

Saint Kilian Parish

Farmingdale • New York

March 31, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Lent

BEHOLD
new things have come.
And all this is from
GOD
who has reconciled us
to himself through
JESUS CHRIST
and given us the
ministry of reconciliation,
entrusting to us
the message of
reconciliation

So we are
ambassadors for
JESUS
CHRIST



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IMAGES OF GOD

I have a public confession to make. I was caught by a traffic camera making a right turn from Conklin Street onto Route 110, without making a complete stop before merging into traffic. I broke the law. For some folks, God is like that. Far away, at a distance, distant and disengaged and ready to trap us in sin. Pathetically eager to catch us misbehaving and ready to penalize us.

The Second Vatican Council defined conscience as *“the secret core and sanctuary of a man (sic). There he is alone with God whose voice echoes in his depths.”* To obey the conscience is the very dignity of a human being. The conscience urges us to do this and to avoid that. We will be judged by our conscience decisions, because the conscience is the supreme authority. The conscience is formed by our parents, church teaching, and it matures through prayer and the Scriptures, and our deepening personal relationship with Jesus Christ. When we are attentive to the true voice of God within us, we grow in holiness.

The parental influence, experienced during our early formative years in the home, and learned from our parents and other significant family members, has a lasting effect on our understanding of God. That parental voice can easily be confused with the voice of God. Who among us in childhood has not thought that our dad, or mom, was God!

Our parents are not God however. They are secondhand reflections of God. Our Christian maturing can only happen in prayerful reflection on the word of God in the Bible, as God speaks to us in the depths of our being in prayer. We have to work at recognizing false images that have been handed down to us that lead us to a certain amount of self-hate and rejection. A scrupulous, overly strict conscience can result. What is truly the voice of God, and what is the voice of mom or dad?

None of our parents were perfect. As a consequence, our understanding of God and the ways of God is imperfect. No one's home life is completely functional and healthy. In varying degrees all of our homes were dysfunctional. The God that we meet in our homes is not always an accurate image of God. We must hold up our experience against the light and life of the Scriptures, and our deepening friendship with Jesus.

Some of us may have a difficulty in trusting God because our dad broke his promises often. Some of us may make extreme demands on ourselves and be our own worst critic, because that is what we experienced from our perfectionistic parents. Some of us may believe that God is distant and uninvolved because our own dad or mom was that way. We may think of God as demanding or displeased with us, because

we've confused our parents' demands and emotional displeasure with our image of God.

There are many false images that we likely acquired in our developmental years. The truth is that God, the creator of the universe, for no reason that makes sense, finds us wonderfully attractive. God has entered into a covenant with us as the Bible witness relates. That covenant begun with Abraham and renewed with Isaac and Jacob and Moses, has reached an apex in Jesus Christ.

Covenant is an ancient concept that is far more than an agreement. It is a permanent commitment between unequals: God and the human race. No matter how far we fall away from the intimate friendship that God has established with us, God will never forsake us. The covenant is a bond of love between us and God that can never be revoked. God is always faithful to it.

We renew the covenant at every celebration of mass by imaginatively entering into the dying and rising of Jesus, and sharing in his body and blood. He tells us: *This is my body which will be broken on the cross out of love for you. This is my blood of the new and everlasting covenant that will be poured out for you.* We keep repeating the Mass because we keep failing to understand this perfect love. One day we will understand in paradise.

The God of the Bible is not at a distance, watching us like some kind of spy in the sky. God is intimately involved, sharing our pain, tending to us with loving care and rescuing us from our sins and ultimately from death itself. Where is God with human suffering today; yours and the suffering of the world? We know the message of Good Friday, and the unexpected victory of the resurrection. God is in the thick of it all suffering with us, weeping with us, comforting us and healing us. Life itself is our response to God's love affair with each and every one of us. We live it out as joyfully as people in love ought to do.

Our parents may not have been trustworthy. They may not have been involved intimately in our lives. We may have feared, and not revered them. But God is altogether something else! Faithful to his promises, all merciful and all forgiving. God is not frightening, but awesome and awe-inspiring. He is delighted in you. He rejoices over you. He will never forget you. *"I have carved you in the palm of my hand."*

Peace, Father Bruce





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MISSION STATEMENT

THE CATHOLIC FAMILY OF ST. KILIAN PARISH SEEKS TO BE A VIBRANT, WELCOMING COMMUNITY OF FAITH, GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, NOURISHED BY GOD'S WORD AND THE EUCHARIST, AND COMMITTED TO WITNESSING GOD IN AND THROUGH OUR NEIGHBORS.



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brucep@stkilian.com

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dsuglia@drvc.org

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Deacon George B. Owen



THE ST. KILIAN VISION STATEMENT

+ HOSPITALITY: ST. KILIAN PARISH STRIVES TO BE A WELCOMING, DYNAMIC FAITH COMMUNITY.

