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Saint Peter and Saint Casimir Parish Westfield, MA

has been entrusted and is committed to proclaim and communicate the saving message of Jesus Christ. As a Roman Catholic Family, with the **Eucharist** as our center, we draw strength and dedicate ourselves to praise God through prayer, worship and service.

*A collaborative participation in all aspects of
Parish life is encouraged.*

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to share the Gospel of Christ with all God's people in the following way:

- * The religious education and formation of all parishioners in the living tradition of the Roman Catholic Faith.
- * The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for those who wish to join the Roman Catholic Church.
- * The celebration of the Eucharist and sacraments, proclamation of the Word of God, prayer and adoration.
- * The assessment, communication, and fulfillment of the spiritual and emotional needs of all parishioners.



Daily Mass Schedule

7:15 a.m., Monday through Thursday

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is held every Saturday afternoon from 3:00-3:30 pm or by appointment.

During Lent, every Tuesday from 4 to 5 pm.

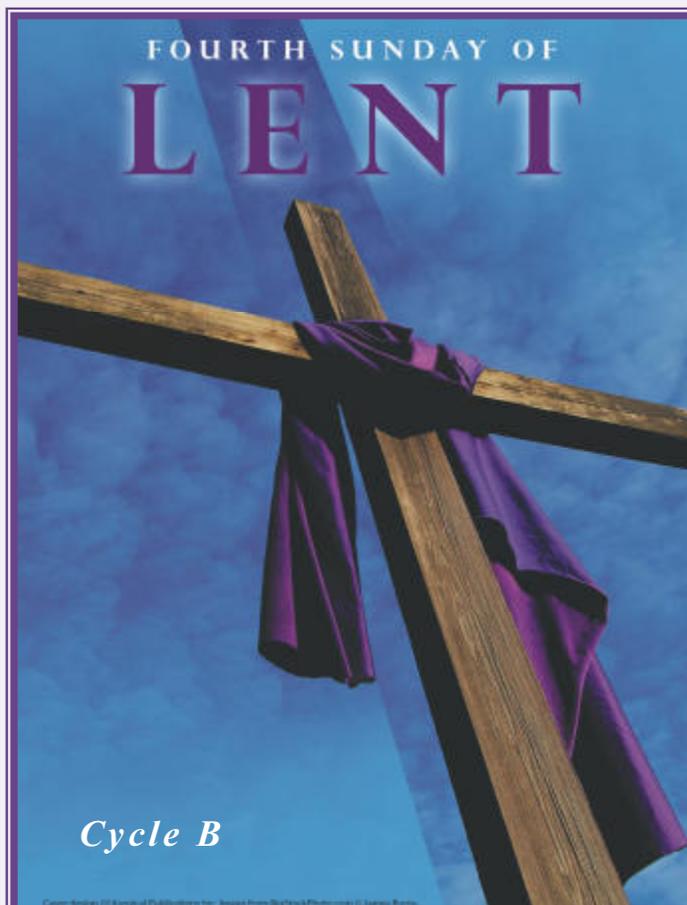
Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

We Welcome New Parishioners

Please call the Parish Office at 568-5421 to obtain a census form and to register as a parishioner. In order to obtain a 'letter of good standing' to act as a sponsor for the sacraments you must be a registered parishioner.



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021

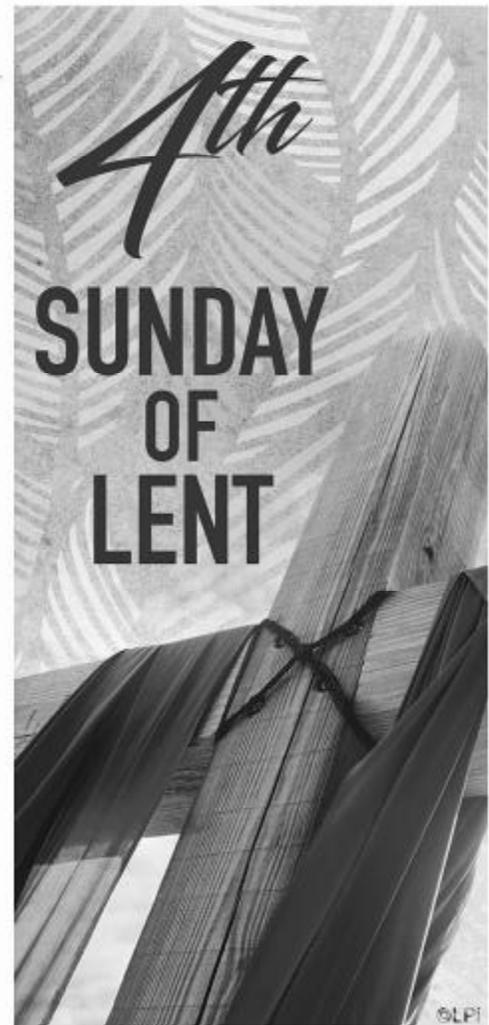
SUN 3/14	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
MON 3/15	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
TUE 3/16	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
WED 3/17	Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
THR 3/18	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
FRI 3/19	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
SAT 3/20	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
SUN 3/21	Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021

