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Stonington & North Stonington, Connecticut

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'"

- Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho,

they celebrated the Passover. (Jos 5:10)

PSALM:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

SECOND READING:

And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Cor 5:18)

GOSPEL:

"'But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found." (Lk 15:32)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 27, 2022

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 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 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/

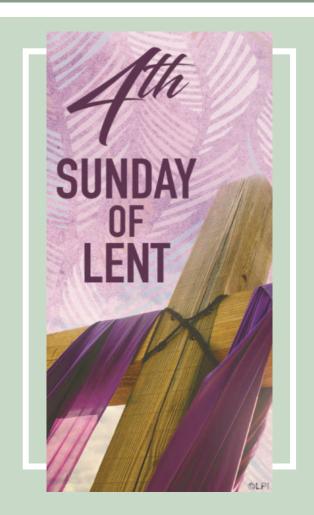
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53 Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/

Jn 8:1-11

LIVE-STREAM MASS FROM THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK

The 9:00 am Sunday Mass is live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on their webpage: www.cathedralofsaintpatrick.org/Resources/Live-Stream



REFLECT

FIRST READING

After the Israelites settled into the land of Canaan (the Promised Land), no longer was there any need for the "manna" from heaven. As the season of Lent continues, what have you been able to let go of?

SECOND READING

Paul emphasized to the Corinthians the importance of reconciliation with God. Why do you think reconciliation is so key to our relationship with God?

GOSPEL

In Jesus' parable of the lost (prodigal) son, which character do you most resonate with, and why?

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MASS INTENTIONS

	MA33 IN				
March 26-Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Lent		March 31-Thursday: Weekday			
4:00 pm	St. Michael: † M. Joseph Shea Requested by his daughter	7:00 am	St. Michael: † David Santacroce Requested by his family		
5:00 pm	St. Patrick: † Marilyn Sorenson Requested by Loretta Palembas	APRIL 1—FRIDAY: WEEKDAY			
		7:00 am	St. Michael: † The Prisco Family		
	St. Thomas More: † Nonie Irey Requested by her sisters	0.00	Requested by William Pasqualini		
5:30 pm	St. Mary: † Alayna Bickham	8:00 am	St. Mary: † Blanche Pellegrino Requested by her family		
,	Requested by her family	12:05 pm	St. Patrick: † Dale Johnson		
March	27—Fourth Sunday in Lent		Requested by Mike Olock		
7:00 am	St. Michael: † Gilda DeCosta	APRIL 2	2—SATURDAY: WEEKDAY		
	Requested by her husband and family	7:00 am	St. Michael: † Jose B. Tavares, Jose and Marie		
8:00 am	St. Mary: † Joao deBrito Requested by Anita Gonsalves		Vicente and Son Requested by Liduina and children		
8:30 am	St. Michael: † Jose Silveira	APRIL 2	-Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Lent		
	Requested by his family	4:00 pm	St. Michael: † Angelina Allen		
	St. Patrick: † Dale Johnson Requested by the Knights of Columbus, Mystic		Requested by her family		
10:00 am	St. Michael: Parishioners	5:00 pm	St. Patrick: Parishioners		
10:15 am	St. Patrick: Parishioners		St. Thomas More: † Christopher Cherry Requested by Cathy Holdridge		
11:45 am	St. Michael—High Mass (Latin): † David Cordero Requested by Bob and Sandy Calabro	5:30 pm	St. Mary: † Dorothy Osga (2nd Anniversary) Requested by her daughter Sharon		
March	28-Monday: Weekday	APRIL 3-FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT			
7:00 am	St. Michael: † Edward Blanchette Requested by his sister Barbara	7:00 am	St. Michael: † Antonio and Alcina Costa & Antonio and Maria Pimental		
8:00 am	St. Mary: † TBD		Requested by their grandson Antonio		
12:05pm	St. Patrick: † Robert Matthew Alonge	8:00 am	St. Mary: Parishioners		
N4	Requested by Michael and Olivia Alonge	8:30 am	St. Michael: † Mr. and Mrs. George Wildes, Jr. Requested by their family		
IVI ARCH 7:00 am	29—TUESDAY: WEEKDAY St. Michael: † Ascension Requested by Ellie Dowling		St. Patrick: † Les Laumeyer Requested by the Knights of Columbus, Mystic		
7:00 am					
8:00 am	St. Mary: † TBD	10:00 am	St. Michael: Umile Ritacco		
12:05 pm	St. Patrick: † Pete Balestracci		Requested by his sister-in-law and family		
	Requested by Mike Olock, Council #17	10:15 am	St. Patrick: † Les Laumeyer Requested by Kathleen		
7:00 pm	St. Michael: † Gilda DaCosta Requested by her family	11:45 am	St. Michael—High Mass (Latin): † Ronalee Wolf		

