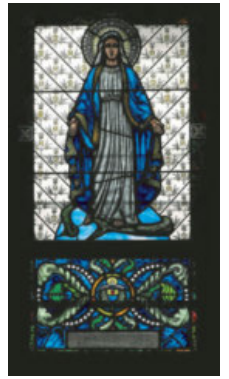




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## St Albert Church W Stewartstown

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)



*2nd Sunday of Lent — March 13th, 2022*

### PARISH STAFF

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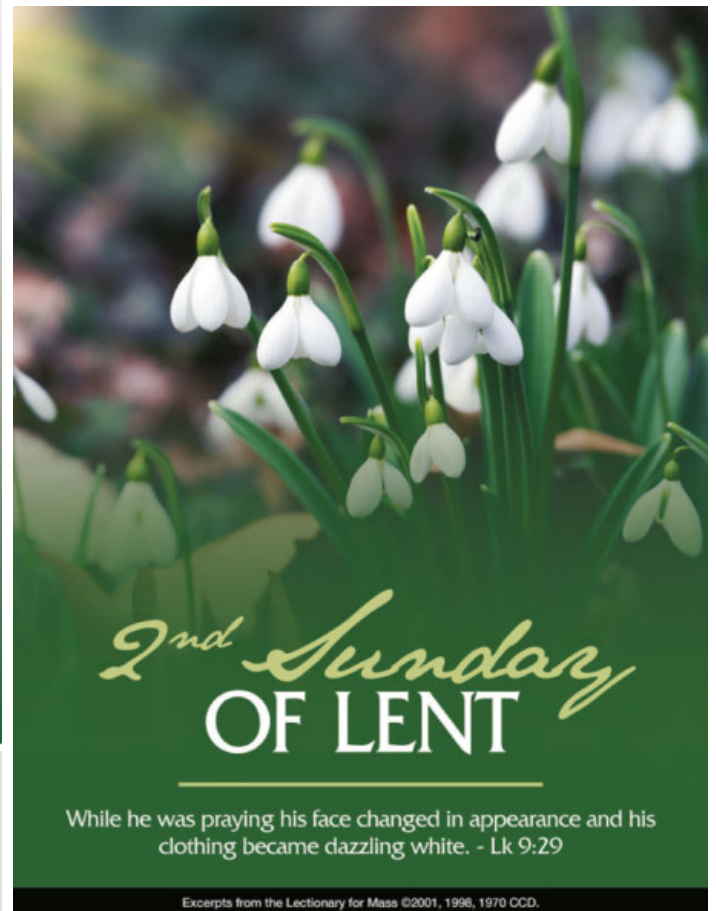
**Marriage:** Please contact the Parish Office 6  
months prior to your tentative date.

**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. 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

Fri., Mar. 18th 8:00AM  
**All Souls remembered on All Souls Day**

Sat., Mar. 19th 4:30PM  
**Pauline Rodrigue** Req by Gaston Rodrigue  
**For a Special Intention** Req by a Parishioner

Sun., Mar. 20th 8:00AM  
**All Souls remembered on All Souls Day**

**ST. BRENDAN**

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

Thu., Mar. 17th 8:00AM  
**All Souls remembered on All Souls Day**

Sun., Mar. 20th 10:00AM  
**Jean Baptist Gregoire** Req by his Family  
**Albert E. Maruais** Req by Lucille Maurais

**COOS NURSING HOME**

Wed., Mar.16th 9:30AM  
**All Souls remembered on All Souls Day**

**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.”

<u>Financial Report</u>	<u>3/6/2022</u>
Offertory	\$2271.00
60/40 Fundraiser	32.00
Central/Eastern Europe	541.46
Membership Club	210.00
<i>2nd collection this weekend for Cemetery funds.</i>	

**60/40 WINNER:**  
(St. Albert’s Church) Congratulations to  
*Julie Charest \$12.80*  
*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 the Intentions of the Parishioners*  
**St. Brendan Church**  
*For the Intentions of the Parishioners*

**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	<b>6PM</b>	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**

There is a meeting this weekend after the 10AM Mass. For more info about the Women’s Club please call Diane Little (603-237-8062).



**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.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mo:** Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38  
**Tu:** Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12  
**We:** Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28  
**Th:** Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31  
**Fr:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/  
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
**Sa:** 2 Sm 7:4-16/Lk 2:41-51a

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

## Observances for this week:

**Su:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins  
**Mo-We:** Personal Intentions & Observances  
**Th:** St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day  
**Fr:** St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
**Sa:** St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Next Su:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent



## CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice continues for the Easter Triduum. We meet Monday evenings at 6:30 PM. March 14, 21, 28, April 4 & the last one on April 11th. All rehearsals at St. Brendan's.

## LIVE THE LITURGY - OUR WEEKLY INSPIRATION

While we have to be cognizant of our societal and personal responsibilities in this world, we can never lose sight of where our true citizenship lies — heaven. When we become too immersed in earthly things and too preoccupied with our temporal responsibilities, we can actually become numb to our faith. Becoming ambivalent about our faith, our belief in Jesus Christ and the promises of heaven become more a source of agitation rather than a source of promise and hope. It is easy to become an enemy of Christ without even knowing it is happening. God has given us a very clear destiny. We are definitely not meant to conform ourselves to this world but to the transfiguration and glorification of our bodies to not only who God is but who we are. of their lives suggests that such a promise does the way you live your daily life



## Sharing Your Faith— Fish on Friday

**Question:** Why do Catholics eat fish on Friday?

**Answer:** For centuries, meatless Fridays were the norm for Catholics throughout the world. Friday was chosen because that was the day on which Jesus died, and Christians wanted to find a way to honor that day with special prayers and acts of penance and self-denial. The practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays — under pain of sin — grew out of that desire, and it became an official part of Church teaching until the time of the Second Vatican Council.

