



First Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2017



MASS INTENTIONS

March 4- 12

This Weekend

SAT 7:30 pm Patricia Cross
-by Henry & Loretta Magnan

SUN 9:00 am Billy & Michael Howrigan
-by John & Teresa Manahan

11:00 am For the Parishioners

Daily Mass

MON 8:30 am Amanda & Henry Furkey
-by the estate

TUE 8:30 am Ralph Hubbard
-by Henry & Loretta Magnan

WED 8:30 am Jacqueline Tetreault
-by Teresa Menard
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00 am – 6:00 pm

THU 8:30 am Alfred & Mary Furkey
-by the Amanda Furkey Estate

FRI No Mass

Next Weekend

SAT 7:30 pm Connie Madison
-by Keith & Vickie Berry

SUN 9:00 am Michael Howrigan
-by Pamela O'Connell

11:00 am For the Parishioners

Please pray for those who are ill, particularly:
Mary Ann Hranek, Gabriella Laubisch, June Morin,
Ruby Minor, Cole Paquette, and Jerry Yates.

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday:
8:30 am – 12:30 pm.

St. Patrick's Day: In consideration that St. Patrick is the secondary patron of the Diocese of Burlington, Bishop Coyne is granting a dispensation from the precept of abstaining from meat on Friday, March 17th. Parishioners who take advantage of this dispensation should add some other sacrifice/penance to their Lenten observances.

Next Week's Ministers:

Lectors	Greeters	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat., March 11		
7:30 Susan Magnan	Linda Callan	Susan Rainville Andrew Rainville
Altar Servers: Margaret Tiffany, Isaiah Magnan		
Sun., March 12		
9:00 Robert Norris	Mike, Gina, & Keegan Norris	Patti Reynolds Libby Norris
Altar Servers: Anthony Andrews, Nicolas & Joshua Farinaccio		
Gift Bearers: Martin Magnan Family		
11:00 Jane Brigham Joy Kane Linda Watson		
Altar Servers: Hunter Harris, Samantha Churchill		
Gift Bearers: Jerry & Jane Brigham		

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Collection last weekend – February 25 - 26

	St. Patrick	St. Anthony -St. George
Offertory:	\$ 1,159.00	\$ 337.00
Online Giving:	\$ 645.00	\$ 240.00
35 week average:	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 398.00
Weekly Goal:	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 385.00

Second Collections:

March 19: Projects & Food Shelf

Thank you for your continuing generosity!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

No classes until the week of March 12.

Adult Confirmation: A seven session program for adults who have never been confirmed will be offered on the deanery level during the Lent and Easter seasons. This program will lead to the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost, June 4, by Bishop Coyne. If you qualify and would like more information, please speak to Father Bill as soon as possible. The program is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, March 8th.



Guidelines for Lent

- The time of Lent is to be observed by Catholics as a special season of prayer, penance and works of charity.
- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, in particular, are the most important penitential days of the liturgical year. They are days of both fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.
- The rule of **fasting** states that only one full meal a day can be taken. Two small meals, “sufficient to maintain strength”, are allowed, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals breaks the fast, but drinking liquids does not. The rule of fasting obliges all Catholics from 18 – 59.
- **Abstinence** refers to the eating of meat. The common estimation of the community is used to determine what falls under the category of meat. The rule of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years or older.
- The **substantial** observance of the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious obligation.

Rice Bowls are available in the back of the church for those who wish to use them during Lent.

Reconciliation During Lent: Confessions will be heard during Lent every Saturday before the evening Mass from 6:55 – 7:15, every Sunday morning before the 9:00 Mass from 8:25 – 8:45, and following the 11:00 Sunday Mass when requested. Lent is a proper time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Creed During Lent: During Lent we will be using the Apostles’ Creed at Mass. This is a shorter version of our Creed which is recommended for use during Lent and Easter Time. At Easter we will be renewing our Baptismal promises and the questions posed at every Baptism and at the Renewal of Baptism are based on this creed.

Stations of the Cross: This popular Lenten devotion will be prayed three times during Lent at St. Patrick’s: Wednesday, March 15th at 3:00 pm (with some of our children), Sunday, March 26th at 6:00 pm (Franciscan Way of the Cross), and Friday, April 7th at 6:00 pm (followed by soup and sandwiches). All are welcome to join us for any of these celebrations of the Stations.

Best Lent Ever: Sign up for Dynamic Catholic’s Best Lent Ever, a free email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and New York Times bestselling author Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, you’ll get short, inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and personal reflections from Dynamic Catholic team members that will help you identify what stands between you and happiness...and what to do about it. Are you ready for your best Lent ever? To sign up, visit www.bestlentever.com. You will be happy you did!

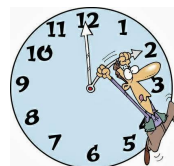
St. Patrick’s Day Dinner and Concert: Sunday, March 19 at 12:15 pm at St. Patrick’s Parish Hall. Please come and bring your family to celebrate the patron saint of the parish. Working together for the success of this annual event is lots of fun and builds a wonderful sense of community. Cost is \$8.00 per adult; ages 6 – 10 are \$5; children 5 and under are free.



The menu includes baked ham and corned beef, boiled corned beef and cabbage, mashed potatoes, baked beans, peas and carrots, cole slaw, jello, rolls and dessert. A sign up sheet is in the Church entrance for food and money donations.

Help is desperately needed! If you are able help set up, clean up, cook, furnish food, or be a part of the program, please contact Cecile Callan @ 827-3281, Patti Reynolds @ 524-3811, or Mary Schreindorfer @ 827-6684.

The concert will follow the dinner. Come and share your talent, whether it is singing, playing a musical instrument, reciting poetry, telling a few jokes or dancing an Irish jig! Don’t worry. This is strictly non-professional talent! New participants are always welcomed.



Daylight Savings Time: Don’t forget to set your clocks ahead one hour next Saturday night. Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 12!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: **Saturday:** Amanda Hill **Sunday:** Emmett Archambault, Susan Magnan, Mark St. Pierre **Monday:** Elise Towle, Robin Yates **Tuesday:** Jade Garceau, Morgan Mangan, Elizabeth Menard, Morgan Hale **Wednesday:** Leo Capone **Thursday:** Stephanie Branon, Joseph Morin **Friday:** John Dasaro, Donald Lawyer, Rachel Malone