MARCH 30-WEDNESDAY: WEEKDAY

St. Michael: † Joan Fox

St. Mary: † TBD 12:05 pm St. Patrick: † Patricia Trevena

Requested by her sister Barbara

Requested by the Williams family

7:00 am

8:00 am

Johanssen (1st Anniversary)

Requested by Anthony Lombardo

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7:00 am Monday—Saturday

Confessions

3:00-3:45 pm Saturday



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Please pray for the sick of our parish and for those who serve our country.

STEWARDSHIP

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March 20, 2022

Weekly Offertory	\$	7,769.00
EFT	\$	1,000.43
Church Kitchen & Steeple		
(formerly Mortgage Collection	\$	5,850.00
Ukrainian Aid	\$	2,827.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$	150.00
Easter (Retired and Infirm Priests)	_ \$	20.00

Many thanks for your generous support.

Electronic Funds Transfer

For your convenience, the churches of St. Mary, St. Michael and St. Thomas More offer the option of Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) for your weekly offering. For more info, email Amy Bennett at abennett@stmichaelpawcatuck.com.



Keep up to date with parish focknote information through Flocknote. To register simply text MILO to

84576 or contact Anita in the parish office at akapolowicz@stmichaelpawcatuck.com or 860-599-5580.



Daily Mass Schedule

7:00 am Mon. – Sat. St. Michael 8:00 am Mon. – Fri. (exc. Thur.) St. Mary 12:05 pm Mon. – Fri. (exc. Thur.) St. Patrick 7:00 pm Tue. St. Michael

Holy Hour

6:00 pm Thur. St. Michael

Foundations of Our Faith

6:00pm Fridays St. Mary

Stations of the Cross and Benediction

7:00pm Fridays St. Mary

Confessions

3:00 – 3:45pm Saturdays St. Michael
4:15 – 4:45pm Saturdays St. Thomas More
6:30 am Sundays St. Michael
7:30 am Sundays St. Mary
11:15 am Sundays St. Michael
6:30 pm Tuesdays St. Michael
6:00 – 7:00 pm Thursdays St. Michael



FOUNDATIONS OF OUR FAITH

Fr. Ellis will speak on the Consecration of Russia and Ukraine and its background in Our Lady of Fatima on Friday at 6:00 pm in St. Mary Church hall. Stations of the Cross will follow at 7:00 pm in the church.

VIRTUAL WAY OF THE CROSS

The Diocesan Office of Faith Events invites you to join virtually each Friday during Lent as we pray together the Stations of the Cross with a different focus each week.

- April 1: Through the eyes of the divorced & separated
- April 8: Through the eyes of Pope Francis' in Laudato
 Si: On Care for Our Common Home.

The stations will begin at 7pm and requires participants to have an internet connection. Registration is also required. To register, call Marianne Nicholas at 860-848-2237 ext. 304 or email *mnicholas@norwichdiocese.net*. You may register for one evening or all.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

April 1, 2022 • 8:30 am-12:00 pm • St. Mary's

"To converse with You, O King of glory, no third person is needed, You are always ready in the Sacrament of the Altar to give audience to all."

—St. Teresa of Avila

VIRTUAL BINGO FOR ALL AGES

The Office of Faith Events invites people of all ages to participate in Virtual Bingo! Bingo will take place on Sunday, April 3, from 3:30 – 5pm. You will receive your BINGO cards online, mark them and even remark them for the next game or you can print them and play. Through video conferencing, we will call the numbers and play different BINGO games from regular bingo, double bingo, picture frame, and finally black out! It's always a lot of fun with lots of gift certificates for prizes! We only sell 200 cards, so act fast! The cost is \$6 per card for the whole Bingo event! To register for your Bingo card, go to: https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y or call Marianne at 860-848-2237 ex. 304.

