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March 11, 2018 • Fourth Sunday of Lent

Today is the fourth Sunday of our Lenten preparation. The first reading is a bleak reminder of our sinfulness, our deafness to those who warn us, and the consequences of our continuing arrogance and destructiveness. The psalm tells us what it is like to be separated from the love of God. We weep and we remember. Ephesians offers us hope. God is merciful even though our sins have destroyed our

lives. God saves us, not because of who we are but because of who God is. God's love raises us up from our sinful despair. John reminds us that although we deserve condemnation because of our repeated sinfulness, God so loved the world that God did what Abraham was asked to do. God sacrificed Jesus, the beloved Son, that we might be saved.

**SAINT PATRICK
CHURCH**

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**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF LENT
MARCH 11, 2018**

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 5:00pm	March 10, 2018 †Gordon Flint req. by Marge Flint / also †Rose Smith req. by Ann Bishop
Sunday, 9:00 am	March 11, 2018 †Rita Robbins req. by Doris Robbins / also Parish Family of St. Patrick
Monday,	March 12, 2018 †Rose Smith req. by Mary & Craig Bisping / also †Al Robbins req. by Pat & Mike Quigley
Tuesday, 6:00 pm	March 13, 2018—NO MASS ADORATION until 9pm
Wednesday,	March 14, 2018—NO MASS
Thursday, 9:00 am	March 15, 2018 † Jerry & Stella Ulman req. by Linda Cakora
Friday, 9:00 am	March 16, 2018—NO MASS / ABSTINENCE Adoration until 11:00 am
7:00 pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Saturday, 5:00 pm	March 17, 2018 †John Furst req. by Ann & Hubert Bishop / also †Rose Smith req. by Rita McGrath
Sunday, 9:00 am	March 18, 2018 †Al Robbins req. by Ruth & Steve Hoehn / also Parish Family of St Patrick

Altar Servers:

Saturday, March 17 - 5:00 pm
Brent Bieschke, Sarah Hoehn
Sunday, March 18 - 9:00 am
Ian & Lily Kreske

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, March 17 - 5:00 pm
Linda Cakora
Sunday, March 18 - 9:00 am
Josh Kreske

Music: Cathy Engler

Lector

Saturday, March 17 - 5:00 pm
Kelly Hoehn
Sunday, March 18 - 9:00 am
Lisa Price

Usher:

Saturday, March 17 - 5:00 pm
Eddie Horath, John Meyer
Sunday, March 18 - 9:00 am
Bruce Boyle, Dennis Skolasinski

Collection Counters: Horath & Price

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

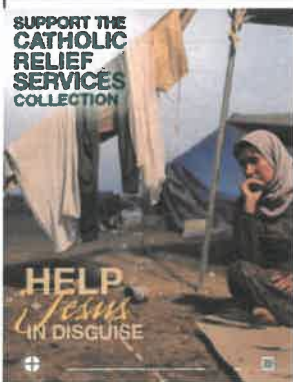
For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,463.93

Sunday, March 4\$2,648.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish



Our Two Week
Candle is
burning for
Sister Anne Ellen
Quirk
Req. by
Dan & Lynne Phelan



The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports Catholic organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless. "Christ is standing at the door of our hearts, knocking, seeking relief from pain and suffering around the world. He comes to us bearing the disguise of vulnerable immigrants and refugees, the poor and marginalized, the sick and lonely. The Catholic Relief Services Collection is an opportunity to respond and comfort Christ as we see him in our brothers and sisters," said Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi of Mobile, Alabama, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on National Collections. "This collection represents our community of faith at work in the world, saving souls and improving lives." This special collection will be taken up this weekend.

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. -- John 3:17

LITURGICAL MINISTERS— A contact list of ministers; Lectors, Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, & Ushers is on the table in the vestibule. Pick up a copy and check all information for any errors and contact rectory for any changes. Please email stpatrickwilton@aol.com with dates you are unavailable thru April 30, 2018. Thank You.

HOLY THURSDAY

MARCH 29, 2018 - 7pm

We are looking for 10 - 12 volunteers To participate in the Holy Thursday Washing of Feet. Men or Women of all ages are encouraged to take part. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule. Thank you for taking an active part in our Holy Week celebration!



EASTERS FLOWERS

Flower Offering Envelopes are in the back of church, If you would like to honor a special person or make a donation in memory of a loved one.

Enter their name(s) on the envelope. The names will be published in the Easter Bulletin. Flowers will remain in church.

Donations envelopes should be returned to the church by March 18 to be included in the Easter bulletin.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION:

As we continue in the season of Lent, this special penitential season of the liturgical year is an excellent time to turn our thoughts even more toward our mission of growing in a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and supporting our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Lent offers another special opportunity to support the Christians and the institutions in the land of His birth, death and Resurrection. This is the third year that the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre are helping promote the Good Friday Collection. None of the monies collected on Good Friday go to the Equestrian Order. Rather 100% of these funds go to maintain the holy sites that are visited by our pilgrims and support numerous Franciscan apostolates that directly help the Christians in the Holy Land. Thank you for your anticipated generous assistance.

