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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

Most Rev. Charles J. McGuire, *Pastor* • Rev. Stephen McKenna, *Asst. Pastor*

Rev. Vili Lehtoranta, *Chap. to Oblates & School* • Rev. Thomas Simpson • Rev. Anthony Brueggemann



March 12, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT, PCD



¶ LENT III

Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM, with **Short Stations** at 11:15. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45.

¶ ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Friday is the feast of St. Patrick. The Lenten fast is traditionally dispensed on this day. *Please note, the Friday abstinence from meat still applies.* Celebrate by joining us for the festive High Mass at 11:25 AM, or for the Evening of Recollection with Mass at 5:45, supper, and Stations.

LOST

Grey tabby cat
Sunday, 3/5
Church parking lot
Name is "Dickens"
Any info, please call
Margaret Sutton
513-487-9118

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

- ☞ **Sodality Meeting:** March 18
- ☞ **St. Joseph's Feast & Table for the Poor:** Monday, March 20
- ☞ **The Annunciation:** Saturday, March 25
- ☞ **Girls Camp:** June 27-29
- ☞ **Boys Camp:** July 25-27
- ☞ **YAG 2023:** July 7-9

Collection Report

Sunday, March 5th.....\$6,693.00
Second Collection.....\$2,566.00
Alter Christus.....\$187.00



Lumen Christi

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament during the next fortnight for the following intention:

For my sister Piera: special intention
(Daniela Mirani)

Wedding Banns

*First time: Andrew Kiernan &
Eliza DeRienzo*

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: LENT IV/LAETARE

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM, with **Short Stations** at 11:15. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Fourth Sunday of Lent, second collect of Our Lady & the Saints, third for the Living & the Dead. Preface of Lent.

FIRST COMMUNICANTS

First Confessions & Testing:

Saturday, April 22.

****Baptismal certificate must be already presented, and registration form completed by April 9th.
CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE
FOR THE NECESSARY FORM.****

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Fr. Dominic Radecki, Shannon Schwab, and the repose of the soul of †Sr. Mary Joseph.

¶ HELP NEEDED

Parishioner with weak arms wishes to hire 1 or 2 (young) men with stronger arms and backs to re-dig some drainage ditches on her property. Property is about half an hour east of church in Deerfield Township. Please call Mrs. Briggs at 513-375-9156 if interested and able. Thank you!

"O holy and Divine Spirit, eternal Love of the Father and the Son, be propitious to mine infancy." – St. Francis de Sales, "Treatise"

TO BE SAINTS IN THE MIDST OF THE WORLD

This temptation to forget our vocation of sanctity is not something recent. During St. Francis de Sales' life, in the 17th century, the idea prevailed that sanctity was reserved only for people who removed themselves from the world, entered into the religious life and shut themselves behind the cloisters of monasteries. However, "it is an error, if not heresy, to wish to banish the devout life from soldiers and sailors, mechanics and tradesmen, the statesman's office, or the home of married people.... Wherever we are, we can and should aspire to a perfect life." (*Introduction to the Devout Life*) This still remains true today. We must push aside all false pretexts of overwork or burnout and rediscover the true hierarchy of values. It is at the very heart of our life, in the midst of our activities that we must sanctify ourselves, not outside of our family or professional life, nor outside our leisure activities. To be saints is to blossom like Christ Who steers us towards total success in our lives. We all have, at the very depth of our beings, an ardent thirst for happiness, a very firm will to succeed. Do we have any doubts that only Christ can steer us to this happiness, to this success? He is the Savior.

— *Fifteen Days of Prayer with St. Francis de Sales*

O my soul, thou art able to know, love and long after God, why wilt thou take pleasure in anything short of Him? Thou canst aim at eternity, why wilt thou trifle away thine energies on time? It was one of the prodigal son's sorrows, that whereas he might have lived sumptuously at his father's table, he ate the coarse food of swine. My soul, thou art capable of seeking God; woe be to thee if thou restest in aught less. Raise your soul with this reflection, prove to it that it is immortal and worthy of eternity, and fill it, therefore, with courage.

