

# ST. KIERAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 7, 2021: The Third Sunday of Lent



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a



# Mallia's Moments

A Gospel reflection from Father Joe and an update on upcoming events happening around the parish

Most people have heard of the ten commandments and not just the movie, but I would venture a guess and say that most people do not know them by heart. Our inability to recall these simple laws which God has given us is a problem even as it concerns our ability to properly examine our conscience when preparing to go to confession.

The first reading for today's Mass is the retelling of how God gave the commandments to Moses. The first three commandments deal directly with our relationship with God. The Lord decrees that he is God, the God who saved them from the bonds of slavery. God did not want the people confusing the issue. God then said, *because I have proven that I am God by showing you that I am greater than the false gods, I don't want you to put those false gods before me.* In fact, God tells the people to *not create images of the false gods of Egypt in an attempt to replace me or to attribute to them the things that I have done.*

The second commandment tells us not to take the name of the Lord in vain. This is a furthering of the first commandment and the third commandment is to allow our lives to be guided by a spirit of gratitude to God. Thankful to all that the Lord has done and continues to do, we should take the time to worship God and further to rest from our labors. God knows that we could just keep going without stopping, but God also knows what that will do to our minds, bodies and spirits. Now, with very little effort, we see the results of not taking time to worship God or to rest our bodies, minds and spirits. The third commandment is about more than just not working, it is also about worshipping and allowing our souls to be revived. If things are getting stressful for you, ask yourself, are you following the third commandment?

The next seven commandments all deal with how we are to relate and treat the people of our lives. Honoring your father and mother is not about agreeing with them in everything or just blindly doing what they say. Honoring is the practice of respect. In today's world, often "friends" are given priority over family. Older generations are seen as burdens. We forget how much they did so that we had the opportunities we had. Our failure to be grateful and mindful of our elders is tied into the first commandment. We forget what God has done and so we place other things before him; we forget about the sacrifice of our elders and we place others and other things before them.

The fifth commandment reminds us that killing is inherently evil. The giving of life and the taking of life belongs to the Lord alone. Our call to protect and respect all life is not up for discussion really. Our attempts to justify the taking of any life and at any point is hallow. As children of God, our responsibility is to respect every life, in all its forms, at all its stages without exception.

Respect! At the heart of the law of God is this central understanding. Our respect of God leads us to not place other things before him. Respect calls us not to misuse his name and to give him due worship. Respect guides us in our relationship to our parents, to not killing, to not coveting the spouses of others or their possessions or being jealous of what they have attained. Respect also applies to not stealing and not lying.

In our world today, often the call to respect is based upon an understanding of entitlement to that respect from others first. God makes respect not something you are due but our basic stance in the world. I will respect God and others, even if people do not respect me back in return, because even in that case, I am showing due respect to the creation of God.

That failure to live by the basic tenant of respect is why Jesus gets upset in the Temple. There was an appropriate place to hold the market, but because of the crowd, the sellers encroached upon the space that was reserved for God alone. The market was more important than God. The failure to abide by respect of God, place, time and others was a symbol of the total lack of respect that was found in the culture at the time of Jesus and in our time as well.

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE REQUESTING PRAYER

*Names will remain on our sick list for 6 weeks. After 6 weeks contact the Parish Office if you wish to place the name back on the list. Names will remain on our military list for 1 year.*

### SICK LIST

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JoAnn Gozdor  
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**MALLIA'S MOMENTS (continued)**

God loved us first. God loved us into being and God loved us into salvation. It is God's love for us that serves as the model and the source of God's command to live lives of respect on our part. Jesus puts all these commands into two commandments by telling us to love God and to love neighbor as ourselves. Love and Respect are symbiotic words. You can't have love without respect and you can't have respect without love.

Through the course of the week, I would encourage you to learn the ten commandments, not simply to know them, but to see them as a source for personal reflection and to examine our conscience based upon the call to live lives of love and respect. God bless you all.