Sunday:	4 th Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins
Wednesday:	St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day
Thursday:	St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday:	5 th Sunday of Lent

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

God's messengers always seem to get mocked. They speak a truth that some folks do not want to hear. While on the one hand we admire them, we also are quite happy keeping them at a distance. After all, they are not referring to me but someone else, aren't they? We often wrongly conclude that because we may be more avant-garde, contemporary, politically sensitive, and untraditional, we are somehow more in the light than others. People tend to prefer darkness more than light, even the most spiritually sensitive among us. The light always carries with it the richness of God's mercy and compassion which see beyond ideologies and concepts to relationships that cultivate life, earthly and eternal. Every hand of compassion and mercy extended to a human being must always point back to God. The call always involves ordering our lives in accord with our truth and essence of being. As God never forgets us, we must never forget God. Now is the time to take stock of our infidelity and return to the light, even though it is difficult to look at.



*"We need to find
God and He
cannot be found in
noise and restlessness.
God is a friend of
silence."*

— ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA



Sanctuary Light

Dorothy Molta,
1st Anniversary

Requested by Margaret Marek



“Do you believe in the Son of Man?” Jesus wants to motivate each one of us to see the truth. After developing a relationship with Jesus, the blind man “sees” as someone very special. The Pharisees, due to the blindness caused by their ignorance, prejudice, and need for self-preservation, still remain blind. Presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and our needs can easily blind us to truth. We see what we want or need to see and not what is really there. In addition, our stubbornness continues to convince us that we are right and that our vision is perfect. Only God can complete the picture.

Look around at our world. So much of what is happening today is due to the reluctance of folks to allow themselves to be stretched and brought to see what is really there. Many react to what life presents to them more with the lenses of ignorance than lenses of clarity. The Gospel carries great transformative value. With it, God corrects our vision and replaces our limited sight with the fullness of his sight. God opens our eyes so that we can see that it is not about preserving what we have created but of living in the immensity and wonder of God’s kingdom.

Through a simple, loving relationship with God, we can break through the tethers of prejudice, eradicate fear, dispel the darkness of hatred and sin, discover freedom, live in peace, work for justice, be effective stewards of creation, assist the migrant and the immigrant, and safeguard our economic systems and policies so that they truly serve all of God’s children. What we see is often an artificial lie. Our truth is much bigger than what our limited sight believes it to be. Allow God to work in and through you. Do not be afraid. Be open and be humble enough to know that you need help. Many human beings are living with severe cataracts that produce sight that is at best blurred. Are you one of them?

Next Weekend Lectors Schedule

	<i>Sat. 3/20/21</i>		<i>Sun. 3/21/21</i>
	4:00 pm	8:30am	10:30 am
Lector	D. Horrigan	M. Regan	M. Wright
Host	F. Horrigan	J. Osowski	M. Wright



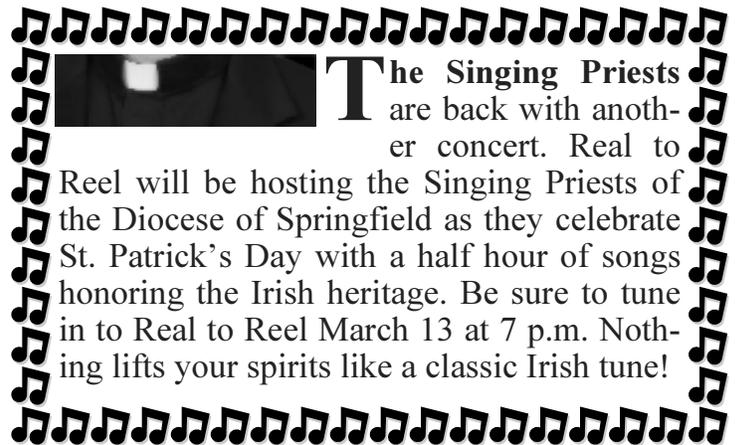
“Sowing the Seeds,” this year’s theme for the Annual Catholic Appeal, calls on each of us to spread the love of God, the gospel, and our faith. Through our contributions, together we shelter the homeless, respect life from conception to death, feed the hungry, comfort those who mourn, and educate others in our faith. May our seeds of faith fall on fertile ground—especially for those most in need. You can make your contribution to Annual Catholic Appeal: online at www.diospringfield.org/aca or by calling: 413-452-0650. All donations are tax deductible.



