

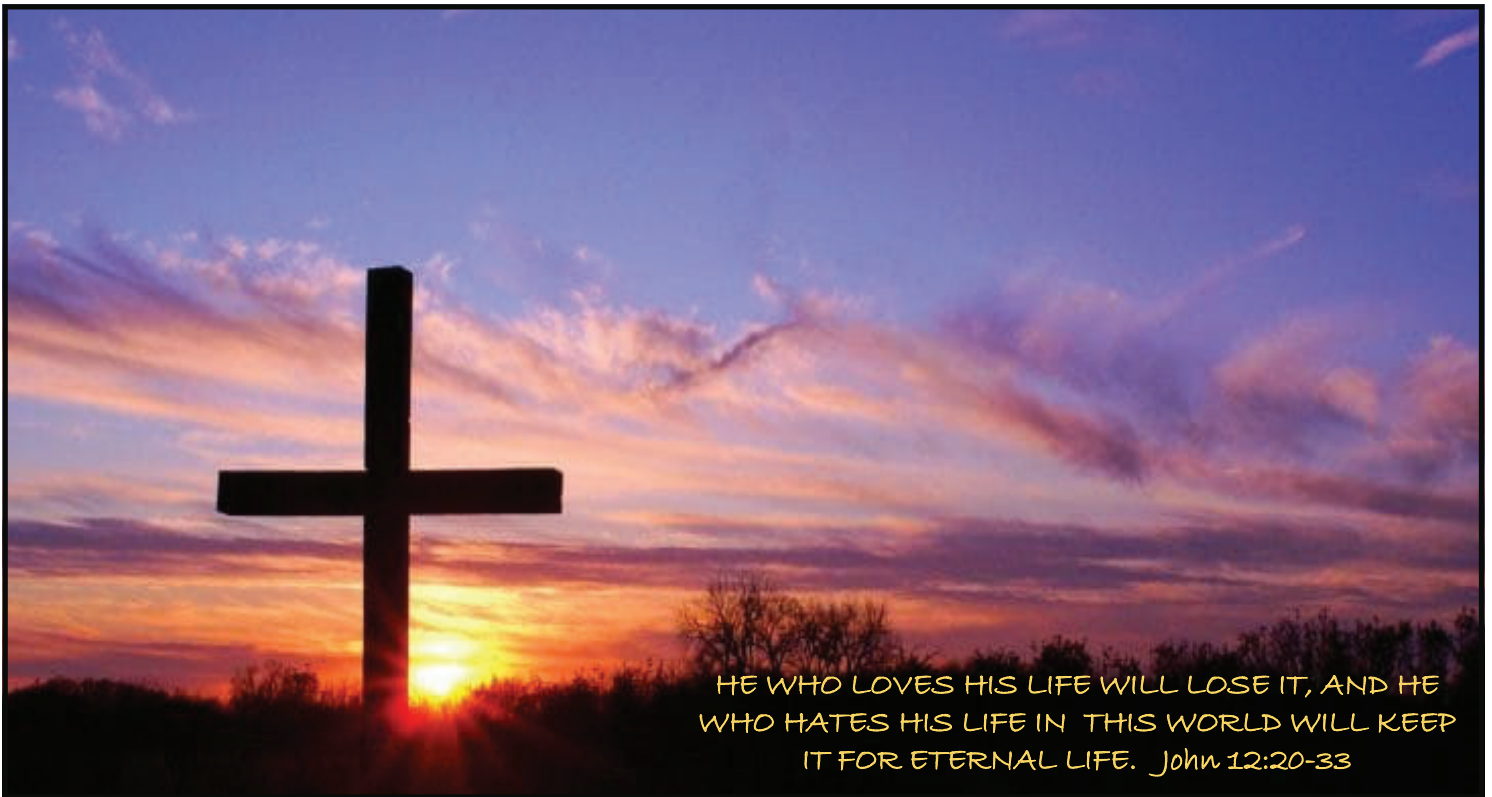


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March 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Lent



HE WHO LOVES HIS LIFE WILL LOSE IT, AND HE WHO HATES HIS LIFE IN THIS WORLD WILL KEEP IT FOR ETERNAL LIFE. John 12:20-33

Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Thursday ~ Office Closed

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00 p.m.
Sunday ~ 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Friday ~ 9:00 a.m.

