

Third Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 14th

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 – Dick Gracie

by Susan Dugan

4:30 pm - St. Elizabeth – Connie Hamel

by Spike & Anita Wellman

Sunday, March 15th

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

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

8:00 am - St. John – Rita Lorenz Reis

by Susan Dugan

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

10:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Carole Heighton

by the Heighton family

11:00am - St. John – Intentions on the Prayer Board

by the St. J. Rel. Ed Students

5:00pm - St. John – Mass for our Youth

5:00pm - St. Elizabeth – Latin Mass

Monday – March 16th

8:30am - St. Elizabeth – Special Intention

by Roger & Cynthia Dekett

2:15pm -The Pines & St. J. Health & Rehab.- Mass

5:15pm - St. John – Nelson Blaine, Jr

by Amy Marcinko

Tuesday, March 17th St. Patrick, Bishop

8:30am - St. John – Special Intention

by a parishioner

5:15pm - St. John – Maureen "Casey" Cassidy

by Priscilla Messier

Wednesday, March 18th St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:30am - St. John – Caroline del Castillo

by Mary Lou Sales

5:15pm - St. John – Ricky & Carol Tatro

by Amy Marcinko

Thursday, March 19th St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am - St John – Blessed Mother's Intentions for David Dalsidten

by Wanda Larrivee

5:15 pm - St John – Virginia Fortin

by the St. Anne Mortuary Fund

Friday, March 20th

8:30am - St Elizabeth – Deacon Al Toborg

by his wife Linda

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

5:15 pm - St. John – Special Intention

by a parishioer

6:00pm - Stations of the Cross (*St. Elizabeth only; following the Fish Fry*)

Saturday, March 21st

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 – Margaret "Peggy" Ryan

by Marianne, Saher, Ramzi & Nadim Handy

4:30 pm - St. Elizabeth –Dec'sd members of the Binney family by Terri Binney

Sunday, March 22nd Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

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

8:00 am - St. John – Those affected by the Corona virus

by Wanda Larrivee

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

10:30 am - St. Elizabeth – R.P. Sibby Dumas

by his sister Joanne Weymouth

11:00am - St. John – Simone Carreau

by Jules & Helen Nicole

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.

PARISH EVENTS

Sun. Mar. 15th 9:00am St.E. Rel. Ed.

9:15am St. J. Rel Ed.

9:30am QP Rel Ed.

6:00pm Mass followed by Confirmation Class

Tues. Mar 17th 12:00pm Ecumenical Service/Lunch L'ville Methodist

6:45pm St. Vincent de Paul Mtg/St E.

Wed. Mar. 18th 6:00pm St. J. K. of C.

Thur. Mar. 19th 3:00pm Bible Study/Ad.Ed. Room

6:00pm Bible Study/Ad Ed Room

7:00pm St. John's Choir

Sat. Mar. 21th 5:00pm K of C. Bingo

Sun. Mar. 22th 9:00am St.E. Rel. Ed.

9:15am St. J. Rel Ed.

9:30am QP Rel Ed.

6:00pm Living Stations Rehearsal

Please consider using the Online Giving tool for your weekly offertory donations. Visit our website at: nekatholic.com and click "Give Online" to sign up! Leave your checkbook at home, and save the parish the expense of envelopes!

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Reg. Collection Year-to-date: \$184,803 + **On-Line:** YTD: \$67,509

Collections and Receipts: March 8, 2020

Regular Offertory: \$3,912

Second Collection Next Week: Catholic Relief Services

The **FORMED** program is available to everyone in our parish. To start enjoying this free gift, please visit the FORMED website:

1. Go to: nekatholic.formed.org
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Into the Desert: A Lenten Study on Prayer

Our Lord teaches that prayer is a relationship and a vital necessity. And yet, many of us have difficulty committing to daily prayer. Follow Jesus into the desert this Lent and discover intimacy with God in this video-based study with daily meditations in the participants guide. Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the discipline of *Lectio Divina* to show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy.

"It was Mary who first adored the Incarnate Word. He was in her womb, and no one on earth knew of it. Oh! how well was our Lord served in Mary's virginal womb! Never has He found a ciborium, a golden vase more precious or purer than was Mary's womb! Mary's adoration was more pleasing to Him than that of all the Angels. The Lord 'hath set His tabernacle in the sun,' says the Psalmist. The sun is Mary's heart," and "Mary is the aurora of the beautiful Sun of Justice." – St. Peter Julian Eymard

Christ Our Hope Campaign: 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 soon. We are still looking for volunteers 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.

Stewardship Message

"We boast in hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint." The theme of our campaign will be **Christ Our Hope**. With our whole hearts, let us entrust the future of our Church and the faithful who will benefit from the campaign to **Christ Our Hope**.

Traditional Latin Mass @ St. Elizabeth 5pm March 15th.

Pilgrimage to: Poland in the Footsteps of St. John Paul II & St. Faustina

October 12-20, 2020 \$3,499 Per Person From Boston

For More Information: Pilgrimage.Com/Frdodson

Religious Education News

On March 15, the Queen of Peace Religious Ed students will host a coffee hour after the 8:30 Mass and will present a topic they have learned this year. We hope you will plan to join us and provide your support to our students.

