

Saint Catherine of Siena Parish

March 14, 2021

4th Sunday of Lent



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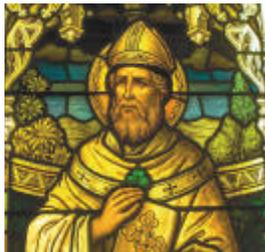
Dear Friends,

Our Fourth Sunday of Lent leads us forward on the continuing journey to Jerusalem. Our texts this weekend expound upon the faithfulness of our God. We hear that God pardons and raises up those who have been unfaithful and those who have loved

darkness rather than light. John's Gospel shares that very familiar sentiment to so many that God so loved the world that he sent his only Son to deliver the world from exile.

How is your Lent going? Are you experiencing healing graces that are empowering your commitment to keep following Jesus? We are not far off from our upcoming Holy Week. What might the Lord be asking us in this season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to prepare ourselves for this sacred time? Let us pray to be engaged in prayer and to be open to the Holy Spirit for where we are called to be in journeying towards Jerusalem.

This Fourth Week of Lent has two celebrations that are worth noting. First, on Wednesday March 17th we remember Saint Patrick. Patrick was born in Roman Britain around 387. At the age of 16 he was captured by pirates and sold into slavery in Ireland. It is said that as a slave he tended to the chieftain's cattle. After six years enslaved, Patrick escaped. He ended up in a monastery in France. When he was 43 years old and a bishop, he returned with other monks to bring faith to Ireland. There are many legends about him in Ireland that have endeared him to not only people of Irish roots but to all who love him for the person he was noted to be. There will be many wearing green this day and celebrating with libations and special foods.



Second, the feast day of Saint Joseph is Friday March 19th. With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. Pope Pius IX established this declaration in 1870. To mark this special occasion, Pope Francis proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.

Saint Joseph, foster father of our Lord Jesus has been described by Pope Francis as a "beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father and a father in the shadows." And we know Saint Joseph

as one who accepted Mary, the Blessed Mother, unconditionally. This is important even today to understand as Pope Francis said "in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident." The Bridegroom of Mary is also the one who, trusting in the Lord, accepts in his life even the events that he does not understand "setting aside his own ideas" and reconciling himself with his own history.



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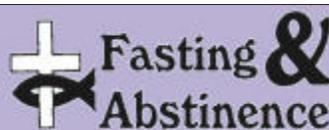
Hopefully, you will feel welcome to join us at our daily masses celebrating Saint Patrick and Saint Joseph. Of course, we would love to have you join us at any daily mass. Know you are always welcome!

I pray you are joining our Clustering Committee in discernment about the future of our weekend masses. Information about planning decisions was in last weekend's bulletin and it is up on our website. An email went out to all who have shared their emails with the Parish Office as well as with information to complete a survey addressing this new mass schedule. The survey is also on our website (saintcath.org) and hard copies are in Church and the Parish Office. All surveys must be returned by March 17th.

On behalf of the Clustering Committee, Father Bausch and I thank you for your prayerful responses.

Well, I had my second vaccination this past Wednesday and I pray we all go forward to blessed health. I'm looking forward to the day we all can be with one another safely and confidently.

Let's keep the faith and God Bless everyone,
Father Rob



**The Regulations for
Lenten
Fast & Abstinences are:**

FASTING: Good Friday (April 2nd)

-for those who are 18 but not yet 60 are allowed only one full meal. Two smaller Meals are allowed as needed, but eating solid food is not permitted.

ABSTINENCE - those who are 14 years of age and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent.



A PRAYER

For Shared Life of Mission & Ministry

Father in Heaven, who brings together new relationships, new opportunities and new challenges as a way to deepen our bond with you, bless the people of the Church of the Transfiguration and Saint Catherine of Siena, to enter joyfully into such experiences as our communities seek a new chapter in our shared life of mission and ministry. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. AMEN.



Operation Rice Bowl

Operation Rice bowl is a Lenten Project of Prayer, Fasting, Alms-giving and Learning sponsored by Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

This week's Rice Bowl Journey takes us to Timor-Lester, a small Asian country near Australia. It is slightly larger than the state of Connecticut. It is one of the world's newest countries, founded only 18 years ago. Many families work as farmers, but changing weather patterns make it difficult to grow enough food. Hunger and malnutrition are a big problem. Timor-Leste has the highest rate of child malnutrition in Asia, which makes a huge impact on a child's growth and future.

With support of CSR, families are participating in community nutrition groups, starting home gardens built to withstand drought and flooding. Home gardens and fish ponds are helping families provide better nutrition for their children

Read this week's story at CRSRICEBOWL.ORG

- ◆ What do you eat to stay healthy?
- ◆ What can you do to ensure children have enough nutritious food to thrive?

If you need a Rice Bowl, you will find them on the Information Table in the Gathering Space.

Thank you for your participation.