Adoration & Confessions

Monday ~ 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal instruction offered at
6:30 p.m. on the
Second Tuesday of every month.
Call the office to register

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday ~ 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday ~ 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Anytime by appointment.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Notify the parish office
whenever someone is ill,
hospitalized, or homebound
wishes to receive Communion.



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This fifth Sunday of Lent we read that some Greeks came up to Philip and made the request, “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.” We learn from our Lord’s response that they, and we, are to find Him in the grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies. This response of Jesus points us to a reality which forms the foundation of our Catholic faith and our life with Jesus. Where do we, who ardently long to see Jesus, find Him?

This may seem like a strange way to begin our search for Jesus, but we must find Him as He really is. He really is willing to die for our sins, and like a grain of wheat in the ground, once He is planted in our hearts He sprouts up. The humility of Jesus is the basis of the New Covenant of love and forgiveness He is establishing with us.

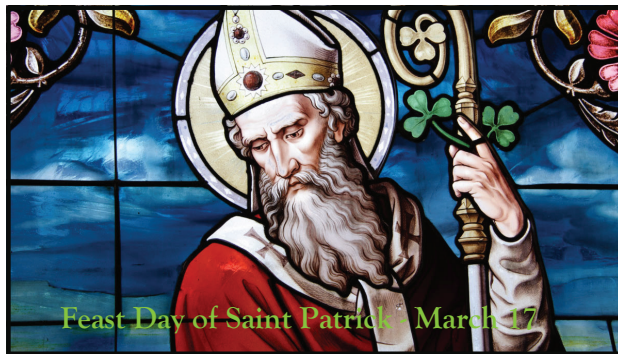
In addition, if we should like to see Jesus we need to look for the fallen grains of wheat around us. St. Mother Theresa taught us by her extraordinary example that Jesus is to be found in the “poorest of the poor”. If we wish to see Him, we must be willing to look for those who are losing their lives—the victims of poverty, abuse, and violence as well as the lonely, the depressed and the neglected.

We have to have written, or perhaps planted in keeping with the grain of wheat theme, in our hearts that we are God’s people who aspire to be like Christ in transforming the darkness of the world’s pain into the Joy of Easter.

Do you, as the Greeks in the Gospel reading this weekend wish to see Jesus? Then become one of His little grains of wheat and offer your heart, your life and your will to Him. And glory of glories, you will begin to find Him in creation, in others and in your hearts from this day and unto eternity.

Joyfully yours,

Fr. Michael



Feast Day of Saint Patrick - March 17



Did you know....The main reason young people do not consider the priesthood or consecrated life is that they have never been personally asked. Yet almost ten percent of young adults have considered priesthood or religious life.

March is dedicated to Saint Joseph

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday, March 16
~Confessions ~ 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 17 ~ Saint Patrick's Day 
~Religious Education ~ 9:00 a.m.
~Youth Mass ~ 10:30 a.m.

Monday, March 18
~The Light Is On For You ~ Adoration & Confessions 5:30-7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19
~Parish Pastoral Council ~ 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20
~Nourishing Body & Soul ~ 6:00 p.m.

Friday, March 22
~Confessions after 9:00 a.m. Mass (Every Friday during Lent)
~Stations of the Cross ~ 4:00 p.m.
~Confessions ~ 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 23
~Confessions ~ 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 24 ~ Palm Sunday
~No Religious Education

Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions) March 9 & 10, 2024

Loose	\$	579.00
Offertory	\$	7,172.00
Maintenance	\$	723.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$	7.00
Votives	\$	100.00
Religious Education	\$	1.00
Easter	\$	210.00
Easter Flowers	\$	794.00
TOTAL	\$	9,586.00

Diocesan Collections

Holy Land ~ Good Friday	\$	25.00
Catholic Relief	\$	491.00
Care and Education of Priests	\$	116.00
TOTAL	\$	632.00

Collection Counter Schedule



March 18, 2024 ~ Group 2 Glenda Farrington, Mary McNamara, Carol Everett
March 25, 2024 ~ Group 3 Judy DeGregorio, Jan Ransdorf, Gloria Renehan

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 16
4:00 p.m. Mary Fedorko (By Family)

Sunday, March 17 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ St. Patrick Feast Day
8:00 a.m. Pat Kelly (By The Kelly Family)
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, March 18 ~ St. Cyril of Jerusalem
9:00 a.m. Patricia Gelpi (By The Legarski Family)

