

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

Saturday March 25, Vigil  
4:00 p.m. - Mark Pfeifer  
(Joe & Antonina Novak)

Sunday, March 26, 2017  
9:30 a.m. - John & Alberta  
Major  
(The Family)

Monday, March 27, 2017  
8:45 a.m. - Deceased Members  
of Kraynik & Lally Families  
(Deacon Phil & Betty Kraynik)

Tuesday March 28, 2017  
8:45 a.m. - St. Patrick  
Parishioners

Wednesday, March 29, 2017  
8:45 a.m. - Vincent Meli  
(Joe & Antonina Novak)

Thursday, March 30, 2017  
8:45 a.m. - John Husek  
(Mary & John Husek)

Friday, March 31, 2017  
NO MASS  
7:00 p.m. - Stations of the  
Cross

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
Saturday April 1, Vigil  
4:00 p.m. - St. Patrick  
Parishioners

Sunday, April 2, 2017  
9:30 a.m. - PSR Students and  
their Families  
(Pattie & Scott Batchman)

**Daily Scripture Readings****MARCH**

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

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

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

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

31 *Wis 2:1a, 12-22/  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30*

**APRIL**

1 *Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53*

2 *Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/  
Jn 11:1-45*

**MARCH 26, 2017: FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

*Dear Parish Family,*

This past Monday evening, Bishop Roger Gries confirmed students from both St. Mary Parish and St. Patrick Parish. I would like to thank all those who assisted in their preparation for this sacrament. I would also like to thank all those who helped to make the liturgy and reception so very special. Finally, I would ask that you keep these newly confirmed in your prayers as they discern God's will for them in their lives.

The Gospel for the 4th Sunday of Lent comes to us from John 9: 1-41. It is the account of the healing of the man born blind. Our Blessed Lord is also confronted by those who refuse to see and are blinded by their own self-righteousness. Today is also "Laetare" Sunday. The word means to make joyful.

In today's first reading from the Old Testament, Samuel anoints a young David with oil. The prophet pours oil over David's head and we are told that the spirit of the Lord rushes upon David. The Gospel shows Jesus using his saliva and clay to make an ointment. He anoints the blind man with it and, when the man washes, he suddenly sees.

These two anointings underscore something that we find in the liturgy and sacramental life of the Church: the use of material elements. We have bodies as well as souls. For that reason, to communicate God's life in the sacraments, we use visible, material substances such as water and oil, bread and wine, man and woman. In addition, the Church also has sacramentals. These are physical objects related to the sacraments. Examples include things like holy water, candles, statues, medals, holy cards, scapulars and so on.

I hope that each family in our parish has at least one crucifix in their home. When we reflect on the crucifix, we see the perfect example of humility, patience, perseverance, forgiveness, healing. It is said that St. Francis of Assisi used to meditate on the cross quite extensively. He was one of the most joyful people who ever lived.

On this Laetare Sunday, may we experience the joy that comes from being touched by the healing hand of God. Let's make the words of the man cured of his blindness our words as well: "I do believe, Lord."

God bless you.

*Fr. Dan Redmond*

**Encounter Nutrition: Fourth Week of Lent with CRS Rice Bowls**

We encounter Maria in Mexico, where a community of hard-working women share joys, sorrows and fellowship while growing economic opportunity at a greenhouse. How have your communities helped you encounter Christ anew this lent? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS for APRIL 1 & 2, 2017**

	April 1	April 2
<b>LECTOR</b>	Mary Martin	Pat Tamburo
<b>EMHC</b>	Trudi Clark, Sylvia Deck	Pattie & Scott Batchman
<b>PLA</b>	Mark & Kathy Oravec	Dan & Carole Doyle
<b>SERVERS</b>	Gabriella Mills, Alyssa Mothersbaugh	Maci & Yogi Cornelius, Ken Landrus
<b>COUNTING CREW</b>		B Team

**From the Good Sams**

April 2nd is Doughnut Sunday! Join us for delicious doughnuts and great fellowship! There will also be a bake sale at that time, featuring some freezable items to serve for Easter!



**Religious Education: Parish School of Religion**

Congratulations to our 8th grade students, and parishioner Ashley Kuyweski, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday evening, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Our St. Patrick students joined the St. Mary's students and were confirmed by Bishop Roger Gries. The students celebrating the Sacrament were:

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| Maci Cornelius     | Sam Lassnick   |
| Lilliana Livengood | Bradley McKeon |
| Jake Ryan          | Emily Seamon.  |

May the Holy Spirit guide them and bless them as their faith life continues to grow.



Looking ahead to summer, Vacation Bible School will be held on July 11, 12 and 13 in the evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Children, ranging from preschoolers to those entering grade 5, are welcomed to join us. Those entering grade 6 through high school are needed as team leaders. Parents and parishioners, please consider helping with VBS by being a station leader, helping in the kitchen, setting up, cleaning up, photography, and being part of the music ministry for VBS. Anyone interested in sharing their time and talent to help with VBS, please contact Marilyn Schwartz at 298-1845.

**Pro-Life:**

Our spiritual adopted babies are 11 weeks old. Because the baby has all of the major organ systems and is a distinctly recognizable human being, he or she is no longer called an embryo but is now known as a fetus, a latin word for "young one". The baby is about 2 inches long and can yawn and suck. The eyelids are fully formed and closed to protect the developing eyes. The intestines are developing and the kidneys begin to produce urine. During the next several weeks, his or her body will grow rapidly, increasing in weight 30 times and tripling in length in the next two months! *Keep praying for the mothers and fathers of all babies.*



**Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School Spring Open House**

All 6th, 7th, & 8th graders and their families are invited to Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin's Spring Open House on Wednesday, April 5th, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Tour our beautiful 75-acre campus and experience how NDCL's academic, spiritual, and extracurricular programs prepare students for lives that will transform the world. Please join us at 13000 Auburn Road, Chardon, Ohio 44024. For more information contact Michael Suso '03 at 440-279-1088, or visit [ndcl.org/Admissions.aspx](http://ndcl.org/Admissions.aspx).

**Offering for:  
March 19, 2017**

March 19:	\$ 3236.10
Votive Candles:	\$ 40.50
Capital Improv.:	\$ 675.00
Diocesan Assess.:	\$ 10.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$ 15.00
Black & Ind. Miss.:	\$ 2.00
Catholic Relief Ser.:	\$ 15.00
Central & Eastern Europe:	\$ 100.00
Easter Flowers:	\$ 75.00

92 envelopes and loose checks

*Thank you for your generous support of our parish ministries and operations.*

*St. Patrick, pray for us!*



**WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL. MAY GOD BLESS THEM WITH HOPE AND HEALING**

In a special way, we pray for Ed Baitt, Barbara Bock, Don Caserta, Joan & Jerry Catalano, Cathy Colvin, Frank Foote, Laura Gyorki, Kim Hamilton, Don Holt, Rick Kawalec, Mella McCain, Andrew & Anthony Mihalic, Joe Misosky, Jennie Oravec, Virginia Perlik, Joseph & Hildgarde Redmond, Connor Sayers, Fr. Paul Sciarrotta and Katy Sirna.

**WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED.**

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

