

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Lent



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

“And when I am lifted up
from the earth, I will draw
everyone to myself.”
- Jn 12:32

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

AC-Adoration Chapel, C: Church, CH-Church Hall, CL-Choir Loft,
Sa-Sacristy, Sc-School, WH-White House (aka Parish Ctr.)

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 St. Patrick
9:30am St. Joseph Table Final Plng Mtg

MONDAY, MARCH 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem
7:00pm Cursillo Rosary (AC)
3:30pm Rosary Makers (CH)

TUESDAY, MARCH 19 St. Joseph
6:30pm OCIA (WH)
6:30pm Feast of St. Joseph Mass
7:30pm St. Joseph Table Potluck Dinner

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

THURSDAY, MARCH 21
6:30pm Women's Genesis to Jesus study (WH)
7:00pm St. Peregrine Healing Service

FRIDAY, MARCH 22
9:00am Bible Study (CH)
4:30pm Fish Fry (CH) **(LAST ONE!)**

SATURDAY, MARCH 23
7:30am Men of Christ (CH)

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
6:00pm Grief Ministry Mtg (CH)

LITURGICAL/DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE

MASS	Saturday Evening Vigil	4:30pm
	Sunday Morning	8:30am
		10:30am
	Monday through Friday	8:00am
	Tuesdays (school year)	9:00am
	1st Saturday	8:00am
CONFESSION	Saturday	3:00pm-4:00pm
	1st Thursday	6:00pm
	1st Friday	12:00pm
	1st Saturday	8:30am
	3rd Thursday	6:00pm
	Every Friday in Lent	6:00pm
ADORATION	1st Thursday	6:00pm
	1st Friday	9:00am-Midnight
	3rd Thursday	6:00pm
ROSARY	1st Saturday	8:30am
	4th Wednesday	6:00pm
ST. PEREGRINE DEVOTION	3rd Thursday	7:00pm
STATIONS OF THE CROSS	Every Friday in Lent	7:00pm

MASS INTENTIONS *

Saturday March 16, 2024

4:30pm People of our Parish

Sunday March 17, 2024

8:30am Don & Jane McCoy by Denny Hachenberg & Sheila McCoy
 Jake Stevens by Jack & Nancy Errthum
 Dan Murray by Steve & Maureen Smolinske
 Robert H. Waters by Family Friend
 Richard Gerat by Family

10:30am Ida & Carmen Varriale by Family
 John Keigher by Jim & Mary Baskerville
 Jerry Siadek by Nancy Hlebasko
 Donald & Dolores Lindsey by Fr. John
 Phil Nagel by Thomas Family

Monday March 18, 2024

8:00am Brother Bernard Maria by Family

Tuesday March 19, 2024

9:00am Intention of the Celebrant
 6:30pm Clergy and faithful of St. Joseph Parish

Wednesday March 20, 2024

8:00am Orlando Zaragoza by Edward Marks

Thursday March 21, 2024

8:00am John Keigher by Carol Loiselle

Friday March 22, 2024

8:00am John Moretti by Family

Saturday March 23, 2024

4:30pm Jerry Siadek by Carole Chambers
 Don Kubinski by Maureen & Family
 Jane Geary by Steve & Maureen Smolinske
 Roscoe Bailey by Wayne & Candy Walz
 Troy Allocco by Family

Sunday March 24, 2024

8:30am Neil Schouten by Dcn. Pat & Dorothy Forsythe
 William Voigt by Betty Voigt
 Dan Murray by Paul & Laura McGuire
 Deceased Members of Stevens Family by Stevens Family
 John Long by Joan Long & Family

10:30am People of our Parish

***MASS INTENTIONS** Offering Mass for a particular intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. A Mass offered for someone is for them to receive special graces. Masses are said for the souls in Purgatory, in memory of the deceased or to honor a birthday or special anniversary. If you would like a Mass, please stop by or call the Parish Office at 815-478-3341 for available dates/times. A stipend for a Mass intention is \$10.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP THE GIFTS AT A WEEKEND MASS, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE.

WE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord
 And may perpetual light shine upon them.*

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Diane Leff, Patrick Deloian, Diana Sereik, Brian Wellen,
 Kristin Wellen, Mariann Whitemiller, JoAnn Hayden,
 Sarah Traser, Beverly Landry, Wayne Landry, Jim Bishop,
 Elaine Bishop, Mary Pycz, Jane Hosbach

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNING

Sanctuary Candle

Kenny Gallagher by Bob & Darlene Forsythe

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle

Special Intention of Jim & Beth Piarowski

St. Joseph Candle

Thomas Riley Sr. Anniversary by Family

WE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Matthew Cook, Scott Gerdes, David Newtoff, Christopher
 Vavouleas, Teresa (Kozak) Bissonnette, Bobby Dyer, Jeffrey
 Merritt, Wade Lander, Mark Keough, Matthew Pirc, Jack Bro-
 derick, Dale Clark, Luke Ruggiero

ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLE INTENTIONS

"Personal Intention" (through March 31)

"Personal Intention of Diana Sereik" (through March 31)

"Peace in our marriage and family" (through March 31)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAR. 17, 2024

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

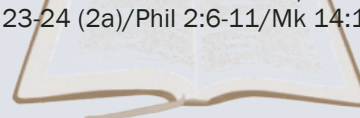
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39



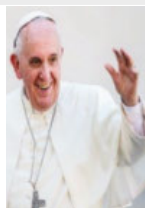
ATTENTION MILITARY FAMILIES

If your child is currently serving in one of the branches of our Military, we would like to acknowledge them and keep them in our parish family's prayers.

