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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Mon. through Fri. 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Weekend Mass Schedule:
Saturday: 5:00 pm; Rosary 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Weekday: Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Fri.
at 8:30 am followed by the Rosary.

Reconciliation:
Saturday: 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm.

Baptisms and Weddings:
Please call the office at (603) 924-7647
to schedule.

Adoration:
Thursday 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm



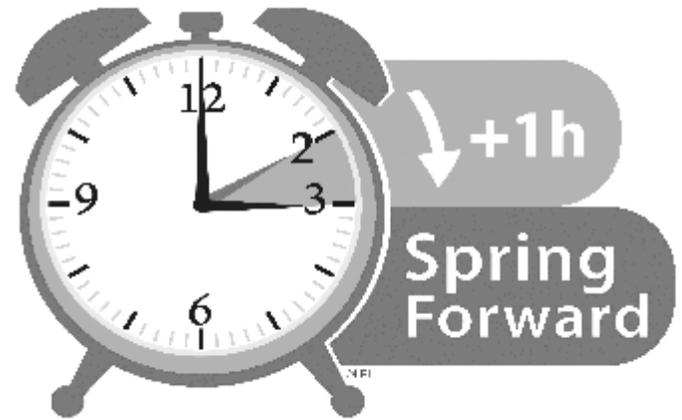
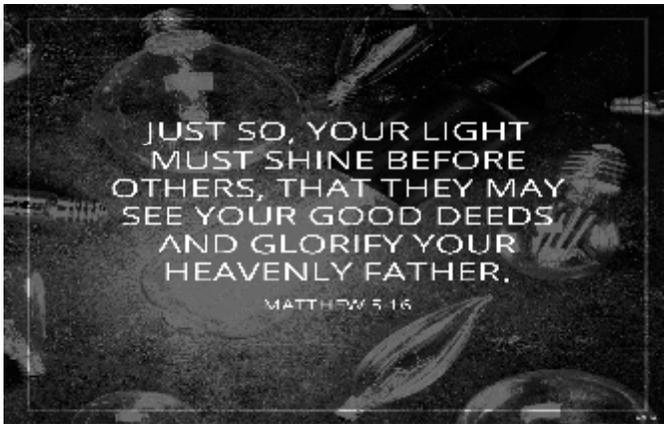
4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

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Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 14, 2021



Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude.

Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way.

Awake, O Sleeper!

This morning came a little earlier than I would have liked — Daylight Savings Time always does. Sometimes that morning sunlight seems more intrusive than illuminating. You're still half-lost in sleep, and that sun is demanding of you a lot more than you're ready to give.

I've said it, and I'm sure you've said it, too. "Just five more minutes." You hit the "snooze" button on your iPhone once (maybe twice? Show of hands?) and turn away from the window.

So many kings of the Old Testament were steadfast in their sleepy ways, rejecting the light their God tried to share with them. Likewise, John tells us that, though Light — Christ — was sent into the world, the world preferred darkness.

Sometimes it seems, when reading through Scripture, that all throughout salvation history, God has been trying to pull back the curtains, to rouse us from our defiant slumber. And we resist Him. Time and time again, we resist Him.

Light brings a certain responsibility with it. It seems to compel productivity. Furthermore, there's no hiding in the light. Any photographer worth his salt knows how to manipulate it, highlighting the good and casting some merciful shade on the bad.

As we enter into the fourth week of Lent, we're getting so close to the main event. Can we handle the light that will come on Easter morning, bursting into the tomb as the stone is rolled away? Can we keep ourselves from hitting the "snooze" button on our souls, and sit up to face the dawn of a new day?
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Readings of the Week

MASS SCHEDULE

Readings for the Week of March 14, 2021

Sunday: 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

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: 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

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: 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



The Sanctuary lamp will burn this week in loving memory of:

Mar 14 - Mar 20, 2021 Betty Buchanan

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Mon., Mar., 15 - 8:30 am - Bob Sherman by the Collin family

Tues., Mar., 16 - 8:30 am - Edward Mallon by Elizabeth Mallon

Wed., Mar., 17 - No Mass

Thurs., Mar., 18 - 8:30 am - Helen Salzmann

Fri., Mar., 19 - 8:30 am - John Cote

Sat., Mar., 20 - 5:00 pm - Mary Catherine Bateson by Charlie & Cecelia McEachern

Sun., Mar., 21 - 8:00 am - All our parishioners

10:30 am - Eleanor Falcon by the Women's Guild



Adoration Thursday Evening 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Pope John Paul II started **Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Vatican** in 1981, a couple of years after he became Pope. He always had an hour or 2 of adoration each day even with his busy schedule throughout his life.

Why not take some time to be with Jesus this Thursday night!

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Offertory for March 6-7, 2021

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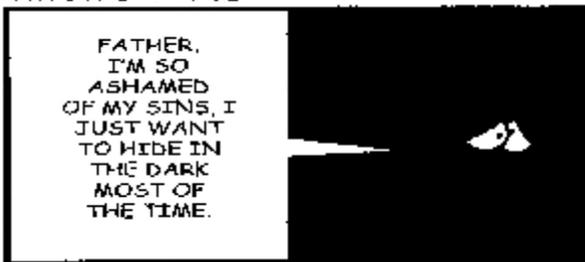
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“The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness.”

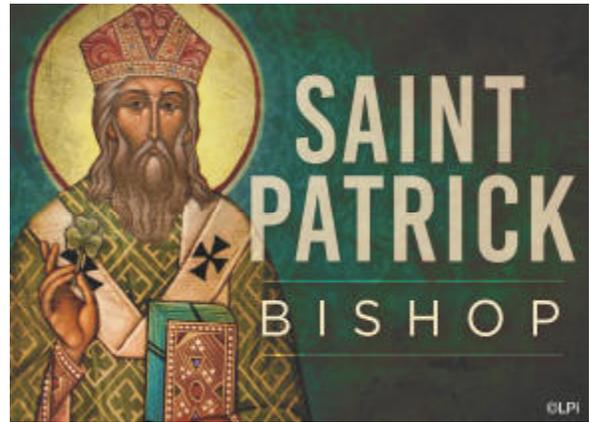
– St. Gianna Beretta Molla

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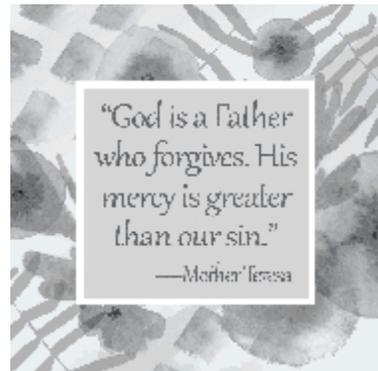
St Patrick's Day Virtual Dinner and Entertainment

This Sunday March 14th 2021 at 1:00 pm, the Knights of Columbus in conjunction with the Parish will offer an opportunity to hear Irish Music, Irish Stories and good old fashion Irish Humor to help you celebrate St. Patrick day. To enjoy the music and stories, tune onto our webpage or facebook page.



Lenten Penance Service

St Patrick's Church in Jaffrey will host the Lenten Penance Service on March 21st at 2:00 pm. Several priests will be available to hear confessions. What better way to get ready for Easter.



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