**Upcoming Letter to All Parishioners**

I will be sending out a letter to all registered households shortly. If you are not registered and have been attending our parish, I would urge you to take the time to register today. If you are an adult but still registered under your parent's name but do not live at home, I would suggest that you register on your own as well. This is not about "getting envelopes" but about having an accurate record of who is part of our parish. Thank you.

**Young Adult Gathering – Verso l'Alto**

Just a reminder that this Wednesday, March 10th at 7 pm, we will be having our next young adult gathering here at the church. We are continuing to hold them at the church so that we can assure social distancing and accommodate more people. If you have been attending or have never attended, you are most welcome to attend. We provide the dinner, you provide your own drink. We will be learning about an American priest whose life serves as a real source of inspiration. Hope you can attend.

**Mass Options**

Even though we are doing our best to provide everyone with an opportunity to attend Mass safely, some people are still hesitant to come to Mass. My suggestion is that if you are still uncomfortable with gathering at Mass that you attend Mass in your car by watching it on Facebook at 9:30 am but then come into church to receive the Eucharist. My hope is that more people start to make the shift away from being virtually present to being fully present to the Eucharist as we move forward.  
Have a great week.



Deacon  
Russ  
Reflects



March 7th is the feast day of two young women martyrs who through their strong faith, and their willingness to die for it, serve as an inspiration to the early Christians and those throughout all of history. Saints Perpetua and Felicity are called out by name in the first Eucharistic prayer that we hear at Mass. While awaiting execution, Perpetua kept a diary. Along with an eyewitness's account of her death, it is one of the oldest, most reliable histories of a martyr's sufferings.

The events Perpetua recorded, took place in Carthage, Africa, in the year 202, when the Emperor Severus issued a law forbidding anyone to be baptized a Christian. Describing her period of captivity, she wrote: "What a day of horror! Terrible heat, owing to the crowds! Rough treatment by the soldiers! To crown all, I was tormented with anxiety for my baby.... Such anxieties I suffered for many days, but I obtained leave for my baby to remain in the prison with me, and being relieved of my trouble and anxiety for him, I at once recovered my health, and my prison became a palace to me and I would rather have been there than anywhere else."

On the day of their execution, the soon-to-be martyrs left their prison "joyfully as though they were on their way to heaven," and entered the arena. First attacked by a rabid heifer, the young women were grievously injured, and then momentarily removed from the arena until gladiators were brought in to conclude the "day's spectacle." The executioners carried out their duties quickly, though Perpetua had to guide the gladiator's sword to her throat, after he first struck a bone instead of a vein. As the report states, "Perhaps such a woman... could not die unless she herself had willed it." The vivid description of their deaths was so moving, that it was faithfully preserved down through the centuries. Apart from the New Testament writings themselves, only a few documents from the early Church pre-date the narrative of these two martyrs.

In the face of imprisonment, ridicule, torture, and pain, these two women clung to their identity as Christians - accepting death rather than a return to paganism. May our faith today be as strong as was theirs! "Saints Perpetua and Felicity, we pray that you watch over all mothers and children who are separated from each other because of war or persecution. Show a special care to mothers who are imprisoned, and guide them to follow your example of faith and courage."

Hope to see you at Mass!

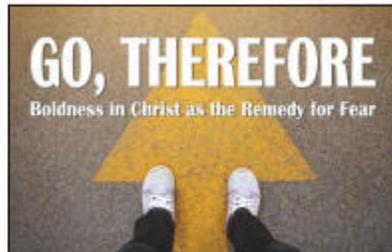
Peace,

Deacon Russ

# Living <sup>THE</sup> Faith

**THIS WEEK IN FAITH FORMATION:**  
 First Eucharist celebrations will be starting at the end of April. Families have chosen their dates and Mass times. Public celebration is how sacraments are meant to be. We can all feel the joy of those children when they meet Jesus in the Eucharist. Keep them in your prayers as they finish their preparation.