**Celebrating St. Joseph
with Dr. Joe Kelly
Thursday March 18th at 7:00 pm
Church of the Transfiguration**

In 1870, Pope Pius IX proclaimed St. Joseph to be Patron of the Universal Church. In 2020, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of this proclamation, Pope Francis declared 2020-2021 to be the Year of St. Joseph. To celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph in this dedicated year, we are holding a special Evening Prayer to honor this great saint, the spouse of the Mother of God and the foster-father of the Son of God. As part of Evening Prayer, we are pleased to have Dr. Joseph Kelly give us an illustrated reflection on his patron saint.

All are most welcome to attend.
We will gather in the church.
A face mask and check in process
will be required.



**Lenten Series with
Sr. Barbara Moore, RSM
Saturdays at 10:00 AM
March 20 in the Church of
St. Catherine of Siena**

Topics will include but are not limited to:

1. How do the 4 Gospels differ regarding this event of the Passion? But what do we know for sure?
2. We will take a walk through Holy Week with the Gospel of Mark and a contemporary Jewish writer.
3. How can the events of Holy Week apply to the many facets of our personal and communal lives?

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday evening you are invited to join us on-line via our website as one of the Parish Staff leads us in praying the Stations of the Cross at 7PM. If you are not able to view at this time, please know that each rendition is being recorded and saved on our website (www.saintcath.org) so that you are able to view at anytime. And also, you will find our Stations of the Cross on the walls of St. Catherine of Siena's Chapel. You are encouraged and welcomed to visit the Chapel to pray this journey to Calvary in person. The Chapel is open 8:00 A.M to 3:00 P.M. Monday thru Thursday.





ROBERTA WEST
MOTHER OF DERIC (AMY) WEST

*Eternal rest grant unto her
O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.*



**Our 2020/2021 CMA Responsibility is:
\$117,953**

Our progress as of March 1st is:
214 Donors; \$84,002.20 Pledged;
71.22% of our goal;

\$33,950.80 remaining responsibility

*We thank those who have given generously and ask all who
have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so.*

*Mr. & Mrs. John Neenan
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Salem
Mrs. Maureen Schoeneberger*

Thank you for your prayerful generosity!

Holy Thursday Altar Dressing

We are planning for the Holy Thursday dressing of the Altar. Volunteers are needed. We will be following safety procedures as needed. If you feel safe in the COVID 19 atmosphere and are interested in participating, please sign up on the Bulletin Board in the Gathering Space or contact Evelyn Wilson (624-1042) Practice will be March 29th at 7 p.m. in the Church.



Pontifical Good Friday Collection



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

EASTER BASKET BLESSING

*On Holy Saturday April 3rd
we will have our traditional
Blessing of Easter Baskets
of special foods for our
Easter table.*

*This year we can gather
socially distanced
wearing masks
in the Church.*

The Blessing will begin at 11 AM.

*I'll look forward to being with you!
Blessings,
Father Rob*

Who you become is infinitely
more important than what
you do, or what you have.

~ Matthew Kelly



Blood Drive
Tuesday, March 16th
2:00pm to 7:00pm
In the Community Center

To Sign up: 1-800-RED-CROSS or
 Www.redcrossblood.org
 Keyword: *stcatherineschurchmendon*



Need Volunteers

MATTHEW'S CLOSET

Volunteering for Matthew's Closet means that you monitor St. Catherine's collection shed in the parking lot for half a month and bring bags of donations to Matthew's Closet along the way. (No sorting is involved). Matthew's Closet is located at 316 Bay Street, Rochester, NY 14605.

If you are interested in helping this much needed ministry and want to learn more, contact Sallie & Jim Dakins:
sidakins@rochester.r.com

Good Samaritan Fund

The Social Justice Ministry will be doing another on-site can and bottle collection at each weekend Mass in the month of March to help support the **Good Samaritan Fund**. The on-site collection will begin the weekend of March 6th/7th and run through March 27th/28th; we will earn 6 cents per item returned. After March 28th you may continue to donate your cans/bottles to Saint Catherine's **Good Samaritan Fund** by taking them to the Nickel and Dime Redemption Center located at 1336 Pittsford Mendon Road, Mendon or 2 Main St., Bloomfield (NEW Location). Simply let them know you would like your returns to go towards **Saint Catherine of Siena Good Samaritan Fund**. Thank you for your continued support.



Grief Share at Transfiguration

Our Grief Share Support Group begins at the Church of the Transfiguration on Wednesday, 4/07/21. Grief Share is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences of losing a loved one. The program offers caring and informative videos, workbook and shared conversation with each session. Unexpected things may come up and you will find encouragement and help whenever you attend.