+ THE EUCHARIST AND LITURGY: WE SEEK TO NOURISH THE FAITH LIFE OF THE PARISH BY CELEBRATING MEANINGFUL LITURGIES, AND OFFERING OPPORTUNITIES FOR A WIDE RANGE OF PRAYERFUL EXPERIENCES.

+ LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION: WE ARE DEDICATED TO INSPIRING THE YOUNG AND THE OLD THROUGH LIFELONG EDUCATION, AND FORMATION OF MINDS AND HEARTS.

+ STEWARDSHIP: IN ALL ASPECTS OF OUR FAITH WE SHARE OUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE THROUGH STEWARDSHIP.

+ PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY: WE BRING OUR FAITH TO LIFE BY SERVING OTHERS THROUGH COMPASSIONATE PERSONAL OUTREACH AND COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL JUSTICE.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY EVENING: 5:00p.m.

MISAS EN ESPAÑOL: 6:30 p.m. Saturday Cada Sábado

SUNDAY: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

FAMILY MASS: 9:30 a.m.

WEEKDAYS: During Lent all Masses are in the Church 7 a.m.; 9 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

SATURDAY: 7:30 a.m.

HOLYDAYS: As announced in the bulletin

RECONCILIATION - CONFESSIONS - Mon.: 1-1:30 p.m. & Sat. - 4 - 4:45 p.m.

**St. Kilian RC Church
125th Anniversary Renovation & Renewal Capital
Campaign**

“Firm Our Foundation for the Future”

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**Renovating & Renewing Our Parish
The Challenge Awaits Us**

Our Buildings and Grounds are in need a variety of improvements and enhancements and our Capital Campaign will address; deteriorating conditions, increase efficiency, provide better handicapped accessibility and help evangelize parish families. We have determined that a three phase plan will be implemented over a five year period. The total cost of all of the improvements is \$3.5 million and will be funded with \$2.0 million of income from the rental of the School and \$1.5 million from this Campaign.

Campaign Presentations Begin!

All parishioners are invited to attend a short presentation to learn more about the important details of our campaign. All meetings include presentations by members of our Campaign Committee, under the direction of Steve Wilson, Dave Rodenburg and Deacon Bill Weiss. For more information, call the campaign office at 516-249-0127 ext. 167.

Please join us on one of the following dates:

Monday, April 1st at 2:30 & 7:30 pm in the Rectory Living Room

Wednesday, May 1st at 7:30 pm in the Church Vestibule

After all Masses on the Weekend

of May 4th & 5th in the Church Vestibule

Campaign Office Opens

If you have any questions about the campaign, please call Andy White our on-site Campaign Director at 516-249-0127 or on his cell phone at 516-607-3635.

“Firm Our Foundation for the Future”



SUNDAY - March 31 - Fourth Sunday of Lent -
Readings: 1st—Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; 2nd—2
Corinthians 5:17-21; Gospel—Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

8:00am For the Parishioners of St. Kilian
9:30am Ryan Henn
11:00am Vincent Nicolosi
12:30pm Katharina Rabi
 Joseph Magadan
 Lillian Krumenacker
 Marie Lauria

MONDAY - April 1 - Lenten Weekday

7:00am For the Parishioners of St. Kilian
9:00am Joan Glascott
12:12pm Lucille Rowling Hooks

TUESDAY - April 2 - Lenten Weekday

7:00am Charlotte Piliero
9:00am Christine Carosella
12:15pm John Ianno

WEDNESDAY - April 3 - Lenten Weekday

7:00am For the Parishioners of St. Kilian
9:00am Geraldine M. Dolan
12:15pm Mary Catherine Neyland

THURSDAY - April 4 - Lenten Weekday

7:00am For the Parishioners of St. Kilian
9:00am Joseph Kennedy
12:15pm For the Parishioners of St. Kilian

FRIDAY - April 5 - Lenten Weekday

7:00am Donald Hartmann
9:00am Maria Rosa Borzomi
12:15pm Ann & Joseph Hackett

SATURDAY - April 6 - Lenten Weekday

7:30am For the Parishioners of St. Kilian
5:00pm Florence & Harry Kunkiewicz
 Beatrice Magnifico
 James McGahon
 Veronica & Gus Casalino
6:30pm

SUNDAY - April 7 - Fifth Sunday of Lent - Read-
ings: 1st—Isaiah 43:16-21; 2nd—Philippians 3:8-
14; Gospel—John 8:1-11

8:00am For the Parishioners of St. Kilian
9:30am Theresa & John Molfetto
11:00am Rose & Frank Albanese
12:30pm Giovanni & Catherine Fiorentino
 Michael Mastrantonio
 Michael Rizzi
 Dallie Sotomayer



Stewardship
A Way of Life

The following are the weekly collections for:

March 24, 2019\$24,635.00
(Last year 2018)\$33,031.00 (Palm Sunday)

