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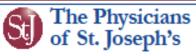
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March 19, 2017

3rd Sunday of Lent

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Calendrical Clutter: Demystifying the Liturgical Calendar

19) transferred to Monday, it seemed like ranked into three basic categories: So- or a Parish Church is given the rank of a a topic to explore would be some of the lemnities, Feasts (see?), and Memorials, Solemnity. So, for us in St. Patrick's curiosities of the Liturgical Calendar the latter category being divided into parish, by universal liturgical law, we itself. Much like the historical develop- obligatory and optional. All of this is were exempt from all Lenten fasting in ment and use of veils, I don't expect this laid out in the General Instruction of the order to celebrate our particular parish to be a real page-turner, but it may shed Roman Missal's Table of Precedence for Solemnity. And so this entire weekend some light on some of the peculiarities Days of the Year. that we take full advantage of throughout the year.

the annual arrangement of liturgical sea- to be observed. sons and the observances of Saints' "feast days" in any given year. The Gen- of intrinsic value to the Church because eral Roman Calendar provides the basic they require us to pause, take a break guideline for which Mass (whether that from our labors, and enter more deeply of a proper Saint, a votive Mass, a ferial into the mysteries of the life of Christ, day, etc.) is said on each day of the year. recognizing the contribution of the par-

first full moon after the vernal equinox gave Himself up for her." (Easter Sunday occurring the day after the Passover Sabbath). These two great St. Joseph is transferred to Monday, Solemnities of Our Lord form the two March 20, because the Sundays of Lent, hinges upon which the entire season cal- according to the Table of Precedence. endar is based. This is why the First "outrank" the Solemnity of St. Joseph

ond week of March!

days of the calendar year, usually per- the Sacred Liturgy that is unparalleled. aving just celebrated taining to Our Lord, Our Blessed Moth-

Eventually we will dive into the feasting and celebration. distinctions that are made with each of cussion to the calendar of the New Order ing in order to ensure that when two Mother Church offers us in her Liturgy. of Mass promulgated by Pope Paul VI in would-be solemnities occur on the same 1969.) Whenever we use the phrase day (e.g., a Sunday of Lent and a Solem-"General Roman Calendar" we refer to nity of a Saint), one knows which day is

Solemnities are, like all feasts, To start, we look at the overall ticular event or person to the building up structure of the calendar. It is divided of the Kingdom of God. For example, according to liturgical seasons (Advent, March 19 is always the Solemnity of St. Christmas, Ordinary Time I, Lent [and Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church. the Paschal Triduum], Easter, and Ordi- On this day, we cease all Lenten fasting nary Time II). These seasons begin and and rejoice in the life of St. Joseph, the end based upon the placement of Christ- "silent partner" of the Holy Family, who mas and Easter within the calendar year, cared for Our Lord and His Mother, lovthe former always occurring on Decem- ing the former as his own son, and the ber 25, and the latter based on the ancient latter as St. Paul instructed in his Letter Jewish lunar calendar which calculates to the Corinthians: "Husbands love your Passover as the Sabbath following the wives as Christ loved the Church and

Yet, this year, the Solemnity of

Sunday of Advent shifts from the third to and displace it. This is because the Sunthe fourth weekend of November, and days of Lent and Advent, Christmas and why Lent can begin as early as the begin- Easter, and Solemnities of Our Lord alning of February and as late as the sec- ways and everywhere take precedence over every other liturgical observance, In addition to the particular sea- because they pertain directly to the myssons that the Church observes, there are teries of the Life of Christ and have an "feasts" that we celebrate on specific intrinsic value to the worship of God in

This past Friday saw our obin our parish the So- er, St. Joseph and the other Saints in- servance of another Solemnity, that of St. lemnity of St. Pat- scribed on the Roman Calendar. These Patrick. You see, while St. Patrick's Day rick, and with the feasts (and I use the term in the generic in the General Roman Calendar is merely Solemnity of St. Joseph (usually March sense—I'll explain why in a moment) are a Memorial, the Titular Patron of a Place (Saturday excepted) is, for us, a time of

