St. Patrick, St. Mary & St. Flannen Parishes

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St. Patrick, St. Flannen, & St. Mary

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Parish Staff

Fr. Timothy Draper, Pastor
Deacon Kevin Prunty, Pastoral Associate
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BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Office to fill out a baptismal registration form and to schedule with Fr. Draper or Deacon Prunty a date for your child's baptism. Note: If this is your first child being baptized, a baptismal preparation class must also be scheduled and taken with Fr. Draper or Deacon Prunty prior to the baptism.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements are to be made by contacting the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the proposed date. Couples must meet in person with Fr. Draper to set their date and are required to participate in a marriage preparation program prior to the wedding.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: If your or a fellow parishioner's health is in danger due to sickness or old age, please contact the Parish Office to be anointed by Fr. Draper.

SICK VISITATION: If you are going to be hospitalized or are confined to your home and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Knights of Columbus: Meet 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17/18, 2018

Mass Schedule

Amboy

- Saturday 4:30 pm
- Sunday 7:30 am & 10:30 am
- Tuesday 7:00 am
- Wednesday 5:00 pm
- Thursday 7:00 am
- Friday 8:00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration Mass at 5:00 pm

Walton

- Saturday 6:00 pm

Harmon

- Sunday 9:00 am

- 1st Wednesday of the month 10:00 am Mass at Maple Crossing at Amboy.
- Communion Service led by Deacon Prunty: Mondays at 5:00 pm at St. Patrick, Amboy.

Wednesday, March 21st, confessions will be:

9:00 am - 11:00 am and 5:30 pm-7:30 pm in Amboy
12noon - 1:00 pm in Walton
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm in Harmon

Palm Sunday
March 24/25, 2018

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm: 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24
Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

Food Pantry: Open the 3rd Wednesday every month at 9:00 am in the basement of St. Patrick Church.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 20th

7:00 am, Amboy BILL McCOY †
By: His Family

Wednesday, March 21st

5:00 pm, Amboy GENE LEFFELMAN †
By: His Family

Thursday, March 22nd

7:00 am, Amboy DARLENE ROSS †
By: Rick & Colleen Considine

LINDA RILEY †
By: Diane Powers

Friday, March 23rd

8:00 am, Amboy Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration

5:00 pm, Amboy KEN SPITZ †
By: Sheila & G.G. Garcia

Saturday, March 24th

4:30 pm, Amboy TIM CONSIDINE †
By: Barb Goy

6:00 pm, Walton MARGARET DELHOTAL †
By: Dave & Nan Montavon

Sunday, March 25th

7:30 am, Amboy THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK, ST. MARY & ST. FLANEN PARISHES

9:00 am, Harmon MARILYN HENRY †
By: Roger Colmark

10:30 am, Amboy JAN FRIEL †
By: Larry & Eileen Piper

MARLENE GRESKIWCZ †
By: Tom & Deb Mead

Holy Hours For Holy Orders - The seminarian for March 23rd is Maxwell Oswalt who is in his 2nd year of college at St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward, NE.

Congratulations to

Jacob Stewart & Nichole Eisenberg

who were married at St. Patrick's.
May God bless their marriage abundantly.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule
Palm Sunday - March 24/25, 2018

Saturday, 4:30 pm	Sunday, 7:30 am	Sunday, 10:30 am
Servers: Gabby Ketchum, Tyrah Vaessen	**Servers:** Natalie Pratt, Brooklyn Whelchel	**Servers:** Emma Dinges, Lauren Tarr
Lectors: R: Beth Shaw; N: Peg Duffy; V: Beth Shaw	**Lector:** R: Carol Ely; N: Katie Pratt; V: Carol Ely	**Lector:** R: Bonita Willis; N: Tim O'Laughlin; V: Bonita Willis
Extraordinary Minister: Sue Duffy	**Extraordinary Minister:** Larry Durso	**Extraordinary Minister:** Larry Eisenberg
Sacristan: Sue Duffy	**Sacristan:** Jim & Jean Travi	**Sacristan:** Cindy Karlson
Music Ministers: Mark & Kim	**Music Ministers:** Nancy & Stella	**Music Ministers:** Silent Mass

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God's Gift Of Forgiveness — Be Reconciled

On Wednesday, March 21st, throughout the Diocese confessions will be heard from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm. The confession schedule for St. Patrick, St. Mary & St. Flannen on March 21st will be:

9:00 am - 11:00 am in Amboy
12noon - 1:00 pm in Walton
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm in Harmon
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm in Amboy

Area Penance Services

Tuesday, March 20th, 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart, Sterling
Thursday, March 22nd, 6:30pm at St. Mary, Morrison

Easter Flower Envelopes are in the back of the Church. If you would like to donate towards the Easter flowers in memory of a loved one, please use one of the flower donation envelopes.

