

St. Patrick, Kankakee ~ a Viatorian Parish

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 12, 2017



You are the One

You are the pre-dawn glow that promises yet another new beginning.
You are the still dusk that brings rest to a weary world.

You are the prophecy of God's life-giving Word inscribed on our hearts.
You are the law that finds its fulfilment in love.

You are the mountain where the presence of God blazes and burns.
You are the valley where the face of God peeks out from suffering eyes.

You are the glory that we long for,
the whispered rumor of a different order,
the Shining One who transfigures all things.

You are the One we worship.
Amen.

John van de Laar

The whole point of the Gospel about the Transfiguration was not to go up the mountain and bask in God's glory, but to go back *down* the mountain and do what Jesus does: heal the sick, give sight to those who are blind, open the ears of the deaf, and bring the Good News to the poor.

The voice from the Cloud says the same thing now as that which was heard at Jesus' baptism:
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

But now there is an addendum directed squarely at the disciples ... and at us:
"*Listen to him!*"

Listen to what he is saying, not to what YOU think he is saying.

The things that we all should listen to are Jesus' words: "*Rise and do not be afraid.*"

Joe Cece



This Week:

Monday, March 13

Tuesday, March 14

Wednesday, March 15

5:40 ***REP Classes***

6:00 ***First Communion Parent Meeting***

Thursday, March 16

12:00 ***Adoration until 5:00 p.m.***

5:00 ***Vespers and Benediction***

Friday, March 17

11:30 ***St. Patrick's Day Celebration begins!***

Saturday, March 18

Sunday, March 19 ***3rd Sunday of Lent***

7:30 - 12 noon BREAKFAST BUFFET

10:00 ***Little People's Church***

For Reflection ...

• This Lent, how is God calling you to see things in a new way – from a new point of view? • How can *you* reflect God's glory to those around you, especially when you experience times of trial?

***Pray for These Men and Women
Serving in the Military ...***

Ryan Barrie, Synthia Dorsey, Dustin Foltz,
David Hodak, Nathan Hornback,
Joseph Jordan, Matthew Lanasa, Troy Martin,
Sarah Miller, Justin Phelps,
John T. Raimondo, Scott Riegel,
Daniel Ryan, Andrew Ryan,
Erik Schultz, Gregory Smith, Jessica Smith,
Tom Stanley, and Michael Widhalm.

Be with them, Lord, and keep them safe!

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Thank you for your support!

"This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him."



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Non-perishable food - *canned or boxed*,
as well as *toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper,*
bath soap, dish soap, laundry soap ...

AND they need plastic grocery bags and egg cartons.
Can you help? This is one way of giving alms to the poor!

Encounter with God in prayer
inspires us anew to “come back down the mountain”
and return to the plain where we meet many people
weighed down by fatigue, sickness, injustice,
ignorance, and poverty - both material and spiritual.
To these ones in difficulty,
we are called to bear the fruit of that experience with God,
by sharing the grace we have received.

And this is curious.
When we hear the Word of Jesus,
when we listen to the Word of Jesus
and carry it in our heart, this Word grows.
Do you know how it grows? By giving it to the other!



Pope Francis

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THE 2017 ANNUAL LENTEN SERIES

Tuesdays, March 21, March 28, and April 4:
at St. Anne Church Hall from 10 - 11 a.m.

Tuesdays, March 21, March 28, and April 4:
at St. Patrick Convent from 7 - 8 p.m.

Thursdays, March 23, March 30, April 6:
at Maternity BVM Parish Library from 10 - 11 a.m.

We welcome ***James Christopher Koerner***,
son of Christopher & Rebecca (Franzen) Koerner,
recently baptized into the Body of Christ.

May God continue to bless James, his parents, godparents, and grandparents
as they guide his growth in faith and in love!

James is pictured here with his parents, his godparents, and Fr. John Peeters, CSV.



Friday is St. Patrick's Day. The following prayer is from what is often called "St. Patrick's Breastplate" because it seeks God's protection in a world of both tangible and invisible dangers.

I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
Through the belief in the threeness,
Through the confession of the oneness of the Creator of Creation.

I arise today through God's strength to pilot me:
God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me,
God's host to save me from snares of demons,
From temptations of vices,
From everyone who shall wish me ill,
Afar and anear, alone and in multitude.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.



THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 17, CELEBRATE

St. Patrick's Day

with St. Patrick Parish and the Knights of Columbus

Beginning at 11:30 a.m.	Corned Beef sandwiches available - Casey Club (Donations will be accepted.)
4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry - Cameo Room
5:00 p.m.	Traditional Corned Beef Dinner - Council Room
8:00 p.m.	Sullivan School of Irish Dancers

Corned Beef Dinner Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids (12 & under).

We will also have hot dogs, chips & juice box available for kids.

Cash Bar available. Envelope Number 543.

Kid Friendly Celebration - All are welcome!



**Tickets for dinner available NOW in the Rectory.
Advance ticket purchase is strongly encouraged.
Proceeds go to support St. Patrick's Parish.**



The Hearts of Hope Teens
invite you to their
Famous Breakfast Buffet,
THIS COMING SUNDAY, March 19,
at the Knights of Columbus Hall!
You do not want to miss this!



The Knights of Columbus will hold a ***Lenten Fish Fry***
every Friday from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. throughout the Lenten Season.



