March 21, 2021 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sacrificial Giving

Recognizable Offering..... $6,953.00
Loose Cash $277.00
Total Weekly Offering..... $7,230.00
Mass Attendance Mar 13/14 163

Mass Intentions

Mar 22-28
Monday .....Lloyd Biehl(+)
Wednesday.....Edward W. Girard(+)
Thursday .....Peter Adam(+)
Friday .....Corey Berthelette(+)
Saturday.....St Peter Parishioners
Sunday .....Ken Dellner(+)

In Loving Memory and lasting peace for all who have died, especially **Edward William Girard,** father of our parishioner Edward Ahlsen-Girard. Pray for the consolation of his family as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: Holy Thursday and Good Friday; 6:30 p.m. Easter Vigil; 7:30 p.m. Easter Sunday; 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. **All seating will be done on a first come, first served basis, filling from front to back beginning 40 minutes before service time**. We will have audio in the pavilions if we cannot accommodate everyone in the church and parish center, and Communion will be available.

FISH FRY

Lenten Fish Fry March 26th

Fish Fry, March 26th, served 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Fried fish, baked beans, coleslaw, hush puppies, dessert and bottled water. All meals will be pre-packaged "to go", but you may eat in the pavilions, observing social distancing. **You MUST order in advance**. **Sign up any time before 12 noon this Sunday**, March 21st by going on to our website.
Stations of the Cross will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Pope Francis has declared **2021** to be **the Year of St. Joseph** and has granted special indulgences to mark the year. We have just celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph on March 19. *You are invited to find out more about this special saint in the life of Christ and the Church* on **Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** There will be time for prayer and adoration in addition to a short talk presented by Deacon Tony.

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, contact Angela Zangerle at (808)295-2587 or email her at stpeter.prayerchain@gmail.com

Hospitalized Parishioners: If you or a family member are hospitalized, please call the Parish Office, otherwise we have no way of knowing who in our parish is there.

In Your Daily Prayers, Please Remember our parishioners who are deployed and:

Monday Johanna Adam*, Lois Lange*, Carol Dineen*, Karen Chasteen, Carl & Darlene Winbauer
Tuesday Danny Labatte, Stacy Brooks
Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, Aurora Beard
Thursday Pam Bauchwitz*, Lucille Kesler, Shoko Labatte
Friday Doug Babiak*, Chuck Gober*, Cheryl Darby
Saturday Harper Spear, Judy and Dave Robinson*
Sunday Donna Fetter*, Grace Farrell*, Karen Clayton*, Cynthia Dixon
*Indicates our parishioners.

Stations of the Cross
Every Friday of the Lenten Season at 6:30 p.m.

Our **March Mulch Madness** turned out to be a wonderful day where parishioners of every age came out to lend a helping hand. Thank you so much to all who gifted their time and talents to spruce up our grounds not only for our Easter Celebration but for the whole year.

Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 21, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)
Jer 31:31-34
Heb 5:7-9
Jn 12:20-33

Do I Have to Die?

Who has not asked this question, at least to oneself? It's a valid question, because at the core of every living being is the drive to live. Jesus also must have asked this question. Today's Gospel account implies this in John 12:27. ("I am troubled now.") Despite his passion for living, Jesus was more passionate about the transformation that would take place later. The example of the grain that must die if a harvest of wheat is to be produced is a perfect metaphor to make this point. Just as the grain is insignificant compared with the possible harvest, so—our faith assures us—there is no comparison between this life and the wondrous transformation that awaits us. And yes, in order to move from this life to that splendorous future, we will have to die.

Our Lenten meditations will soon focus on the suffering and death of Jesus. However, to concentrate solely on suffering and death is like examining the death of the grain without any thought of its transformation and the bountiful harvest that will come. We must not minimize Jesus' suffering. However, it was precisely by means of his having been lifted up on the cross in suffering and death that he was lifted up in glory and exaltation. This is why we claim that death is not the end of life but the gateway to new life. So, as difficult as it might be to leave the life we love, like Jesus we have to die in order to enter that new life.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- *Begin to place yourself in God's hands with little things so that you are better able to do so in bigger things.*
- *The second reading reminds us that Christ is the source of our eternal salvation. Spend a moment in gratitude for this great gift.*

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Dear Padre,

I'm a non-Catholic church secretary who receives questions about a Purgatorial Society. What is it?

"Those who die in God's grace and friendship imperfectly purified, although they are assured of their eternal salvation, undergo a purification after death, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of God" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church,* 1054). This process of purification is known as purgatory. Saint Gregory the Great (540–604) wrote "certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come" (see *Dialogues* 4, 39). This forgiveness of sins granted after death is also suggested in Matthew 12:32 and 2 Timothy 1:18.

Because Catholics believe we're in communion with one another through an active relationship that transcends death, our prayers and sacrifices benefit the deceased (see 2 Maccabees 12:38–46). Thus, a Purgatorial Society is a formal association of Catholics who offer prayers, Masses, and other works of charity to benefit the souls in purgatory. Souls that get to heaven, in turn, offer their prayers to benefit the living. This mutual assistance affirms our belief in an earthly and heavenly Church forming one body in Christ.

Purgatorial societies were especially prevalent from the Middle Ages through the previous century, but they're currently seeing a revival in some church parishes and religious communities. Societies generally maintain a registry to enroll names of the deceased so that Masses are regularly offered for the holy souls in purgatory—especially during the month of November.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

By visiting the tombs of our loved ones we remember that we have a multitude of saints who before God intercede for our needs. Let us not forget, however, that so many deceased also await our spiritual support. Let us remember them in our prayers…asking that they be welcomed into the ranks of the elect in heaven.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, OCTOBER 31, 2018

It's time for Catholic Charities' "Cash for a Cause" fundraiser! For a suggested donation of $100, you will have a chance to win $20,000 and you will be helping our neighbors in need! Only 1,500 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be on April 23rd.
To purchase a ticket online and review the Official Rules and Regulations, visit their website at https://ccnwfl.org/cashforacause/
For more information, call 850-435-3560 or email development@cc.ptdiocese.org.