Join us for this twelve-week program on Wednesdays from 12:30PM – 2:00PM in our Parish Life Center in a safely distanced, masked environment. Materials cost - \$25.00. Registration forms are on our website at TransfigurationPittsford.org or by calling to register. With questions, contact Margie Benza at 248-2427 x244 or margie.benza@dor.org. **Registrations are due by 3/30/2021.**



Easter Food Appeal

The Social Justice Ministry (SJM) is planning on providing 25 local families with their Easter Dinners this year. Due to COVID, we will be handing out gift cards. Families will then purchase items needed to make a complete Easter Meal. The families' favorite places to shop are: Aldis, The Marketplace, Walmart & Wegman's. Please place your gift card(s) in an envelope marked "Easter Food Appeal" and place them in the collection baskets in church the weekend masses of March 20&21 and 27&28 OR in the locked drop box outside of the Parish Office. You may also donate to the Good Samaritan Fund on our website and the SJM will purchase the gift cards. **Gift cards are needed no later than March 30th.** Any questions, contact sjwhitbeck109@gmail.com OR pyhagen2@gmail.com



**FRIENDLY REMINDER AS WE BEGIN TO GATHER FOR MASS AGAIN
 TO FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES TO PROPERLY WEAR YOUR FACE MASK**



- WASH YOUR HANDS BEFORE AND AFTER TOUCHING THE MASK.
 - TOUCH ONLY THE BANDS OR TIES WHEN PUTTING ON AND TAKING OFF YOUR MASK.
 - MAKE SURE THE MASK FITS TO COVER YOUR NOSE, MOUTH AND CHIN.
- IF YOU ADJUST THE MASK TO COVER THOSE AREAS, WASH YOUR HANDS BEFORE AND AFTER.
- MAKE SURE YOU CAN BREATHE AND TALK COMFORTABLY THROUGH YOUR MASK.
 - WASH REUSABLE MASKS AFTER EACH USE. IF THE MASK IS DISPOSABLE, DISCARD IT WHEN VISIBLY SOILED OR DAMAGED.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 13th & Sunday, March 14th

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Jay Rusalem by Joan & Bill Keyser

Chuck Lantry by Patricia O'Reilly

Edmund Barletta by Bridget Coletta

Monday, March 15th

Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

9:00^{am} *Dr. Dennis DePerro by St. Catherine of Siena Parish*

Tuesday, March 16th

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

9:00^{am} *Jeanette Shady by the Radi Family*

Wednesday, March 17th

ST. PATRICK, BISHOP; ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

9:00^{am} *For the faithful*

Thursday, March 18th

ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

9:00^{am} *Celebrate St. Joseph.*

Friday, March 19th

ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ t 1:16, 18-21, 24a

***** *No Service*

Weekend of...

Saturday, March 20th & Sunday, March 21st

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Betty Hurley by Dorothy Smith

Linda Winsor , mother of Kristi Willix by Karen Luke



Easter Flowers



If you would like to make a monetary donation "IN MEMORY" or "IN HONOR " of a loved one for Easter Flowers, please, fill in and cut out the form below.

Place it in an envelope marked "EASTER FLOWERS" and drop it in the Collection Basket or at the Parish Office.

Please print clearly!

Easter Flower Donation

Your Name _____

Phone Number or email _____

IN MEMORY OF

IN HONOR OF



Earth Angels Prayer Ministry



Although our Earth Angels Ministry has not been meeting each week after 10:30am Mass during this pandemic time, your prayer requests are still welcome.

You can submit them on our Website: <https://saintcath.org/earth-angels> OR you can still drop your request in the Collection Baskets when you come to Church. Every request is confidential. You do not need to sign your name if you do not wish. Each request is prayed for individually.

Earth Angel Prayer Request

WELCOME HOME

Stewardship of Treasure

	Actual	Budget	Var
Week Ending 3/07/21	6,872	7,208	(336)
7/1/20—3/07/21	417,832	432,154	(14,530)

Thank you for your continued Stewardship!

Contact Us!

Parish Office..... 624-4990
Fax..... 624-4996
Website..... www.saintcath.org
Office Email..... mstcathe@dor.org
Bulletin Email..... Meg.Kastner@dor.org

Masses: Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 8:15am
Sunday 10:30am
Monday-Thursday 9am



Reconciliation: Saturday 4pm-4:30pm or by appointment

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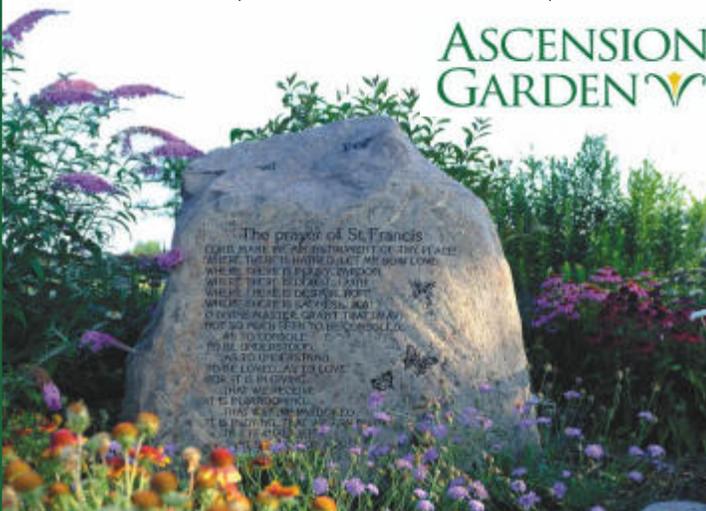
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