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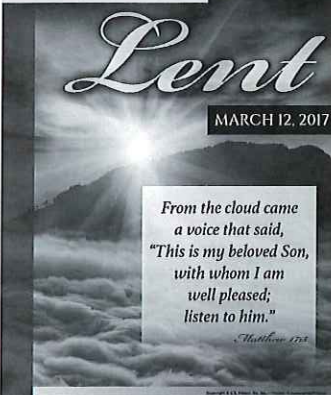
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SECOND SUNDAY OF



THE JOURNEY OF TRANSFIGURATION

"We used to be such good friends. How is it that you've moved so far away?" one man asked another. "Perhaps," the other replied, "you have moved away. By standing still." This exchange very well could have happened between Peter and Jesus, had Peter been allowed to erect tents to stay on the mount

of the Transfiguration. He nearly succumbed to the temptation to stay in a place of wonder and light. But Jesus knew the hard truth: we are on a continual journey when we are walking the paths of God's will. It is not good for us to stay in one place on our faith journey. Equally unhealthy is staying put in times of joy and wonder to avoid life's difficulties, or to wallow in our trials and temptations and fail to be companions for our sisters and brothers who are also suffering—or celebrating! The pilgrim Church is required to do one thing on its Lenten journey: to walk continually with Christ as his Body born of water and the Spirit, seeking God's will, helping the reign of God to be known on earth, being led to the end of our journey, transfigured for all time into the company of heaven.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Daylight Saving Time begins;
 Friday: St. Patrick; Abstinence
 Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem



SANCTUARY LIGHT MARCH 11TH - 17TH

The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn in memory of **Joe Partin**.

The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn in memory of **Fr. Joe Carlo and Fr. Jerry Siebold**.

Second Sunday of Lent Transfiguration Manifestation

It may seem odd to hear the Gospel of the Transfiguration of Jesus during Lent. Wouldn't it fit better after Easter? An answer is found a few verses after our Gospel selection. Jesus tells the disciples that he will suffer (Matthew 17:12). The vision of Jesus' glory shared by Peter, James, and John was meant to help them not to become discouraged by Jesus' death on the cross. Some of the details in the Gospel can help us understand how Lent leads to Easter.

First, we hear about Jesus' appearance, that "his face shone like the sun" (Matthew 17:2). If the disciples didn't believe that Jesus was the Son of God before, they surely did now. For us this can be a reminder that God is with us during this season of Lent, helping our faith to grow.

Next, the three disciples see Moses and Elijah, symbols of the Old Testament. Peter wants them to stay, but the voice of God interrupts and tells them that now they should listen to Jesus. The Gospel tells us to keep our eyes on Jesus throughout Lent. Do I grumble about Lent, seeing it is as another set of laws to be obeyed? Perhaps I'm forgetting that Lent is not about how much I do for God, but a time to reflect on what God has done for me.

The last line of the Gospel has Jesus telling the three not to tell anyone about their vision until after his resurrection. Maybe the disciples were tempted to brag that they were better than the other followers of Jesus. This reminds us that the sacrifices of Lent don't just make us look holy; they lead us to the new life of Easter.

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Please remember to donate your
Sago Palms
for Palm Sunday (April 9th).

You can drop them off at the Parish Office.





We NEED volunteers to serve as Liturgical Ministers:

Readers, Lectors, and Altar Servers

at St. John

We are planning a **TRAINING SESSION** for current and new liturgical ministers
the second week of April
to include instructions for the NEW church.

More details coming soon. Please contact the parish office if you can HELP!



The Men's Club of St. John is hosting its annual
Barbeque Chicken Dinner Sale.
Dinners are \$8.00 each.



Palm Sunday
April, 9th
Pick up 11:00 am—1:00 pm

Tickets available from a member of the Men's Club, following all Masses, and in the Parish Office.



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24 Hour Adoration
Begins Monday, March 20th at 8:00 am.
Please contact the Religious Ed office to
reserve your spot.