Attendance

March 24, 20191909
(Last year 2018)2336

Parish Collection report-Week of March 24, 2019

Mass	Number Of Envelopes	Amt. in Env. Cash/Checks	Cash	Total
5pm - Sat.	149	\$3174.00	\$1562.00	\$4736.00
6:30pm-Sat.	41	—	\$1643.00	\$1643.00
8:00am-Sun	106	\$2275.00	\$1223.00	\$3498.00
9:30am	91	\$2356.00	\$997.00	\$3353.00
11:00am	125	\$3090.00	\$1177.00	\$4267.00
12:30pm	98	\$2095.00	\$1308.00	\$3403.00

*Thank you for placing
 God first in your life!*

Mail in Envelopes:\$859.00
Online Donations: \$2876.00
Total: \$24,635.00

Bulletin Reflection

Scripture is full of examples of God's love for us. This week's reading provides a wonderful example of God's fierce love and extreme forgiveness. The prodigal son is in every one of us. When we turn to sin in order to do what we want to do, we insult God's amazing gift of free will. God, however, does not "hold a grudge" or "dislike us". Instead, He is, like the forgiving father in the story, waiting for us to return to Him. God is longing to greet you in Confession, to offer His embracing and forgiving love through the power of the Sacrament of Penance.

Living Stewardship

We are grateful for all Christian stewards who use the season of Lent as an opportunity for profound reconciliation with Our Father in heaven by going to Confession and inviting others to celebrate the sacrament of Penance with humility and courage.

Marriage Banns

in our parish



Second Announcement

Rigoberto Cordero Gonzalez & Yolanda Naomi Lopez

Third Announcement

William Barrett (St. Kilian) & Caitlin Mahoney



ST. KILIAN PARISH HOSTS AND WINE to be used at all Weekday Masses (April 1-5, 2019) were donated in Memory of
+Joan M. Clancey
Gift of: St. Kilian Women's Guild



Rest in Peace

We remember those who have died in our parish community this week:

*Genevieve T. DeStefano
Pedro Angel Marquez
Richard Burton*

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord; and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest in Peace. Amen



As a praying community, we automatically ask prayers for all those who are ill. Names added to the list will remain on for a maximum of 3 weeks. If the individual is still in need of prayers, the office would have to be notified to continue for an additional 3 weeks. If you do not desire to be listed, please inform us.

Hugh Gilmore; Matthew Malley; Robert Kelly; Barbara Nicholes; Chip Bailey; Barbara Featherstone; Sandra Leafhart; Ralph DeSantis; Meghan Haley Koster; Emma Rosasco; Kathleen Lofgren; Emily Taylor; Anthony Comitini; Anne DeStefano.

And prayers for our children: Gwendolyn Rose; Kyle Patrick Johnson; Jillian Cordi; Baby Julia Rose Manno; Collin Huber; Michael Cardone; Baby Kathleen Scelfo; Baby Olivia Scelfo; Kaelyn Maureen McCandless; Kairi Knudsen; Vincent Moran; Baby Cameron Robert; Andrew Guarna; Vincent Maniscalco; Baby Gravers; Connor McGrath; Brynn Ryan Pullen; Baby Kevin Beyer; Ethan Nelson; Anthony Nicholes.

Please remember in your prayers the following St. Kilian Parishioners serving overseas in the Military:



Captain Peter J. Noto
Lieutenant Conor B. Jones
A. J. Gulianno
Marine Corporal Ryan Thomas Albergo
Pvt. Sean Maher
Marine W. O. Thomas J. Heinsohn
Vincent Guidone
Marine Ryan B. Wasilewski
Army Specialist William P. Hassett



The deadline for the Bulletin for April 7, 2019 is Friday, March 29, 2019

The deadline for the April 14 Bulletin (Palm Sunday) is Wednesday, April 3, 2019.

The deadline for the April 21 Bulletin (Easter) is Wednesday, April 10, 2019.

Please email your request to eileend@stkilian.com or drop it off at the rectory.

Weekday Masses during Lent

Monday through Friday -
7:00, 9:00 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.
Saturday - 7:30 a.m.



Stations of the Cross
Fridays during Lent
at 7:00 p.m.



Holy Week Schedule 2019

St. Kilian's Church



Schedule of Confessions

Monday, April 15: 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Wednesday, April 17 7:30 to 8:30 PM
Holy Saturday, April 20: 1:00 to 2:00 PM

Schedule of Masses

Passion (Palm Sunday), April 14

Palm will be distributed at the beginning of each Mass

Saturday, April 13: 5:00 PM, 6:30 PM (Spanish)
Sunday, April 14: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 (choir) AM, 12:30PM

Holy Thursday, April 18

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
8:00 PM Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper with
Procession to the Repository and
Adoration until Midnight.

