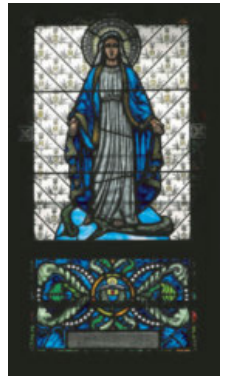




# NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS PARISH

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## St Albert Church W Stewartstown

Masses—Friday: 8AM, Sat: 4:30PM  
Sun: 8AM (Columbus Day to Memorial Day)

## St Brendan Church Colebrook

Masses—Thur: 8AM,  
Sun: 10AM

## St Pius X Church Errol

Masses—Sun: 8AM (Chapel open  
Memorial Day to Columbus Day)



*1st Sunday of Lent — March 6th, 2022*

### PARISH STAFF

**Pastor:** Rev. Craig I. Cheney 603-538-9892

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**Sacristans:** Rick Clogston, Gary Jobes, Pierre Rousseau & Pat Dupuis

**Organist:** Odette Crawford, Therese Wright

**CCD Coordinator:** Christine Gilbert

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### SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** Please call the Parish Office for an appointment.

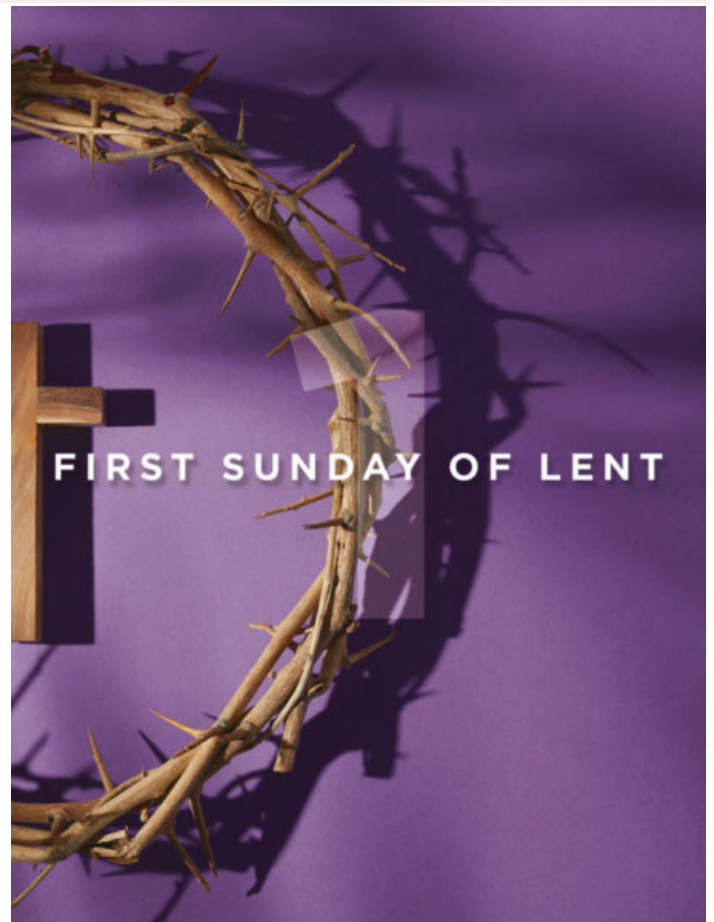
**Marriage:** Please contact the Parish Office 6 months prior to your tentative date.

**Confessions:** Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 PM at St. Albert Church or by appointment.

**WELCOME**

### New Parishioners:

If you attend North American Martyrs Parish regularly & consider us your parish, please take a moment to register with us by calling the Parish Office as soon as possible.



**ST. ALBERT**



Sat., Mar. 5th 4:30PM  
**Huguette Mathieu** Req by Real, Rollande, Judy & Joanne Mathieu

Sun., Mar. 6th 8:00AM  
**Herve Boire** Req by Josh Boire & Family  
**Therese Riendeau** Req by Jacinthe Maschesseau

Fri., Mar. 11th 8:00AM  
**Pauline Rodrigue** Req by Gaston Rodrigue

Sat., Mar. 12th 4:30PM  
**Colleen Gorman** Req by the Ray Gorman Family  
**Huguette Thibeault** Req by Adrien Thibeault & Family

Sun., Mar. 13th 8:00AM  
**Francine Devost** Req by Ronnie Devost  
**Antonio Paquette** Req by the Family

**ST. BRENDAN**

Sun., Mar. 6th 10:00AM  
**Albert R. Maurais** Req. by the Family  
**Lillian Mae Clancy** Req by Phil Gage

Thu., Mar. 10th 8:00AM  
**David Feirick** Req by Myra Ellingwood

Sun., Mar. 13 10:00AM  
**Paul Corriveau** Req by Linda & Josee Corriveau

**COOS NURSING HOME**

Wed., Mar. 9th 9:30AM  
**All Souls remembered on All Souls Day**

**March is the month of: St Joseph**

**Pope Francis asks for prayers for a special monthly intention.**  
**March is : For Christian response to Bioethical Challenges**  
“We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.”