OFFICE OF VOCATIONS
Diocese of Springfield, Mass

Every man is called to be a father ... Does God want YOU to be a priest or the father of a priest? Come and pray. A

Mass and Holy Hour for Vocations will be celebrated on **March 25, 2021, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, by Bishop William Byrne at St. Michael's Cathedral.** Mass will begin at 6:30pm with holy hour to follow, concluding with benediction at 8pm. Confessions will be available. Unable to make this event? Thinking about the priesthood? Call Fr. Jon Reardon, Director of Recruiting at 413-248-7034 or email vocations@diospringfield.org



The Singing Priests are back with another concert. Real to

Reel will be hosting the Singing Priests of the Diocese of Springfield as they celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with a half hour of songs honoring the Irish heritage. Be sure to tune in to Real to Reel March 13 at 7 p.m. Nothing lifts your spirits like a classic Irish tune!



Stations of the Cross ~ Please join your fellow parishioners in praying the ‘Stations of the Cross’ all Fridays during Lent at 3 pm.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND

Martha Bachleda, Peter Crepeau, Joseph Pignatare, Mary Barry, Robert Pierpont, Billy Antonucci, William Costello, Richard Johnson, Grace Pignatare, Michael Francis, Stella Fisher, Natalia Masaitis, Brie Merlot, Richard Briere, Patricia Matson, Irene Kmiecik, Therese Hentnick, Millie Lamb, Shirley Richardson, Marilyn C., Jim and Marilyn Pitoniak, Jim Dowd, Anna Jakus, Raymond Wright, John and Carol Howard, Jim and Mary Ann Slowick, Deacon Paul Briere, Jim and Marcia Rogers



**Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament
all day...Tuesdays
8am to 5pm
Prayer Group at 3 pm**

MARCH is here...the month honoring St. Joseph, husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus. He is the patron saint of the universal Church, a happy death, fathers, families, workers, and the unborn.

Please come to adoration. It is Lent and Jesus is calling us. Let St. Joseph lead you. To volunteer weekly, call Joanne at 562-6866. It will be the best time you spend each week.

We pray this week for those men and women in uniform who are fighting to protect our freedoms.

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■  **Extra time for Reconciliation~** Father Wallis will be in the confessional from 4 to 5 on Tuesdays during Lent. This is during the last hour of Adoration.
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Sacred Heart Parish, Feeding Hills ~ Dinner with The Saints ~ St. Patrick & St. Joseph Saturday, **March 20**, 4:30-6:00 pick-up. **Take-out only!** \$16.00 per ticket Full corn-beef & cabbage dinner, Irish soda bread & Dessert. Reserve your tickets: Dan [413} 786-0489 **Cut-off Date: March 15, 2021** Make checks payable to: St. Martha's Guild

OLBS WESTFIELD VIRTUAL LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES ~ This year the Speaker Series will be 'virtual,' available on YouTube, with a great line-up of speakers – beginning with our new **Bishop William Byrne!** Our theme for this year's Speaker Series is: **'KEEPING FAITH DURING THE PANDEMIC - GOD'S GOT THIS!'** An opportunity to find the blessings during this challenging time of the Pandemic, with our eyes set on Easter Joy!. Join us each **Wednesday during Lent through March 31, at 6:30 pm**, or watch the video any time after that on YouTube. There is no cost for this Series! **Options to access the Series online: (1) Go to Youtube.com and type in the search field 'OLBS Westfield Lent' or (2) Go to either diospringfield.org OR diospringfield.org/olbs and click on the link.** For additional information, contact the OLBS Parish Office at 413-562-3450

March 14, 2021

Saturday, March 13

4:00 † Joanne Yourous,

Birthday Remembrance

Requested by Rosie Swochak

Sunday, March 14

8:30 am † ☩ Matthew & Pam Farnsworth ☩

WEDDING BLESSINGS

Requested by Mom

10:30 am † ☩ Charli Kenyon ☩ *84th Birthday*

Requested by Dominic J. Grimaldi Jr. and
Michael Figueroa

Monday, March 15

7:15 am † Rev. James Moylan,

Birthday Remembrance

Requested by Ann Crum

Tuesday, March 16

7:15 am †

Wednesday, March 17

7:15 † LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE

Massey and Besette Families

Requested by a friend

Thursday, March 18

7:15 am †

Friday, March 19

7:15 am ~ No services

Saturday, March 20

4:00 † ☩ Madison Herbert ☩

Birthday Blessings

Requested by Rita Farnsworth

Sunday, March 21

8:30 am †

10:30 am †

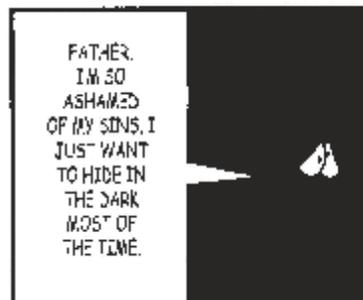
Parish Offerings

February \$ 11,848

Week ending 3/7/21

\$ 4,009

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



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