In the 1960s, there was a shift in the Church's thinking, in large part because there was a recognition that differences in cultures and economic realities meant that eating or not eating meat had different meanings for different peoples. For example, in cultures that were largely dependent on seafood or a vegetarian diet, abstaining from meat was no sacrifice at all. While in other places, eating fish and other kinds of seafood was actually something rare and special and not a sacrifice. This was all part of a basic reflection on "why we do what we do" among the Church's pastors.

Today, Catholics throughout the world are still instructed to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent. The bishops of some countries, such as in England and Wales, ask Catholics to abstain from meat every Friday, continuing the older tradition. The Bishops of the United States have taken a slightly different approach, encouraging Catholics to honor Friday as a special day by abstaining from meat every Friday or by taking on some other work of penance or charity for the sake of others.

Regardless of what we choose to do, the real value in all of this is to see a reflection of Good Friday in each Friday, to remember the self-giving love of Jesus, and to honor that love through some sort of sacrifice or act of mercy.

It is here where we can see clearly The way many conduct the daily business is or hope is of little importance. What say about you?

## The Resurrection and Spiritual Hangriness

I want to talk about being *hangry*. I'll give you a quick description of *hangriness*, though I warn you, it doesn't come from the Oxford English Dictionary. *Hangriness* is when you're so hungry you get angry. You turn into a real piece of work. You can't get anything done and you're probably not a joy to be around, at least until you grab a snack. Everybody gets this way sometimes.

We can be this way in our souls, too. It's so easy to get distracted by the hungers of this world: greed, pride, anxiety. We can become ruled by the needs of our bodies and the desires of our mind and, in doing so, neglect the needs and the desires of our souls.

Everyday stewardship calls us to a constant reflection on the truth that we are not made for this world, as Christ clearly shows us in his Transfiguration. He reveals himself in his heavenly glory, just before he is going to be deprived of all earthly needs and wants — even his very life. He shows us that this is what we were meant for. This is what we are striving for.

Lent exists to remind us that we are not made for this world. When you become spiritually hangry — or as Scripture more eloquently puts it this week, when your mind is "occupied with earthly things" — turn your thoughts to the Transfiguration. I promise you, it's even better than grabbing an energy bar. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



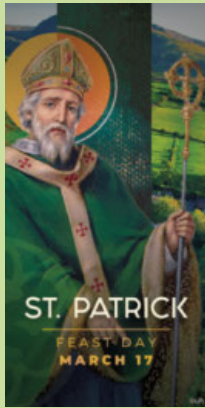
**SAINT OF THE WEEK –**

**St. Patrick | March 17**

Whether you know him as the man who brought Christianity to Ireland or simply as a reason you eat corned beef and cabbage in March, St. Patrick (415 – 493) is a well-known saint around the world.

St. Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, a deacon and local official, and brought into slavery in Ireland. He spent six long years there as a herdsman, during which he turned to his faith for strength. He later escaped back to Britain on a ship, where he was eventually reunited with his family.

His years of captivity changed him and brought out a zeal for God and a yearning to spread the message of Jesus Christ. Despite the constant danger of martyrdom, he continued to travel throughout Ireland where he baptized and confirmed in the name of Christ.



**First Reading:** (Gn 15:18) In the covenant established between God and Abram (Abraham), the trust and faith of Abraham is described as “an act of righteousness.” As we continue the season of Lent, what do you need to trust in from the Lord?

**Second Reading:** (Phil 3:21) Paul urges the believers in Philippi to stay focused on Jesus and on our “citizenship” in heaven. How do you think Christians today can succeed in living out this task?

**Gospel:** (Lk 9:28b-29) Peter, John, and James witness the transfiguration that revealed Jesus’ divinity. Why do you think the three apostles “fell silent” from this encounter?

Please remember our parish is participating in the Pathways Pregnancy Care Center’s baby bottle campaign again this Lenten season. Please pick up a baby bottle at the church entrance and fill it with loose change during Lent.



Pathways provides many support services for women and families facing emotional and physical crisis and ministers God’s grace to hurting people.

Please return your filled bottles during Holy Week and accept our THANKS for participating.



**Saint Albert Indoor Yard Sale continues after each Mass this weekend**

**March 12/13**

We will be open on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7pm and Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 9-11.

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).



## **OUR LENTEN RETREAT PROGRAM CONTINUES!!!**

**(33 Days to Merciful Love**  
**[\(https://www.allheartsafire.org/\)](https://www.allheartsafire.org/)**

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.

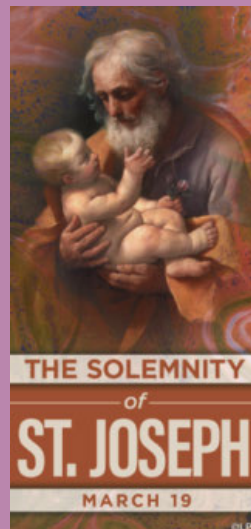
For more info contact:

Helen Clogston 538-6330 / rhclogston@yahoo.com or  
David McGuigan 538-9662 / pappadmccg@yahoo.com or  
You can contact the Parish Office.

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



**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.

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