

THE TOMB OF  
LAZARUS  
AL-EIZARIYA (BETHANY)

Jesus cried out in a loud voice,  
“Lazarus, come out!”

JOHN 11:43

MARCH 29  
2020

fifth Sunday  
OF Lent

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As we approach Holy Week, our readings speak of a God who, in the midst of death, brings new life to the people. In Ezekiel, we hear that God will open the graves of the people of Israel, who faced near extinction. In the Gospel of John, Jesus gives new life to Lazarus in a manner that prefigures the resurrection of Jesus. Paul tells the Romans that in Christ, God will not only give life to our bodies after death,

but God offers us abundant life here and now. We observe that the external conditions for the people described in these readings did not radically change. Israel was still in exile. Lazarus would eventually face death again. But now God's presence and power are revealed. Even when our situation in life is difficult and perhaps not likely to change soon, we remember that the Spirit dwells within us.

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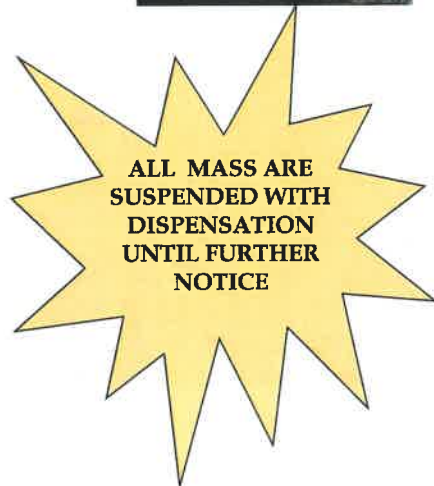
FIFTH SUNDAY  
OF LENT  
MARCH 29, 2020

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### Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 28, 2020  
5:45 pm CANCELLED  
Sunday, March 29, 2020  
9:00 am CANCELLED  
Monday, March 30, 2020  
9:00 am CANCELLED  
Tuesday, March 31 – NO MASS  
Wednesday, April 1, 2020 – NO MASS  
Thursday, April 2, 2020  
9:00 am CANCELLED  
Friday, April 3, 2020 - Abstinence  
9:00 am Adoration until 11am – CANCELLED  
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross - CANCELLED  
Saturday, March April 4, 2020  
5:45 pm CANCELLED  
Sunday, April 5, 2020  
9:00 am CANCELLED



### Altar Servers:

Saturday, April 4 - 5:45 pm  
CANCELLED  
Sunday, April 5 - 9:00 am  
CANCELLED

### Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, April 4 - 5:45 pm  
CANCELLED  
Sunday, April 5 - 9:00 am  
CANCELLED

### Cantor / Lector (Reader) :

Saturday, April 4 - 5:45 pm  
CANCELLED  
Sunday, April 5 - 9:00 am  
CANCELLED

### Usher:

Saturday, April 4 - 5:45 pm  
CANCELLED  
Sunday, April 5 - 9:00 am  
CANCELLED

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters CANCELLED

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly  
Sunday collection goal is \$2,090.37

Sunday, March 22.....\$1,395.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish.

St. Patrick Parish depends on you, especially during this difficult time, to continue our daily operations . Please give prayerful thought to continuing your support by either mailing in your contribution or by signing up for Online Giving. For those of you have signed up for "On Line Giving" Thank you. For those not using Online giving, and would like to, please go to our website: [www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org](http://www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org) and follow the online giving link. We have just updated our format to make signing up easier. Online Giving is simple, convenient, and secure. *Thank you*



We are operating on a very small scale; the only way Father Sebastian has to contact you, his parishioners, quickly is through e-mail. Please make sure we have your correct e-mail address, you can just e-mail the office at [stpatrickwilton@aol.com](mailto:stpatrickwilton@aol.com) to add it. Thank you

If you are unable to leave your home because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know and we can put you on our prayer list. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian will be available and can be reached at : 1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102 or 815-476-7491 and then press 1.

We have a small group of volunteers willing to help get groceries, medications, etc. Or if you need financial assistance there are limited funds available. Please call the parish office and leave a message for Linda.



Father Sebastian celebrates daily Mass, privately, at St. Rose at 8:00am. Mass is video taped and posted on our Facebook profile (St. Patrick Church of Wilton Center) immediately after.

Mass intentions can be requested through the office, or dropped in any weekend collection. Please mark on a separate envelope. Think about having a Mass for a loved one. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. We are also accepting requests for our 2-week Sacred Heart Candle. All Mass intentions that were scheduled will be re-scheduled when the "shelter in place" mandate has been lifted.

Father Sebastian exposes the Blessed Sacrament, after daily Mass at St. Rose, in the parking lot inside the glass doors from 8:30am until 9:00pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed at 3:00pm with parishioners in their cars. Please pray this chaplet in your home.



### CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY (Offer these prayers at 3:00pm if possible)

ON ROSARY BEADS, BEGIN:

Our Father, Hail Mary, the Creed.

ON THE OUR FATHER BEADS, PRAY:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

ON THE HAIL MARY BEADS, PRAY:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

IN CONCLUSION, PRAY THREE TIMES:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.



## EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to honor a special person or make a donation in memory of a loved one. Enter their name(s) on an envelope. The names will be published in the Easter Bulletin. Flowers will remain in the church.

Donation envelopes should be returned to the church by March 29, to be included in the Easter bulletin.

Please send you memorial to the parish or sign up for on-line giving and submit your donation that way.

On-Line Giving is a safe and secure method to continue Your support of St. Patrick Parish.