Our Queen of Peace Religious Ed students are collecting non-perishable food items or money, to be brought to the Danville Open Door (food shelf) on March 22. Please remember to bring items to show your support and help support their cause. They will help stock shelves and learn how to provide support to those in need.

On Monday, March 23rd at 6:30 Carmen Menard, Executive Director of Futures Pregnancy Care in Lyndonville will be speaking at the Fr. Lively Center. She will update Corpus Christi Parish on the work of Futures Pregnancy Care. She will answer any questions we may have and visit our closet that's been created to help F.P.C. in their mission.

The Parish is looking to add Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs), and First Aid Kits at each church. If you would like to contribute to this effort please mark your donation "AED" and place it in the collection basket, or bring it to the Rectory Office. Thank you.

March 19th: Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin

While our Lord received His royal blood from His mother, He was heir to the throne of David through Joseph, His father according to the law. If the Jews, rather than the Romans, governed the Holy Land at the time of our Lord's birth, it would have been St. Joseph, not Herod, who would have reigned as King of the Jews. *"In the veins of St. Joseph, therefore, flowed the blood of David and Solomon, and of all the noble kings of Judah ... Thus in the census records of Bethlehem, St. Joseph was inscribed and recognized by the Roman governor as the heir of David"* (St. Peter Julian Eymard).

The following is taken from the revelations of the Blessed Mother to Ven. Mary of Agreda (+1665 AD): *"The heavenly Lady was either the instrumental or meritorious cause of the holiness of her spouse, or at least the final object or purpose of this holiness. For all the vast perfections of his virtues and graces were conferred upon St. Joseph for the purpose of making of him a worthy protector and spouse of Her, whom God selected as His mother ... if there had been in the world a man more perfect and more worthy, the Lord would have chosen this other one for the spouse of His Mother. Since he was chosen by God, Saint Joseph was no doubt the most perfect man upon earth."* (Mystical City of God). According to the same author, St. Joseph was 33 years of age when he was espoused to the Virgin Mary. The learned Gerson (d. 1429 AD), one of the most prominent theologians of the Council of Constance, as well as other holy writers, teach that St. Joseph was sanctified in his mother's womb and freed from the sources of concupiscence. On this point, Ven. Mary of Agreda wrote: *"He was sanctified in the womb of his mother seven months after his conception, and the leaven of sin was destroyed in him for the whole course of his life, never having felt any impure or disorderly movements. ... He was of a kind disposition, loving, affable, sincere, showing inclinations not only holy but angelic, growing in virtue and perfection and advancing toward his espousal with most holy Mary, by an altogether irreproachable life"* (Mystical City of God).

K of C Fish Fry: March 20th at St. Elizabeth's, followed by the Stations

March 17th: Feast of St. Patrick

Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At age 16 he was torn by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, Calpurnius, a deacon and minor local official, and carried into slavery in Ireland. He spent six bleak years there as a herdsman, during which he turned with fervour to his faith. Upon dreaming that the ship in which he was to escape was ready, he fled his master and found passage to Britain. There he came near to starvation and suffered a second brief captivity before he was reunited with his family. The best known passage in the *Confessio* tells of a dream, after his return to Britain, in which one Victoricus delivered him a letter headed "The Voice of the Irish." As he read it, he seemed to hear a certain company of Irish beseeching him to walk once more among them. "Deeply moved," he says, "I could read no more." Nevertheless, because of the shortcomings of his education, he was reluctant for a long time to respond to the call. Even on the eve of reembarkation for Ireland he was beset by doubts of his fitness for the task. Once in the field, however, his hesitations vanished. Utterly confident in the Lord, he journeyed far and wide, baptizing and confirming with untiring zeal. ... The phenomenal success of Patrick's mission is not, however, the full measure of his personality. Since his writings have come to be better understood, it is increasingly recognized that, despite their occasional incoherence, they mirror a truth and a simplicity of the rarest quality. Not since St. Augustine of Hippo had any religious diarist bared his inmost soul as Patrick did in his writings. As D.A. Binchy, the most austere critical of Patrician scholars, put it, "The moral and spiritual greatness of the man shines through every stumbling sentence of his 'rustic' Latin."

"I, Patrick, a sinner, a most simple countryman, the least of all the faithful and most contemptible to many, had for father the deacon Calpurnius, son of the late Potitus, a priest ... he had a small villa nearby where I was taken captive. I was at that time about sixteen years of age. I did not, indeed, know the true God; and I was taken into captivity in Ireland with many thousands of people, according to our desserts, for quite drawn away from God, we did not keep His precepts, nor were we obedient to our priests who used to remind us of our salvation. And the Lord brought down on us the fury of His being, and scattered us among many nations, even to the ends of the earth, where I, in my smallness, am now to be found among foreigners. And there the Lord opened my mind to an awareness of my unbelief, in order that, even so late, I might remember my transgressions and turn with all my heart to the Lord my God, who had regard for my insignificance and pitied my youth and ignorance. And He watched over me before I knew Him, and before I learned sense or even distinguished between good and evil, and He protected me, and consoled me as a father would his son. Therefore, indeed, I cannot keep silent, nor would it be proper, so many favors and graces has the Lord deigned to bestow on me in the land of my captivity. For after chastisement from God, and recognizing Him, our way to repay Him is to exalt Him and confess His wonders before every nation under heaven."
~ from the *Confessions of St. Patrick*

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