Tuesday, March 19 ~ St. Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 a.m. Joseph S. & Charlotte O'Neill and George Lepley (By Romey Fagnano and Family)
1:30 p.m. @ Valley View ~ Gavin Peretti (By Paul & Mary Smith)

Wednesday, March 20
9:00 a.m. Caroline Fessler (By Catino Family)

Thursday, March 21
No Mass Scheduled

Friday, March 22
9:00 a.m. Joseph L. DeGregorio (By The DeGregorio Family)

Saturday, March 23 ~ St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
4:00 p.m. Michael Sullivan (By Tim & Joi Sullivan Family)

Sunday, March 24 ~ Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord
8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Al Gomb (By Gloria Gomb)

Readings For The Week

Monday: Dan 13:1-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: 2 Sam 7:4-16; Ps 89:2-29; Mt 1:16-24
Wednesday: Dan 3:14-95; Ps 17:1-15; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gen 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 31; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Ps 17:1-15; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-47



Prayer List for the Month of March

If you or a loved one would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact the parish office.

Dave Bonus, D. Jane Brown, Mark Brumbach, Joanie & Gayne Campbell, Ann Dorin, Carisa Foulds, Margie Foulds, Cliff Hales, Michael Hook, Lois O'Malley, Al and Karen Marlett, Nicole Selleck, Mary Shuhler, Sofia Steinbacher, Carl Ulsamer, Jim Wilson, Debbie Winterer

Lenten Save the Dates

Holy Lent: Nourishing Body and Soul

Please join us on Wednesday, March 20, at 6:00 p.m. for a light meal, followed by an adult discussion on the *The Mercy of God*. Sign up sheets are at each entrance of the Church or call the Office.

Road to Resurrection

Wed., March 20 @ 7:00 p.m. ~ St. Ann

Penance Services

Sun., Mar. 17 @ 2:00 p.m. ~ St. Luke (Jersey Shore)
Wed., Mar. 27 @ 6:30 p.m. ~ St. Boniface

Faith In Action

LENT Pray + Fast + Give

For the month of March we will be participating in a **Lenten Food Drive**. Suggested items: Ramen Noodles, Canned Soups, (Pop open lids preferred), Macaroni & Cheese, Applesauce, Fruit Juices & Tuna (Dollar Store small packs). Please return items by the end of March. **PLEASE, no expired foods, no glass and only items suggested on the front of the bag.** Thank you and God Bless.



As always, we are collecting 16 oz. jars of peanut butter for the Montoursville Back Pack Program.

... he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.
(MATTHEW 1:24)

ST. JOSEPH
Feast Day
MARCH 19

Around the Diocese

St. Luke: All you can eat Spaghetti Dinner, March 20. Lunch served from 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Dinner from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

St. Maria Goretti Church (Laflin, PA): "Festival Of Praise", April 4 @ 6:00 p.m. Includes Adoration, Reconciliation, and Music from Joel Kankiewicz.

St. Joseph the Worker (Fleming Center) Rummage Sale! April 20 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Food and Bake sale available. Donation drop-off the week before the sale. *NO TV's, Computers, Mattresses or old/worn clothes.*

Come Home For Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday ~ March 24

- +Mass (Vigil, March 23) @ 4:00 p.m. ~ Procession starting in Hall
- +Mass @ 8:00 a.m. ~ No procession
- +Mass @ 10:30 a.m. ~ No procession

Holy Thursday ~ March 28

- +Mass of Our Lord's Supper ~ 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday ~ March 29

- +Church opens for prayer @ 12:00 p.m.
- +Service @ 1:30
- +Stations of the Cross @ 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday Morning ~ March 30

- +Blessings of Baskets @ 12:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil ~ March 30

- +Mass @ 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday ~ March 31

- +Mass @ 8:00 a.m.
- +Mass @ 10:30 a.m.



Annual Parish Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 6

11:00 a.m.

Pre K thru 6th Grade

Sign-up sheets at entrances of the Church, or call the Office.



To donate use QR Code or go to annualappeal.org.



Please consider a gift to the Diocesan Annual Appeal

Our Lady of Lourdes Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

We're at \$34,052 (83.5% of goal) with pledges and donations from 168 families (25.69) of the parish as of 03/09/24. Please prayerfully consider how you might support the campaign and help the parish to reach our goal. Thank you!

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