Good Friday, April 19

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
12:00 PM Way of the Cross (Spanish)
3:00 PM Liturgy of the Passion with Veneration
of the Cross and Communion
8:00 PM Living Stations of the Cross (St. Kilian
Youth Ministry)

Holy Saturday, April 20

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:30 AM Blessing of Easter foods
There are no 5:00 PM or 6:30 PM Masses on Holy Saturday
8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass with the Service of Light,
the Prophecies, Baptismal Liturgy and
Eucharist

Easter Sunday, April 21

In the Church: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM
In the Auditorium: 12:30 PM (Spanish)

There's something for everyone at St. Kilian's!

GRADE

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*This weekend at
9:30am Mass:
we welcome*

Grade 6 children .

*Next week, Grade 1 will be
at 9:30am Mass.*



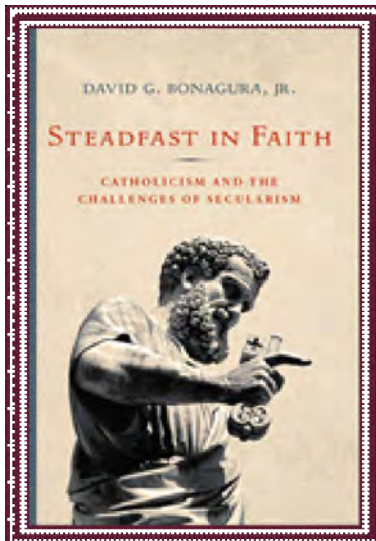
*Also, this coming
Thursday, April 4
it's PBJ Gang at
7pm in the school
Auditorium.*

SAVE THE DATE:

ONE NIGHT BOOK STUDY

“Steadfast in Faith”

with author David Bonagura, Jr.



**Thursday
April 25 at
7pm in
Parish
Center**

**See inside the
bulletin for
book details**

**This weekend we welcome our
Lenten Retreat speakers at all
Masses:**

Pat Leonard and Jim Philipps



**Retreat dates:
this coming
Mon, Tues. and
Wed. night at**

7:30pm in Church.

Bring a friend. All are welcome!

**Sunday Afternoon
at the Movies**

**Starts Sun. April 7 at 2pm
Green Room—Parish Center
(Bring snacks to share!)**

**This new series will show and discuss movies
and TV episodes with moral and religious
reflections. Included
could be anything from
Ingmar Bergman films to
Twilight Zone episodes.**

First installment is

“The Passion of the Christ”



Amazing, Abundant, Astounding Grace



A Lenten Retreat

God's grace is truly wondrous.

God's blessings are awesome indeed.

Grace yearns to enter into the broken, wounded places of our lives
and through us to bind up the wounds of the world.

Enveloped in God's love, trusting in God's mercy, let us gather
in faith and prayer as together we make space for a
magnificent deluge of God's amazing, abundant, astounding grace.

**St. Kilian Church
April 1, 2, and 3
7:30 PM**

Retreat Leaders

Patricia C. Leonard, M.A.

Pat is a pastoral theologian and educator. Currently, Pat teaches theology at St. John's University and St. Joseph's College and blogs at patleon.com. As a pastoral theologian, Pat serves the Church through facilitating adult faith formation and leading spiritual retreats. She holds the degree of Master of Arts in Theology and an Advanced Certificate in Spirituality from the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, N.Y. Pat and her husband, Kenneth, live in Bethpage.

James Philipps, M.A.

Jim has been journeying with young people and adults into the Word of God for over thirty years. He teaches theology at Cathedral High School in Manhattan and at Molloy College and is an adult faith formation leader for the University of Dayton. Jim has written extensively for Twenty Third Publications, RCL/Benziger, Liturgical Training Publications and St. Anthony Messenger Press. Recently he published Laughter of the Spirit, his first novel. He lives in Syosset with his family.

Pre-Cana Ministry

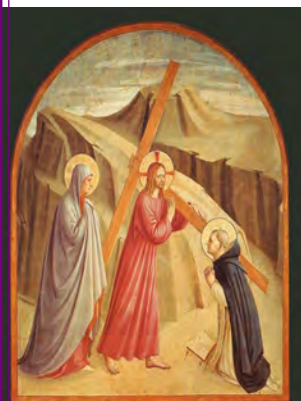


As the Winter Session of the St. Kilian Pre-Cana Program concludes, we ask you to pray for the engaged couples:

Amy Gallino & Darren Anselmo
Joanne Garcia & Angelo Brussich
Jaclyn D'Erasmus & Matthew Cacioppo
Lauren DiGiovanna & Bryan Curtin
Lisa Spadanuta & Rob Grieb
Elizabeth Picozzi & Allan Hendrickson
Ruth Cook & Jarred Kahn
Michelle Catalano & Shaun Konior
Nicole Vanella & Nicholas LaCagnina
Ellie Geier & Mark Leonard
Kathryn Zabielski & John Lipovac
Kristin Alfarano & Diego Marcial
Gabriella Scaglione & Michael Quinn
Shauna Koehler & Ryan Sullivan
Jenna Famighetti & Anthony Zito

