Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT | **MARCH 17, 2019**

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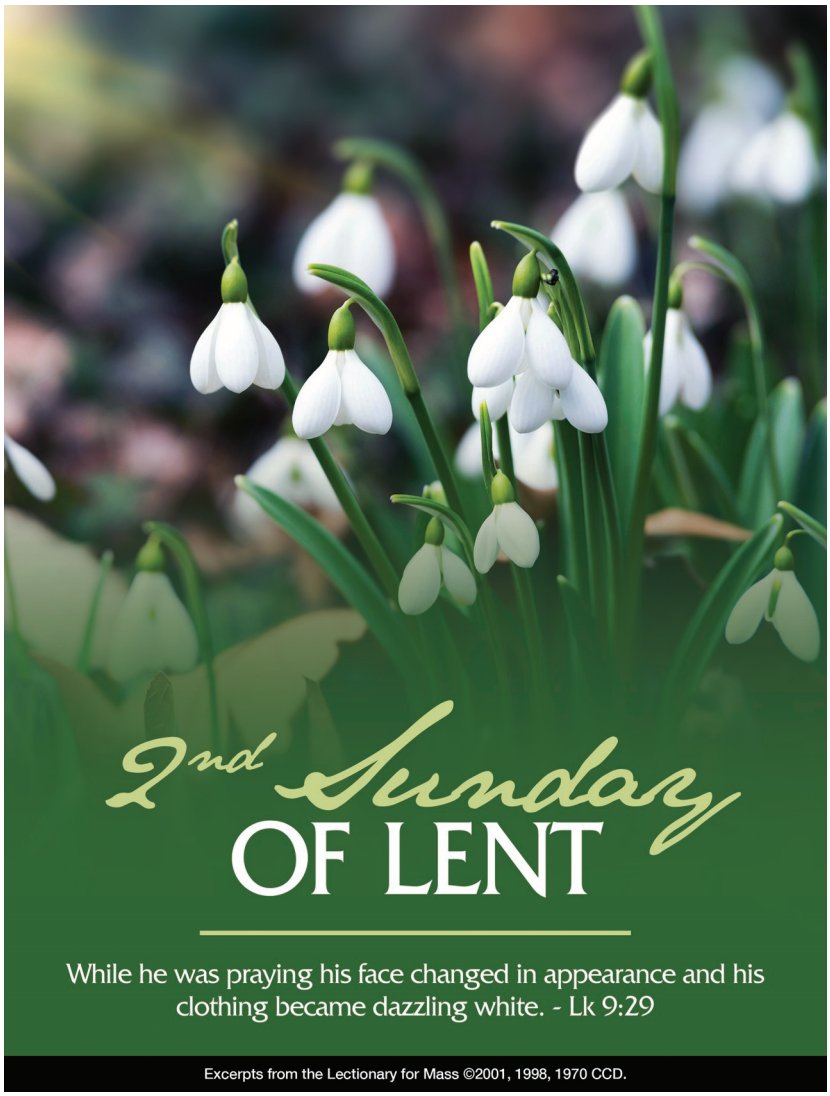

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:15 a.m.
Wednesday–Thursday 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Confessions will be heard on Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. before the 4:00 p.m. Mass and also by appointment.

BAPTISM

For information, please contact the rectory at 440-359-8205 Monday–Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

MARRIAGE

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Mass Intentions—Saint Mary

Saturday, March 16th
4:00 p.m. ……..……. Anthony, Clara & Anna Massaro

Sunday, March 17th
9:15 a.m. …..... Jacqueline Gulajski

Wednesday, March 20th
7:30 a.m. - Rosary
8:00 a.m. ……..…….. Amelia Fargus
Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 21st
7:30 a.m. - Rosary
8:00 a.m. …… Living & Deceased Parishioners
Novena to the Miraculous Medal

Saturday, March 23rd
4:00 p.m. ……..……. Anthony L. & Myra Ioppolo

Sunday, March 24th
9:15 a.m. …..... Michael Janosko

If the Mass is for your intention, and you would like to take the gifts up to the altar, please let an usher know before Mass.

Please Remember In Your Prayers . . .

Sam Alesci, Josephine Augusta, Pat Battaglia, Gen Cannella, Andrew Cigany, Albert Ciprian, JoAnn Conway, Alice Cotter, Dick Dolan, Helen Druso, Trish Duncan, Darillinn Grubbs, Mary Hills, Dolores P. Hovan, Ken Hudak, Helen Husky, Leonard Iacco, Carol Kainec, Matt Kish, Donna Kontur, Cindy Lowe, Wiletta Lynch, Jackie Maire, Ryan Martin, Marcy Nero, Delores Nose, Lucille Novak, Allan Ochwat, Dolores Parker, Agnes Pekar, Conner Press, Casimina Radicelli, Sister Patricia Raelene, Margaret Sacco, Bill Salettel, Charles Saraniti, Anna Marie Slaby, Pete & Rosalie Scimone, Veronica Sebastian, Lois St. John, LueRean Talley, Mary Ann Taylor, Maddie Timm, Walt Wawro, Carl Wilson Jr., Loretta Yarish, Gwen Yates, Patricia Zak

We respect people's privacy. Please get permission from the family before asking us to add someone to the Prayer List.

LET THE SCRIPTURE SPEAK TO YOU

Every Friday we meet at St. Mary Church at 9:45 a.m. to study the scripture readings for the following Sunday. You are invited to see how quickly the Mass takes on a deeper meaning and how the readings guide your life. Please call the rectory at 440-359-8205 to let us know you are coming so we can have books waiting for you! We will NOT meet on April 12th and 19th.