**NORTH MACOMB  
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 LENTEN MISSION  
 March 13-16, 2021**



*In-person or livestream*

March 13th 9:30am-12:00pm Christian Service Dropoff Day  
 March 14th 7:00pm St. Lawrence, Fr. John Riccardo  
 March 15th 7:00pm St. John Vianney, Fr. Steve Pullis  
 March 16th 7:00pm St. Therese of Lisieux, Closing Mass, Bp. Robert Fisher

See Information Desk for more details.



**ENCOUNTER  
 GROW  
 WITNESS**

**52 SUNDAYS . . .**

**Liturgy Link**—In the time of Jesus, the temple was the most important of Jewish buildings because God was present there in a special way. Today, Jesus is present in a special way in the Eucharist, which is reserved in the tabernacle. Find the tabernacle in our church.

**Family Challenge**—Today’s Gospel invites us to reflect on the quality of our worship and prayer at home. Create and decorate a prayer space in your home that is dedicated to prayer and worship of God. Invite family members to use this space throughout the week and beyond.

Envelopes for Easter Flower donations are available at the information desk.  
 Please return to the parish office by Sunday, March 14th.  
 You may also make your memorial donation online through our website [www.stkieran.org](http://www.stkieran.org)  
 Thank you.

## The Gospel For All Ages...Family Catechesis

Take the Challenge!

*Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25*



**About the Gospel:**

Jesus does not like injustice or bad actions. In today’s Gospel, he is not happy with the people who are using the Temple for profit rather than for love of God. He says the Temple will be destroyed and built again in three days, but he is talking about himself!

**Discussion Starters:**

- How do you prepare for the day most of these will run dry?
- What angers young people your age the most?
- Why does Jesus chase the merchants and moneychangers out of the Temple courtyard?

**In Church:**

Put some money in the Sunday collection to help people in need.

**Family Prayer:**

Holy Spirit, show us how to let go of things we do not need. Amen.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Offered every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm.

- March 12
- March 19
- March 26



**SKY**  
Saint Kieran Youth

What does tying balloons around your ankle and trying to squash other's balloons have to do with Lent or forgiveness? Turns out, a lot. We talked and prayed about both during our last SKY gathering. This Sunday, March 7, SKY will attend 11:30 am mass together. We sit together in the section over from the altar servers. After mass, we will be participating in a service opportunity in the gym. All teens are welcome to join. Any questions about SKY, please contact Jenny Greuling (Youth Minister) at 586-781-5759 ext. 119.

**A.S.K.S.**  
Active St. Kieran Seniors

**Verso L'alto**  
Saint Kieran Young Adults

Our next Young Adult gathering will be this Wednesday, March 10 at 7:00 pm. We will meet at St. Kieran, in The Blessed Solanus Casey Room. Join us by yourself or bring a friend. All young adults 18-40 are welcome. The St. Kieran Kickball League is moving along with planning. We are trying to secure a field, weekly, starting in June. Start putting your teams together, and if you want to join us, but don't have a team, we will put you in in one. Anyone graduated high school is welcome to join. We are looking for volunteers to help with schedules and referee. Are you a Catholic, young adult, looking to connects with others? Do you have ideas about getting Catholic young adults together and finding a space for them? Please contact Jenny Greuling with any ideas. 586-781-5759 ext.119 .

"Lunch Around the World" returns. Mark your calendars: Thursday, March 18, at 12:30 pm is lunch at Ike's, and Thursday, April 22 at 12:30 pm is lunch at the Polish Cultural Center. If you are interested in joining, please contact Cheryl Pietraszewski (586)-246-6389. "First Friday Breakfasts" are coming back too! Friday, April 2 will be the group's first monthly breakfast back at Marcus Grill. Meet at 9:30 am. Thanks to all that have been "poppin in" for "Monday Movies with Munchies". We have watched some great movies, met some new people, and munched away. Starting in March, this event will be offered once a month on the second Monday of each month. Our next movie will be offered Monday, March 8 at 2:00 pm in the Blessed Carlo Acutis room. We will be watching UP, an animated movie about a 78-year-old balloon salesman who is about to fulfill a lifelong dream. Tying thousands of balloons to his house, he flies away to the South American wilderness. But Carl's worst nightmare comes true when he discovers a stowaway aboard: a Boy Scout named Russell. Join us by reserving a seat. This is a free event. Any questions, please contact Jenny Greuling, Senior Adult Ministry 586-781-5759 ext. 119 or jenny@stkieran.org.

