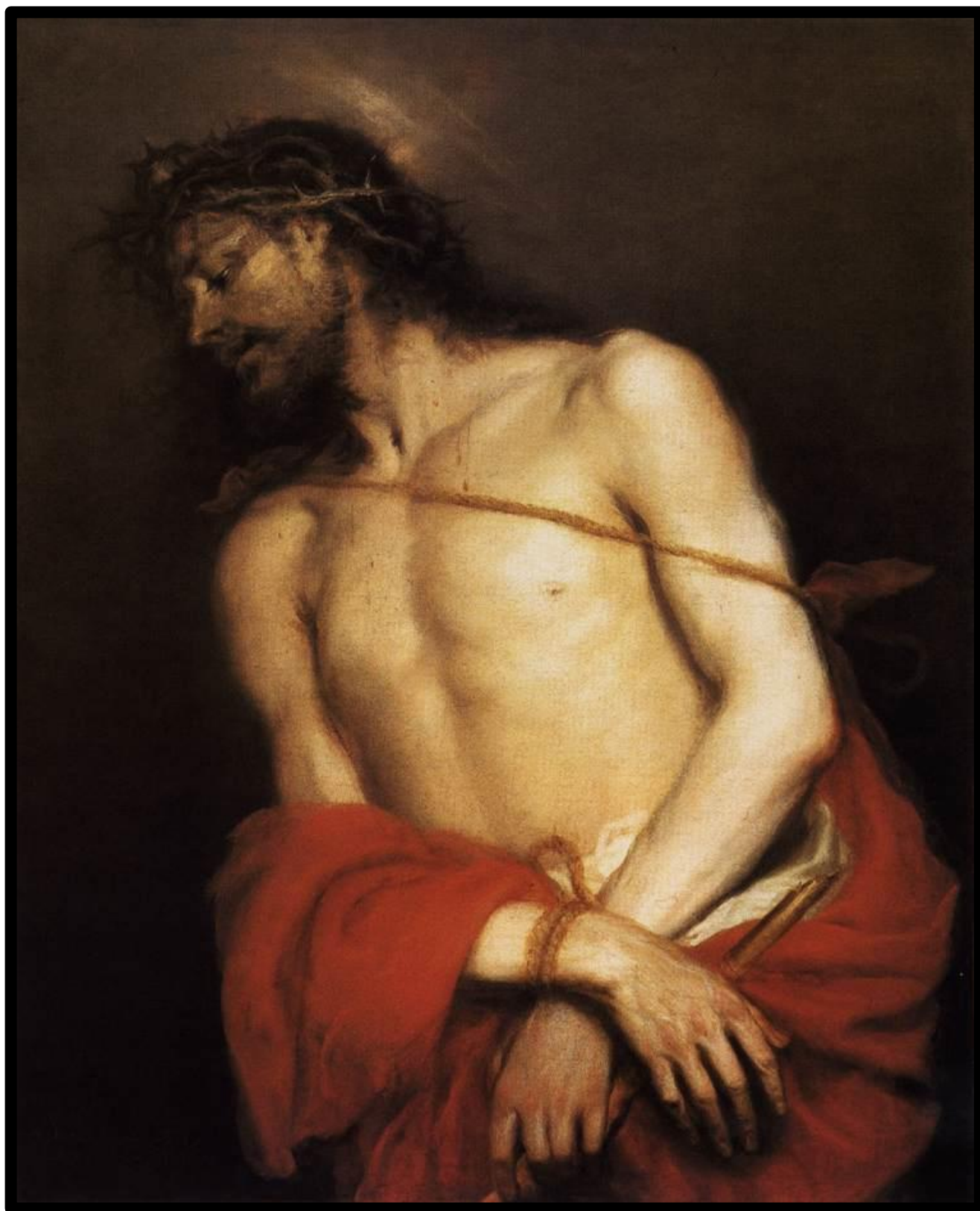


St. Patrick, Kankakee ~ a Viatorian Parish

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

MARCH 25, 2018



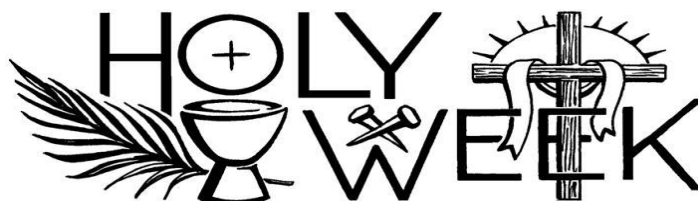
Today is a day of glory for the Lord,
with people acclaiming him
as God's messenger:
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

A few days from now,
as we will hear in the Passion story,
people will shout:
Crucify him!

