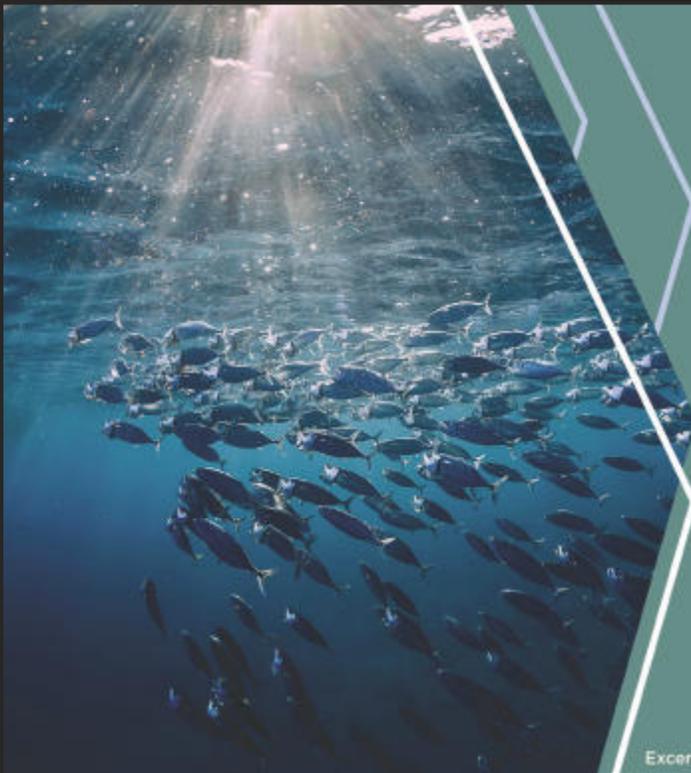


ST. KIERAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 14, 2021: The Fourth Sunday of Lent



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

- Jn 3:20-21

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MALLIA'S MOMENTS

People generally see a person being stubborn as a bad thing, unless of course they are referring to themselves, in which case it is supposed to be seen as a good thing. Even if it is seen as a bad thing, it is usually downplayed by saying, "well, I'm only a little stubborn".

Being stubborn is actually never a good thing. We should be firm in our beliefs and our values, but being stubborn is the refusal to be open to the possibility that I could be wrong. The entrenchment of my views does not allow me to see other perspectives and closes me off even to God. My views rather than the truth become the most important thing. That is why I find myself scratching my head when I hear people talk about searching out "like minded people". That kind of approach to life caused people to decry those who thought the world was round as heretics. Being stubborn is born from fear and not conviction.

The world has not changed much since the time people first appeared on the earth. There have always been people, even in leadership, who defiantly hold to their position even in spite of information to the contrary. The Gospel tells us that we must be born again, to see things in a new way if we are going to accept what Jesus was proclaiming. Otherwise, we remain like the people in the first reading who added sin upon sin. As the old saying goes, if we find ourselves in a hole, stop digging!

Unfortunately, people do not stop, they dig deeper. Instead of recognizing the need for God, they turn further away. Instead of stopping patterns of sin, they deny that the action is a sin and justify their behaviors. But, the passages today are trying to tell us that God is seeking to break that pattern in our lives. God desires all of us to not be so stubborn that we remain in our sin or separated from him.

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Mallia's Moments

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

A few weeks ago, I spoke about this being a time of restoration. But restoration only happens when we are willing to tear away the old and enhance the original beauty. Nothing is restored when someone says, "oh, its good enough the way it is". Are we good enough the way we are? Do we remain stubborn in our sinfulness and not seek forgiveness? Are we willing to stay in the same place in our faith rather than seek our original beauty?

We are now about halfway through the Lenten season. This is a good time to reflect upon how well we have done since we first began this holy time. Stagnation is not an option or a path to holiness. When God is offering us to be restored, to be forgiven, do we stand before the Lord like a petulant child saying, "I won't do it and you can't make me" or do we fall before the Lord in humility and ask him to make us whole again. Have a great week of Lent.

Upcoming Holy Week Schedule:

It is a good time to begin to make plans on how you will celebrate Holy Week this year, especially since last year we were not able to gather for this most sacred time. Palm Sunday Masses are scheduled as the normal weekend Masses. We will be handing out palms at the beginning of Mass. The liturgy starts with the blessing of palms and the proclamation of the Gospel at the back of the church. We will also be reading the passion during Mass, but there is no homily that day, so please do not leave early though Mass may go a few minutes longer than normal.