**Please join us for Lectio Divina**

Every Wed. 6-7pm. We pray, read & discuss the upcoming readings for the next Sunday.  
Link: us02web.zoom.us Select—'JOIN A MEETING' -  
Meeting ID: 865 5109 7328 Password: 156599

**You will be surprised how Sunday's readings come alive!**

If you would like to be added to the reminder emails—please share you email with the parish office.

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| <u>Financial Report</u>  | <u>2/27/2022</u> |
| Offertory  | \$2321.50        |
| 60/40 Fundraiser   | 30.00            |
| Food Pantry  | 100.00           |
| Fuel donation  | 50.00            |
| <i>There is a second collection this weekend for our cemetery funds.</i> |                  |

**60/40 WINNER:**  
(St. Albert's Church) Congratulations to  
*Diane Little \$12.00*  
*Please consider participating in our weekly Parish 60/40 Booster Club. Envelopes are available at the Church entrances. Put a DOLLAR in the envelope, fill out the front with your name & address and drop it in the weekly collection. Weekly winner will be mailed a check for their 40% winnings.*

**Sanctuary Lamp**

**St. Albert Church**  
*For Therese Belliveau*  
**St. Brendan Church**  
*For Nil Champagne*

**Start your Membership Club this month for only \$10!!!**  
**The Annual Membership Club (\$100 yr) - pick up & fill out an envelope in the back of the Church & drop in the collection. Payable as one lump sum or 10 monthly payments of \$10. Drawing in Dec..**  
**Start yours today!**

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Monthly, 8:30AM First Friday at St Albert Parish



*The Rosary is prayed a 1/2 hour before each weekend Mass at St. Albert (SA) &*

*St. Brendan (SB) Churches. All are welcome to join.*

**Upcoming Rosary Schedule**

May 5 **6PM** SA National Day of Prayer (20 decade) –  
Theme “Exalt the Lord who has Established Us”  
May 13 7PM SB Our Lady of Fatima

**Catholic Women's Club**

For more info about the Women's Club please call  
Diane Little (603-237-8062).



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mo: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

Tu: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

We: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Th: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

Fr: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

Sat: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

Link for reading information as well as other pertinent Universal Church resources: <http://usccb.org/bible/readings>.

## Observances for this week:

Su: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Mo: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Tu: St. John of God, Religious

We: St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Th - Sa: Personal Observances

Next Su: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent;

Daylight Saving Time begins



## CHOIR PRACTICE

The first Choir Practice for Easter Triduum will be Tuesday March 1st at 6:30PM and then the remaining weeks we go to Monday evenings at 6:30 PM. March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4 & the last one on April 11th. All rehearsals at St. Brendan's.

## LIVE THE LITURGY - OUR WEEKLY INSPIRATION

Human beings did not come to believe in God just because of someone's private testimony about him. Rather, belief in God became real when human beings understood that all of human history is being guided and lead, kept and sustained by a God who is incredibly in love with all that he has made. It is this realization that leads us to thanksgiving and gratitude for the one who gives us "this land flowing with milk and honey." It also leads us to adoration and worship as we continue to see the creative power of God's presence in all of the events of our lives. The Church stands as a living witness to all of these things and calls us this Lent to reflect and man beings to leave the truth of who they them. Falling into this temptation we cease we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, ter, the only thing we really need more of



## Sharing Your Faith— Should a Catholic Pursue an Annulment?

**Question:** After a civil divorce, is a Catholic obligated to pursue an annulment?

**Answer:** Many Catholics are not exactly sure what an annulment does. An annulment does not deny that a marriage took place, nor does it deny that there once was love. It does not mean that people say anything untrue, such as they never loved each other or that everything in their marriage was wrong. An annulment does not negate children, nor make them illegitimate. An annulment addresses the spiritual aspect of marriage. In effect, an annulment says that at the time of the wedding, there was either something present or something absent that prevented the sacrament from taking place. It is a spiritual determination that, if granted in the affirmative, allows a person to marry in the Church. Annulments have no legal standing and are unable to be used in a civil court. Therefore, a Catholic has no moral obligation to pursue an annulment. However, when the tragedy of divorce occurs, and there is no hope for reconciliation, annulments may help bring some spiritual closure to a person's life. Some people have found the process to be healing and others have found it to be difficult. Speak to your priest or a member of the Diocesan Tribunal staff to decide what is best for you.

