a very fierce cow, provided especially for that purpose contrary to custom, ... And so, stripped and clothed with nets, they were led forth. The populace shuddered as they saw one young woman of delicate frame, and another with breasts still dropping from her recent childbirth. So, being recalled, they are unbound. Perpetua is first led in. She was tossed, and fell on her loins; and when she saw her tunic torn from her side, she drew it over her as a veil for her middle, rather mindful of her modesty than her suffering ... she rose up; and when she saw Felicitas crushed, she approached and gave her her hand, and lifted her up. And both of them stood together; and the brutality of the populace being appeased, they were recalled to the Sanavivarian gate. Then Perpetua ... as if aroused from sleep, so deeply had she been in the Spirit and in an ecstasy, began to look round her, and to say to the amazement of all, "*I cannot tell when we are to be led out to that cow.*" And when she had heard what had already happened, she did not believe it until she had perceived certain signs of injury in her body and in her dress, and ... she addressed them, saying, "*Stand fast in the faith, and love one another, all of you, and be not offended at my sufferings.*"

... And when the populace called for them into the midst, that as the sword penetrated into their body they might make their eyes partners in the murder, they rose up of their own accord, and transferred themselves whither the people wished; but they first kissed one another, that they might consummate their martyrdom with the kiss of peace. The rest indeed, immoveable and in silence, received the sword-thrust; ... But Perpetua, that she might taste some pain, being pierced between the ribs, cried out loudly, and she herself placed the wavering right hand of the youthful gladiator to her throat. Possibly such a woman could not have been slain unless she herself had willed it, because she was feared by the impure spirit.

*~ from The Passion of Saints Perpetua and Felicity, 203 A.D.*

**Our Lord said to blessed Margaret Mary, "If men would but acknowledge My love, that which I have done for them would appear trifling to me." ... Whence comes it, O Lord, that so few know and seek Thee? Alas! on Calvary two thieves suffered with Thee; both had the same Redeemer, the same example of patience before their eyes; for both Thy Blood flowed, but one alone profited by Thy mercy. Amongst those who surround Thy altar suffer not that any should be found so unfortunate as to resist Thy advances, and doubt in the mercy of Thy adorable Heart.**