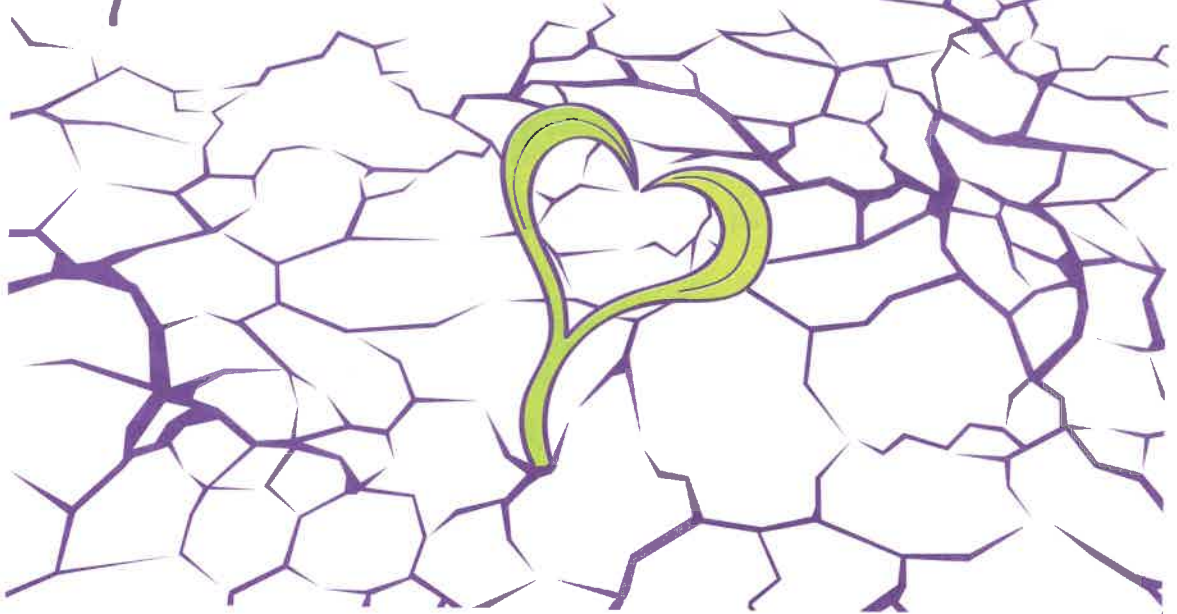


*I will write my law
upon their hearts*



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March 18, 2018 • Fifth Sunday of Lent

We are now at the fifth Sunday in our Lenten preparation. The focus of the readings turns our attention from the rules we read about during the third week to a new covenant, a new relationship between God and all of us. Jeremiah tells us of God's intention to enter our very hearts, the center of our life. The psalm asks for a "clean heart" so that we are ready to receive the

joy of salvation. Hebrews tells us that Jesus too prayed, was made perfect, and became the source of eternal salvation. In John, Jesus explains the contradiction that this new relationship involves: death becomes life. God gives everything to us, including forgiveness. God holds back nothing from us, giving us even the beloved Son, Jesus.

**SAINT PATRICK
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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF
LENT
MARCH 18 , 2018**

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 17 , 2018
5:00pm †John Furst req. by Ann & Hubert Bishop / also †Rose Smith req. by Rita McGrath

Sunday, March 18 , 2018
9:00 am †Al Robbins req. by Ruth & Steve Hoehn / also Parish Family of St. Patrick

Monday, March 19 , 2018
Deacon Milt & Juliet Leppert req. by Paul & Suzanne Pruchnicki

Tuesday, March 20 , 2018—NO MASS
6:00 pm ADORATION until 9pm

Wednesday, March 21 , 2018—NO MASS

Thursday, March 22 , 2018
9:00 am †Judy Toepper req. by Bruce & Mary Boyle /
†Rose Smith req. by Mary & Craig Bisping

Friday, March 23 , 2018—NO MASS / ABSTINENCE
9:00 am Adoration until 11:00 am
7:00 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, March 24, 2018-PALM SUNDAY VIGIL
5:00 pm Special Intention Winnie Wahlen req. by Craig & Marilyn Cieply/
also †John & Ann Shields

Sunday, March 25 ,2018-PALM SUNDAY
9:00 am †Rose Smith req. by Ronny & Ed Ziebert / also Parish Family of St Patrick

Altar Servers:

Saturday, March 24 - 5:00 pm
Andy & Emily Horath
Sunday, March 25 - 9:00 am
Joshua, Matthew, Andrew, Gabriel Barta

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, March 24 - 5:00 pm
Linda Cakora , Carmen Kinsella
Sunday, March 25 - 9:00 am
Roberta Stauffenberg