I hope to be able to go back and Since the reform of the General these ranks of feasts (again, used in the to look at some of the other idiosyncra-Roman Calendar in 1969, a great deal generic sense). But, since it pertains sies regarding the Roman Calendar, but has changed. (In point of fact, I could directly to this weekend, I want to say a this was probably enough to start us off write a whole book on the changes and word about the highest rank, Solemnities. with. Stay tuned for more, as we look at adjustments to the Calendar at other Solemnities are the highest-ranking days a topic that directly affects our worship times in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, but for our pur- of observance in the liturgical year, and of God, bringing to it order, and allowing poses here I have chosen to limit the dist there exists within that category a rank- us to make the very most of all that Holy



The Water I Shall Give Will Become A Spring Of Living Water Welling Un To Eternal Life

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### **UpFront** with Mary Hendricks

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year A, March 19, 2017 John 4:5-42

ave you ever heard the expression "Dying of thirst?" Fact: An estimated 42,000 people die every week from diseases related to low water quality and inadequate sanitation.

What's it like to die of thirst? Jeffrey Berns, nephrologist at the University of Pennsylvania, says the body is about 60 percent water. Normally, an average person will lose about a quart of water each day by sweating and breathing and another one to three quarts by urinating. If a person becomes severely dehydrated, all the cells throughout the body will begin to shrink as water moves into the blood stream. Most importantly, the brain cells don't operate normally when they're shrinking. Confusion is followed by a coma, and as the brain becomes smaller, blood vessels connecting it to the inside of the cranium can pull away and rupture.

### Solemnity of St. Joseph

The Solemnity of St. Joseph this year is transferred to Monday, March 20. We will celebrate Mass at 6.



Prayers to Joseph, the foster -father of Jesus, date back almost as far as Our Lord's time! Although came from King David's noble St. Joseph (left) lived a life of great humility and devotion to his Holy Family as a carpenter.

Matthew's gospel describes him as a "just man" (1:19). He is the patron saint of the Universal Church, and people invoke his aid for workers, families, home buyers and sellers, and the grace of a happy death, among other things. St. Thomas Aquinas once noted that St. Joseph is unique among patron saints in that he is able to assist us at anytime for anything.

St. Theresa of Avila echoed this sentiment when she wrote "I know by www.ourcatholicprayers.com

The kidneys may shut down first, the doctor explains, as they continue to lack access to both water and salt. Without water, blood volume will decline and all the organs will start to fail, he says. Kidney failure leads to death as waste products that should be eliminated from the body remain. It's a slow, excruciatingly painful, death.

In today's Gospel story, the Samaritan woman is dying of thirst. She goes to the well at midday to get water, thereby insuring she won't run into any other women. They filled their pitchers much earlier in the day. She had five husbands and is living with man. She's probably gossip bait for anyone who meets her. But she meets Jesus who isn't interested in gossip. He promises her living water.

What in the world is living water? Pope Francis explains that the Holy Spirit is the living water, "who comes to dwell in us, cleanses us, enlightens us, renews us, transforms us by rendering us partakers of the very life of God who is Love."

Jesus knows what the woman is truly thirsting for: acceptance, for comfort and peace, for love. She has looked in all the wrong places her entire life, and all it has gotten her is rejection. She has wandering in a desert of her own making, unsure of life's

experience that the glorious St. Joseph assists us generally in all necessities. I never asked him for anything which he did not obtain for

This prayer is among the earliest prayers to St. Joseph, (from around A.D. 50) St. and also one of the best known:

> Oh St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage

to the most loving of Fathers. Oh St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss his fine head for me, and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen

meaning and her purpose.

At first, the woman thinks that the living water that Jesus promises will allow her to avoid the town's center and those hateful gossipers completely. His meaning becomes clearer as they converse. He reads her open heart and reveals the truth of her past and what could be her future, should she choose to lis-

The living water is, ultimately, truth. We can run from it when truth smacks us upside the head, like in this story, or we can run with it. The woman decides to run with it. She grabs the people who were ostracizing her and shared the good news that the Savior was in town. They believed her! Don't you think it's odd that they took the word of a fallen woman that she had found the Messiah? I think the Holy Spirit was working on them, too!