The St. Joseph Rosary Makers group is in the process of renewing and redecorating our parish Military board, usually on display in the south vestibule. We would like to honor

those presently serving. If you would like your child included on this board, please send a photo and short bio to beth@beaujamesphoto.com.

Thank you and God's blessings on all those in the military who service and protect us!



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION

MARCH: FOR THE NEW MARTYRS

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm..

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parish Family,

The last two weeks of Lent are traditionally known as Passiontide—the Season of the Lord's Passion. Of course, on Palm Sunday we will hear the reading of the entire account of Christ's Passion, but already on the fifth Sunday of Lent there is allusion to the Lord's suffering (in the Year A readings we encounter death in the person of Lazarus, in the Year B readings Jesus alludes to the kind of death He would suffer).

One noteworthy tradition of the end of Lent is the veiling of crosses and statues, which seems to have begun in the 13th century. Thanks to local seamstress, Patty Jane, our parish will be able to partake of the practice. There are a few reasons for veiling these beautiful images. First, before 1970 the gospel of the fifth Sunday of Lent ended with John 8:59, "So they took up stones to throw at him; but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple." We are reminded of the time immediately before the Lord's solemn entry into Jerusalem when Jesus was out of public view so as to delay his crucifixion in order that it would coincide with the Passover. Since Jesus hid himself before Passover, we hide His image until Good Friday. Secondly, veiling images represents a final Lenten discipline. On Ash Wednesday we gave up the word, "Al*****a" in the Liturgy. Now, we deprive ourselves of the consoling images of the Lord, the Angels, and Saints. Like all fasting, we give good things up to receive them again in a new healthy way. Just think how lovely it will be to see everything again on Easter; it will be like encountering our Church for the first time. Finally, the veils remind us of shrouds. As we remember that the Lord's suffering and death is near, we are invited to enter more fully into the complete experience of the mystery of His suffering, death, and burial. I hope this final practice before Holy Week is edifying for your prayer.

By the time this bulletin is in your hands, God willing, I will be in Ireland to attend the first profession of vows of my younger brother, Brother Bernard Maria McMahon at Silverstream Priory, County Meath. I regret that the wonderful occasion calls me away from the parish so shortly before Holy Week, and causes me to miss our patronal feast St. Joseph's Day, March 19. Please know of my sincere wish to celebrate with you all. I will offer Mass for all of our parishioners—living and dead—on March 19 at the monastery.

Please do me the honor of attending the special feast day Mass at 6:30pm and enjoying all the delights of the potluck dinner that follows! I will be very happy to know as many parishioners attended as possible and joyful fellowship was had by all! This weekend and on St. Joseph's Day you will be in the capable hands of my dear friend and classmate, Fr. John Horan of Bishop McNamara High School in Kankakee. Fr. John is a great priest; I am so grateful he is willing to preside over this weekend's Masses and our feast day. Also, Fr. Alex Lorang, a fellow Homer Glen-ian, will celebrate St. Joseph's Day Mass for our grade school.

REMAINING LENTEN & EASTER SCHEDULE

EVERY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - MARCH 22

6:00pm Confession
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

MONDAY & TUESDAY, MARCH 11 & 12, PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

6:00pm Reconciliation with Several Priests Available

MARCH 28 HOLY THURSDAY

8:00am Morning Prayer
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:30pm Adoration
11:30pm Tenebrae

MARCH 29 GOOD FRIDAY

8:00am Morning Prayer
3:00pm Stations of the Cross
7:00pm Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

MARCH 30 HOLY SATURDAY

8:00am Morning Prayer
12:00pm Blessing of Easter Baskets
7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass

MARCH 31 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass

Please pray for my brother "the brother" as he makes a beautiful step towards living out his vocation, and please pray for my safe travels—especially that I will return Friday the 22nd ready to embrace the most intense week of the Church's year!

God bless your last days of Lent and your observance of St. Joseph's Day,

Fr. Mike

The McMahon brothers
November 2022
In front of a Statue
of St. Joseph
at Silverstream Priory,
Ireland





SAINTS MARTHA, MARY & LAZARUS

Martha, Mary and their brother Lazarus were evidently close friends of Jesus. He came to their home simply as a welcomed guest, rather than as one celebrating the conversion of a sinner like Zacchaeus or one unceremoniously received by a suspicious Pharisee. The sisters felt free to call on Jesus at their brother's death, even though a return to Judea at that time seemed to spell almost certain death.