Music: Cathy Engler

Lector & Reader

Saturday, March 24 - 5:00 pm
(L) Sue Nugent & (R) Jerry Kinsella
Sunday, March 25 - 9:00 am
(L) Josh Kreske & (R) Steve Hoehn

Usher:

Saturday, March 24 - 5:00 pm
Eddie Horath, John Meyer
Sunday, March 25 - 9:00 am
Bruce Boyle, Dennis Skolasinski

Collection Counters : Bell, Mooi, Musson

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

Sunday, March 11\$1,534.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish



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

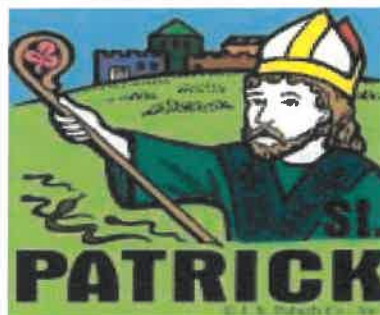


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We are helping
Kuzma Care Cottage
With donations for
Easter Baskets for Children.

These baskets will be given to families with children when they pick up Easter Dinner boxes. Envelopes are in the bulletin, please return envelopes next weekend. Check can be made out to:
Kuzma Kare Cottage - Thank You



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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Today you hear the Gospel story of Jesus inviting his disciples into a great mystery with curious pronouncements: Those who love their lives just as they are will lose them. If a grain of wheat dies, it will bear much fruit...What does Jesus mean? The climactic event of Jesus' passion and death is drawing closer; a time when the great confrontation between Jesus and the powers of darkness take place. When Jesus is lifted up, he will draw all to himself. The Christian steward knows life can't be lived in complacency. We are called to die to self, bear more fruit, be raised up with Jesus. Jesus brings discomfort to those who are comfortable. Jesus urges us to give witness in his name. How will we respond?

ST. PATRICK CEMETERY

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

THANK YOU.

**Holy Week
Schedule**

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

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection ! Your donation last week of \$375. will help Jesus in disguise by providing humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of the vulnerable. Visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief to learn how you are making a difference

REPENTANCE

God has promised pardon to one who repents, but has not promised repentance to one who sins.

--St. Anselm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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 20 AT 7:00 PM**
**FR. JOE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SUNDAY EVENING
MARCH 18 AT 5:00 PM**

**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 Niemi; 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.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
March 18, 2018**



Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

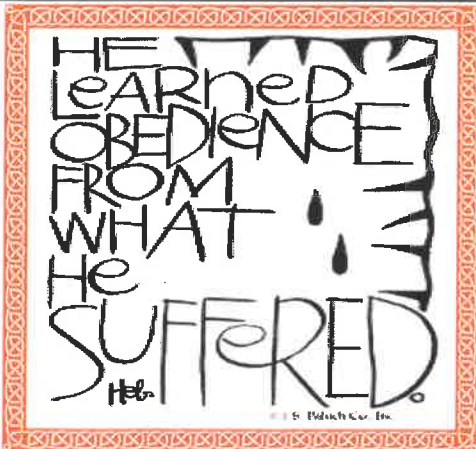
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession) Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 - 15:47 [15:1- 39]

**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.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny

Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: Spring begins

Friday: Abstinence; St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

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WRITTEN IN STONE

The rules written on the stone tablets given to Moses are easy to remember, if not so easy to follow. Today we learn that the rules are no longer outside ourselves but that God has written them on our hearts. God says, “I will be their God and they shall be my people.” We are now bound in a relationship with God and are not just following God’s rules. The model for the relationship is Jesus. Jesus, Son though he was, was made perfect through his suffering and became the source of salvation for all of us, who are far less than perfect. Jesus describes this relationship as a grain of wheat, whole unto itself, that falls into the embrace of the earth and is broken in order to produce the life-sustaining wheat.

WRITTEN IN FLESH

When the rules are written on our hearts, we must look within to measure ourselves, to discover what God expects of us. We are not servants. We are God’s people. We are not strangers or foreigners. We are God’s people. This kind of relationship, like a deep friendship, a marriage, or parent and child, requires a whole-hearted commitment, a willingness to put the lives of others before our own. We share with Jesus such a relationship, a deep longing for God so that our lives have a meaning beyond their measure. Each of our lives is more than a series of experiences, events, accomplishments. Each of our lives embodies in our flesh the work of God that we see incarnated in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. This relationship expects more of us than rules. This relationship gives us more than rules. This relationship asks for our life and in return gives us eternal life and salvation.

Today’s Readings: Jer 31:31–34; Ps 51:3–4, 12–13, 14–15; Heb 5:7–9; Jn 12:20–33

3/18/2018