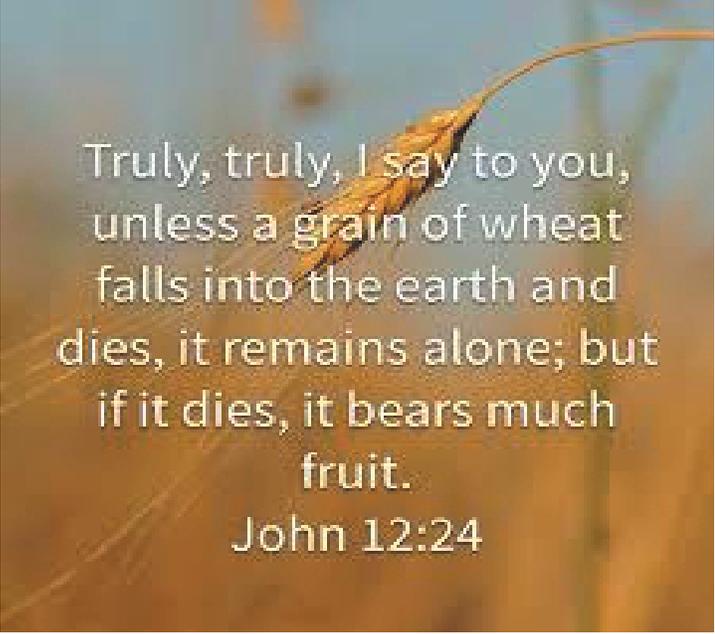


21 March 2021
**Fifth Sunday
of Lent**



Truly, truly, I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat
falls into the earth and
dies, it remains alone; but
if it dies, it bears much
fruit.
John 12:24

**Create a clean heart in
me, O God.**

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THE CELEBRATION OF MASS

Saturday Evening: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00, 10:30 AM
Mon.-Tues. – Wed.- 8:00AM Thurs. - NO MASS
Friday: 9:15AM (SCHOOL MASS)
HOLY DAY MASSES 6:30AM, 9:00AM, 7:00PM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 PM
Sunday: 10:00 to 10:25 AM
Other times by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the 4th Sunday of the month. A pre-baptismal workshop is required for parents, who are expected to be active members for at least three months. Please call Deacon Mike to make all arrangements. (610-262-2227)

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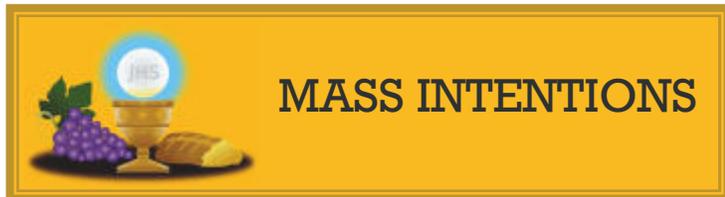
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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY MARCH 22

8:00 AM William Christensen - Family

TUESDAY MARCH 23

8:00 AM Christine Bendekovits - Gerry Ifkovits

6:30PM - 7:30PM CONFESSIONS

WEDNESDAY MARCH 24

8:00 AM Meg & Scott Shannon

THURSDAY MARCH 25

NO MASS

1:30PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS (SCHOOL)

FRIDAY MARCH 26

9:15AM Elizabeth Ortelli - Roy & Maryann
(SCHOOL MASS)

7:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

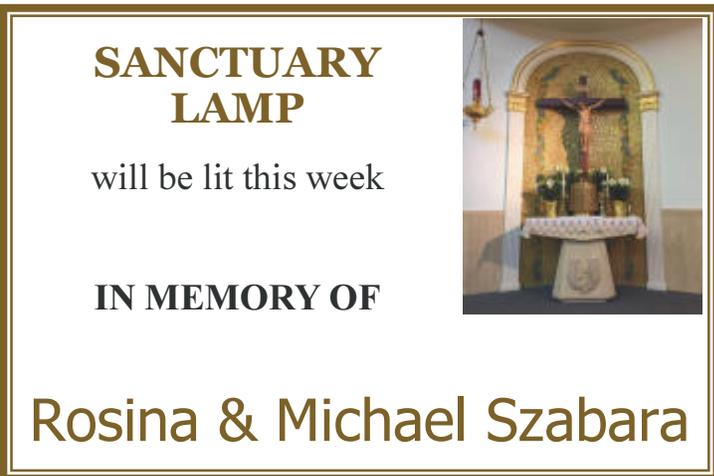
SATURDAY MARCH 27

4:00 PM Adam Keller - Family

SUNDAY MARCH 28 (PALM SUNDAY)

8:00AM Francis Kohler - nephew, Dale & family

10:30AM Irene Dietz - Sue, Ted, & Amy



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will be lit this week

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PRAYER SHAWLS

The Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to remind everyone that we have prayer shawls and lapghans available for anyone who feels it would benefit them spiritually at this time for whatever reason. These blankets can be great for someone who longs for a "hug" during this time of social distancing. As of today, we have distributed at least 478 shawls or lapghans and 148 Baptismal blankets for our new parishioners.

These dedicated ladies have been hard at world creating these beautiful shawls and keep all of our recipients in their prayers. Please call the rectory and we will make sure your request is fulfilled.



SUNDAY COLLECTION

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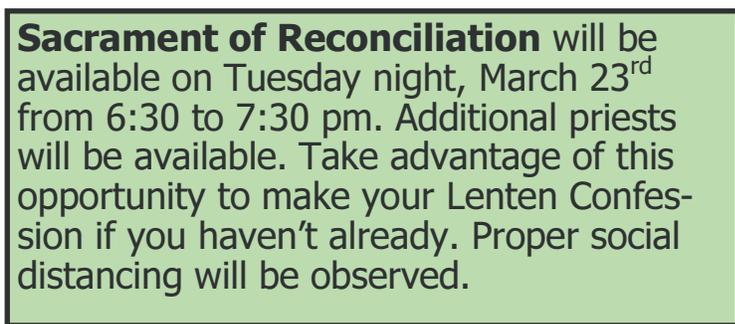
May God bless your generosity!



A BIG THANK YOU from Maryann Yanders for all the cards, prayers, and good health wishes during her illness and the loss of her husband and son. God bless you!!!



The family of Mary Catherine Heffelfinger would like to thank everyone who sent cards, prayers, and masses during these most difficult times. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.



Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Tuesday night, March 23rd from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Additional priests will be available. Take advantage of this opportunity to make your Lenten Confession if you haven't already. Proper social distancing will be observed.

St. Margaret Clitherow

St. Margaret Clitherow was born in Middleton, England, in 1555, of protestant parents. Possessed of good looks and full of wit and merriment, she was a charming personality. In 1571, she married John Clitherow, a well-to-do grazier and butcher (to whom she bore two children), and a few years later entered the Catholic Church. Her zeal led her to harbor fugitive priests, for which she was arrested and imprisoned by hostile authorities. Recourse was had to every means in an attempt to make her deny her Faith, but the holy woman stood firm. Finally, she was condemned to be pressed to death on March 25, 1586. She was stretched out on the ground with a sharp rock on her back and crushed under a door over laden with unbearable weights. Her bones were broken and she died within fifteen minutes. The humanity and holiness of this servant of God can be readily glimpsed in her words to a friend when she learned of her condemnation: "The sheriffs have said that I am going to die this coming Friday; and I feel the weakness of my flesh which is troubled at this news, but my spirit rejoices greatly. For the love of God, pray for me and ask all good people to do likewise."

Her feast day is March 26th.

SUNDAY READINGS

March 21, 2021

Jeremiah 21:31–34

Everyone...shall know me—oracle of the LORD—for I will forgive their iniquity and no longer remember their sin.