We understand this better when we reflect on our own lives.
We have some days of glorious happiness,
And some days of success and joy.
But we also have sad days of contradiction and failure.
Today we look at them in the light of the Lord.

With him we live happy days ... with him we experience sad days ...
but whether sad or joyful, in all of them we follow the Lord.

Liturgy Alive



This Week:

Monday, March 26
Tuesday, March 27
Wednesday, March 28
5:40 ***REP Sessions***
Thursday, March 29
12:00 ***Adoration until 5 p.m.***
5:00 ***Vespers and Benediction***
Friday, March 30
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Saturday, March 31
Sunday, April 1
Easter Sunday

For Reflection ...

- ◆ Has my life fallen asleep? ◆ Am I like Pilate?
- ◆ When I see that the situation is difficult, do I wash my hands and dodge my responsibility?

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

Ryan Barrie, Synthia Dorsey, Dustin Foltz,
Kelton Gifford, David Hodak,
Nathan Hornback, Joseph Jordan,
Henry Kijewski, Matthew Lanasa, Troy Martin,
Sarah Miller, Keith Mulholland, Justin Phelps,
John T. Raimondo, Scott Riegel,
Daniel Ryan, Andrew Ryan,
Erik Schultz, Gregory Smith, Jessica Smith,
Michael Widhalm, and Brandi Zinnel.

Be with them, Lord, and keep them safe!

Sponsor of the Week

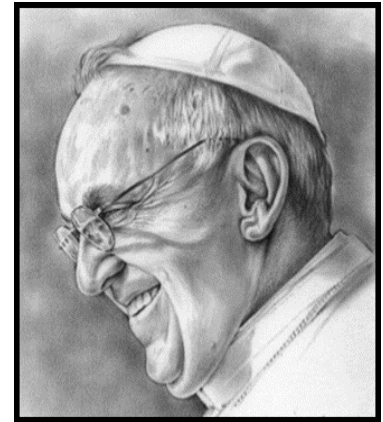
***Knights of Columbus
Council 745***

Thank you for your ongoing support!

**Help a neighbor!
Please remember**

THE FOOD PANTRY.

Today's celebration can be said to be bittersweet.
 It is joyful and sorrowful at the same time.
 We celebrate the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem
 to the cries of his disciples who acclaim him as king.
 As we joyfully acclaim our King,
 let us also think of the sufferings
 that he will have to endure in this week ...
 the way of the cross leading to the crucifixion.



Let us ask for the grace to follow Jesus faithfully,
 not in words but in deeds.

Let us also ask for the patience to carry our own cross,
 not to refuse it or set it aside, but rather, in looking to him, to take it up and to carry it daily.

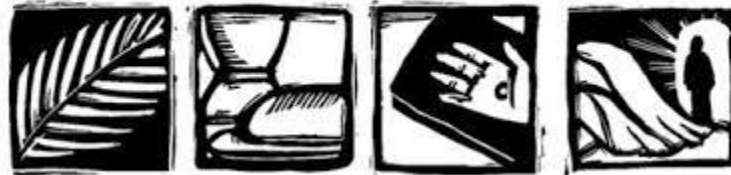
This Jesus is present in our many brothers and sisters who today endure sufferings like his own.
 Jesus is in them, in each of them, and, with marred features and broken voice,
 he asks to be looked in the eye, to be acknowledged, to be loved.

It is the same Jesus who entered Jerusalem amid the waving of palm branches.
 It is the same Jesus who was nailed to the cross and died between two criminals.
 We have no other Lord but him: Jesus, the humble King of justice, mercy, and peace.

Pope Francis

On the Cover: *Ecce Homo* by Mateo Cerezo, c. 1665 Szépművészeti Múzeum, Budapest
ECCE HOMO: behold the man – from the words of Pontius Pilate
 when he presented Jesus, crowned with thorns, to the crowd before his crucifixion

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



March 25	Palm Sunday	Masses at 4 p.m. Saturday, 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. 3 p.m. - Youth Group Led Penance Service
March 27	Tuesday	5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
March 29	Holy Thursday	7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
March 30	Good Friday	3:00 p.m. Service of the Lord's Passion 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross / Veneration
March 31	Holy Saturday	8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass
April 1	Easter Sunday	Masses at 7:00 a.m. and 10 a.m.