Holy Thursday is a special liturgy with Mass starting at 7 pm. There is no morning Mass that day. During this Mass, we recall the Lord's Last Supper and we participate in the symbolic gesture of the washing of a foot. Often this is done with twelve people being selected to come up to have a foot washed by the priest. My view on this is that as the pastor, my role is to be willing to serve all people and in turn call all people to serve. That is why I invite anyone who is there at that Mass to come forward and honor me by allowing me to wash their foot. This is a very solemn time of the liturgy and is not taken lightheartedly by me. If you have never shared in this action, I invite you to consider it this year.

The liturgy ends differently than normal. There is in fact no closure to this Mass. The liturgies of these three days are in fact one Mass. After the Eucharist has been distributed, instead of putting the ciborium in the tabernacle, we will process with it to the chapel where an altar of repose will be set up for private prayer and adoration until 10:00 pm. Even if you do not come to Mass, please consider coming for some time in prayer with the Lord.

Since it is one continuous liturgy, there is no actual beginning or ending to our prayer on Good Friday. We will open the church at 11 am for private prayer. At noon, we will pray the stations of the cross. At 1 pm we will reflect on the last words of Jesus as he hung upon the cross. At 2 pm we will pray the rosary and begin the Divine Mercy Novena and finally at 3 pm, we will begin the traditional liturgy of the Lord's Passion.

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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.

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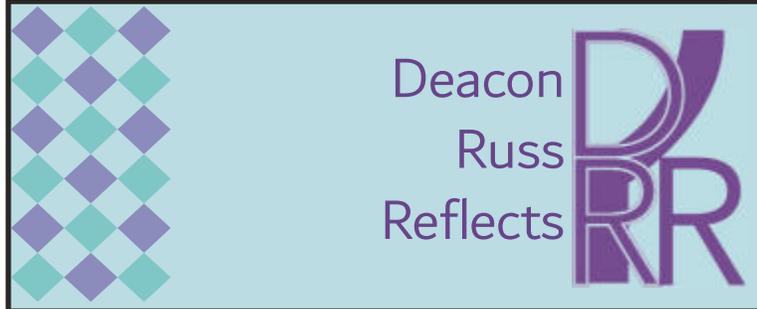
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Jacob Risner-A
Patrick Roberts-A
Scott Socia-AF*

MALLIA'S MOMENTS *(continued)*

The Easter Vigil is celebrated on Saturday evening at 8:30 pm. Please note the time of the Mass that night. There is no 4:30 pm Mass that day and yes, this mass "counts" for Sunday just like every vigil mass counts. This liturgy is unlike any Mass of the year. We begin by recalling that Christ is the light of the world and then begin a long series of biblical readings telling how God created the world, how sin entered the world, how God sought to bring his people back and finally about how we are restored through the glory of the Resurrection. Having reflected upon what is referred to as Salvation History, we undertake the process to welcome new members in to the faith and then welcome them to the table of the Eucharist as we have for nearly 2000 years! Now, this can't be done in an hour and we should not try to "shorten" it up. There are no short cuts through the story, so if you come, plan on being at Mass for about 2 ½ hours. You simply won't regret it.

On Easter Sunday, Masses will be said at 8 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am. There will be two Masses said at 9:30 and 11:30 both in church and the gym. If you are hesitant about entering the church building still at this time, we will live stream both of those Masses so that you can watch them from your car, but still enter the church for the reception of the Eucharist. Our goal is to make sure that everyone can receive communion on Easter this year.

I look forward to sharing these days with you and encourage you to let others know about how we are celebrating Holy Week this year. God bless you all.



As most of us know, March 17th is St. Patrick's Day – the day we ALL are Irish! But the feast of St. Patrick is more than just green beer, shamrocks, and corned beef and cabbage meals. It is a celebration of the life of a great evangelizing saint who originated from a country other than Ireland. Saint Patrick was actually born in Roman Britain in the fifth century. When he was a teenager, he was captured by Irish raiders and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. It was during this time, that he discovered his own faith, finding strength through his relationship with God.

Saint Patrick's enslavement lasted for six years until he had a dream in which he was told to escape by going by way of the coast. He successfully made it back to Britain, but after a few years, he had a vision in which a man came to him from Ireland and gave him a letter with the heading "The Voice of the Irish." In his spiritual autobiography, the Confessio, Saint Patrick said that, at that moment, he heard the Irish people crying out, "We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us."