We would like to thank the married couples who volunteered their time for the Winter Session of the Pre-Cana Program:

*Tony & Patty Brussich
Virginia & Dennis Draghi
Ed & Liz Fronckwicz
Anne & James Lauritsen*



LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Good Friday, April 19,
2019 at 8pm - "Live
Stations of the Cross".**

**The St. Kilian Youth
Ministry is celebrating the
40th Anniversary of Good
Friday Live Stations.
Everyone is welcome.**

*The Annual St. Kilian Youth 30
hour Lenten Fast will be Saturday
& Sunday, April 6 and 7.*

St. Kilian Women's Guild

*Women of Faith
Women of Vision
Women of Gentleness*



Evening of Recollection

**Thursday, April 11, 2019
6:00 P.M. Mass in the Church**

**Celebrant
Rev. Dennis Suglia**

**Followed by a Light Supper in the
Parish Center**



**Presentation on the
Stations of the Cross
by Paul Montenero**

Cost: \$18.00

Reservations call

**Carol Budinoff - 516-249-6982 or
Grace Kaufold - 631-293-6571**

**Checks and reservations can also be
left in the Rectory by
Thursday, April 4, 2019.**



Any veterans or service members who could use our spiritual help please contact Fr. Dennis Suglia at: dsuglia@drvc.org or call the rectory at 516 249-0127.

SOCIAL MINISTRY/OUTREACH

Outreach is our parish community's response to the Gospel call to help those in need.

We serve anyone who lives within our parish boundaries regardless of religion, race or ethnicity.

We are located at 140 Elizabeth Street but our main entrance is in the parking lot facing Conklin Street.

OUR FOOD PANTRY AND OFFICE ARE OPEN MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 10AM-2:30PM.

We are also available certain Saturdays by appointment only. Spanish translators are available Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

For further information please call 516-756-9656

Nina Petersen, Director of Outreach

Thank You, St. Kilian Parish, for Helping Us Help Others!

Our Fiscal Year runs from Sept 1st through August 30th. At the halfway point of 2/28/19, **through your generosity** we were able to provide a total of **7,750 services so far**, as follows:

Food pantry and food stamp application assistance:	3025	Case Management:	244
Shelter Assistance:	34	Transportation:	1105
Utility Assistance:	24	Info/Referrals:	50
Basic Needs (toiletries, clothing, etc):	2554	Other (friendly visits, employment, birthday bags, etc)	714



We are in desperate need of Spanish translator volunteers! We will train you!

YOU CHOOSE: one, two, three OR four FRIDAYS per month (from 10am-3pm).
Please call Nina at Outreach if you can help. Thanks!



CAN YOU SPARE 2-3 HOURS PER MONTH TO DRIVE OUR VAN?

One volunteer needed to drive seniors to/from 5pm Mass ONE Saturday per month.

One volunteer needed to drive seniors locally ONE Friday per month, 12-3:30pm.

Please call Nina at Outreach if you can help. Thanks!



GIVING, NOT GIVING UP - PERFECT ACTION FOR LENT!

Lent is often thought of as a time of sacrifice....a time to "give up" things such as candy, bad habits and maybe even the internet. Although these challenges help us prepare for larger sacrifices in life, Lent does not have to be a time of "giving up". Rather, we can make it a time to "give" alms and add something positive to our daily lives and the lives of others. When it comes to almsgiving or helping the poor, the Church makes it easy for us through our Lenten program called **"Giving, Not Giving Up"**.

During the five Sundays of Lent and on Palm Sunday, every household is encouraged to bring alms to Mass and leave them in the wooden bins in the gathering space. This act of generosity is a tangible sign of our Lenten efforts to feed the hungry.



Weekend of March 31st:
TOILETRIES, PAPER

*Deodorant, Conditioner, Shampoo, Soap, Toothpaste
Napkins, Paper Towels, Tissues, Toilet Paper*



Weekend of April 7th:
BREAKFAST FOODS

Cereal, Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Syrup



Weekend of April 14th:
CANNED FRUITS

*Oranges, Peaches, Pears, Pineapples
Mixed Fruit, Applesauce (jar, cup or can)*

Thank You for Helping Us Help Others!

**“When the Son of Man comes, will he
find faith on earth?”**

One Night Book Study with author
David G. Bonagura, Jr.
“Steadfast in Faith”



**Thurs. April 25, 7pm –Parish Center
–downstairs in the Blue Room**

Call the rectory to register: (516) 249-0127 or email

Janez@stkilian.com

To this chilling question, our secular age seems to respond with a resounding no: People are apathetic. Churches are empty. Governments condone vice. In *Steadfast in Faith*, however, David G. Bonagura, Jr., offers neither resignation nor despondency—but hope. Aimed at meeting the needs of teenagers, young adults, parents, grandparents, teachers, religious, and clergy who seek a deeper faith and a more abiding conviction in the message of Christ’s Gospel, *Steadfast in Faith* addresses contemporary secular culture and how Catholics can practice the faith amidst its questions, challenges, and conditions.