— St. Francis de Sales

Lenten Friday Evening of Recollection – March 17th

5:45 PM Low Mass

6:45 PM Lenten Supper: *A fresh fruit & cheese tortellini cold salad, glazed carrots, corn, lettuce salad, rolls*

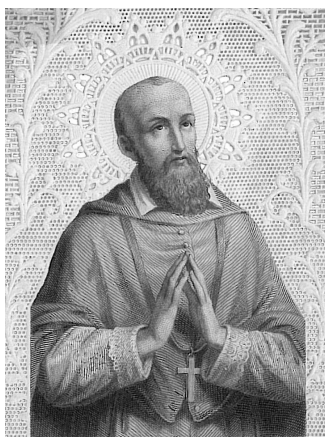
7:30 PM Stations of the Cross, Sorrowful Mother Novena, Blessing of the Sick, Benediction

8:30 PM (approx.) Distribution of Holy Communion



BOOKSTORE NEWS

New books have arrived for Lenten reading including several titles by St. Francis de Sales. Enrich your devotions this Lent by following along with the Bishop's topic of this wonderful saint. The lighted display will highlight several of his works. Many other subjects are also available. If the door is open, come in and browse. We will try to have more hours during Lent.



THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

Whene'er across this sinful flesh of mine

I draw the Holy Sign,
All good thoughts stir within me, and renew

Their slumbering strength divine;
Till there springs up a courage high and true
To suffer and to do.

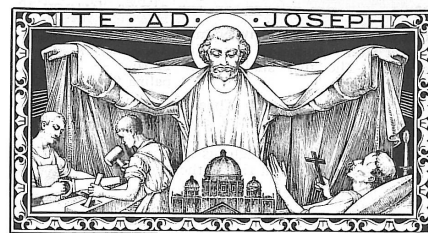
And who shall say, but hateful spirits around,

For their brief hour unbound,
Shudder to see, and wail their overthrow?

While on far heathen ground
Some lonely Saint hails the fresh odor, though

Its source he cannot know?

— John Henry Newman



TO SAINT JOSEPH

St. Joseph, when the day was done
And all your work put by,
You saw the stars come one by one
Out in the violet sky.

You did not know the stars by name,
But there sat on your knee
One Who had made the light and flame
And all things bright that be.

You heard with Him birds in the tree
Twitter "Good-night" o'erhead,
The Maker of the world must see
His little ones to bed.

And when the darkness settled round,
To Him your prayers were said;
No wonder that your sleep was ground
The angels loved to tread.

— Charles L. O'Donnell, C.S.C.

The past week was one filled with all sorts of news ranging from the edifying to the humorous to the serious. Much like our weather it changes from day to day. God, however, never changes. He is the Changeless One, the only Being that is stable in all the universe. This is why we must always stay close and hold on to God. Only in this way can we ever hope to remain stable, always calm and meek in this so very unstable and always changing world of ours.

Sad news reached us of the recent death of Sister Mary Joseph, F.M., who entered eternity on the feast of St. Frances of Rome, March 9, 2023. She was a Religious at Roundtop, where **Bp. Kelly** has a convent of nuns. In her earlier years, she ran some Girl's Camps for us. The camp in those days was at the old Schappacher farm which, I believe, sits right on the Ross County border. **Fr. Lehtoranta** promptly offered a Mass for Sister the very next day after her death. Please remember her in your prayers this Lent.

The Children's Lenten Day of Recollection this past Wednesday was a success! I think there were sixty kids present, most of them younger this time around. Each of the Fathers gave one talk this year and then we balanced out the rest of the work. Mr. Lotarski found some St. Francis de Sales Stations of the Cross, so we used them. They are some of the best I have seen and are filled with such helpful meditations and prayers. My favorite part of the day was the Rosary with the kids. The little ones were not shy about answering the prayers and all I could think of was a little army of Holy Innocents joining in the prayers. It was a very sweet moment. But the children, I think, rather enjoyed the pop-up picture book about Our Lady of Guadalupe which I read to them.