SAINT POLYCARP (died 155) -

"Eighty-six years I have served Christ, and he never did me any wrong. How can I blaspheme my King and Savior?" Boldly answering the official who demanded he worship pagan gods, Polycarp, today's "Senior Citizen Saint," demonstrates that courage, far from being the preserve of the young, is a virtue cultivated through lifelong fidelity and crowned by final perseverance. A disciple of Saint John, who is said to have consecrated him bishop of Smyrna in modern-day Turkey, Polycarp witnesses to the truth that, whatever time and space may separate us, Jesus' gift of the Eucharist unites us. Polycarp's final words, preserved by the Church of Smyrna, sound like a Eucharistic Prayer in which the saint offers himself: "Lord, almighty God, Father of your beloved and blessed Son Jesus Christ, through whom we have come to the knowledge of yourself . . . may I be received among the martyrs as a rich and pleasing sacrifice . . . through the eternal priest of heaven, Jesus Christ . . . through him be glory to you, together with him and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen."

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### PRAYER

The more you devote  
yourself in prayer  
the more you will do well  
in your work.

— St. John Baptist de la Salle

### ST. PATRICK CEMETERY

PLEASE REMOVE  
ALL DECORATIONS  
BY PALM SUNDAY  
APRIL 5, 2020  
THANK YOU





Please remember in your prayers, Father Joe Follmar who entered eternal life Wednesday, March 25. Remember also his family as we commend his soul to the Lord. It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead.

Condolences can be sent to his sister Rose Jurgens, c/o Forsythe Funeral Home, 507 S. Mail Street, Manhattan, Il. 60442S

## GIVE GLORY TO GOD

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, just before we begin to enter Holy Week, we are summoned to Bethany. If we had been friends of Mary, Lazarus, and Martha, and found out that Lazarus was gravely ill, we probably would have dropped everything to be with them. This was what was so surprising about the behavior of Jesus. Although he was their close friend, he chose to stay away, that God's glory would be manifested. This is a persistent theme in John's Gospel. Right to the very end, Jesus' works were meant to give glory to the Father. As our Lenten journey reaches a crescendo, let us be mindful that, as people who have "put on Christ" in baptism, we are also called, by our attitudes and actions, to give glory to God.

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## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim Lennon; Gary Ulman; Jessica Lagan; EJ Lagan; Nicole Flint; Brett Burkhalter ; Cathy Engler; Grace Niemiec; Russ McClellon; Bob O'Neil; Bob Johnson ; Fr. Steve Bondi; Steve Niemiec

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PUT ON THE PRAYER LIST.

## Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF MARCH

- We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Our parish offers Online Giving, a web based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage our contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure. It is convenient for you and for our parish staff. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at: [www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org](http://www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org) and selecting the Online Giving link. **CHANGES ARE IN EFFECT- NEW EASIER TO USE FORMAT.**

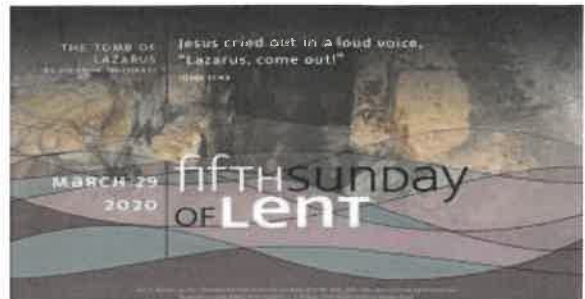
## READINGS FOR THE WEEK MARCH 29, 2020



Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
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:	Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 – 27:66 [27:11-54]

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday:	Fifth Sunday of Lent
Wednesday:	April Fool's Day
Thursday:	St. Francis of Paola
Friday:	First Friday; Abstinence
Saturday:	St. Isidore; First Saturday





## EZEKIEL'S COUNTER-STORY

It is difficult to overstate the bleak situation faced by the people of Israel described in today's reading from Ezekiel. Babylon had invaded Jerusalem, killed many of its inhabitants, and destroyed the temple. Some of them were forced into exile in Babylon. Their captors and neighbors likely concluded that the Babylonian deity had pummeled the Hebrew deity into submission. Israel's God was as good as dead, and the people of Israel as well.

In the midst of this catastrophe, Ezekiel announces a counter-story. The narrative of God's death is false. Israel's God is alive, and God's own breath will restore their life. They will be lifted out of the grave of their grief and despair, and be returned to their land. Ezekiel's message speaks to all of us who know of profound disorientation, of separation from loved ones, and of deep loss. God will bear our unbearable sorrow, and God's spirit will offer new life and hope.

## RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

Today's Gospel tells us of the raising of Lazarus. In Jesus' exchange with Lazarus' sister Martha, she refers to the general resurrection of the dead on "the last day." Jesus then shifts the perspective by identifying himself as "the resurrection and the life." What does this mean? Jesus earlier had spoken of the hour "when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live" (John 5:25). When Jesus cries out in a loud voice—"Lazarus, come out!"—Jesus fulfills that role in the present, offering resurrection and life here and now, in a new relationship with him.

Resurrection is offered not only on the last day, and not only at our physical death, but in the mix of our present daily lives. Sometimes we are buried in tombs of suffering or of entrapment in sin. When we encounter death in its many forms, in faith we can hear Jesus, who summons us out of death and into life.

Today's Readings: Ez 37:12–14; Ps 130:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8; Rom 8:8–11;  
Jn 11:1–45 [3–7, 17, 20–27, 33b–45]

3/29/2020