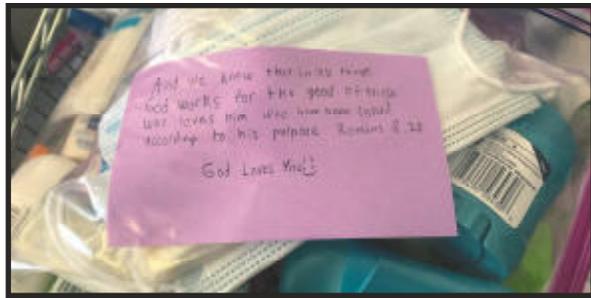
# Christian Service Matters

*Christian Service: the act of doing things for God with a willingness in the heart.*



## ST. KIERAN DONATES HYGIENE KITS FOR THE HOMELESS

On January 16, 2021, our Faith Formation families were asked to donate travel-size hygiene items at the “pick up party” for their new Gospel Weeklies.



We received an overwhelming response and on February 7, the SKY group donated additional items and assembled them into individual kits that could be distributed to the homeless in Detroit through our St. Al’s ministry. SKY also included an uplifting note in each kit. Parishioner Chris Corneau, from our St. Al’s group, spoke to the SKY group about the needs of the homeless and how St. Kieran helps with our sandwich ministry and answered questions from the group. Sixty-five kits were assembled and the St. Al’s group took them to Detroit for distribution. GREAT TEAMWORK EVERYONE!!!!



## Christian Service Day

**Saturday, March 13 9:30am - 12pm**

The North Macomb Vicariate Lenten project for this year is “Blessings for Baby”. We will come together on this day to collect baby items for the **Agape Center** pantry to support local families in need.

Items requested include:

- diaper wipes, diapers (size 5 & 6) and baby wash

Just bring any of these items to our parish on March 13 between the hours of 9:30am and 12pm. Volunteers are needed to help accept the donations and deliver them to the Agape Center. Please contact Fran Zajac, 586-781-4942 ext 123, [fran@stkieran.org](mailto:fran@stkieran.org) to help.

*Thank you for your generosity!*



# Knights Corner

## Prayer before going to work OR anywhere.

Look, God, I'm about to go to work. But I'm not really too anxious. I'd rather be somewhere else, like a nice beach, or a show, or out under the green trees.

But I've got to go to work and I'm hoping you will go with me. Kind of give me new strength and a lift so that I can do my best.

Help me to face all the unpleasant things as well as to do my best with those people who get under my skin; you know, the petty, jealous, self-centered.

OK, I know, I'm that way too; and that's why I'm praying to You --so I won't be. Just stick by, in my words, in my thought's in my hands, and in my words; so when my day ends, I will know it has been a good day.

Amen



## Upcoming Marriages

Tyler Ryman & Elizabeth McGowan



## Stewardship Reflections

*Pray. Share. Give.*

*“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything...” - Exodus 20:4*

How many “gods” do you put before God?

“Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God’s help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.



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4. Create your account.

It's that simple! If you have questions, please call the office at 586.781.4901. Thank you for your support of the parish.

