

March 31, 2019
Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.
— 2 Corinthians 5:17

A Note from Fr. Conoboy

Dear Parishioners,
Everyone is invited to the Pivotal Players presentations on Tuesday evenings. The evening begins with Soup and Bread sponsored by the Ladies' Guild.

Stations of the Cross are on Friday evenings. I was recently asked to give a presentation about the Stations of the Cross to some youth from a non-Catholic church. I am glad to give the presentation. And, their request shows me that we should know and participate in the things that are part of our Catholic faith.

Holy Week is fast approaching. Please, sign up to represent the parish and to serve in liturgical roles.

Recently, the Diocese published an announcement about the need for a pastoral plan. It included a number of statistics about the decrease in parishioners and weekend Mass attendance as well as the declining number of priests. These statistics are important to know and are posted in the church, placed in the bulletin, and available online.

The process has begun to create a pastoral plan to address the decreases as well as to create opportunities for increased and improved pastoral ministry.

While no decisions have been made, a working document has been proposed. Before Easter, the pastors will meet to discuss this proposal. And, then, after Easter, the laity will be consulted, upon which the Bishop will be presented with the fruit of these discussions and consultation.

From the Bishop's letter: "The diocese will give regular updates on the pastoral planning process through the Exponent, the diocesan website (www.doy.org), and through parish bulletin announcements and bulletin inserts.

May this process of planning and implementation be an occasion for all of us to grow more deeply in our faith, remembering the promise that Jesus will be with us, even to the end of the age."

God bless you,
Fr. Shawn Conoboy

- Stations of the Cross-Each Friday of Lent:7pm
- Pivotal Players
- April 16 Chrism Mass
- April 18 Holy Thursday 7pm (Adoration after Mass)
- April 20 Holy Saturday-Basket Blessing Noon
- April 20 Easter Vigil-8:30 pm

Mass Intentions For The Week

- 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
- Monday, April 1**
8:00 am NO MASS
- Tuesday, April 2**
8:00 am +Michele Ice-Jim & Joyce Stempak
- Wednesday, April 3**
8:00 am (L)Bob Cabosky-Betty Schilling
- Thursday, April 4**
8:00 am All Souls
- Friday, April 5**
8:00 am +Robert F. Dugic-Michael & Adam Cimbanin
- Saturday, April 6, 5th Sunday of Lent**
4:00 pm +Claudia O'Lear-Family
- Sunday, April 7**
8:00 am +Margaret Potopovich-Lori Maas
11:00 am Parishioners

Liturgy Schedule April 6 & 7

	4 P.M.	8 A.M.	11 A.M.
Reader 1	R. Hrbolich	M. Politsky	D. Bjelac
Reader 2	S. Mason	P. Benetis	A. Sembach
Host	L. Kellner	F. Frantz	F. Falkman

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 — The Israelites ate of the yield of the land of Canaan (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) *or* 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) *or* Psalm 23.

Second Reading — Whoever is in Christ is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) *or* Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — This man welcomes sinners and eats with them (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) *or* John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

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MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11
Alternate readings (Year A):
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny
- Monday: April Fool's Day
- Tuesday: St. Francis of Paola
- Thursday: St. Isidore of Seville
- Friday: St. Vincent Ferrer; First Friday; Abstinence
- Saturday: First Saturday

Ladies' Guild will be hosting their Guest Night on Wednesday, April 3rd, at 6 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.

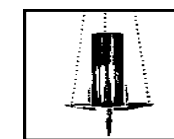
Ladies' Guild Kolache- The Ladies' Guild will be baking homemade Kolache for the Easter holiday and you may purchase this taste of Eastern Europe at the low cost of \$10.00 each. The Ladies' offer the following fillings: Apricot, Nut, and Poppy Seed. To order, contact Patti Kinel at 330-980-8560. Pick 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 23 & 24
\$2,597.00

Stewardship- "No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." (JOSHUA 5:12)

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.



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!!