Hospitality Sunday & Girl Scout Sunday - March 10th

Congratulations to all our Girl Scouts who received the Catholic Brownie Religious Ave Maria Award this month!



Photo courtesy of Bernie Geary

Upcoming SKY Activities

March

24→ Regular Meeting, Topic: Stations of the Cross

31→ Regular Meeting, Topic: TBD

April

6&7→ 30 hour Fast Retreat

19→ Good Friday Living Stations of the Cross
Performance

SKY Meets Sundays during Lent from 5:30 to 8:30. We start at the Church and then end in the youth room (located in the rectory. The entrance is on the side street, Franklin place). Come and spend some time with us this Lent! Consider helping us with our performance of the Stations of the Cross (we rehearse Sundays during SKY) and come join us for our retreat on April 6&7! I hope to see you there!! Any question, contact the rectory or email me at William.montenero@gmail.com

Catholic Relief Services Collection - March 31, 2019

This week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection, and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. Please place your envelope for Catholic Relief Services in the regular collection as there will be only one collection today.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel the prodigal son repents and finds mercy in the heart of his father. Know that your penance during Lent can give the poor the grace of finding the merciful heart of God the Father.

If you are in need of assistance or would like information about joining or contributing to the Society, please call 516-473-9562. Leave a message and a phone number.

A member will return your call as soon as possible. You may visit our website at www.svdprvc.org. Please remember the Poor Boxes at the exits of the church. They are the Bread Boxes of the poor and hungry.



EASTER USHER'S MEETING FOR ALL USHERS & THOSE INTERESTED TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH - 7:30PM TO 8:30PM PARISH CENTER - GREEN ROOM

PIZZA, CAKE & COFFEE TO BE SERVED
LET'S GET READY FOR EASTER!
QUESTIONS - CALL JOHN FITZPATRICK
516-385-1718

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of March 31, 2019

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2
Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
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: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and
23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/
Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil
3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Observances for the week of March 31, 2019

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent
Monday: April Fools' Day
Tuesday: St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
Thursday: St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the
Church
Friday: St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent
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St. Kilian Respect Life



**sometimes it causes
me to tremble,
tremble, tremble**

Would I have been a Veronica if I had been at Calvary that day? She who was unafraid and unconcerned about herself as she endangered her own life to console Jesus? Would I have had courage and the love enough to do that? **I wish !**

Or perhaps a Simon, not really wanting to be involved in all that violence. Only later did he realize that he **h a d s h a r e d i n t h e redemptive suffering of his very Lord and Savior.**

Then there was young John, the Apostle whom Jesus so loved. I wish I would have been like him. **John stood near Jesus all through His terrible passion so He would know that He was loved to the end, and so that He would not die alone.**



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Or w o u l d I h a v e b e e n someone who realized the outrage of it all and just wanted to be with Him in His time of suffering, thus quietly making my own strong statement of protest by my presence there. That's good, **but I'd always look back and wish I had done more.**

When you see pro-lifers at abortion sites regularly, know that these are some of the reasons why we stand to pray and witness. No one should have to suffer alone. A pregnant woman does not need an abortion, she needs our help. Mothers can be spared a lifetime of regret and babies lives can be saved by our presence and the help we offer. **Nor should anyone die alone... not Jesus and not the poor, not the marginalized and not His precious unborn infants.**

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**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN PRAYER AND FASTING
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PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY IN CHURCH - 8:30 AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION DAILY - 4 - 8 PM IN

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SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

To register and for more information please visit www.respectlife.drvc.org or contact Project Rachel at 1(888) 456-HOPE (4673 or 1(516)766-2538 projectrachel@drvc.org. Please register by April 1, 2019

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Call/Text Paul Montenero: 516-523-0373

Or Call Irene Muhs: 516-249-6567

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ST. KILIAN RESPECT-LIFE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Saturday - 10:30-11:30AM Prayer vigil
outside Planned Parenthood, 35 Carman's Rd,
Massapequa

4/14/19 (Sun) - 10:40AM: Respect Life Ministry
Meeting in the Green Room (A) of the
Church Basement

**Support & Prayer Ministry for Catholic Gays/
Lesbians, Parents & their Families.**

Third Tuesday of each month - 7pm. Info: Michael
Coffey at 917-589-7146.

St. Kilian Week at a Glance

March 31 (Sunday)

CYO Practice - 1pm - 9pm - Auditorium/Gym
AL-Anon - Support Group - 7:30pm - Parish Ctr.

April 1 (Monday)

Daily Rosary - 8:30am - Church
Senior Meeting - 11am - 3pm - Parish Ctr.
Reconciliation - 1-1:30pm - Church
Eucharistic Adoration - 4pm - 9pm - St. Benedict Chapel
Divorced, Separated & Widowed Support Group -
7:30pm - Parish Ctr

Parish Lenten Retreat - 7:30pm - Church.