It led Patrick to further his education and study for the priesthood. He would later be ordained a bishop and was appointed as successor to Saint Palladius, the first bishop of Ireland. Saint Patrick spent the rest of his life bringing the Good News of the Gospel to the people of Ireland, which was a pagan country at the time. He is believed to have used the three leaves of the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity, and the shamrock remains associated with the saint and the Trinity to this day.

The prayer "Breastplate" is attributed to Saint Patrick. It reads in part: "Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger." Saint Patrick died on March 17, 461. He is now the patron saint of Ireland and is known as the Apostle of Ireland. St. Patrick, like you, may we hear the call to which God wants us to serve his people. Pray for us!

Hope to see you at Mass!

Peace,

Deacon Russ

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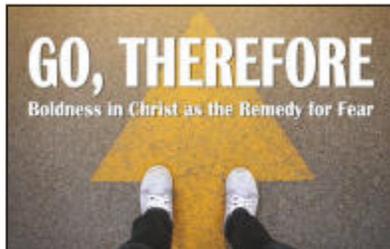
THIS WEEK IN FAITH FORMATION:
 Faith Formation young people have added one extra Hail Mary and one extra Our Father to their prayers for Lent. Won't you join them in stepping up your Lenten prayer life?

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 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.



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52 SUNDAYS . . .

Family Fun—Flashlight Tag

To remember that Jesus is the light shining in the darkness, play a game of flashlight tag. When it starts to get dark, select one person to be “It.” The person who is “It” gets a flashlight and counts to 50 with their eyes closed. While he or she is counting, everyone else hides. When the person is finished counting, he or she has to find the others by shining the flashlight on them. The next person who becomes “It” is either the first or the last person found.

Remember that March 19th is the Feast Day of St. Joseph! We often forget about this silent hero; he took great care of Blessed Mother and the Child Jesus. This year has been declared as the Year of St. Joseph by Pope Francis. Happy feast day to Fr. Joe and all the Joseph's in our parish!

The Gospel For All Ages...Family Catechesis

Take the Challenge!

2 Chronicles 36:14-17, 19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 23:14-21



About the Gospel

We often see this Gospel verse on banners at sporting events: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...” (John 3:16). Jesus tells us he is the light and he comes to save us. This is a passage of hope and salvation.

To Discuss

How can you reflect the light of Christ to others?
 When have you heard something that changed your way of seeing?
 What does God want for the world?

In Church

Find the sanctuary lamp It is a reminder that Christ is present in the tabernacle. Genuflect or bow to show Jesus your love and respect.

Family Prayer

Lord, keep us close to the light of Christ and help us avoid the darkness.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Offered every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm.

March 19

March 26



SKY
Saint Kieran Youth

Last week, SKY continued their Lenten journey of thinking/praying about forgiveness. When the evening began, we had strips of material tied around our wrists, legs, and some people even had their hands tied behind their backs. These binds represented the things we carry around that we need to ask for forgiveness about AND those things that others have done to us that we are holding on to in our hearts. We talked about how the ties represent “wrongs” that need forgiving and all of parallels between the two. Many of us tried to “release” some of those wrongs, and then we untied the binds. It was great. Choosing forgiveness doesn’t mean that the wounds will suddenly vanish. All healing takes time. Choosing forgiveness means you’ve decided to begin the healing process. SKY meets tonight, March 14 at 7:00 pm All teens are welcome to join. Any questions about SKY, please contact Jenny Greuling (Youth Minister) at 586-781-5759 ext. 119

ATTENTION ALL TEENS:
Every Wednesday, from 3:00-4:30 pm, the White Room is open to all teenagers looking for a safe space to do homework or socialize with each other. There is no need to register for this. Just drop in/drop by. Masks must be worn. Even if you are a teen who has not attended SKY, you are welcome. This is not a SKY event, it is a teen opportunity. Any questions, call Jenny Greuling, Youth Minister 586-781-5759 ext. 119

Verso L’alto
Saint Kieran Young Adults

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

Thanks to everyone who joined us last week when the Young Adult group gathered at St. Kieran. Our next get together will be Wednesday, April 14. The St. Kieran Kickball League is moving along with planning. We are trying to secure a field, weekly, starting in June. Anyone who has 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” is returning. Mark your calendars: Thursday, March 18, at 12:30 p.m. is lunch at Ike’s, and Thursday, April 22 at 12:30 p.m. 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 everyone that joined us for last week’s “Monday Movie with Munchies”. Our next movie will be offered Monday, April 12 at 2:00 p.m. in the Blessed Carlo Acutis room. The movie will be determined/ announced soon. Any questions about A.S.K.S., 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.