## Filling the Basket This Lent

Lent calls us into deeper everyday stewardship because it beautifully creates opportunities to be mindful of the call of Christ in even the most mundane moments of our day.

Many of us will participate in the time-honored tradition of doing penance, or "giving something up" for Lent. When we do this, we are mimicking the Israelites who filled their baskets with the first fruits of their harvest, "and having set them before the Lord, your God, (bowing) down in his presence" (Deuteronomy 26:10).

What are we going to bring before the Lord this Lent? What are our first fruits?

If you're struggling with ideas for how to "fill your basket," it can help to come at the problem from the opposite side. Take a look at the six characteristics of Everyday Stewardship and think about the moments in your day when you fail to fulfill the virtues to which they call you.

What is keeping you from being mindful of the call of Christ throughout your day? I promise you, if you listen, you'll hear it more than once.

What is keeping you from being prayerful? When you have set your first fruits before the Lord, what keeps you from bowing down in His presence to finish the offering?

What keeps you from being grateful — especially of the small things that so often go unnoticed?

What keeps you from being gracious, from leaving people smiling as they walk away?

What keeps you from being committed and accountable? Where do your excuses come from and what makes you indulge them?  
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



**LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE**

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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**SAINT OF THE WEEK –**

**St. Catherine of Bologna | March 9**

St. Catherine of Bologna (September 8, 1413 – March 9, 1463) came from an upper-class family in Ferrara, a city in Italy, and received an education at the court, where she learned reading, writing, singing and drawing. But despite her advantages, her heart yearned for God.

She joined a group of religious women in Ferrara at the age of 18. Four years later, that same group joined the Poor Clares, an order founded by St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. In 1456, she and 15 other sisters were sent to establish a Poor Clare monastery in Florence.

As abbess, St. Catherine of Bologna worked to establish the new community and maintain a semblance of peace throughout. She was a model of piety and reported experiencing miracles and several visions of Christ, and the Virgin Mary.

In 1463, St. Catherine of Bologna became seriously ill, and she passed away. She was buried without a coffin and her body was exhumed 18 days later because of many cures attributed to her at her graveside and the sweet scent coming from her grave. Her body was discovered incorrupt (meaning it was not decaying) and remains so today.



**Att.: Men of North American Martyr Parish!!!!**

**March is the Month of St Joseph**

Men of North American Martyr Parish please join Father Craig and other men in our parish as we gather for Rosary, Mass & Breakfast. March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am for Rosary, Mass @ 8am and Breakfast & fellowship following in the St Albert Hall. At the same time Men of St Joseph groups will be gathering throughout the state and doing the same. Please let us show our support for our churches, our priest and our fellow parishioners. There are sign ups in the back of the churches to give us a count for breakfast.



**Saint Albert Indoor Yard Sale and Social Luncheon March 5/6 & Yard Sale**  
**March 12/13**

On Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> we will open from 10-2 (including a reasonably priced lite lunch offering!). Please stop by to shop and to enjoy a little lunch with friends! On Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> we will be open from 9-11 (including a reasonably priced continental breakfast offering!). After Church...a little breakfast and some coffee with friends!

We will then be open again on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7pm and Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 9-11. Please note: there is no food offering on the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend.

All proceeds & generous donations will go to offset future projects.

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR LENT

Please mark your calendars!



**Stations of the Cross** every Friday during Lent @ 5:30PM (SB) & 7PM (SA) except on Good Friday Stations will be at 3:00 (SB).



**WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS WILL BE HOSTING A LENTEN RETREAT PROGRAM!!!**

**(33 Days to Merciful Love**

**(<https://www.allheartsafire.org/>)**

Intro/Session 1 will be Mon 2/28 6:30pm at St Albert

Session 2 will be Wed 3/9 6:30pm at St Brendan

Session 3 will be Wed 3/16 6:30pm at St Albert

Session 4 will be Wed 3/23 6:30pm at St Brendan

Session 5 will be Wed 3/30 6:30pm at St Albert

Session 6 will be Wed 4/6 6:30pm at St Brendan

We are holding on to Wednesday 4/13/22 in case we have a snow day to make up for.

Our Consecration to Divine Mercy Ceremony (Prayer Service) will be on Friday 4/22/22 @ 6:30pm followed by a gathering for refreshments in the SA Parish Hall.

We intend on putting a donation jar out at each meeting, for those that would like to contribute and help offset the expense of the materials.

Last sign-ups will this weekend but if you don't have a chance to sign up please feel free to show up Monday 2/28!!!

For more info contact:

Helen Clogston 538-6330 / rhclogston@yahoo.com or

David McGuigan 538-9662 / pappadmcp@yahoo.com or

You can contact the Parish Office.

Make this LENT a time of reflection on YOUR relationship with God.

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