ALL ARE INVITED TO USE THE ST. MARY PRAYER TREE

All are invited to use the Prayer Tree in the rear of St. Mary Church in Our Lady of Fatima's room. The petitions are emailed weekly to a large group of parishioners who pray for the intentions.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Today our parish will be conducting the in-pew collection for the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family". From ministry to the sick, food and shelter programs, to our youth, clergy and religious, your donations are vital to meet the needs of our community and parishes. Uncertain and difficult times have increased the demands placed on our ministries. We ask that you please show your support by placing your completed pledge card or envelope in the red ACA collection bin located at the entrances to the Church or you may visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org or call (860) 886-1928 to donate. Thank you and God Bless.



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Saint Patrick Church

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Sunday Mass:

5:00 pm (Sat. Vigil), 8:30 am and 10:15 am Weekday Mass:

12:05 pm Monday — Friday except Thursday Confessions:

4:00 pm — 4:45 pm Saturdays 5:00 pm — 6:00 pm First Tuesday of month

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Kim McGowan, Parish Secretary
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Richard Georgetti, RCIA Coordinator
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Richard Schumacher, Choir Director

STEWARDSHIP

March 13, 2022

Offertory		4,722.00	
EFT		1,057.75	
Ukraine Aide Collection		9,634.00	
March 20, 2022			
Offertory	\$	4,652.00	
EFT	\$	2,550.75	
St. Patrick Dinner	\$	2,370.00	
Campaign Paid to Date	\$3,1	42,638.65	
Pledge Total		68,415.46	

We are grateful for your generous support!

Spring cemetery clean-up will begin the week of April 4th through April 8th. Please remove any items you would like to keep. All dead flowers and debris will be removed and disposed of.

Lenten Schedule

<u>Tuesdays during Lent:</u> 12:05pm Mass, Confessions 5—6pm <u>Fridays during Lent:</u> 12:05pm Mass, and Stations of the Cross at 7pm, confessions to follow.

<u>Saturdays</u> (usual Mass times): Confessions from 4—4:45pm, Mass @ 5pm

Sundays (usual Mass times): 8:30am and 10:15am

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MYSTIC IRISH PARADE

The Mystic Irish Parade is back and St. Patrick's is once again participating as a parish unit on Sunday, March 27th. All parishioners are welcome to join in as we



walk and proudly proclaim we are members of St. Patrick Parish. All marchers must be at the Seaport parking lot by noon (you must be dropped off—no cars can park there). Kelly green sashes will be provided! We are in need of flag and banner bearers too. For more info: Janet Chapman, 860-536-2151 or <code>janetchap@amail.com</code>.

ST. PATRICK OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The St. Patrick Outreach Committee would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all who were able to make donations to St. Michael's Ukrainian Church in New Haven. They were overwhelmed at the amount of donations made from all over CT. Outreaching at its finest! God bless you all. Continuing our food drive for both Catholic Charities of New London and the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center, we are in need of after school snacks and breakfast bars. Items may be dropped off in the church center. If locked, please leave them by the basket towards the entrance of the church. Thank you for your donations and continued support!

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We hear about the saints during our morning prayers as there is a brief biography of the saint in our prayer book. Teachers are then able to discuss the saint with their students. And, of course, there are the big days, the ones everyone knows, like St. Patrick and St. Joseph. We recently celebrated both of these saints. March 17th the students wore green and learned about the life of St. Patrick. On March 18th (the 19th was a Saturday) ,we wore red and celebrated and learned about St. Joseph. It is wonderful when we can combine learning with fun in these ways. And we did have fun!

Doris Messina

Pictured: Grade 1 in green, Grade 7 in red







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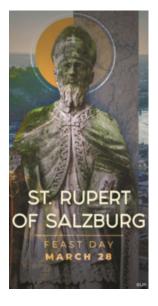
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LIVE THE LITURGY SAINT OF THE WEEK

Have you ever given thought to the fact that you are an "ambassador for Christ?" An ambassador is an accredited diplomat and official representative. We are asked to be ambassadors for Christ and his message of reconciliation. Within each one of us is a prodigal son who realizes the need to return home, an elder brother who struggles with entitlement and self-pity, and a forgiving father who simply wants to celebrate love. Realizing that all of these things are operative in our hearts, we can bring credibility to God's ministry of reconciliation. Genuine witnesses are those who not only recognize their need for wholeness, mercy, and forgiveness but also their tendency to be over self-focused and stubborn. Then, discovering freedom from all that binds them, they can then extend the love they have received to others. These ambassadors embody unity, mercy, and reconciliation and can look on others with deep compassion because they know what it is to walk in their shoes. Can God count on you to deliver this message? **©LPi**

St. Rupert of Salzburg | Feast Day March 28



St. Rupert of Salzburg is also known as the "Apostle of Bavaria and Austria." Although mostly legend, it is believed that he was born sometime around 660 in Gaul, which is now part of France. It is possible that he is a descendant of the Merovingian royal line. Not much is known about the saint's early life.

