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### MASS INTENTIONS

*March 23 - 31*

**SAT 7:30 pm** Ryan Branon  
-by Margaret Ryan

**SUN 9:00 am** Teresa and Furman Menard Sr.  
-by their family

**11:00 am** For the Parishioners

**Daily Mass:**

**MON 8:30 am** Doris St. Pierre  
-by *Mark and Jeanette Cadieux*

**TUES 8:30 am** Deacon Gabe Leigy  
-by *John and Mary Schreindorfer*

**WED 8:30 am** Fr. Leonidas Laroche  
-by *Loretta and Henry Magnan*

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

**FRI** No Mass

**Next Weekend:**

**SAT 7:30 pm** Sue and Gary Comette  
-by *Peter Cross*

**SUN 9:00 am** Pierre Archambault  
-by *John and Mary Schreindorfer*

**SUN 11:00 am** For the Parishioners

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

**Stations of the Cross:** This popular Lenten devotion will be prayed during Lent at St. Patrick's: on Friday, March 29th at 6:00 pm. followed by soup and sandwiches. All are welcome.

**Greeters and Gift Bearers:** We are seeking more individuals and families who would be willing to serve as greeters and/or gift bearers at the weekend Masses. If you are interested or wish to know what is involved please speak to Father Bill or one of the Liturgy Committee members: Mary Schreindorfer or Patti Reynolds. Thank you. **(This is the second time this announcement has been in the bulletin. We have received no response thus far!)**

### NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

	Greeters	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
<b>Sat., Mar. 30</b>			
<b>7:30 pm</b>	Real Therrien	Candi Branon	Marty Magnan Frank Persons
<b>Altar Servers:</b> Hannah and Kayleigh Branon			
<b>Sun., Mar. 31</b>			
<b>9:00 am</b>	Jim and Janice Adams	Lawrence Howrigan	Sarah Menard Norm Menard
<b>Altar Servers:</b> Anthony Andrews			
<b>Gift Bearers:</b> Bridget Rivet			
<b>11:00 am</b>	Joy Kane	Jane Brigham	Mary Ovitt
<b>Altar Servers:</b> Samantha Churchill			
<b>Gift Bearers:</b> Jerry and Jane Brigham			

### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Collection last weekend: Mar. 16 - 17

	St. Patrick	St. Anthony -St. George
<b>Offertory:</b>	\$1,025.00	\$273.00
38 Week Average:	\$1,239.00	\$359.00
Weekly Goal:	\$1,300.00	\$400.00
Projects-Food Shelf:	\$ 459.00	\$149.00

### Second Collections:

*Mar. 31: Catholic Relief Services*  
*Apr. 7: Easter Flowers*

**Thank you for your continuing generosity!**

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

**Sunday, Mar. 24 - Grades 2, 6, 7, 9 and 10**

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

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**Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, and 8**

*No Classes*

**Prayer Cards:** All of us have members of our families who have fallen away from the practice of their faith. The Diocesan Office of Worship have made available prayer cards with a ðPrayer for the Return of a Non-Practicing Catholic.ö Copies of these cards may be found on the tables at the church doors.

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The survey will take about 10-15 minutes to complete and can be accessed online at

[www.disciplemakerindex.com](http://www.disciplemakerindex.com)

until March 31. It will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We have received 60 completed surveys thus far! **Please, if you have not done so, help us by completing the survey this week.** We are hoping that every parishioner age 18 and over will participate. **If you don't use the computer** - paper copies of the survey can be obtained at the doors of the church. A box for your completed surveys can be found in the back of the church. Thank you for your help with this important project!

**Bishop's Office Hours:** Bishop Coyne began holding office hours on the fourth Monday of each month in February. Any Vermont Catholic may schedule to meet with him at his office in South Burlington. The 30-minute meeting slots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Dates for upcoming office hours include March 25, April 29, and June 24. To schedule an appointment with Kim Kunkel, executive secretary to the bishop, email [officehours@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:officehours@vermontcatholic.org).

### WORD OF LIFE

Ira Byock, a hospice medical director, illustrates in his book *The 4 Most Important Things* how saying "I love you," "I'm sorry," "forgive me," and "thank you" can promote much-needed healing during the dying process. You can help ensure a peaceful transition for your loved one by facilitating opportunities for reconciliation with others and for mutual expressions of love and gratitude.

### The Creed During Lent:

During Lent we will be using the Apostles' Creed at Mass. This is a shorter version 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.

## Guidelines for Lent

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday 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 to 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.

**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.

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Is your marriage bearing fruit? Don't wait until it is too late; make time for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are Apr. 6-7 in Brooklyn, NY and Apr. 13-14 in Brewster, MA. For more information, call John & Diane Forcier at 802-657-3083.

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

**Sunday:** Andrew Branon, Sarah Branon-Menard, Janet Carpenter, Caleb Menard, Colin Menard **Monday:** Pauline Lawyer **Tuesday:** William Nesbitt **Wednesday:** Tate Archambault, Michael Malone **Thursday:** Justin Branon, Kerri Howrigan, Donald Watson, Patrick Winegar **Friday:** Nathaniel Hemingway, Helen Spencer **Saturday:** Shelly Howrigan, Jamie Stone, Diane Trombley



### Meetings:

Mon. Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 pm –Liturgy Committee  
Wed. Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 pm – Parish Council