Are you thirsty? Are you looking for love and acceptance? Your search is over when you find the living water.

Listen to Pope Francis: "The living water that is the Holy Spirit quenches our lives because it tells us that we are loved by God as His children, that we can love God as his children, and that by his grace we can live as children of God, as did Jesus."

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Adult Choir practice for the Easter Liturgies will begin on Saturday, March 18th following the evening mass. Members of congregation with an interest in music - even those without prior experience encouraged to attend. Let's join together to make this an inspiring and prayerful Lent and Easter.



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**Catholic Daughters of** the Americas

We are collecting NEW socks for the homeless. Socks for men, women, and children can be taken to the parish office or left in the sock box in the church. Socks will be distributed to shelters who work with homeless people.

The next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, March 20 at 6 in the parish meeting room. ALL Catholic women 18 and older are invited to join the Catholic Daughters. Find out more by going to catholicdaughters.org.

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# Kids' Corner Catechesis

# Why Do Some Bibles Have Pictures and Some Don't?



The people who wrote the Bible didn't put pictures in them. But in recent years, the people who print Bibles wanted to help us better understand the Bible stories. So they put pictures at various places in the Bible to help us see what Bible people and places may have looked like. The pictures are drawings or paintings, not photographs. These pictures were made recently-they're not very old. The artists knew what to draw by learning about that part of the world and by reading what the Bible says about how people lived in Bible times.

## Key Verse

When you come, bring the coat I left at Troas with Carpus. Also bring the books, but especially bring the parchments. (2 Timothy 4:13)

Related Verses 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Related Question Why are there different Bibles?

#### Note to parents

In the key verse, Paul was in prison, just before his death, when he wrote this letter to Timothy. The "parchments" were copies of the Old Testament Scriptures. With this question, children may also be asking why there are different versions of the Bible or why there is a difference between their Bible storybook and your Bible.

### **Parish Prayer List**

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- ♦ Those who are sick: Larry Dodson (Cleveland Clinic), Jim Kerrigan, Anna Crim (Ruby), Mary Groover, Mary Byrd, Bobby Gill, Sr. Theresa Metz, Nick Bakas, James Carni, Steve Colburn, Rose Determan, Robert Fealy, Carl Ford (Lynne Shaver's father), Shannon & George Kiro (Nick Kiro's sister and father), Shelly Kraus, Sharon Lowe, Mary Ann Murray, Julieta Rilling, Burke Riley, Mike Riley, Tim Rinehart, Jackie Robinson, Jane Taylor, and Megan Westfall.
- ◆ Those who have died: Larry Lowe, May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- ♦ Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
- ♦ All Military Personnel: Alan Hamilton

Please contact the parish office or use one of the envelopes in the vestibule to schedule your Mass Intentions.

### The Dead Theologians Society



"Through the Saints of yesterday, the Dead Theologians Society inspires the youth of today to become the saints of tomorrow."

## Every Sunday @ 6 pm

in the downstairs Parish Meeting Room

For updates & more info,

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# SoulCORE

SoulCore class is held on the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. If you would like to increase your SoulCore exercise experience, classes are offered on the third and fourth Thursday of each month at Marist Hall located at Holy Rosary Church in Buckhannon. If school is cancelled or there is an early dismissal due to weather, the classes are also cancelled.

For additional information, contact Rachel at rachelfweber@yahoo.com or go to www.soulcore.com

## Need Help? Get Help!

## **Alcoholics Anonymous**

AA - Tues., Thurs., & Sat., 8pm school basement.

## Narcotics Anonymous

NA - Mon., 8pm school basement

Use the door on the side of the school building facing the rectory for AA and NA meetings.