The last bit of news is that a little cat seems to have adopted the Sisters! It is a cute little thing. So one evening after dinner I asked **Fr. McKenna** if he wanted to go see it. Well, off we went through the brisk night air to find kitty. When we arrived at the place we heard some rustling, but couldn't make out what it was since our eyes had not yet adjusted to the dark. What was our surprise when we saw, instead of the cat, two little skunks which we had accidentally backed into a corner...never a good situation. Fearing the worst, we hightailed it out of there. Whew! That was a close one. I wonder how the cat managed that night. All I know is that the cat was still there the next day.

St. Patrick's feast day comes later this week. You are dispensed from the fast but you must still observe

the Friday abstinence. Still, it will be a festive day with a Solemn High Mass at the usual time of 11:25. I hope you will then join us for the Lenten Evening of Devotions!

As always, be assured of my prayers and especially my wishes that you profit much from your Lenten devotions in honor of St. Francis de Sales. God bless you and Mary keep you!

– Bishop McGuire



PRAYER TO ST. PATRICK

O Blessed Apostle of Ireland, glorious St. Patrick, look down upon thy children everywhere who have received through thy zealous preaching the priceless gift of faith, and hear the prayers with which we address thee for protection. Watch over us with a father's care, and help us always by thy powerful intercession, that we may ever cling to the faith which, under God's inspiration and guidance, thou didst preach to our forefathers, and that we may ever live according to the teaching of that holy faith. Watch over all pastors, and bless all their works for the salvation of their flocks. Defend us from all the assaults and snares of Satan, and from all irreligion and vice, and obtain for us the grace to sanctify our lives by the practice of piety and of all the Christian virtues, that we may merit to be associated with thee in the kingdom of our heavenly Father. Amen.



**Fast Dispensed for
St. Patrick's Day!**

*(Friday abstinence
still applies)*



MON	3/13/23	FERIAL DAY 8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>M.E.G.</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Special intention—salvation (<i>Ross Johnson</i>) 12:20 PM Vespers 5:00 PM Low Mass Thomas & Brandy Gardner – marriage blessings (<i>Theresa Simpson</i>)
TUE	3/14/23	FERIAL DAY 8:00 AM Low Mass Conversion of A. Bayer (<i>David Bayer</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Special intention—salvation (<i>Ross Johnson</i>) 12:20 PM Vespers 5:00 PM Low Mass St. Francis of Assisi – Thank you (<i>Rebecca Hinton</i>)
WED	3/15/23	FERIAL DAY • ST. CLEMENT MARY HOFBAUER, C 7:00 AM Low Mass Private Intentions (<i>David Bayer</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Special intention—salvation (<i>Ross Johnson</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Special Intention Deceased (R.W.) (<i>Kirby & Jean Bischel</i>) 12:20 PM Vespers 3:00 PM Stations of the Cross, Holy Communion 5:10 PM Low Mass Mary Beth Grumblatt (<i>M.E.G.</i>)
THU	3/16/23	FERIAL DAY 7:00 AM Low Mass Special intention—salvation (<i>Ross Johnson</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Mary Beth Grumblatt (<i>M.E.G.</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Veronica Bayer (<i>David Bayer</i>) 12:20 PM Vespers 5:00 PM Low Mass Happy Anniversary Dad & Mom (<i>Anna & Cecilia Brueggemann</i>)
FRI	3/17/23	ST. PATRICK, BPC • ST. JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA, C <i>THE FIVE HOLY WOUNDS</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Special intention—salvation (<i>Ross Johnson</i>) 11:05 AM Confessions 11:25 AM Solemn High Mass The intentions of my brother Joseph (<i>Fr. McMahon</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass †Bishop Dolan (<i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i>) Sacred Heart Novena 6:45 PM Lenten Supper 7:30 PM Stations, Sermonette, Sorrowful Mother Novena VII, Blessing of the Sick, Benediction 8:30 PM (<i>approx.</i>) Distribution of Holy Communion
SAT	3/18/23	ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BPCD 7:10 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Special intention—salvation (<i>Ross Johnson</i>) 8:10 AM Ave Regina, Sermon 8:20 AM High Mass Souls in Purgatory (<i>David Bayer</i>) Sodality of Charity Meeting
SUN	3/19/23	LENT IV • LAETARE SUNDAY 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Lisa McConnell – Thank you (<i>Joan L.</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass Special intention—salvation (<i>Ross Johnson</i>) 10:40 AM Catechism Classes 11:15 AM Short Stations of the Cross