Mass Intentions—Our Lady of Hope

Monday, March 18th
8:00 a.m**.** ……..…..……..... Charles Sprowls

Tuesday, March 19th
NO MASS

Friday, March 22nd
8:00 a.m. ……..……. Bill Belinger

Sunday, March 24th
11:00 a.m. ……..... Larry Cox

LENTEN JOURNEY: *NO GRATER LOVE*

Join us for session 2 of our Lenten journey of Christ's Passion. We will take a deeper look at who is in charge at the scene of Jesus' arrest and the difference between Judas' and Peter's responses to their betrayals of Jesus. Session will take place on Tuesday, March 19th, at 1:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Hope church.

CRS RICE BOWL

In Uganda, we encounter Annet and her family, children forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit *crsricebowl.org*.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Dinner and Easter Hams will once again be delivered to our neighbors experiencing very difficult times by the members of our **St. Vincent de Paul Society**. The number of families we help depends on how many hams received. If you are able, can you provide a half a ham for a neighbor in need this Easter? Think about it, pray about it and if possible please help us. Look for places and times of drop-offs in upcoming bulletins.

Parish Support
for 3/10/2019

Regular Collection	$2021.40
Parish Improvement	$1303.20
TOTAL	$3324.60

Solemnity of Mary—$40.00
Donations for the Poor—$358.27
Black & Indian Mission—$217.00
Ash Wednesday—$705.00

MASS COUNTS

SM:	4 pm—161; 9:15 am—105	Total—266
OLH:	4 pm—137; 11 am—136	Total—273

Thank you for your continued generosity

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, March 17th, is a big day for those of Irish heritage or for anyone who is Irish at heart. Saint Patrick's Day is typically a day of parades, parties, and good food. This year's parade begins on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. on Superior Avenue at East 18th Street, and it will end at the intersection of Rockwell and Ontario. We all pray for good weather for the parade goers. Liturgically we don't celebrate Saint Patrick's Day this year because it falls on the Second Sunday of Lent. In the Catholic Church's hierarchy of feast days, there are four different levels of importance. A saint's feast day can be classified as an Optional Memorial, an Obligatory Memorial, a Feast Day, or a Solemnity. Optional Memorials or given the least amount of emphasis, and they don't have to be celebrated at all at daily Mass. Obligatory Memorials have to be celebrated unless they fall within the Season of Lent when they are considered Optional Memorials. Feast days are always celebrated unless they fall on a Sunday during Advent or Lent or during Holy Week. Solemnities are the highest of Holy Days where the Gloria is sung and the Nicene Creed is recited. Solemnities are always celebrated, but sometimes they have to move if they fall on a Sunday in Advent or Lent or during Holy Week.

Since Saint Patrick's Day is an Optional Memorial and it falls on the second Sunday of Lent, it is not celebrated within the context of Mass. All the prayers of the Mass are directed toward the second Sunday of Lent and the Transfiguration, which is the Gospel reading this weekend. Tuesday, March 19th, is the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Patron Saint of the Universal Church. Saint Joseph is afforded the highest level of importance as a saint's feast day, and it gets moved periodically if it falls on a Sunday of Lent, as it did two years ago, or if it falls during Holy Week. I was born on Saint Joseph's Day, 1964. During their solemn engagement in 1959, my parents decided to pick out the names of the children they might have. The first son was to be named Edmund after my father. The second son was to be named Joseph after Saint Joseph. And the third son was to be named Michael after the Archangel. Five years after naming their children, I was the second son, and I was born on March 19th, Saint Joseph's Day! My mom always said it was divine providence. I have no sisters, but my parents picked out the names Mary, Ann, and Therese if there were to be any girls born in the family.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day and Saint Joseph's Day!
Father Joe

EXPERIENCE GOD'S MERCY

Join us on Wednesday evening, March 20th, for the annual diocesan-wide ***"Evening of Confession"***. Fr. Isidore will be available at St. Mary and Fr. Joe will be available at Our Lady of Hope from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. All parishes in the Diocese will be participating in the Evening of Confession. Experience God's loving mercy. In the words of Pope Francis, *"God never tires of forgiving us"*. This is an excellent Lenten practice as we prepare for Easter.

LENTEN FISH FRIES

Our Lenten Fish Fries are all Fridays in Lent, except Good Friday, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the Social Center. The menu includes fish, shrimp, combos, macaroni and cheese and pierogis.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL - WILL YOU SPEND AN HOUR WITH ME?

During the Lenten season we are asked to "repent" - which means to re-think. The modern world has filled our time with all kinds of distractions. Why not be in the presence of God—present in the Most Blessed Sacrament to help us re-think. He is Our Master, Our Teacher, Our Advisor, Our Best Friend! Stop in and spend some time in quiet prayer. The Adoration Chapel at St. Martin of Tours is open daily from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to everyone who helped set up and donated food and/or money to the food pantry. February's cash donation totaled $314.00. Thanks for your continued generosity!

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MARY

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MARCH 16th & 17th

Food Collection/Sales at both Masses		C

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20th

5:00 p.m.	Evening of Confession	C

THURSDAY, MARCH 21st

6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	C

FRIDAY, MARCH 22nd

9:45 a.m.	Scripture Study	CR
5:00 p.m.	Fish Fry	SC