

March 24, 2019
 The LORD secures justice
 and the rights of all the oppressed.
 — Psalm 103:6

A Note from Fr. Conoboy

Dear Parishioners,
 There are still plenty of opportunities to deepen our Lenten experience. Many of them are listed in the bulletin and posted on the bulletin boards. As well, please, sign up to represent the parish or to exercise a liturgical ministry in upcoming liturgies.

We began Lent with the Lord's call to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. And, so, we focus on them during the 40 days of Lent. But, when the Lord first mentioned them, he did not limit their value to just a season of the year. There is a perpetual value to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In many ways, they are the characteristics of the entire Christian life. The need for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving applies to every Christian. And, often the Lenten observance can and should have lasting effects on our lives. In other words, the changes that we make for Lent are usually a benefit for us beyond these 40 days. In any case, as we grow in one, we experience growth in the others, as well. But, again, they have been closely associated with our preparation for Easter.

The word "Lent" finds its root in the "lengthening of days." This Germanic/English word was first used to refer to Spring, the time of year when days are getting longer. But, eventually, the word moved from meaning a temporal season to meaning the Liturgical one.

In the history of the Church, the season of Lent developed as a time of preparation for Easter, especially for those who will be initiated into the Christian faith, receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. But, again, it is a time for each one of us to once again recommit to our Christian lives and witness, to the essentials of our Christian life and witness.

God bless you,
 Fr. Shawn Conoboy

Stations of the Cross—Each Friday of Lent: 7pm
 March 24 Communal Penance—Blessed Sacrament 3pm
 March 25-Annunciation—7 pm

Cemetery— All Christmas decorations and flowers must be picked up from the cemetery by March 31st or they will be discarded. Thank you to our volunteers at the cemetery that do a wonderful job of keeping our cemetery beautiful. We appreciate all that you do.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Saturday, March 23
 4:00 pm +Michele Ice-Frank & Jean Farkas
Sunday, March 24, 3rd Sunday of Lent
 8:00 am +Robert Dugic-Amanda Gloria
 11:00 am Parishioners
Monday, March 25
 8:00 am NO MASS
 7:00 pm +Robert F. Dugic-Marie Dye
Tuesday, March 26
 8:00 am +Michele Ice-John & Mary Margaret Hildack
Wednesday, March 27
 10:00 am Country Club (Assisted Living)
Thursday, March 28
 8:00 am (L) The Fertig Family-Betty Schilling
Friday, March 29
 8:00 am +Tom O'Lear-Family
Saturday, March 30
 4:00 pm +William "Bud" Brock-Eileen Brock
Sunday, March 31, 4th Sunday of Lent
 8:00 am Special Intention
 11:00 am Parishioners

Liturgy Schedule March 30 & 31

	4 P.M.	8 A.M.	11 A.M.
Reader 1	D. Augusta	E. Freisen	M. Madison
Reader 2	C. Hanzel	J. Smeiles	M. Tatman
Host	S. Mason	M. Politsky	S. Kurtz

A handicapped restroom is located in the Priest's Sacristy

For our Sick

Let us pray this week for: All Shut-ins and Homebound, those in the hospital and also for: Evelyn Ballas, Gabe Ballas, Rita Totta, Tom Fetock, Lisa Fraelich, Grace Brackin, Jeanne Sherlock, Cathy Kovac, Jane Brasko, Bob "Buckskin" Davis, Helen Surick, John Surick, Sharon Henning, Ben Elser, John Spisak, Louise Carocci, Mary Lou Sheller, Ashley Moore, Monica Holliday, Bob Cabosky, Timothy Broderick, Kathy Keith, Ali Lemasters, Jean Layshock, Maria Ricciardi, Bernice Krol, and Walter Grondeski.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have come to rescue them" (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or Exodus 17:3-7.

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) or Psalm 95.

Second Reading — Those who think they are standing secure should take care not to fall (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

Gospel — I shall cultivate the ground around the fig tree and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future (Luke 13:1-9) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

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MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
 Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Alternate readings (Year A):
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
 Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny
 Monday: Annunciation of the Lord
 Friday: Abstinence

Ladies' Guild will be hosting their Guest Night on Wednesday, April 3rd, at 7 pm in the church basement. Please bring a covered dish.

Ladies' Guild will say the Rosary Sunday, April 7th, at 10:35 am. All are welcome to join.

Ladies' Guild will have their Officer's meeting Tuesday, March 26th, at 6:30 pm in the church basement.

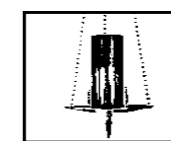
Ladies' Guild Kolache- The Ladies' Guild will be baking homemade Kolache for the Easter holiday and you may purchase this taste of Eastern Europe at the low cost of \$10.00 each. The Ladies' offer the following fillings: Apricot, Nut, and Poppy Seed. To order, contact Patti Kinel at 330-980-8560. Pick up times and days will be Wednesday, April 10th from 10 am to 4 pm; Thursday, April 11th from 10 am to 6 pm. Brighten your Easter holiday with the flavors and traditions of this tasty pastry native to Czechoslovakia and Poland. Order deadline is Thursday, April 4th, 2019.



The Collection for March 16 & 17
 \$3,176.37

Stewardship- "He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" (LUKE 13:7)

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase.



The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Mary & St. Joseph is burning for: Parishioners



Please, pray for all members serving in our Armed Forces. May God watch over them and grant that they may return home safely and soon:

A Prayer for those in the Military
 Almighty God, We stand before you in supplication,
 Asking Your Divine mercy and protection,
 To envelop with Your invincible armor,
 Our loved ones in all branches of the service.
 Give them courage and strength.
 Against all enemies, Both spiritual and physical,
 And hasten their safe journey,
 Back to their homes and families.
 If it be Your Holy Will That they be gathered to Your bosom,
 With the eternal vanguard of the saints,
 Let their journey to Your everlasting arms.
 Be swift and painless,
 Where they may stand in honor and glory,
 Praising You for all eternity. Amen

Food Pantry

Thank you to everyone who donated to the pantry. The food pantry is still in need of canned vegetables (anything but green beans) and bar soap. Thank you for all of your support and generosity.

Thank you!!