We do know that Rupert was first appointed as Bishop of Worms in present-day Germany and despite many good works there, the pagan population eventually beat him and forced him from the city. Rupert retired to Rome for a time until Duke Theodo of Bavaria asked him to come to help establish the Church more firmly in Bavaria. Rupert agreed and brought with him a group of priests. Rupert traveled the region, effecting conversions, miracles, healing.

Eventually Rupert chose to settle at Juvavum an old Roman city mostly in ruins. He renamed the city Salzburg or "Salt Castle," and established there a great cathedral and monastery under the Rule of St. Benedict. His niece became abbess of the Benedictine convent he founded nearby. Rupert was the first bishop of Salzburg, serving also as abbot of the monastery.

St. Rupert is usually portrayed carrying a vessel of salt, as he helped establish the salt mining industry for which he named the city. It is said that Rupert died on Easter Sunday though sources disagree on the year, which could have been around 710 or possibly as late as 718. ©LPi

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

The Face on God's Brochure

When a church is raising funds for a new building or a diocese is launching a stewardship appeal, there is usually someone — or several someone's — who serves as the face of the campaign. Maybe it's a married couple, or a family, or a group of folks who have been particularly active in the community and can speak to the worthiness of whatever endeavor is being undertaken.

Oftentimes, for better or worse, we fill that role for God. We are the face on the front of His promotional brochure. If we call ourselves Christians, that means that people will meet Christ through us. That's what being an Everyday Steward is — a steward, everyday; someone who conducts his Master's business when the Master is not seen.

It can be intimidating because we have so much baggage and no capabilities of our own. But then we remember that we are offered reconciliation through Christ — that "the old things have passed away, (and) new things have come" (2 Corinthians 5:17). We remember that we are the prodigal sons, and the fattened calf has been slaughtered on our behalf.

But it's a role that requires commitment. The story of the prodigal son is only compelling and only means something because the son, presumably, embraced his reconciliation to his father. He didn't go on to abandon him again.

So let us think to ourselves each day, "Whoever I encounter will meet Christ's ambassador. I was dead and have come to life again. How can I speak to the worthiness of that reconciliation? How can I make others desire it?"

GOSPEL MEDITATION

God's love story reveals itself in our stories, experiences, and aspirations. We are all prodigal sons and daughters. There are many times in our lives when we would "sell our souls" in order to

pursue our passions. We pursued what we wanted without regard for others or God. We have sowed our oats, thrown ourselves into careless pleasures, spent what we know we ought to have saved, turned our backs on those we love and abused gifts we have been given. We even hit bottom and realized the silliness and self-destruction of it

all. We needed to come home. We knew we erred and needed a gentle presence to show us God's unconditional love. This wayward journey home changed us.

As much as we need to be welcomed, we are also the one who needs to do the welcoming and mercy giving. Those we love need our guidance, but they don't always take it. We know that what they are doing is off the mark, self -destructive and wrong. We have to let them go and let it happen, even though

they might get hurt. As we wait and hope, they choose to make their way back to us. They don't need us to judge them. They have done enough of that to themselves. We immediately embrace them and are just happy they're home. God uses us to help heal them. Knowing how much we craved understanding and forgiveness ourselves, we can now freely give it away. God uses what he has taught us to teach others.

We are also the entitled ones. At least

we "think" we are entitled. After all, we work hard for what we have. We cannot get our heads around the idea that someone can get something that I really deserve! If I do what I'm supposed to do, I ought to be rewarded for that, right? If I do something wrong, I ought to pay the consequences. This is justice, isn't it? This is not God's

justice. God is all about love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. God's justice is love freely given without merit. We carry the stories of the prodigal son, the unconditional forgiving father, and the entitled angry brother with us. When we make friends with all three, humbly telling those stories to others makes us Christ's ambassadors. @LPi

"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."—Lk 15:31-32

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