***Buried in Christ***

Thursday, February 4, 2021

*Laura Lazarevich (85)*

Survived by her 4 children,  
5 grandchildren & 1 great grandchild

Friday, February 5, 2021

*Liliana Benincasa (91)*

Survived by her 4 children  
& 7 grandchildren

Friday, February 5, 2021

*Michelle DeTomaso (49)*

Survived by her father, Franklin,  
brother & many nieces and nephews

Saturday, February 6, 2021

*Albert Prill, Jr. (85)*

Survived by 6 children,  
23 grandchildren & 22 great grandchildren

Monday, February 15, 2021

*Joan C. Davis (90)*

Survived by her 3 children,  
7 grandchildren & 13 great grandchildren

Saturday, February 20, 2021

*Ernest W. Nofz (83)*

Survived by his children,  
19 grandchildren & 25 great grandchildren

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

*Truman Wendt (88)*

Survived by his wife, Mary (Kitty),  
4 children, 11 grandchildren &  
3 great grandchildren

**3D SUNDAY OF LENT**



**Confirmation for Adults**

Are you an Adult who has been Baptized, received Eucharist,  
are active in the Church but never been Confirmed?

We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Kieran at the  
Easter Vigil Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 8:30pm

Please Contact Pat Radacsy at 566-791-4942 ext 114 for more information.

WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE—MARCH 13/14, 2021

Day/Time	Saturday 4:30 pm	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Mass Intentions	Betty Lou Lewandowski (10th Anniversary) & William Uhl (15th Anniversary) By Susan Uhl & Daniel Lewandowski ----- All Deceased Members of the Prendushi Family By Margarite Prendushi	Liliana Benincasa By Donald & Virginia Wieme ----- For the "Special" Intention of Liert Prendushi By Margarite Prendushi	Dennis "Pat" David By Family ----- Robert Marks By Patricia Campagna	Robert & Joan Kessler By Their Children ----- Betty Ryan By Josephine Brown
Music	As Assigned	As Assigned	As Assigned	As Assigned
Lectors	Pam DeClercq Gary Miglio	Bev Jakubowski Eddie Yago	Darlene Garcia Enzo Paglia	Maria Kayser Ken Mehr
Altar Servers	Team 12	Team 13	Team 1	Team 2

WEEKDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

MARCH 8-12, 2021

Monday 7:00 pm Mass  Lector: Pam DeClercq	Dennis "Pat" David by Family Frank Ferrara by Archie McIntyre Charles R. Ashmore by The Ashmore Family Robert & Florence Ashmore by The Ashmore Family Ronald & Trudy Ashmore by The Ashmore Family Walley & Betty Ashmore by The Ashmore Family Vincent & Mary Koral by The Ashmore Family Vincent, Sophia & Frances Kowalczyk by The Ashmore Family Gerald Koral by The Ashmore Family
Tuesday 8:00 am Mass	
Wednesday 8:00 am Mass	Dennis "Pat" David by Friends
Thursday 8:00 am Mass	Martha Zubillaga by Yolanda Fernandez
Friday 8:00 am Mass	

**St Kieran 6-Week Grief Support Series**

The death of a loved one can be very difficult for many persons. To help cope with the emotions and other issues often experienced following loss, St. Kieran is offering a 6-week Bereavement Support Series. All sessions are coordinated by a trained facilitator and will be held in the Blessed Carlo Acutis Room at St. Kieran Church, 53600 Mound Road, Shelby Twp., on **Sundays from 1pm to 3pm** on the following dates:

**April 11, 18 & 25, May 2, 16 & 23**

To register for the series, please contact Rose Patterson @ 586-876-1270.

There is no charge for the series.

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**January Baptisms**  
 Scarlett Paige & Brielle Elise Szmatala  
 Daughters of Brian and Jenna (Butterworth) Szmatala

**February Baptisms**  
 Greta Marie Hegler  
 Daughter of Andrew and Dana (Ciccone) Hegler  
 Lydia Rose Weidner  
 Daughter of Jeffrey and Angela (Markowicz) Weidner

## Daily Readings for the Week of 3/7

**Sunday:** Gn Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/ Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/ Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42  
**Psalm 19: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life**  
**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30  
**Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8 -9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35  
**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]/Mt 5:17-19  
**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23  
**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34  
**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14  
**Next 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  
**Psalm 137: Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you**

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