

Third Sunday of Lent  
March 7, 2021



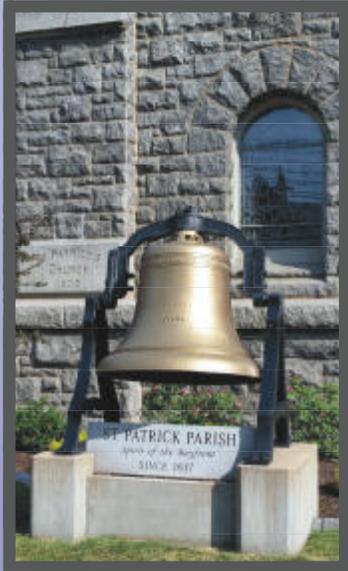
## Saint Patrick Parish

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Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday 8 AM

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5 PM

Sunday: 8 AM & 10:30 AM



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Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

#### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

Saturday Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Day Mass: 12:00 PM

### ***From the Pastor's Desk...***



Today is the Third Sunday of Lent. The Decalogue, commonly known as the Ten Commandments, is part of a larger collection of regulations known as the Covenant Code. These laws concern such matters as right conduct with slaves, theft, mistreatment of animals and religious requirements in general. The point of the Code is to ensure the proper functioning of the newly formed society of Israel now free of the Egyptians. At the forefront is how to understand their relationship with God. While in Egypt they were exposed to a multitude of gods, and now it is necessary for the Lord to make it clear that he alone is God. Thus, he reveals that he, and he alone, is responsible for their deliverance from the Egyptians. He makes it clear that their relationship will have lasting consequences. We are then exposed to the sanctity of the Sabbath which harkens back to God's original creation, when perfect order triumphed over chaos. Keeping the sabbath is an opportunity for them to honor God's name by seeking to put things back together the way he intended them. For instance, by not working on the sabbath, humans once again show the beauty of the creator. God is showing that keeping his laws is not a restriction but rather a way of discovering true freedom.

Corinth was a community deeply divided and Paul is again warning them to avoid ranking one another according to the various gifts they have been given, such as prophecy, speaking in tongues, and healing. All gifts are to be directed to the one body of Christ, the Church. He points out how the scandal of the cross is a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles.

The second chapter of John contains two dramatic examples of divine power displayed in Christ. First, the wedding at Cana, the inaugural miracle in John's gospel. This is followed by Jesus cleansing the temple. While the Jews think he is talking about the destruction of the physical temple, Jesus is foretelling his death and resurrection. The Jews in John's gospel require more to understand; they are incapable of seeing that Jesus views the world different than them. Both

*From the Pastor's Desk continued...*

of these events hint at key factors of the human heart which the kingdom seeks to overturn, namely fear and greed. The guests at Cana were afraid the wine was running out while the money changers greedily took advantage of pilgrims.

During the month of January our parish Food Pantry served 437 families. We distributed 7,945 pounds of food at a cost to the parish of \$454.51.

If you go to our parish webpage and click on Church History you will find a 15 minute video on the history of the parish as well as the story of the building of the present church.

Pope Francis has named a French nun, Sister Nathalie Becquart, as undersecretary of the Rome-based secretariat of the Synod of Bishops. In her new post, she will be the first woman ever to have the right to vote in the Synod of Bishops. The theme for the 2022 Synod is decision-making in the church. He also changed the rule that only ordained men can vote in the Synod and appointed a non-ordained religious brother to the Synod. The appointment of Sister Becquart is seen as another step by Pope Francis to bring women into the central governance of the church.

It appears that our wedding season again this year will be under the restrictions of Covid and causes us to make some changes in the way the ceremony is conducted. Seating is limited to 1/3 of the church and each bridal couple have been given a map of the church, noting where seating is permitted and are asked that prior to their wedding, they assign seats to their guests. Members of the wedding party can remove their masks for procession but put them on when in their seats. The bride and groom can remain without masks.

A lawyer who had a wife and 12 children had to move from his present rental home. When he said that he had 12 children, no one would rent to him because they felt that many children would destroy a place. Eventually, he sent his wife for a walk in the cemetery with 11 of his children. He took the remaining one with him to see rental homes. When he identified one he loved, he was asked, "How many children do you have?" He answered, "Twelve." The rental agent asked him, "Where are the others?" The lawyer put on his best sad look and replied, "They're in the cemetery with their mother." And he got the rental place!!!



## Saint Patrick News



*The Sanctuary Lamp*  
burns in loving memory of  
*Norma Kalie, 50th Wedding Anniversary*  
from husband, Jim

### LITURGY INTENTIONS

- March 6** *Saturday, Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent*  
5:00 PM MARIAN BORKOWSKI (PAT ANTONOPLOS)
- March 7** *Third Sunday of Lent*  
8:00 AM NANCY & JACK DWYER (BILL & LYNN GRANT)  
10:30 AM ALFRED SOKOLOWSKI (FAMILY)
- March 8** *Monday, Lenten Weekday*  
8:00 AM KATIE ABBOTT (MOM AND ELLI)
- March 9** *Tuesday, Lenten Weekday*  
8:00 AM TIM SMITH (SR. MARIE)
- March 10** *Wednesday, Lenten Weekday*  
8:00 AM MITCHELL MACK (NANCY MACK)
- March 11** *Thursday, Lenten Weekday*  
8:00 AM JEANNE TUZNIK (ESTATE)
- March 12** *Friday, Lenten Weekday*  
NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
- March 13** *Saturday, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
5:00 PM DAVID TEUBERT (FAMILY)
- March 14** *Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
8:00 AM KATHERYN ANGELOTTI (FAMILY)  
10:30 AM PATRICK MIKULA (PAUL & SALLY IESUE)

### Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Minister: Jay Habas, Carol Habas

**Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 8:00 am**

Lector: Lisa Straub

Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Straub, Noelle Colpoys

**Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Christine Mitchell

Eucharistic Minister: Ed Smith, Tom Golab

### Stewardship

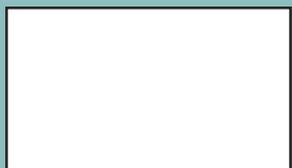
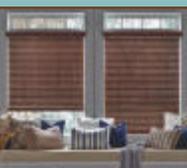
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Online Giving	<u>4,397.50</u>
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