ST. PATRICK CEMETERY

**PLEASE REMOVE ALL
DECORATIONS BY
PALM SUNDAY,
MARCH 25, 2018.**

THANK YOU.

**Holy Week
Schedule**

THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET IN
VESTIBULE FOR PALM SUNDAY,
HOLY WEEK AND EASTER.
LITURGICAL MINISTERS PLEASE
CHECK YOUR PERSONAL
CALENDARS AND SIGN UP FOR
ANY AVAILABLE TIMES

THE Peotone Senior Assistance Center is available the third Thursday of the month, this Thursday, March 15, 2018, from 10am-3pm in the Red Room at St. Paul the Apostle. This is part of our Respect Life Ministry, whose mission is to protect the vulnerable and provide seniors, low income and disabled persons with assistance from county, state and federal programs, including Medicare, Social Security, license plate discounts, and services offered through Catholic Charities. The center is staffed by volunteers who serve the community without cost.

NOT ENOUGH

It is not enough for me to love God, if my neighbor does not love God. -St. Vincent de Paul

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 16	7:00pm
Friday, March 23	7:00pm
Good Friday, March 30	3:00pm



LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE



**ST. PATRICK — FR. SEBASTIAN WILL BE AVAILABLE
ON TUESDAY EVENING**

MARCH 13 & MARCH 20 AT 7:00 PM

**FR. JOE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SUNDAY EVENING
MARCH 18 AT 5:00 PM**

ST. JOSEPH, MANHATTAN - MONDAY, MARCH 12—6:00PM

ST. JOSEPH, MANTENO -TUESDAY, MARCH 20—7:00 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 27—3-4 PM & 6:30-8:30 PM

ST. ROSE, WILMINGTON —EVERY THURSDAY—6:00PM



*Solemn Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament*



24 Eucharistic Adoration

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WILL BEGIN

AFTER THE

9AM MASS UNTIL SATURDAY

MORNING

SATURDAY, APRIL 7 IS THE

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT

9:00 AM IN CHURCH

PLEASE SIGN UP TO SPEND 1 HOUR WITH OUR LORD

SIGN UP SHEET IS ON THE TABLE IN THE VESTIBULE

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR PHONE NUMBER IS

CORRECT IF WE NEED TO CONTACT YOU.





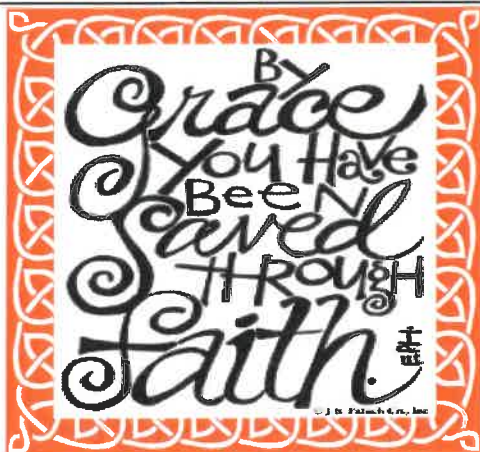
PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Grace Niemiec; Cathy Engler, Loretta Long, Barb Flatt, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Jeanne Kuzmicz, Bonnie Hack; Ron Bzdil; Adrian Wilkerson, Michelle Schneider; Joyce Heffern, Lisa Bernhard, Jim McGrath, Father Roger; Elaine Nowak; Sister Anne Ellen Quirk

Anyone wishing to be on the prayer list should contact the office.

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF MARCH

- That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK March 11, 2018



Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny; Daylight Saving Time begins; Girl Scouting Sunday

Friday: Abstinence

Saturday: Saint Patrick

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EARLY AND OFTEN

We are not an easy people to love. As Chronicles reminds us, we prefer sinfulness over goodness time and time again. Infidelity, abomination, pollution, mocking prophets—we do it all. And still God loves us. The psalm offers a beautiful image of the price we pay for living in the darkness of sin and evil when we know the beauty of living in the light. Alone, isolated, still we remember the beauty of life with God and we weep. God is rich in mercy. Time and time again God brings us back to life. Jesus' life was sacrificed to save ours. We are saved not by our works but by the gift of God. What more powerful words are there than those found in John: "For God so loved the world the he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

COME TO THE LIGHT

If our works cannot save us, then why are we doing all this hard work and sacrifice during Lent? Traditionally we were asked to give up something during Lent so that we might experience the loss and deprivation that the Old Testament talks about when we are estranged from God. More recently we have been asked to do something affirmative, to add something good to our lives instead of taking something bad away. Either way works because both are just means of waking us up to the way we live our lives, sometimes thoughtlessly indulgent, sometimes indifferent, but all too often isolated from what is at the center of God's life, i.e., love and sacrifice. Lent is a chance to live our lives as Jesus lived his. Jesus lived in the light of love, truth, and sacrifice. Lent is a chance to find that light in our own lives.

Today's Readings: 2 Chr 36:14–16, 19–23; Ps 137:1–2, 3, 4–5, 6; Eph 2:4–10; Jn 3:14–21

3/11/2018