LENTEN CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASSES:

OLA: Tuesdays at 6:30pm

SJB: Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 7:00am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

OLA: Tuesdays at 6:00pm before Mass

SJB: Fridays at 7:30am following Mass and 6:00pm

FRIDAY LENTEN PROGRAM

SJB: Fridays beginning at 5:45pm with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, followed at 6:00pm with Stations of the Cross, a Meditation, and ending with a Lenten Meal provided by the different organizations of our parish.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

OLA: Tuesday, March 21 at 6:00pm

SJB: Wednesday, March 22 at 6:00pm

PARISH MISSION

April 2nd—4th: "Answering the Door: Letting Jesus into your life this Lent"

Speakers: Katie Prejean and Tommy McGrady

CRS Rice Bowl

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) introduces us to:

The Singh family in India, where a mother and father are using innovative farming techniques to feed their family amidst a flood and

Evelina in Zambia as she and other mothers in her community learn new ways to provide nutritious meals for their growing children and families.

How do we ensure that those who are hungry have not only food but true nourishment?

Visit: csrtricebowl.org for more information

SJB Religious Education

Life Teen (High school CCD) March 12th 5:00-7:PM

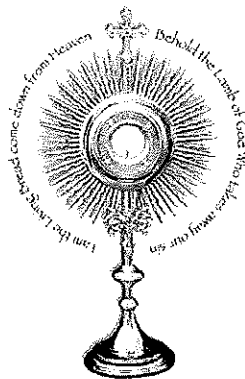
Confirmation Session March 15th 5:30-7PM

Graduating Seniors Mass and Dinner

March 18th *Please RSVP by Mon. the 13th*

K-5th Sunday, March 19th 9:15 – 10:45 AM

EDGE (middle school CCD) Sunday, March 5th 5:pm-7:PM



24 HOUR

ADORATION

MONDAY, MARCH 20TH

Sign up: suzanpayne@gmail.com

Parent life: www.sjb-ola.org click each week on Religious Ed: Parent Life to know what we are doing and an opportunity to keep the conversation going on the topics covered in Life Teen and EDGE.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*. In *The Confession*, he wrote:

"The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family.

A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision he described in his memoir:

"I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victorinus, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: 'The Voice of the Irish.' As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea-and they cried out, as with one voice: 'We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us.'"

The vision prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433. There are several legends about what happened next, with the most prominent claiming he met the chieftan of one of the druid tribes, who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftain and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland. There, he converted many people -eventually thousands - and he began building churches across the country. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message.

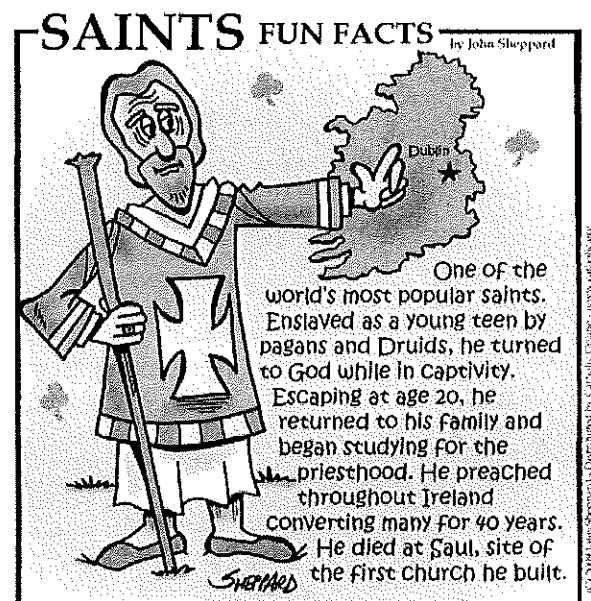
Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461. He died at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church. He is believed to be buried in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick. His grave was marked in 1990 with a granite stone.

In His Footsteps:

Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. So complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission, he feared nothing -not even death.

"The Breastplate," Patrick's poem of faith and trust in God:

"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."