Knights Corner

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Saturday, March 20 – 10 am – SS John & Paul Gym

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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

Received the Sacrament of Marriage

Tyler Ryman & Elizabeth McGowan

Stewardship Reflections

Pray. Share. Give.



"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

The Knights of Columbus invite you to participate in praying the Rosary every Sunday afternoon at 1:00pm via ZOOM Meeting. We have been gathering this way for several months, and thought now would be an ideal time to invite parish families and friends to join us. Please sign in at:

zoom.us/join with Meeting ID 160 781 160 and the password is 704979.

We recommend that you login 5-10 minutes prior to the start time to get situated. The subject note for the meeting will indicate K of C Family Rosary. Our intentions are for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life, an end to abortion, world peace and prayers for the sick and those in need. Hope to see and hear from more of you on Sunday afternoons.

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.



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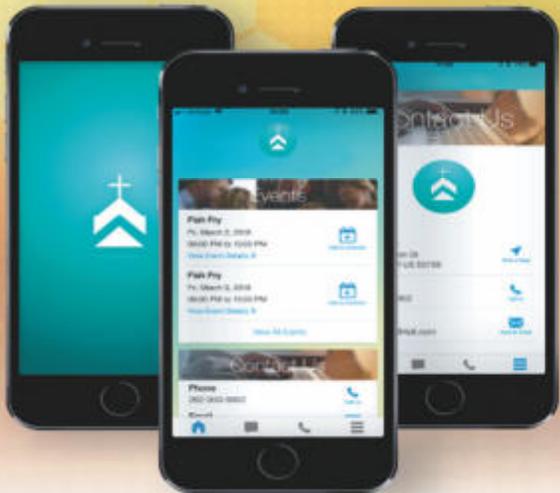
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Think about it. Thank you for your support of the parish.

"The Lenten journey on which we embark today only makes sense in the light of the goal that lies at the end of that road. The call to repentance which we hear in the season of Lent must be shaped by the clear conviction about why we are called to repent—called so that we can fulfill our destiny to be the Father's own adopted sons and daughters, to be by grace what Jesus is by nature. While it's accurate to say that we're made for Heaven, that might seem bland unless we testify to the marvel of what Heaven is: sharing in the life of the Holy Trinity forever."

Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron

February 17, 2021



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WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE—MARCH 20/21, 2021

Day/Time	Saturday 4:30 pm	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Mass Intentions	Ronald Selden By His wife, Carolyn & Family ----- James Courtney By David Gensor ----- Robert DeCraene By Family & Friends	For the "Special" Intention of Lucas Cauley By Steve & Michele Schaller	For the "Special" Intention of Arthur & Deborah McNabney (51st Wedding Anniversary) ----- Edwin Eugene Gordon By Rob & Mary Peleman	Jackie Terranova By Family ----- James & Robert Deakin By Audrey Deakin
Music	Jeff Bednar	As Assigned	Mary Peleman	Angie Coyle
Lectors	Mary Phil Rose Roger Quitter	Joe Riggs Paula Ziegler	Monica Thimm Tom Valentine	Judy Poliskie Tom Petz
Altar Servers	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5	Team 6

WEEKDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

MARCH 15-19, 2021

Monday 7:00 pm Mass Lector: Ralph Engler	Sharon Winter by her father, Larry Geferer Brad J. Souva (2nd Anniversary) by Mom and Dad Stanley, Josephine, Mary & Stella Sowa by The Ashmore Family Frank, Shirley, Steven, Allen & Larry Suwinski by The Ashmore Family
Tuesday 8:00 am Mass	Michael Atkinson by St. Andrews/St. Vincent dePaul
Wednesday 8:00 am Mass	All deceased souls in purgatory by Margarite Prendushi
Thursday 8:00 am Mass	Barbara Pascoe by Janet Berry
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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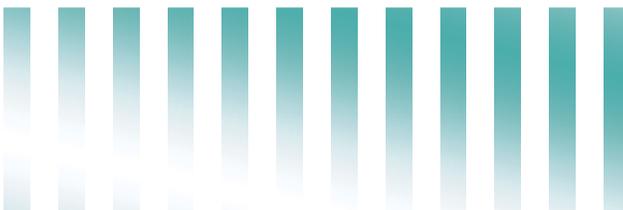


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Daily Readings for the Week of 3/14

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Psalm 137: Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Psalm 51: Create a clean heart in me, O God

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