April 2 (Tuesday)

Daily Rosary - 8:30am - Church
Senior Meeting - 11am - 3pm - Parish Ctr.
Eucharistic Adoration - 4pm - 9:00pm - St. Benedict
Chapel

CYO Practice - 4pm - 9:30pm - Gym
Holy Souls In Purgatory -6pm -St. Benedict Chapel
NA Meeting - 7:00pm Parish Ctr.

Parish Lenten Retreat - 7:30pm - Church

April 3 (Wednesday)

Daily Rosary - 8:30am - Church
Bible Study - 10:30am - 12:30pm - Parish Ctr.
Eucharistic Adoration - 4pm - 9pm - St. Benedict Chapel
CYO Practice - 4pm - 9:30pm - Gym
AA Support Meeting - 7pm - Parish Ctr.
Spanish Charismatic Renewal - 7pm - Cafeteria

Parish Lenten Retreat - 7:30pm - Church

Charismatic Prayer Group - 8pm - St. Benedict Chapel

April 4 (Thursday)

Daily Rosary - 8:30am - Church
Love & Lunch 10am - Parish Ctr Media Room
Eucharistic Adoration - 4pm - St. Benedict Chapel
Love & Dinner - 6pm - Parish Ctr. Media Room
PBJ Gang - 7pm - Cafeteria
CYO Practice - 7:45pm - 9pm - Gym

April 5 (Friday) -

Daily Rosary - 8:30am - Church
Eucharistic Adoration - 4pm - St. Benedict Chapel
CYO Practice - 4pm - 6pm - GYM
AA Spanish - 7pm - Parish Ctr.- Media Room
Guardian Angel Perinatal Support Meeting - 7pm - Parish
Ctr Blue Room
Stations of the Cross - 7pm - Church

April 6 (Saturday)

Daily Rosary - 8:30am - Church
CYO Practice 12noon - 9pm - Auditorium/GYM
Reconciliation - 4:00pm - 4:45pm - Church
Hispanic Youth Group - 7:30pm - Cafeteria
Hispanic RCIA - 8pm - Parish Ctr. Green Room

April 7 (Sunday)

CYO Practice - 1pm - 9pm - Auditorium/Gym
"The Passion of the Christ" -Sunday Afternoon at the
Movies - 2pm - Parish Ctr. Green Room
AL-Anon - Support Group - 7:30pm - Parish Ctr.

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The Bulletin Board

Maria Regina Rectory is in need of a cook on
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We are hiring Healthcare Workers! The Sisters of St. Joseph, Brentwood are seeking Full Time Nurses - RNs and LPNs. Immediate opening for desirable Evening Shift (2:00pm-10:00pm). For more information, or to inquire about employment opportunities, please apply to: resume@csjbrentwood.org or contact Nancy Finley, Human Resources at 631-273-1187 x 127.

Save the Date ... Sunday, April 7th at 6 pm Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™

Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers will present a 2-hour Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™ at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, 495 North Ocean Ave., Patchogue, on **Sunday, April 7th at 6 pm**. As part of this spiritual opportunity to draw nearer to God with Our Lady and St. Bernadette you will:

- immerse yourself in the Gospel Message of Lourdes as given by Our Lady to St. Bernadette
- have the opportunity to touch the Grotto Rock and to experience the healing grace of Lourdes Water
- receive a Eucharistic blessing and pray the Rosary
- receive a bottle of Lourdes Water
- prepare a petition to be placed in the Grotto in Lourdes, France

Come and encounter the healing grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Immaculate Mother. Invite your family, children and friends! Our Lady extends her invitation to all! The next best thing to visiting Lourdes itself is a Pilgrimage journey without the travel! A Plenary Indulgence is granted to all the faithful, under the usual conditions, who attend this Experience! For more information, call the Parish Office at 631 475 4739.

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Sacraments

Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. in the church. Spanish Baptisms are celebrated on the 4th Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. Parents are required to participate in one Sacramental Preparation session. This meeting is held on the **third Sunday of each month**. After attending the 9:30am Mass, parents should proceed to the Social Ministry/ Outreach Conference Room (across the parking lot) for the Baptism Preparation Class. Godparents are welcome. Please call the rectory to arrange an interview with a deacon or priest to register for the preparation session and the Baptism ceremony. Additional information on Baptism is available on the parish website: www.stkilian.com

Reconciliation - Confessions are heard in the church on Mondays, 1:00-1:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 4:00-4:45 p.m.; and in the rectory by appointment. *Confessions are not heard on Mondays that are Holy Days or public holidays.* **Confessions in Spanish** by appointment. Please call the rectory at (516)249-0127.

Matrimony - Marriage arrangements should be made with a deacon or priest **at least six months** before the proposed wedding date. No dates for marriage will be given over the phone. *Note: The interview to schedule the marriage date at St. Kilian should be completed before commitments are made with a catering hall.* Additional information is available on the parish website: www.stkilian.com.