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## NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

## March

19 & 26: DTS-6pm

18 Sat: 7pm, Choir practice 19 Sun: 10:30, GIFT, cafeteria

20 Mon: 6pm, Catholic Daughter meeting20 Tue: 10a, Funeral Mass for Larry Lowe

21 Tue.: 7pm, Lenten Penance Service

## This Week's Liturgical Calendar

#### Saturday—March 18

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

5:00p Confessions

6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for †Carolyn Gissy

RDGS: Dt Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;

Lk 15:1-3,11-32

#### Sunday — March 19

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:45a Confessions

9:30a Mass for People of the Parish

RDGS: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

11:45 Confessions

12:30p Mass (Latin) for †William Rowan by family *Third Sunday of Lent* 

#### Monday — March 20

SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**6:00p** Mass for All Step/Foster Fathers (living and

deceased)

RDGS: 2 Sam 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 — March 21

Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent

8:15a Mass for †Marjorie Ruppert by Charles

Ruppert

RDGS: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-9; Mt 18:21-35

#### Wednesday — March 22

Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent

3-6:00p Eucharistic Adoration (Benediction at 5:45)

3-5:45p Confessions

6:00p Mass for †Robert Shearer by family

RDGS: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt

5:17-19

#### Thursday — March 23

Thursday of the Third Week of Lent

8:15a Mass for †Rev. Karl Wohinc

RDGS: Jer 7:23 - 28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-13

#### Friday — March 24

Friday of the Third Week of Lent

8:15a Mass for Harry Hendricks by family RDGS: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17;

Mk 12:28-34

#### **Mass Intentions Needed**

Please contact the parish office or use one of the envelopes in the vestibule to schedule your Mass Intentions. Intentions are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### Saturday—March 25

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

5:00p Confessions

6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for †F. A. Brumley

by Junior and Veronica Brumley

RDGS: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;

Lk 1:26-38

#### Sunday — March 26

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:45a Confessions

9:30a Mass for People of the Parish

RDGS: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-

14; Jn 9:1-41

11:45 Confessions

12:30p Mass (Latin) for †Larry Lowe Fourth Sunday of Lent

#### Weekly Attendance & Collection

Saturday: 109 Sunday: 197 Latin Mass: 18

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 1005

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 235

 Latin Mass:
 240

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 781

#### **Upcoming Collections and Appeals**

March 19 & 20: Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund

March 25 & 26: Catholic Relief Services

## Ministry Schedule for March 18 & 19, 2017

#### Saturday, March 25, 2017

Greeters: John Weber and Emma Pascasio

Servers: Tom Derico, Madison Hall, Ian Droppleman

Reader: Joe Derico

Offertory: T. J. & Mindi Hall and Mary Ann Murray

EMHC: Diane Collins Cantor: Donna Lake

## **Sunday, March 26, 2017**

Greeters: Butch Cain and Judy Foster

Servers: Jack Paugh, Jayna Jerden, Chloe Richards

Reader: Joe Jerden

Offertory: Chris and Ginger Franklin and family

EMHC: J. J. Jordan Cantor: Kelley Skinner

**March Linens:** Kathy Boyle **April Linens:** Mary Wagoner

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Judy Foster

## Saint Joseph's Table & the 40 **Cans for Lent Food Drive**

This Lent, the Knights of Columbus Council 1415 will be conducting a canned food drive. The intent of this Knight of Columbus tradition is to fulfill the Councils obligation to charity by helping the needy during the Easter season. This year, the food drive will be open to the entire parish and will be coordinated with Saint Joseph's Table on the corresponding feast day of March 19. There is a history behind Saint Joseph's table that states in earlier centuries, there was a famine in Italy and the people prayed for the intercession of Saint Joseph to end the drought. After the prayers brought relief to the region, the practice of preparing a feast for the poor was started in memory of the patron saint of workers and protector of families. The goal is for each of us to donate one can of food for each day of Lent to achieve a total of forty cans. We will amass the donations at the altar of Saint Joseph right here in church and all donations will then be distributed to a food bank at the conclusion of Lent. The donated cans can be any size or type of food, but please keep in mind that your contribution does need to be in a nonperishable canned item. Please prayerfully consider participating in this parish endeavor.

## **WELCOME TO** THE CHRISTIAN **COMMUNITY**

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22, JAMES PAUL (J. P.), SLOAN,

AND JOHN JACOB (JAKE) ALKIRE AND CASON BUSH WERE BAPTIZED AT ST. PATRICK CHURCH.