The Parish Office will be closing at 3:00 pm Monday-Wednesday, March 26th-28th and will be closed Thursday, March 29th and Friday, March 30th.

My dear parishioners,

It is good to be back with all of you. I very much appreciated returning to so many birthday cards and warm welcomes. Being away for six weeks means, of course, having quite a stack of mail and messages to sort through. So, I thank you in advance for your patience as I attempt to get caught up.

St. Patrick's will be celebrating its annual *Be Reconciled* day on Wednesday, March 21st. On that day, the sacrament of Confession will be available from 9-11am (in Amboy), 12noon-1:00pm (in Walton), 1:30-2:30pm (in Harmon), and 5:30-7:30pm (in Amboy). I encourage everyone to take advantage of this special day of divine mercy to make a good Lenten confession before Easter and "be reconciled to God" (Rom 5:20).

The first step for making a good confession is to make an honest, prayerful *examination of conscience*. In the examination, one tries to recall, in the light of God's mercy, the different ways one has sinned since one's last good confession. The back side of this week's bulletin insert contains a very good examination guide to help with this step. Secondly, the person comes to Confession and says: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. My last good confession was (however many days, weeks, months, or years ago)." The person then confesses the sins that he or she can honestly recall, mentioning also the *number* of times any *mortal sins* were committed (e.g., "I missed Sunday Mass *three* times"). A *mortal* sin is a sin that is serious or grave, and which was committed with full knowledge and deliberate consent. Next, the priest gives some *counsel* and a *penance* (usually a prayer or good work to perform after Confession to make up, in some way, for the damage caused by sin). After the person expresses his or her sorrow for sin in the *act of contrition* (a prayer which can be found inside the confessional), the priest, speaking in the person of Christ, says the words of forgiveness or *absolution*: *"I absolve you from your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."* The person is then freed from his or her sins. This holy season of Lent is a grace-filled time to repent of our sins and turn once more to God. What better way to do this than to make a good confession!

Fr. Draper

Word Of Life

"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

Pope Francis' Day for Life Greeting

-Stewardship Of God's Blessings-
Sunday Collection As Of 03/11/2018

St. Patrick

Weekly Budget Need	$3,775.00
Sunday Collection	$3,210.00
Income Required to date	$139,675.00
Sunday Collection to date	$139,426.22
International Appeal	$3,135.00

St. Flannen

Weekly Budget Need	$1,088.00
Sunday Collection	$765.00
Income Required to date	$40,256.00
Sunday Collection to date	$42,027.41
International Appeal	$25.00

St. Mary

Weekly Budget Need	$824.00
Sunday Collection	$1,058.00
Income Required to date	$30,488.00
Sunday Collection to date	$28,954.25
International Appeal	$175.00

Cemetery Clean Up!

It is time to get our cemeteries ready for spring. Please remove any Fall or Christmas decorations, old pots, faded flowers, torn flags, etc. **by April 1st**. *Any left behind will be discarded*. PLEASE only one shepherd hook per headstone and it must be flush up against the base of the cement slab. This is being done in compliance with the Diocesan Cemetery Guidelines. Thank you.

Catholic Relief Services—Operation Rice Bowl

Your donations are used for: Water and sanitation projects to bring clean water to communities. Mother and child health and nutrition services. Plus so much more! Even the St. Patrick Food Pantry receives a grant from Operation Rice Bowl.

Our parishes will have a collection March 24/25, 2018 for Operation Rice Bowl.

Marriage Encounter

"Untie him and let him go." Let the love of God free us from any fetters in our marriages. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on April 20-22 in Brookfield, WI; July 20-22 in Madison, WI or Sept. 7-9 in Geneva, IL. For more information call **888-574-5653** or visit our website at: **alifetimeoflove.org**

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