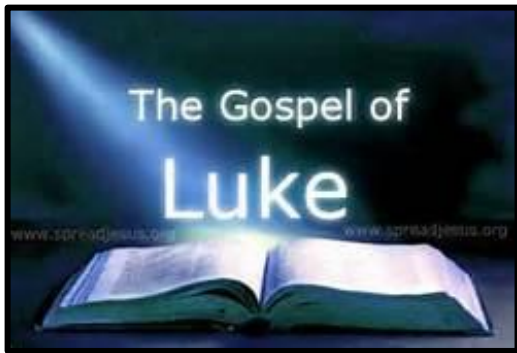
AND ... *St. Anne Catholic Church* will hold its
Annual Lenten Fish Fry's
on Fridays - March 24 and April 7 -- in the Parish Hall,
serving from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

2017 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. Please Participate! Your Gift Makes a Difference!
One pledge can make a difference, especially when combined with all of the other pledges made throughout the Diocese. Please prayerfully consider providing your financial support to this year's Appeal, "*Held in God's Hands.*" You can make a real difference! Some people may have missed the In-Pew process for the ***Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.*** You can still participate by going online at jolietdioceseappeal.org, or by mailing in your gift. The many ministries and services that are funded by the Appeal need help from each of us. On behalf of those served, thank you for your support.

2017 C.C.W. Bishop Blanchette Scholarship application information is now available in the Rectory Office. Completed applications must be returned by March 31. Any student registered at **Bishop McNamara High School** for the 2017-2018 academic year is eligible. Please call the Rectory Office at (815) 932-6716 for more information.

CND's Initiate ***Have a Heart Campaign ENDS FRIDAY!*** Contributions may be sent to: **Sr. Rose Mary Sullivan, CND, 30 Highfield Road, Wilton, CT 06897.** Please make checks payable to the Congregation of Notre Dame and please write ***Have a Heart*** on the memo line.

Please save ***Box Tops for Education***
for **Bishop McNamara Catholic School!**
Thank You!



Reflection / Study on the Gospel of St. Luke

Mondays, March 20 and March 27,
from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., at Maternity BVM Parish Hall.

This two-hour session **FOR MEN AND WOMEN** will include a presentation by Father Sunny Castillo, followed by small group sharing. Participants are asked to come prepared by reading the Gospel of St. Luke. Reflection questions will be provided to assist in the

small group sharing. Register now! Please contact Alicia Parkinson at (815) 932-9423 or email her at prknsn9@gmail.com Sponsored by the ***Inter-Parish Women's Committee***.

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you are asked to consider placing your ad or business card in our Bulletin!
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please contact **ADCRAFT PRINTERS, INC. at (815) 932-6432.**

Lenten Ideas for those with lives out of balance ...

1. Go for a walk each day with a loved one and talk about life and faith.
2. Take the kids to the park each week for some carefree time.
3. Give up fast food and give the money to charity.
4. Exercise each day.
5. Spend at least half an hour each day in meaningful conversation with your spouse.
6. Give up your most unhealthy habit.
7. Help an elderly or disabled person in your neighborhood with yard work or other difficult chores.
8. Set time limits on overall online time.
9. Limit *Facebook* time.
10. Spend more time in prayer.

Ideas of things to ADD to your life during Lent ...

- Making time for personal prayer
- Going to Confession
- Allowing for quiet time
- Committing to exercise
- Making time for your spouse/children
- Sacrificing for your spouse/children
- Affirming those around you
- Being a better friend
- Staying positive
- Volunteering
- Performing Works of Mercy (feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick ...)
- Tithing
- Getting enough sleep at night
- Being on time

ST. PATRICK CHURCH, KANKAKEE, IL. (815) 932-6716.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule. Please arrange for a substitute if needed.

MARCH 18 / 19	4:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.
CANTOR	A. Schneider		A. Schneider / Choir
SERVERS	A. Gilbert T. Gilbert M. Lay		A. Bergstresser C. Scott E. Draper
LECTORS	P. Hodak	C. Pristach	L. Cowhig
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	J. Fender G. Keller D. Legris	P. Johnson C. Olofsson S. Stanley	C. Wilcox-Clyden P. Germano G. Germano
USHERS	C. Denault R. Skelly G. Piatt S. Drassler S. Berg A. Parkinson	G. Flageole P. Holohan B. Grasser M. Born	R. Hartman P. Swanson D. Glenzinski T. Marcotte M. Spilsbury
LITTLE PEOPLE'S CHURCH			B. Vaubel / P. Purcell
SACRISTAN			J. O'Connor / J. Fender

*Please pray for the sick and the dying, and all those who mourn the loss of a loved one.
Also, let us remember in prayer the homebound and those in nursing homes or hospitals.*

Prayer Line ... Call (815) 933-6877

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, March 13

7:15 Kristin Benson

Tuesday, March 14

7:15 Living & Deceased Members of
St. Patrick H. S. Class of 1949

Wednesday, March 15

7:15 Special Intention

Thursday, March 16

7:15 Patrick & Emily McNeely

Friday, March 17 ***St. Patrick's Day***

7:15 For Living & Deceased
Parishioners & Benefactors

Saturday, March 18

7:15 Joe Ostrowski (Birth. Ann.)

4:00 Don Betourne

Sunday, March 19

3rd Sunday of Lent

7:00 Gene Heflin

10:00 Linda Faber / Jim Lindner



This Lent, may God bless you with discomfort with easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships so that you will live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people so that you will work for justice, equity, and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war so that you will reach out your head to comfort them and change their pain to joy.

And may God bless you with the foolishness to think that you can make a difference in the world so that you will do the things which others tell you cannot be done. Amen.

Elaine Menardi

MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Holy Family Candle burns in memory of Connor Sexton.

The Blessed Sacrament Candle burns for the Special Intentions of the Swanson Family.