STRATEGY FOR CALMING EMOTIONAL STORMS

What should we do when we feel all our emotions suddenly rising up in turmoil? We must not force ourselves to undertake many measures in order to conquer them and bring them back to duty; if we do that, they may get the better of us. Rather, in the highest part of our soul, we must simply join ourselves to God's will, humble ourselves and, from that moment, keep close to God in peace and in the greatest tranquility we can manage. We must do as our threshers did today on board their boat, which was carrying our wheat on the lake. Suddenly they found themselves in great peril: a violent storm arose in an instant and threatened to sink them with the boat and everything on it. What did they do? They did not obstinately set themselves to go straight against the current through these great waves. If they had done that, they would have been lost. Instead, they followed the little waves and very skillfully, very gently, brought their boat to shore. They managed to land by avoiding the storm, not by battling against it.



Here is a little model of what we should do when we are taken by surprise as we row peacefully in our little boat. When all our emotions arise to stir up a great internal storm that seems certain to overwhelm us or drag us after it, we must not wish to calm this tempest ourselves. Rather, we must gently draw near the shore, keeping our will firmly in God, and coast along the little waves; by humble knowledge of ourselves, we will reach God, Who is our sure port. Let us go gently along without agitation and anxiety and without giving in to our emotions. By doing so, we shall make it to that divine port—with some delay, but with more glory than if we had enjoyed perfect calm and had navigated our little boat without any challenges.

— St. Jane Frances de Chantal,
Her Exhortations, Conferences and Instructions

Servers

FRI 3/17	5:45 PM LOW: Brueggemanns
SAT 3/18	7:30 AM LOW: P. Omlor 8:20 AM HIGH: D. Simpson, Kolenichs
SUN 3/19	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM HIGH: MCs: M. Simpson, C. Richesson TH: S. Richesson ACs: C. Arlinghaus, M. Brueggemann TORCH: L. Rabjohns, M. McConnell, F. Caggese, A. Constantino, C. Van Der Putten, I. Smith 11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller, Seminarian 5:45 PM LOW: Seminarian

11:30 AM	Low Mass Fr. Ercoli & Fr. Romero – 25 th Jubilee (<i>The Hudson Family</i>)
4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

DAILY MORNING PRAYER

Lord, I lay before Thee my weak heart, which Thou fillest with good desires. Thou knowest that I am unable to bring the same to good effect, unless Thou bless and prosper them, and therefore, O Loving Father, I entreat Thee to help me by the merits and Passion of Thy dear Son, to Whose honor I would devote this day and my whole life.

— St. Francis de Sales

MONDAY IN LENT III

Since God often sends us His inspirations by means of His Angels, we ought frequently to offer Him our aspirations through the same channel. The souls of the holy dead who are in Paradise with the Angels, and of whom our Savior has taught us that they are like to and equal with them, also assist us by their holy prayers.

Let us then unite our hearts to these celestial spirits and blessed souls, so that as the young nightingale learns to sing from the older ones, surely by the sacred communion which we have with the Saints we may the better pray and praise our God. “I will sing praise unto Thee,” said David, “in the sight of the Angels” (Ps. cxxxvii. 1).

— *Introduction to the Devout Life*

Resolution: Choose as your patron some Saints in particular, to whose life and imitation you feel most drawn, and in whose

intercession you feel an especial confidence. The Saint whose name you bear is already assigned you from your baptism.