Martha's great glory is her simple and strong statement of faith in Jesus after her brother's death. "Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world'" (John 11:25-27).

No doubt Martha was an active sort of person. On one occasion, she prepares the meal for Jesus and possibly his fellow guests and forthrightly states the obvious: All hands should pitch in to help with the dinner. The Lord recognizes that Martha is "worried about many things," also noting that Mary, who has spent the preparation time at Jesus' feet listening to his words "has chosen the better part." John 12:1-8 describes Mary's anointing of Jesus' feet at Bethany, an act which he praised highly.

Immediately after we are told that the chief priests plotted to kill Lazarus "because many of the Jews were turning away and believing in Jesus because of him." Lazarus was the one of whom the Jews said, "See how much he loved him." In their sight Jesus raised his friend Lazarus from the dead.

Legends abound about the life of Lazarus after the death and resurrection of Jesus. He is supposed to have left a written account of what he saw in the next world before he was called back to life. Some say he followed Peter into Syria. Another story is that despite being put into a leaking boat by the Jews at Jaffa, he, his sisters, and others landed safely in Cyprus. There he died peacefully after serving as bishop for 30 years.

It is certain there was early devotion to the saint. Around the year 390, the pilgrim lady Etheria talks of the procession that took place on the Saturday before Palm Sunday at the tomb where Lazarus had been raised from the dead. In the West, Passion Sunday was called *Dominica de Lazaro*, and Augustine tells us that in Africa the Gospel of the raising of Lazarus was read at the office of Palm Sunday.

Reflection

In its 2021 decree on combining veneration of Mary and Lazarus with Martha, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments said, "In the household of Bethany, the Lord Jesus experienced the family spirit and friendship of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, and for this reason the Gospel of John states that he loved them. Martha generously offered him hospitality, Mary listened attentively to his words and Lazarus promptly emerged from the tomb at the command of the one who humiliated death."

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Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Friday, May 3, to Sunday, May 5, 2024

If you are suffering from grief after having had an abortion, remember that God always offers forgiveness. Nothing is unforgivable and the Church is the hospital of healing. Just as the father ran to the prodigal son when he came home, so too is God waiting with open arms to receive you back home!

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats offer a beautiful opportunity for healing to any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. The retreat is a chance to get away from the daily pressure of work and family, to focus on a painful time in life, and to begin healing through a supportive and non-judgmental process.

The weekend will help your soul find a voice and transform the pain of the past into love and hope.

The next Rachel's Vineyard retreat will be held locally from Friday, May 3, to Sunday, May 5. For more details or to register, please scan the QR code or visit qrco.de/RVMay2023

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THURSDAY,
MARCH 28, 11:30 AM
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LUNCH & BINGO



ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

MARCH

3/20

School Board 6:00 Pm Parish Center

3/29

Good Friday – NO CLASSES

APRIL

4/1-5

Easter Break

NEXT

UP



IRISH FEST 2024: DANCE, FUN FAIR, PARADE!



RELIGIOUS ED.



**St. Joseph Church...
the pot of gold
at the end of the rainbow!**

(photo credit Amy Potempa)

Saint Patrick was born in England, but when he was a teenager, he was captured by Irish pirates who took him to Ireland as a slave. After six years, Saint Patrick escaped and returned to England and his family.

When Saint Patrick became a priest, he traveled back to Ireland as a missionary so that he could teach the people about God. He used examples to explain the mysteries of the faith in simple ways. One day, Saint Patrick compared the Trinity to a shamrock. He said that the shamrock has three leaves, but it is only one plant. In the same way, God is three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—but one God—the three leaves stand for the three beings of God, and the stem shows how they are united into one.

God used Saint Patrick's kidnapping to convert the Irish people. In our lives, God uses the bad times to bring about a good we do not always see. We must be patient and trust Him.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

MARCH 10

Collection (at Masses)	\$ 6,110.65
Collection (online giving)	\$ 3,624.20
Total Collection Amount	\$ 9,734.85

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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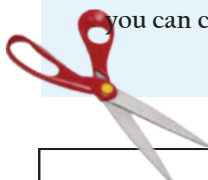
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Total Cost	\$237,000.00
Less: Payments Received	\$ 93,602.00
Balance	\$ 143,398.00

Thank you, parishioners, for your generosity. Please consider a donation to help us pay down our loan-- you can call the Parish Center for more information.

THANK YOU!



Saint Patrick's Prayer

May Christ be with us!
May Christ be before us!
May Christ be in us,
Christ be over all!
May Thy Salvation, Lord,
always be ours,
this day, O Lord, and evermore.
Amen.



LIGHTER SIDE



You see, March 17 is also the feast day of one very special saint, who is often grossly overlooked by the history books. Her name is SAINT GERTRUDE OF NIVELLES, and she's the Patron Saint of... you guessed it: CATS.



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