SATURDAY SCHEDULE CHANGE

Next weekend on
MARCH 18TH

4:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass

Pray for our Military and their families

Marvin Ashford, Jr., Army	Aaron Barr, USAF
James A. Benning, USMC	Matthew Boyd, Army
Cody Castello, USMC	Eugene Cazedessus, USMC
LeLand Crochet, III, USMC	Matthew Charlet Dart, USN
Chandler Derouen, Army	Patrick Deslatte, USN
Jacqueline Deslatte, USN	Stephen DiLorenzo, Army
Adam Foster, USN	Thomas Foster, USN
Christian Fuller, USAF	Brad Gautreaux, USMC
J. Michael Head, USMC	Joseph N. Jones, Jr., Army
Sabrina Jones, LaNG	Markus Kippers, USN
Dustin Knight, USN	Joseph L. LeBlanc Jr., Army
Stanley Mays, USAF	Andrew Metcalf, Army
Ben Gordon Morseth, USCG	Gordon Newman, Army
Robert Brett Parker, LaNG	Brian Plauche, USAF
Andrea Byrd Prosser, USCG	Mike Prosser, USCG
Jesse B. Richard, Army	Nicholas Richards, USN
Michael Roberts, USCG	James Rouchon, USMC
Jarrold Mason Sealey, USAF	David Welch, LaNG
Gordon M. White, USAF	Christopher Williston, USAF

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 03/05/2017

St. John the Baptist

Identified Contributions (180 Families)	\$	11,065.00
Unidentified Contributions	\$	832.08
Regular / ONLINE Contributions (30)	\$	1,776.00
Ash Wednesday	\$	1,086.89
Building Maintenance (22)	\$	1,287.00
Building Maintenance / ONLINE (10)	\$	275.00
Youth Ministry (5)	\$	216.00
Youth Ministry / ONLINE (1)	\$	20.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$	335.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$	413.00
Legacy of Faith / Capital Camp	\$	9,228.45
Legacy of Faith / Brick Paver	\$	875.00
Legacy of Faith / Kids Kount	\$	50.64
Legacy of Faith / ONLINE (33)	\$	2,843.00
CAMPAIGN TOTAL	\$	6,419,879.83

Our Lady of Assumption

Identified Contributions (47 Families)	\$	2,870.00
Unidentified Contributions	\$	392.00
Ash Wednesday	\$	456.75
Regular / ONLINE Contributions (6)	\$	800.00
Building Maintenance (2)	\$	20.00
Youth Ministry (2)	\$	35.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$	75.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$	121.20

NEXT WEEK at St. John the Baptist

Sunday, March 12th

Second Sunday of Lent

-6:30 am: KofC Rosary
-7:00 am: Mass / Coffee & Pastries
-8:00 am: Knights of Columbus Meeting
-11:00 am: Mass / Children's Liturgy
-5:00 pm: Lifeteen

Monday, March 13th

-6:30 pm: Charismatic Prayer Group
-6:30 pm: Scouts

Tuesday, March 14th

-4:00 pm: Homeless Shelter
-5:00 pm: Children's Choir
-5:30 pm: Youth Choir
-6:00 pm: Adult Choir

Wednesday, March 15th

-7:00 am: Mass
-5:30 pm: Confirmation Session V
-5:30 pm: Sr. High Youth Night

Thursday, March 16th

-7:00 am: Mass / Divine Mercy
-6:00 pm: Catholicism Series by Handmaids of the Lord

Friday, March 17th

-7:00 am: Mass / Stations / Coffee & Biscuits
-5:45 pm: Divine Mercy
-6:00 pm: Stations / Talk / Lenten Meal
-7:30 pm: N. A. Meeting

Saturday, March 18th

-4:00 pm: Confessions
-5:00 pm: Mass
-6:00 pm: Seniors (High School) Dinner

Sunday, March 19th

Third Sunday of Lent

-7:00 am: Mass / Coffee & Pastries
-9:15 am: K-5th Religious Ed class
-11:00 am: Mass
-5:00 pm: Edge



NEXT WEEK at Our Lady

Sunday, March 12th

Second Sunday in Lent

-9:00 am: Mass

Tuesday, March 14th

-6:00 pm: Stations of the Cross
-6:30 pm: Mass
-7:00 pm: Soup Supper
-7:00 pm: Altar Society

Wednesday, March 15th

-5:30 pm: Confirmation Session V at SJB
-5:30 pm: Sr. High Youth Night at SJB

Sunday, March 19th

Third Sunday in Lent

-9:00 am: Mass
-10:00 am: K-11th Religious Ed Class #14



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