

First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021

Saturday, February 20th

8:30 am - St. John – Mass for the Parishioners
 9:00 am - 9:30 am – *Confessions at St. John*
 3:15 pm - 3:55 pm – *Confessions at St. John*
 4:00 pm - St. John – Mrs. Richard (Mary) Handy by Isabelle Handy

Sunday, February 21st First Sunday of Lent

7:30 am - 7:55 am – *Confessions at St. John*
 8:00 am - St. John – Gabriele “Gib” Handy by Priscilla Messier
 9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – Jerry Fournier by Wellman/Danforth Families
 11:30 am - Queen of Peace – George Washington, father of our country by Ed Hahr
Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed

Monday, February 22nd The Chair of Saint Peter

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Connie Hamel by the Wellman Family

Tuesday, February 23rd Saint Polycarp

8:30 am - St. John – Konrad & Eva Boehm by Mr./Mrs. Reg Haselton

Wednesday, February 24th

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm – *Holy Hour of Adoration with Confessions at St. John*
 5:15 pm - St. John – Special Intention by a cousin

Thursday, February 25th

8:30 am - St. John – Gibson Children by Martha Gibson

Friday, February 26th

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Special Intention by a parishioner

Saturday, February 27th

8:30 am - St. John – Special Intention
 9:00 am - 9:30 am – *Confessions at St. John*
 3:15 pm - 3:55 pm – *Confessions at St. John*
 4:00 pm - St. John – Gabriel “Gib” Handy by Isabelle

Sunday, February 28th Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 am - 7:55 am – *Confessions at St. John*
 8:00 am - St. John – Anne Brill by James & Lisa Warren
 9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – Special Intention
 11:30am - Queen of Peace – Mass for the People
Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed
*Please pray for parishioners who are ill or in need of your prayers, especially:
 Pam Austin, Charlene Chase, Connie Lapage, Martin Fortin, Charlie Weis,
 Randy Thomas, Dick & Anita Bedor, Sue Maurice, Karson St. Marie*

2/28/21	St. John	St. Elizabeth	Queen of Peace
LECTORS:	4pm K. Gilding 8:00am T. Lovett	9:35am J. Simard	11:30am D. Rooker

The **FORMED** program is available to everyone in our parish. To start enjoying this free gift, please visit the FORMED website:

- Go to: nekatholic.formed.org
- Click on REGISTER to create a personal account

NEW OFFICE HOURS: While Sue is away the regular office hours will be Monday – Friday from 9:30am-1pm. If no one is in the office the phone calls will be forwarded to Fr. Hahr's cell phone where you will be able to leave a message. Thank you in advance for your patience.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Corpus Christi Conference offers assistance in name of Jesus to the needy in our community. To contact us call: Patrick McWilliams: 274-3542 Ann Lovett: 751-8187; or the Rectory: 748-8129 We will arrange a visit to see if we are able to serve you!

PARISH EVENTS

Feb. 21st: 10am – Secular Franciscans @ FLC
 4pm – Catechist Training FLC
NO Confirmation Class 6pm-7:30pm FLC

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/20-6/30/21 Budgeted Regular Collection: \$243,650
Reg. Collection Year-to-date: \$74,699.20 + On-Line: \$49,398.59
Collections & Receipts: February 14, 2021 Reg .Offeratory:\$2725.00

Second Collections: Feb. 21st: Home Missions **Feb. 28th:** Fuel

Feeding the Hungry: The Lyndon Area Food Shelf, located on Elm Street in Lyndonville, would like to begin again providing "to go" meals for those in need each week. The prepared meals would be dropped off at the Food Shelf on Wednesday mornings by 10am and would be distributed for takeout that day by the Food Shelf volunteers. We are looking to set up a schedule of persons who would be interested in providing meals. For further info or to sign up, please call either Lawrie Easterbrooks at 751-5255 or Sandy Amadon at 274-5285. Thank you.

Please consider using the Online Giving tool for your weekly donations. Visit our website at: nekatholic.com and click "Give Online" to sign up!

Bishop's Annual Appeal Progress for Corpus Christi Parish as of 2/9/21

Overall Goal	Actual	% of Goal
\$72,573.00	\$58,939.00	84%

Christ Our Hope Progress for Corpus Christi Parish as of 2/9/21

Overall Goal	Actual	Pledged	% of Goal
\$361,693.00	\$33,328.14	\$73,097.14	20%

Volunteer Wanted: We're looking for someone to be the point person from the parish who will help manage the Bishop's Appeal for the coming year. There will be Zoom trainings in March and April prior to the launch. If you are interested in helping with this effort please call the parish Office at 748-8129.

GUIDELINES FOR LENT

- The time of Lent is to be observed by Catholics as a special season of prayer, penance and works of charity.
- All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence refers to the eating of meat (commonly considered to be the flesh of warm blooded mammals & birds). The rule of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years or older.
- Self-imposed fasting on the other weekdays of Lent is recommended. Abstinence on all Fridays of the year is also highly recommended.
- Parents and teachers should see to it that, even those who are not bound by the laws of fast and abstinence because of age, are brought up in an atmosphere that is conducive to a sense of penance.

Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent

St. Elizabeth's – immediately following the 8:30am Mass
 St. John's – 6pm
 Queen of Peace – 7pm

“Eighty and six years have I served Christ, nor has He ever done me any harm. How, then, could I blaspheme my King who saved Me? ... I bless Thee for deigning me worthy of this day and this hour that I may be among Thy martyrs and drink the cup of my Lord Jesus Christ.”
 ~ St. Polycarp



The Blessed Virgin Mary promised seven graces to the souls who honor her daily by saying seven Hail Mary's and meditating on her tears and dolors (sorrows). This Seven Sorrows devotion was passed on by Saint Bridget.