TUESDAY IN LENT III

Honor, reverence, and love the holy and glorious Virgin Mary, for she is the Mother of our Lord, and therefore our Mother also. Fly to her as her child, and cast yourself at her knees with a perfect confidence at all times, and on all occasions. Call on this dear Mother, appeal to her maternal love, and strive to imitate her virtues. Familiarize yourself with the thought of the holy Angels, and honor especially the Angel Guardian of the diocese in which you live, and those of your neighbors, and above all your own. Call on them and honor them frequently, and ask their help in all your affairs, temporal as well as spiritual.

— *Introduction to the Devout Life*

WEDNESDAY IN LENT III

The holy Peter Lefèvre, first priest, preacher, and lector in theology of the Society of Jesus, and earliest companion of St. Ignatius its founder, on returning one day from Germany where he had done great things for the glory of our Lord, happened to pass his birthplace which was in this diocese. He related that in journeying through districts infected by heresy he had received many consolations through a practice he had adopted of sa-

luting the Guardian Angel of each parish on his entering it; and he said that he sensibly experienced their help both in guarding him from ambushes of the heretics, and also in rendering several souls mild and docile to receive the doctrines of salvation.

— *Introduction to the Devout Life*

THURSDAY IN LENT III

The Christian should love husband or wife with a calm, tranquil, firm and constant love, chiefly because God desires and enjoins us to do so. The same reason holds good as to children and other relatives and friends, each one according to his rank. But as a general thing, what is the state of your heart with regard to your neighbor? Do you love him from your heart and for the love of God? In order to prove this, you must call to mind certain disagreeable, troublesome individuals, for with such it is that we practice the love of God towards our neighbor, and still more towards those who do us any injury either in word or deed. Try whether your heart is clear with regard to such, and whether you have to force it to love them?

Are you slow to speak evil of your neighbor, especially of those whom you do not like? Do you never injure him either directly or indirectly? A very little reflection will easily satisfy you on these points.

— *Introduction to the Devout Life*

FRIDAY IN LENT III *THE FIVE HOLY WOUNDS*

Consider the eternal love which God had borne you; for even before our blessed Lord Jesus Christ became man and suffered on the Cross for you, His Divine Majesty foresaw you in His sovereign goodness and loved you exceedingly. When did He begin to love you? When He began to be God. And when was His beginning? Never, for He has always been, without beginning and without end: wherefore He has always loved you, and from eternity prepared the favors and graces which He has bestowed upon you. And by His prophet He says (and He speaks to you as much as to any), “I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore I have drawn thee, taking pity on thee” (Jer. xxxi. 3). Amongst other things, then, He thought to lead you to resolve on serving Him.

— *Introduction to the Devout Life*

SATURDAY IN LENT III

“Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence.” — *St. Francis de Sales*

William Fitzgerald notes, “Calling on Mary to ‘remember’ is an act of boldness, but it is boldness justified by tradition... Mary needs no reminder of her role in the realm of salvation. However, those who call upon her do require such re-

mindings, if not specifically then more generally—to remind them of their place as supplicants before the Virgin Mary. Asking Mary to intercede as Advocate does not guarantee that a specific request will be granted, only that divine assistance will be.”

Resolution: To recite frequently, with a bold confidence, the Memorare.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Children who have a good father ought to imitate him and follow his commandment in all things. Now, we have a Father better than all others and from Whom all good is derived. [Jas. 1:17]. His commandments can be nothing but perfect and salutary. Thus we should imitate Him as perfectly as possible, and also obey His divine ordinances. But of all His precepts, there is none which He stresses so earnestly, nor for which He has indicated that He desires so exact an observance, as that of the love of neighbor. The Commandment to love God is higher than the Commandment to love neighbor; but since nature offers greater resistance to the love of neighbor, it was necessary that we should be encouraged in a more particular manner to its practice.

— *St. Francis de Sales’ Sermons for Lent.*

Practice: Reread Thursday’s lesson.

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Lent with St. Francis de Sales



Daily Thoughts and Prayers
Lent 2023