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WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

Third Sunday of Lent

March 19, 20

St. Joseph's Parish Mass Intentions

PLEASE FOLLOW COVID PROTOCOLS FOR ALL MASSES

TUESDAY March 22 8:30 am † Bernard & Eva Sullivan
(by Margie & Jessica, Jim & Anita (Rady) Yuke)

WEDNESDAY March 23 8:30 am † Kevin McMorow (by Tom & Maria O'Grady)

THURSDAY March 24 8:30 am † Leona Moher (by Bernard & Lise Leahy)

FRIDAY March 25 12:00 PM † Will O'Grady (by Pauline McMillan)

SATURDAY March 26 5:00 pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY March 27 10:00 am † William J. Moher (by the Estate)

We are currently booking masses in early June

LECTORS	SAT – 5:00 PM	SUN –10:00 AM
March 19, 20	Darlene Sullivan	Brian Moloney
March 26, 27	Bob Condon	Bernard Leahy
EUCHARIST		
March 19, 20	Michael Korkus	Jennifer DeMaeyer
March 26, 27	Rosemary Towns	Theresa Hamersma
USHERS		
March 19, 20	Albert Heffernan	Ray Carlow
March 26, 27	Barry Condon	Jim Holland
CLEANERS		
Week of Mar 21	Jean Heffernan	Rosemary Towns
Week of Mar 28	Dorothy Perdue	Bernice Heffernan

ONLINE MASS is available on the Diocesan website for anyone who is unable to attend Sunday Mass.

Parish Stewardship

Mar 13 \$2,528 including \$858 of pre-authorized offering

We thank you for your continued support of our Parish!

THE PARISH OFFICE is once again open regular hours. Tuesday and Thursday 9-4

WE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH...

If you have someone you would like added to the prayer list and/or they would like communion brought to them (in hospital or at home), please call the Parish Office **705 652-3231 OR talk with Fr. Randy**



CURRENT CANDLES ARE LIGHTED FOR

THE BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE BURNS

MARCH 19-25 FOR COLLETTE MOHER BY THE MOHER FAMILY.

OUR ST. JOSEPH CANDLE IS LIGHTED

MARCH 19-25 FOR THE DECEASED

MEMBERS OF THE LEAHY-COUGHILIN

FAMILIES.



POPE FRANCIS WILL CONSECRATE Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary during the Celebration of Penance that he will preside over in Rome at St Peter's Basilica on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. His Holiness will place the people of Ukraine and Russia under the protection of Mary, Mother of God.

The Ukrainian Catholic leaders have prepared a Novena and invited all Catholic faithful from around the world to join them in prayer over the next nine days. In view of this appeal for prayers, I ask you and your parishioners to participate in the Novena by offering the following prayer at the Masses celebrated today and henceforth until March 25, 2022:

PRAYER

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at-risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.



LENTEN CORNER

One Word at a Time **FORGIVE**

Jesus reveals the mercy of God most powerfully when he forgives sins. He enables people to let go of their damaged past and reclaim their loving relationship with God, who has never ceased to love them. His forgiveness is real, powerful, and life-changing. - Then he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has saved you; go in peace.” (Luke 7:48,50)

MESSAGES FROM Fr. RANDY: DEAR FRIENDS,

Peace of a Christ and a blessed Third Sunday in Lent! In our first reading from the book of Exodus we encounter the beautiful revelation of God in the burning bush. How it must have inspired awe and wonder in Moses as he beheld this mystery: “As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed”.

Some of the Fathers of the Church saw in the image of the burning bush a “type” or foreshadowing of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Just as the bush was completely aflame, yet not consumed, so too was Mary completely aflame with God's love by the Immaculate Conception, yet her freedom and humanity were not consumed. In other words, the Church Fathers saw in Mary one of the beautiful paradoxes of our faith – that God desires to permeate our entire being with His grace, yet always respecting our freedom and humanity.

This Friday, March 25, we take a little “pause” in our Lenten pilgrimage as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation. God's invitation to Mary to become the mother of God is another beautiful example of this paradox between the totality of His grace, yet an invitation that always respects our freedom. A rare Solemnity on a Friday during Lent means yes, you can eat meat, and I hope it's a beautiful day to celebrate! While so much in the world can lend itself to discouragement, I'm grateful for the gift of our Blessed Mother and for the hope and joy she always brings.

May your Lent continue to be blessed...and please party this Friday! Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us! Sincerely, with love,

The Holy Eucharist: DID YOU KNOW?

Last Sunday's Gospel spoke of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. (Luke 9:28-36) We see the radiant glory of Jesus revealed to Peter, James and John on Mount Tabor. Christ gives us a look into His divine nature, which has hitherto been hidden in His human nature. The three apostles have their faith greatly strengthened by witnessing this theophany.

Reflection: In the same way that Christ's glory was hidden in His human nature, He is also hidden to us under the appearances of the consecrated Bread and Wine in the Holy Eucharist. These simple human substances become His

glorious Body and Blood in the Blessed Sacrament. Like the apostles on Mount Tabor, is our faith also strengthened in the belief that Jesus is truly present to us in each consecrated Host? The more we receive the Holy Eucharist in faith and trust, the more Jesus can transform us into His own likeness.

MEANING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The Paschal candle is one of the most sacred and enduring elements in Christianity. Made of beeswax to represent the purity of Christ, the candle's wick signifies Christ's humanity, and the flame His Divine Nature. It is adorned with one or more Christian symbols, often the cross to represent His redemptive sacrifice; the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet - Alpha and Omega – to signify that He is the beginning and the end; symbols of wheat and grapes, or a chalice and host, for the Eucharist - the true presence of Christ and our spiritual strength; the 12 Apostles – witnesses and scribes to the passion, death, resurrection and ascension of Christ; and other symbols such as the Good Shepherd, the Lamb, the Sacred Heart, and the Risen Christ.

The Paschal candle is a rich symbol of our faith. It reaches its pinnacle at Easter. Each year during the Easter Vigil service on Holy Saturday night, a fire is kindled in a metal bowl, called a brazier (bray' - zhur). From the brazier comes a “new” and blessed fire that lights the Paschal candle which is carried in procession into the dark church. The “new” fire serves as an image of the Resurrection. The candle, which represents Christ himself, is placed on a special Paschal candle stand near the altar. Five grains of incense are inserted into the candle to recall the aromatic spices that were used to prepare Christ's body for the tomb, and the wounds in His hands, feet and side, which remained after His resurrection.



PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE UKRAINE

Father in Heaven, have mercy on us and on the whole world! You sent Your Son, the Prince of Peace, for the salvation of the world. We pray that the Peace of Christ will reign in Ukraine.

Please protect and send aid to those in Ukraine and all who are at-risk.

We pray for all who are working towards it and for all who are in danger from this conflict.

For an end to violence and war – For wisdom for all leaders who have a hand in this.

Lord God, please help those in most need of thy mercy.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

Saint Joseph, Protector of Mary, Jesus and the Church, pray for us!

Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, may your kingdom reign in Ukraine and all the world. Amen.