Hebrews 5:7–9

[Christ Jesus] offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears.

John 12:20–33

[Jesus said,] "Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour."

WEEKDAY READINGS

March 22–27

Monday, Lenten Weekday: Dn 13:1–9, 15–17, 19–30, 33–62 or 13:41c–62 / Jn 8:1–11

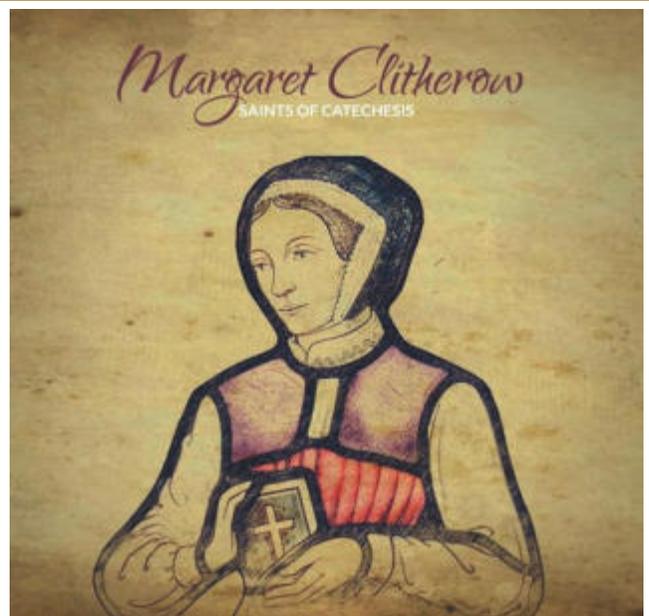
Tuesday, Lenten Weekday: Nm 21:4–9 / Jn 8:21–30

Wednesday, Lenten Weekday: Dn 3:14–20, 91–92, 95 / Jn 8:31–42

Thursday, The Annunciation of the Lord: Is 7:10–14, 8:10 / Heb 10:4–10 / Lk 1:26–38

Friday, Lenten Weekday: Jer 20:10–13 / Jn 10:31–42

Saturday, Lenten Weekday: Ez 37:21–28 / Jn 11:45–5



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Monday: 8:00 AM Mass, church open until 1 PM. Adoration 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

Tuesday: 8:00 AM Mass, Adoration 7:30 AM until Mass time. Church open until 1 PM.

Wednesday: 8:00 AM Mass, church open until 1 PM. Adoration 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

Thursday: Church closed
Stations of the Cross 1:30PM

Friday: 9:15 AM Mass with School, church open until 1 PM.

Adoration 6:30 PM until 7:00 PM.
Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM.

QUEENSHIP CASH HOLIDAY SALE

**Orders are due this weekend
March 20/21.**

**Filled orders will be ready for
pick-up next weekend 27-28.
If you are unable to pick them up
on the weekend, you can pick up at
rectory during office hours until
Wednesday of Holy Week.**

**Any questions contact
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Terry at 610-509-4153.**

**Thank you for your support of
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The Meaning of the Gardens of Scripture

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Focus on the painting, Sebastiano Conca's *Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane*, and you will be drawn across the space between the gaze of Jesus and the chalice the angel offers. Sebastiano understands the essence of the agony in the Garden—the loneliness of Jesus before the bitter cup the Father extends to him via the hands of an angel.

Jesus' attitude in receiving this passion is evident in his open arms. Like the posture he will assume when nailed to the cross, he shows his humble acceptance and abandonment.

Gardens don't appear often in Scripture, but they are important. There is the Garden of Eden, the place of God's creative love and man's original sin. There is the garden in the Song of Songs—a garden of passion, possession, and life-giving union. Where is Jesus' tomb, and where does Mary Magdalene, the transformed lover, find Jesus on Easter morning? In the Scriptures, gardens are a place of new life, sin, and redemption. It's where lovers go; where love is declared and tested.

