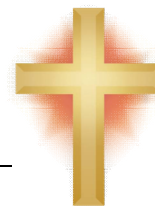




First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018



MASS INTENTIONS

Feb. 17- Feb. 25

SAT 7:30 pm Grady Howrigan
-by the family

SUN 9:00 am Anne Howrigan
-by Glen and Rose Peno

11:00 am For the Parishioners

Daily Mass:

MON 8:30 am Francis Magnan
-by Loretta and Henry Magnan

TUES 8:30 am Fr. Omer Default

WED 8:30 am Lieut. Sarah Maloney
-by Jim, Kathy, and Dick Howrigan

THUR 8:30 am Amanda and Henry Furkey
-by their estate

FRI No Mass

Next Weekend:

SAT 7:30 pm Ruby and Marie Minor
-by Glen and Rose Peno

SUN 9:00 am For the Parishioners

11:00 am Special Intention

Please pray for those who are ill: particularly: Mary Ann Hranek, Gabriella Laubisch, Jerry Yates, Alex Rocheleau, Don Connor, Paul Baker, Kathy Alarie, Victoria Thompson, Susan Garrow, June Morin, Alice Baker, Cecile Garrett and Pauline Lawyer.

Mass Intentions: We currently have openings for Mass Intentions. It is a tradition of our Catholic faith to have Masses offered for the repose of the souls of those who have died. Masses may also be offered for the intentions of the living: for their birthdays, anniversaries, etcetera. Please call Rose at the parish office (827-3203) if you would like to schedule a mass.

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

Liturgy Committee Meeting: We will meet on Monday evening, February 19th at 7:00 pm in the Rectory.

Next Week's Ministers:

Lectors	Greeters	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat., Feb. 24		
7:30 pm Candi Branon	Real Therrien	Marty Magnan Frank Persons
Altar Servers: Leah, Hannah, Kayleigh Branon		
Sun., Feb. 25		
9:00 am Gail Williams	Janice and Jim Adams	Sarah Menard Norman Menard
Altar Servers: Ben and Tate Archmbault		
Gift Bearers: Matt, Ezra, Isaiah Magnan		
11:00 am Darlene Symons	Don Watson	Linda Watson
Altar Servers: Samantha Churchill		
Gift Bearers: John and Carleen Musick		

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Collection last weekend –Feb. 10 - Feb. 11

	St. Patrick	St. Anthony -St. George
<u>Offertory:</u>	\$1,032.00	\$355.00
33 Week average:	\$1,255.00	\$383.00
Weekly Goal:	\$1,275.00	\$385.00
Latin America:	\$ 225.00	\$ 62.00
Energy Needs:	\$ 660.00	\$ 50.00

Second Collections:

Feb. 17- 18: Projects and Food Shelf
Mar. 10 – 11: Catholic Relief Services
Mar. 17 – 18: Easter Flowers

Thank you for your continuing generosity!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Sunday, Feb. 18 - **Grades 2, 6, 7, 9, and 10**

St. Patrick Church, 6:00-7:00 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 19 – **Grade 4**

Fairfield Center School, 3:20-4:20pm

Wednesday, Feb. 21 - **Grades 1 and 8**

Fairfield Center School, 3:20-4:20 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 21 - **Grades 3 and 5**

St. Patrick Church 3:20-4:20 pm

Parent Meeting: There will be a meeting for parents of children making **First Communion** in May on Tuesday, February 20th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. At least one parent of each child is expected to attend this meeting.



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.

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, February 21st at 3:20 pm (with some of our children), Friday, March 2nd at 6:00 pm, and Sunday, March 11th at 6:00 pm (Franciscan Way of the Cross). 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!

Word of Life

“Many parents want perfect children. Our culture is obsessed with perfection—a superficial perfection. Photos are airbrushed, and social media sites depict seemingly perfect lives. God calls us to seek perfection, too. He does not call us, however, to perfection of appearance or abilities, but to perfection in love.”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Operation Rice Bowl: This program sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, allows us to sacrifice and share with others during Lent. Rice bowls are available in the back of the church for those who wish to use them.

The Word Among Us: The Lenten issue of *The Word Among Us* is now available at the church entrances. There are daily readings and meditations as well as articles on making a prayerful Lenten experience. Please pick up a copy and take it home.

Energy Needs Collection: Thank you for your generosity to the collection for Energy Needs. Your donations will help tremendously with the annual cost of heating the two churches and the rectory during the winter. Please note: if you were not able to give yet, your donation will be welcomed at any later date.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Monday: Finn Howrigan, Kaitlyn Schoembs, Real Therrien **Wednesday:** Ale Leroux **Thursday:** Shane Branon **Friday:** Andrew Howrigan, John Schreindorfer **Saturday:** Caitlyn Callan, Joy Kane, Catherine Trudell

