

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

Saturday, February 17, Vigil  
4:00 p.m. – Betty Kraynik  
(Deacon Bob & Marilyn Schwartz)

Sunday, February 18, 2018  
9:30 a.m. –Frank & Sienna  
McKeon  
(Ken & Elaine Bruening)

Monday, February 19, 2018  
8:45 a.m.— St. Patrick  
Parishioners

Tuesday, February 20, 2018  
8:45 a.m.— Matthew James  
Kawalec  
(Joyce & Rick Kawalec)

Wednesday, February 21, 2018  
8:45 a.m. - St. Patrick  
Parishioners

Thursday, February 22, 2018  
8:45 a.m.—Deceased  
Members of Lally &  
Kraynick Families  
(Deacon Phil & Betty Kraynik)

Friday, February 23, 2018  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
Saturday, February 24, Vigil  
4:00 p.m. – Joe Misosky  
(Carolyn Stauffer)

Sunday, February 25, 2018  
9:30 a.m. –Elizabeth Artim  
(Family of Carole & Dan Doyle)

**Daily Scripture Readings****FEBRUARY**

19 Lv 19:1-2,11-18/Mt 25:31-46

20 Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

21 Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

22 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

23 Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

24 Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

25 Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/  
Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10



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*Dear Parish Family,*

Lent 2018 is upon us. Our spiritual journey through this holy season began last Wednesday with the observance of Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting and abstinence. This Sunday is the First Sunday of Lent. The first reading from the Book of Genesis speaks to us of the covenant between God and Noah. Never again will all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood. The sign of this covenant will be the bow in the clouds.

The first letter of St. Peter tells us that the water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves us now. Mark's Gospel takes us to the desert where Satan unsuccessfully tempted Our Lord. Jesus then begins his public ministry. He says, "This is the time for fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel (Mark 1:12-15)."

Those words of our Lord are as true today as they were 2,000 years ago. This is the time to repent. This is the time to believe in the gospel. Lent reminds us that we must believe in the entire gospel. Indeed, forgiveness, love and mercy are essential aspects of the gospel message. At the same time, the reality of sin, the need for repentance and the judgement of God must never be overlooked or dismissed. They too comprise essential elements of the gospel.

When our Lord tells us that we should not judge, He is simply stating the truth. We cannot and should not judge the state of a person's soul or judge them as good or evil. It is morally wrong to do so and we are not qualified. Only God can see into a person's soul. We are all sinners in need of God's forgiveness. What we can do is hate the sinful action itself. Certain actions are objectively wrong and sinful. Hating the sin but loving the sinner is the Christian way. If we offer fraternal correction to another, it is to be done out of love for that person. We want what is best for their soul, as all that we do has eternal ramifications. There is heaven, there is purgatory and there is hell. Likewise, if we receive a genuine correction from another, we should be grateful for their concern.

"Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that He might lead you to God (1 Peter 3:18-ff)." Let's allow the Lord's grace to heal us in this Lenten season through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Let's avail ourselves of the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation if we have not done so for some time. I would also invite you join us for weekday Mass (along with regular participation in Sunday Mass). Please join us for the Stations of the Cross each Friday evening during Lent at 7:00 p.m.

God bless you.

*Fr. Dan Redmond*

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS for February 24 & 25:**

	Feb. 24	Feb. 25
<b>LECTOR</b>	Kathy Oravec	Amanda Schwartz
<b>EMHC</b>	Mary & John Husek	Gayle & Tom Zarack
<b>PLA</b>	Beth Heinz	Trudi Clark
<b>SERVERS</b>	Trent & Luke Shetty	Alyssa Mothersbaugh, Roman Ianiro
<b>COUNTING CREW</b>	A Team	

**Religious Education**

Our PSR students joined with their prayer partners during our last Tuesday evening's class to create some beautiful valentines! Under the direction of Mrs. Kathy Oravec, the children designed their valentine, decorated it, and wrote a special message inside. The valentines will be delivered to those St. Patrick parishioners who are homebound and receive Communion in their home, to the residents of the Geauga Assisted Living in Montville, and to the Cloistered Women Religious in the Diocese of Cleveland. We hope to make Valentine's Day and the month of February a special time for them and will remember them in our prayers.



**Help Wanted:** Volunteers for the Children's Liturgy of the Word - We are in need of a volunteer(s) for the Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday mornings at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. It would be a once a month commitment to break open the readings of the day with our young children. All materials are provided and would be given out in advance. Please consider working with our young people to keep consistency within our program. Contact Marilyn Schwartz in person or at 298-1845 if you are interested.

**Pro-Life Update:**

**Pro-Life:** God has commanded us to be a human family and be fruitful. Fertility is a great gift of God. **Prayer:** *Lord, thank You for the gift of fertility. Help those who are trying to conceive. Give them the blessing and joy of new life. Amen.*



**St. Patrick's Dinner & Reverse Raffle: Saturday March 17, 2018**



**Corned Beef Dinner at 6:00 pm**      **Raffle begins at 7:00 pm**  
**Doors open at 5:00 pm**      **Side Boards**  
**Main Board Prize \$1,250.00**      **Ticket Cost: \$30.00 each**

**Proceeds will be used for the landscaping this spring for the reconstructed front portico.**

**St. Patrick's Dinner & Reverse Raffle Committee needs a few more volunteers,** especially people willing to sell tickets after Masses, decorate the hall and set up, bring a desert, serving food and kitchen clean-up, help with side boards during the event and clean up after the event. **Want to help, but can't volunteer for any of the above?** Consider donating a basket or individual items for the basket raffle that is also part of the evening events. "Theme-oriented" baskets are especially fun and much appreciated!

**Tickets on sale after Masses**

**Please contact Trudi Clark at 440-254-4015, Jane Myden at 440-968-3474, or Diane Long at 440-298-3440** with questions or to volunteer to join the committee or to discuss how you could best help. **Thank You!!**

**Offering for:**  
**February 11, 2018**

**February 11:** \$ 4,111.21  
**Votive Candles:** \$ 18.00  
**Capital Improv.:** \$ 1025.00  
**Ash Wednesday:** \$ 500.00  
**Black/Indian Mission:** \$ 25.00  
**Cleveland Mission:** \$ 30.00  
**Easter Flowers:** \$ 20.00  
**St. Patrick Day Dinner & Raffle:**  
 \$ 180.00

84 envelopes and loose checks

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

*St. Patrick, pray for us!*



In a special way, we pray for:

Jenny Adams, Chris Barber, Barbara Bock, Nanette Bryant, Joan Catalano, Frank Foote, Fr. Joseph Goebel, Jim Hale, Kim Hamilton, Fr. Ed Janoch, Rick Kawalec, Jeanine Kozelka, Deacon Phil Kraynik, Bishop Richard Lennon, Delores Lynch, Mella McCain, Anthony Mihalic, Virginia Perlik, Carol Pietch, Hildegard Redmond, Melissa Rhodes, Roseanne Ricci, Connor Sayers, Katy Sirna, Lance Sneath, Billy Terlop, Kathy Vernon, Joel Walton and Ann Zgonc.

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



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