This is important in understanding the drama of our Lord's agony in the Garden. It is the drama inside of love. It is the drama of acceptance and abandonment, trust and generosity, life and death. Jesus knows this and goes into the Garden to do what Adam failed to do in the first Garden. He goes to pay the price of love. He engenders new life by giving his own. He looks at the chalice, the price of our salvation, and with a heart full of generous, uncomplicated love, accepts the Father's invitation. "Not my will but yours be done." +

***In the Scriptures, gardens are a place of new life, sin, and redemption.
It's where love is tested.***

- How can I receive Jesus' self-giving love for me more deeply?
- How should I imitate Jesus' self-giving love in my relationships?

PRAYER

Lord, your love is
written on my heart.
May your love
inspire and
empower me to love
people from all
walks of life.

—From *Mindful Meditations for Every Day of Lent and Easter*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

The Pope's Monthly
Intention for March.

Sacrament of
Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may
experience the sacrament
of reconciliation with
renewed depth, to taste
the infinite mercy of God.

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In case you need a refresher course on how to give and receive hugs, take a look at these pictures.



**Remember,
"A hug is the
one present
that's
always
worth
giving!!!"**



"You Visited Me"

By Fr. Bruce Lewandowski, CSSR

My neighbor's son, Joe, didn't last one week. He was only out of prison for a few days when he knowingly broke his probation so he could go back. He couldn't find anything to hold onto on the outside. Joe felt the life waiting for him after prison was devoid of meaning. The unfortunate reality is, many find it difficult to reenter the "world" after spending time in prison. Critics are quick to say it's because prison is too comfortable. The inmates are treated too well. Many end up back in prison, not because they miss their cell or their high-school-equivalency classes or the predictability of it all, but because they miss their friends. They have no social network on the "outside." Though not the sole cause, loneliness and isolation contribute greatly to recidivism.

Pope Francis, during a visit to Philadelphia's Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility said:

This time in your life can only have one purpose: to give you a hand in getting back on the right road, to give you a hand to help you rejoin society. All of us are part of that effort, all of us are invited to encourage, help and enable your rehabilitation. A rehabilitation, which everyone seeks and desires: inmates and their families, correctional authorities, social and educational programs. A rehabilitation, which benefits and elevates the morale of the entire community.

I was Sally's neighbor. I knew she had a son in prison. She shared his letters with me. She worried about what would happen when he got out. I tried to comfort and assure her that everything would be all right. I was Sally's pastor. It never occurred to me that I could be her son's pastor, too. If I had visited Joe, met him in prison, offered him the ministry and friendship of our parish while he was doing time, maybe he would have had something to come home to: a church, friends, the prospect of a new life.

In the inner-city parish where I was the pastor for six years, almost 50 percent of the parishioners knew someone in prison: a brother, mother, son, former classmate, or a neighbor. No one ever spoke about it. No one ever asked the priest to visit. No one ever had a Mass said on behalf of the imprisoned. Fear and shame made us think that we couldn't make a difference. What if our friendship and love could have made all the difference in the life of an ex-offender?

If you know someone in prison, if you know someone who knows someone in prison, write a letter, call, and visit. "I was in prison and you visited me" and gave me something to look forward to after prison: a new life (Matthew 25:36). +

We can make a difference in the life of someone in prison.

Sacred Heart Parish in Palmerton is in need of a Part Time **Director for Religious Programming**. This position will begin July 1 with orientation time to proceed. This person needs to have strong catholic background, some educational training, good communication, works well with adults and youth, organizational and computer skills. If you possess these qualities and are interested in learning more about this ministry position, please call Father Campion at: 610-829-2335.

A Word from Pope Francis

By visiting the tombs of our loved ones we remember that we have a multitude of saints who before God intercede for our needs. Let us not forget, however, that so many deceased also await our spiritual support.

Let us remember them in our prayers...asking that they be welcomed into the ranks of the elect in heaven.

—General Audience, October 31, 2018

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