Anointing of the Sick - The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may be received by any Catholic who is preparing for surgery, or is of advanced age, or is seriously ill. The sacrament is the Church's prayer for health and healing and should not be delayed until there is danger of death. Please call the rectory to speak with a priest. Also, to arrange for Communion to be brought to the homebound, please call the rectory to have a priest visit. After the priest visits, arrangements can be made for a Eucharistic Minister to regularly bring communion to the homebound.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA (Becoming A Catholic) Anyone who is inquiring about becoming a Catholic, and who has not been baptized, or who has been baptized in another Christian community is invited to inquire into the **RCIA**. Please call the rectory for information at (516)249-0127.



MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO - ALENTAR ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA (Gospel Meditation)

31 de marzo de 2019

4º Domingo de la Cuaresma

"Padre, he pecado contra Dios y ante ti. Ya no merezco ser llamado hijo tuyo." (Lucas 15:21). En esta parábola se encuentra la misericordia de Dios en abundancia, sin límites, para aquel hijo arrepentido. El Evangelio nos narra: "Pero el Padre dijo a sus servidores: ¡Rápido! Traigan el mejor vestido y pónganselo. Colóquenle un anillo en el dedo y traigan calzado para sus pies. Traigan el ternero gordo y mátenlo; comamos y hagamos fiesta?". (Lucas 15:22-23). Jesús no tiene límites; recibe a todas las personas, a nadie le da con la puerta en las narices, como decimos comúnmente. El se abre totalmente al que lo busca; tal como lo hace el Padre al hijo pródigo.

El Padre es modelo de misericordia y perdón. Sabe reconciliar y después del abrazo de bienvenida llega la fiesta a lo grande para el hijo. El Papa Francisco, nos recuerda que "Jesús no describe a un padre ofendido y resentido, un padre que, por ejemplo, dice al hijo: 'me las pagaras, ¡eh!'; no, el padre lo abraza, lo espera con amor. Al contrario, la única cosa que el padre tiene en su corazón es que este hijo este ante él sano y salvo y esto lo hace feliz y hace fiesta". Y el papa agrega: "En cualquier situación de la vida, no debo olvidar que no dejaré jamás de ser hijo de Dios, ser hijo de un Padre que me ama y espera mi regreso. Incluso en las situaciones más feas de la vida, Dios me espera, Dios quiere abrazarme, Dios me espera." (11 de mayo 2016).

La próxima semana nuestra parroquia realizará The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Los fondos recaudados en esta colecta proporcionarán comida a los que pasan hambre, apoyo a los refugiados que han sido desplazados y llevarán el amor y la misericordia de Cristo a todos los pueblos aquí y en el exterior. La próxima semana, por favor, contribuye generosamente a la Colecta de CRSC. Es Jesús con otro rostro, ¿le ayudarás? Infórmate más acerca de la colecta en

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Celebremos Los Sacramentos

LA SANTA MISA:

Todos los Sábados a las 6:30PM.

BAUTISMO:

Se celebra cada cuarto domingo de mes, a las 2:00 de la tarde. Es requisito para los papás y padrinos, atender la clase pre-bautismal, cada tercer miércoles de mes a las 6:30 PM, en la parte baja de la Iglesia. Por favor llame a la rectoría para hacer su cita con el sacerdote, para llenar el formato; usted deberá traer el certificado o registro de nacimiento de su niño. Los niños de 6 años ó más, deberán asistir a las clases de catequesis regular.

PADRINOS: Deben ser católicos, con los Sacramentos de Bautismo, Comunión y Confirmación; solteros ó casados por la Iglesia. Deben traer una notificación indicando que están registrados o son miembros de la Parroquia, en donde viven ó adonde asisten a misa. No pueden ser padrinos las personas que tienen parejas sin haberse casados por la Iglesia.

QUINCEAÑERAS:

Deben haber recibido los Sacramentos de Bautismo, Comunión y Confirmación ó estar asistiendo a las clases regulares de Educación Religiosa ó RICA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos).

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS: (RICA)

Les invitamos a una preparación espiritual de conversión a la fé católica. Favor comunicarse con la Hna: Reina Vásquez (631)902-9969. Las clases iniciarán en septiembre.

MATRIMONIO:

Es necesario hacer una entrevista con el Sacerdote ó Diácono de la Parroquia con 6 meses de anticipación, para la celebración de su boda. Es imprescindible que todas las parejas, asistan a PRE-CANA (charlas pre-matrimoniales), para poder casarse. Para mayor información, llamar a la Rectoría (516)-249-0127 ext. 129 P. Jose o hablar con él, después de la Misa, los sábados.

RECONCILIACION/ CONFESIONES:

Todos los miércoles de 6:00 a 9:00 PM, en el Grupo de Oración. Lugar: Cafetería.

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