J. P. ALSO RECEIVED THE SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION WHILE SLOANE RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AND RECEIVE FIRST COMMUNION WITH HER CLASS IN MAY.

MAY GOD CONTINUE TO **BLESS THESE CHILDREN AND THEIR** FAMILIES.

## St. Patrick School **Now Enrolling!!!**

Patrick School is accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 school year for students in Pre-School through 8th grade. For more information, visit our website www.stpatswv.org or call the school office at 269-5547.

## **Various Goings-On During** Lent

- **Stations of the Cross, every** Friday at 6:00 p.m.
- Fish Fry, every Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Carry-out available. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.
- **Eucharistic Adoration**, every Wednesday from 3:00 p.m., concluding with Benediction at 5:55. Rosary will be prayed at the normal time. (This takes the place of the previously scheduled Adoration period on Fridays.)
- **Sacrament of Confession/ Reconciliation**, every Wednesday, 3:00-5:45 p.m.; Saturday, 5:00-5:45 p.m.; Sunday, 8:45-9:15 a.m. & 11:45 a.m.-12:15
- **Lenten Penance Service.** Tuesday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.

## **Funeral Mass for Larry Lowe**

A funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, March 21 at 11 for Larry Lowe. Please pray for Larry and his family.

We will have Mass at 8:15 as well.

G = growing

I = in

F = faith

T = together



The next session of our inter-generational faith formation program, GIFT will be March 19, starting at 10:30am in the cafeteria. This month's speaker is Tammy Flippo of the Mission and Formation Department of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Topic: "The Lost Sheep," those who have left the practice of the Catholic faith and how to invite them

Each session begins with a delicious meal. The meal for this session will be a breakfast buffet sponsored by our Bell Choir.

If you have never attended a session, it's not too late to start. GIFT is for everyone! Even the little ones! Our pre -school and pre-k teacher, Becky Moore, has a separate session for those in 5th grade and younger. Check it out this month! You won't be disappointed!

## I'M IN! CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Goal: \$345,000.00

145 Pledges and gifts to Date: \$266,504.50

If you prefer not to make a pledge, please give through the diocese to the Catholic Sharing Appeal. Since we have reached the 50% mark of that goal, all donations given will be returned 100% to our parish throughout the coming months.

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## How Can I help?

The following items are collected continually at our church.

- Snack food items for our back-pack food program.
- Box tops, Coke reward points for the school.
- Used ink cartridges and can tabs for Ronald McDonald House.
- Old towels, sheets, and blankets for animal rescues, shelters, and vet offices.
- NEW socks collected by the Catholic Daughters to be donated to homeless shelters.

"It's the action, not the fruit of the action, that's important. You have to do the right thing. It may not be in your power, may not be in your time, that there'll be any fruit. But that doesn't mean you stop doing the right thing. You may never know what results come from your action. But if you do nothing, there will be no result.'

— Mahatma Gandhi

## **Pope Francis "Tweets"** (a) Pontifex

"Fasting means not only abstaining from food, but also from any unhealthy attachment, and especially sin.'

Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: Third Sunday of Lent



"When (Jesus) cast out the devil, the dumb man spoke." But as indicated by the little whining group to the right, some complained: "By Beelzebub, the prince of devils, He casts out devils" (Gospel).

Formerly, on this day, candidates were examined in preparation for Baptism on Holy Saturday. The first effect of Baptism is to free the souls from the power of the devil. The *house* of which Jesus speaks, is the human soul before His coming, degraded by idolatry, by sensuality, under the tyranny of the evil spirit.

Mary holding the Infant (pictured in the upper left corner) is a symbol of our Baptism. Mary gives birth to us as members of the Mystical Body of her Christ. Moreover, like her, "blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it" (Gospel).

These baptismal duties of death to sin and life in God (Epistle are meant to gladden, not to oppress the human heart (Offertory), intended by God for Divine possession (Communion Verse), safe from diabolical obsession.

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