HERE ARE THE SEVEN GRACES:

1. I will grant peace to their families.
2. They will be enlightened about the divine mysteries.
3. I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work.
4. I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my divine Son or the sanctification of their souls.
5. I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives.
6. I will visibly help them at the moment of their death; they will see the face of their Mother.
7. I have obtained from my divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolors, will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son and I will be their eternal consolation and joy.



SEVEN SORROWS DEVOTION

1. The prophecy of Simeon. (Lk 2: 34, 35)

Meditation: How great was the shock to Mary's Heart at hearing the sorrowful words, in which holy Simeon told the bitter Passion and death of her sweet Jesus, since in that same moment she realized in her mind all the insults, blows, and torments which the impious men were to offer to the Redeemer of the world. But a still sharper sword pierced her soul. It was the thought of men's ingratitude to her beloved Son. Now consider that because of your sins you are unhappily among the ungrateful. (*say one Hail Mary*)

2. The flight into Egypt. (Mt 2:13-14)

Meditation: Consider the sharp sorrow which Mary felt when, St. Joseph being warned by an angel, she had to flee by night in order to preserve her beloved Child from the slaughter decreed by Herod. What anguish was hers, in leaving Judea, lest she should be overtaken by the soldiers of the cruel king! How great her privations in that long journey! What sufferings she bore in that land of exile, what sorrow amid that people given to idolatry! But consider how often you have renewed that bitter grief of Mary, when your sins have caused her Son to flee from your heart. (*say one Hail Mary*)

3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple. (Lk 3: 43-45)

Meditation: How dread was the grief of Mary, when she saw that she had lost her beloved Son! And as if to increase her sorrow, when she sought Him diligently among her kinsfolk and acquaintance, she could hear no tidings of Him. No hindrances stayed her, nor weariness, nor danger; but she forthwith returned to Jerusalem, and for three long days sought Him sorrowing. Great be your confusion, O my soul, who has so often lost your Jesus by your sins, and has given no heed to seek Him at once, a sign that you make very little or no account of the precious treasure of divine love. (*say one Hail Mary*)

4. The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross. (Lk 23:27)

Meditation: Come, O ye sinners, come and see if ye can endure so sad a sight. This Mother, so tender and loving, meets her beloved Son, meets Him amid an impious rabble, who drag Him to a cruel death, wounded, torn by stripes, crowned with thorns, streaming with blood, bearing His heavy cross. Ah, consider, my soul, the grief of the blessed Virgin thus beholding her Son! Who would not weep at seeing this Mother's grief? But who has been the cause of such woe? I, it is I, who with my sins have so cruelly wounded the heart of my sorrowing Mother! And yet I am not moved; I am as a stone, when my heart should break because of my ingratitude. (*say one Hail Mary*)

5. The Crucifixion. (Jn 19:16-37)

Meditation: Look, devout soul, look to Calvary, whereon are raised two altars of sacrifice, one on the body of Jesus, the other on the heart of Mary. Sad is the sight of that dear Mother drowned in a sea of woe, seeing her beloved Son, part of her very self, cruelly nailed to the shameful tree of the cross. Ah me! how every blow of the hammer, how every stripe which fell on the Savior's form, fell also on the disconsolate spirit of the Virgin. As she stood at the foot of the cross, pierced by the sword of sorrow, she turned her eyes on Him, until she knew that He lived no longer and had resigned His spirit to His Eternal Father. Then her own soul was like to have left the body and joined itself to that of Jesus. (*say one Hail Mary*)

6. The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross. (Jn 19:38)

Meditation: Consider the most bitter sorrow which rent the soul of Mary, when she saw the dead body of her dear Jesus on her knees, covered with blood, all torn with deep wounds. O mournful Mother, a bundle of myrrh, indeed, is thy Beloved to thee. Who would not pity thee? Whose heart would not be softened, seeing affliction which would move a stone? Behold John not to be comforted, Magdalen and the other Mary in deep affliction, and Nicodemus, who can scarcely bear his sorrow. (*say one Hail Mary*)

7. The burial of Jesus. (Lk 23:50-56)

Meditation: Consider the sighs which burst from Mary's sad heart when she saw her beloved Jesus laid within the tomb. What grief was hers when she saw the stone lifted to cover that sacred tomb! She gazed a last time on the lifeless body of her Son, and could scarce detach her eyes from those gaping wounds. And when the great stone was rolled to the door of the sepulcher, oh, then indeed her heart seemed torn from her body! (*say one Hail Mary*)

Novena in Honor of the Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Most holy and afflicted Virgin, Queen of Martyrs, you stood beneath the cross, witnessing the agony of your dying Son. Look with a mother's tenderness and pity on me, who kneel before you. I venerate your sorrows and I place my requests with filial confidence in the sanctuary of your wounded heart.

Present them, I beseech you, on my behalf to Jesus Christ, through the merits of His own most sacred passion and death, together with your sufferings at the foot of the cross. Through the united efficacy of both, obtain the granting of my petition. To whom shall I have recourse in my wants and miseries if not to you, Mother of Mercy? You have drunk so deeply of the chalice of your Son, you can compassionate our sorrows.

Holy Mary, your soul was pierced by a sword of sorrow at the sight of the passion of your Divine Son. Intercede for me and obtain for me from Jesus [*your petition*] if it be for His honor and glory, and for my good. Amen.