*We will decorate the church immediately after the Good Friday 7 p.m. service!
 Please come and offer your assistance.*

Do These 4 Things for Holy Week

For some of us that is an unwelcome reminder that we have become less enthusiastic or energetic about the Lenten practice or discipline we selected back at the beginning of March. Forty days is a long time, and giving up one thing, or adding on something else, can become difficult to maintain over time.

The good news is that you're not alone: a lot of Lenten practices do not make it through the season. No one does everything they planned to do during Lent - that's part of being human! God is not grading you on how well you did; the point is to increase your closeness with God and your capacity to love.

So, what can you do, now, to re-center and re-energize your spiritual life? **Keep it small and keep it simple!**

- ***Pray every morning.*** When you get up, thank God for the new day. Say an Our Father while you're getting dressed. That's all: keep it small and keep it simple. When you start the day with prayer, you're starting it right.
- ***Do some good works.*** Both the Spiritual Works of Mercy and the Corporal Works of Mercy give you a plethora of opportunities to reach out to others this Lent.
- ***Read Scripture.*** Remind yourself of the story that is unfolding throughout Lent. You can't just jump into Holy Week; read the Gospels that bring you up to Christ's entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.
- ***Examine your conscience.*** This is a helpful and simple Ignatian practice. Before you go to bed, review your day. Ask yourself if you've done your best and resolve to do better tomorrow.

There are many useful Lenten practices and disciplines, but **the best ones** are the ones that actually work ... the ones that bring you into a closer relationship with God ... and the ones that help you express love for God's people and God's creation. The best Lenten rule of all? ***Keep it small and keep it simple.***

Jeannette de Beauvoir



Living Last Supper

Begin your Holy Week by attending a live presentation of the Last Supper. Listen as the twelve Apostles react to the news that Jesus had just announced, "*One of you will betray me.*" The Apostles speak their minds and ask the question, "*Is it I?*" This living dramatization will be presented at Maternity BVM Church in Bourbonnais, on Palm Sunday, March 25, at 7 p.m. This is a Lenten experience unlike any other in your life.

On Good Friday, March 29, Hearts of Hope is sponsoring their **ANNUAL TRIP TO THE SHRINE OF CHRIST'S PASSION**, in St. John, IN. We will meet at the Settles Center (gym) at JP II at 7:45 a.m. and return at approximately 12 Noon. Simply call Ken & Michelle Barrie at (815) 382-8130 to reserve your spot.



Loretto Cowhig
St. Patrick's 2018 Woman of the Year

Our 2018 *Woman of the Year* has lived in our community and has been a member of St. Patrick Parish for more than 35 years. She and her husband have raised their two children here ... and they now have been blessed with three grandchildren.

She has served our Parish as a member of the Parish Council and you can count on her devoted service as Eucharistic Minister and as a Lector, at our 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, and at our Holy Day and holiday liturgies.

Our Woman of the Year is a firm believer that we are called to take our faith beyond the confines of the church and allow every aspect of our lives to be guided by Gospel values. She is active in the community, serving our city as the chairperson of the City of Kankakee Planning Committee. She is also a member of the County Planning Board. She has been active in the League of Women Voters. During all of the years that she has lived in Kankakee, she has worked for the Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging.

Her hobby is baking. Maybe some of you have experienced her take on biscotti ... or her wonderful Irish soda bread.

Congratulations to our 2018 C.C.W. Woman of the Year for 2018 - Loretto Cowhig!
Loretto is pictured here with her husband, Bruce, and Fr. John Peeters, CSV.

SAINT PATRICK'S GARDEN COMMITTEE

With Spring slowly but surely making its appearance, it is time to start thinking about the trees, shrubs, flowers, and other greenery around our parish property. Mr. Ronald Hartman has kindly agreed to head up the efforts of those who, over the coming months, wish to work on the upkeep and beautification of our green areas. If you are interested in being a member of the Garden Committee, please get in touch with Ron Hartman in the near future at his home phone number of (815) 935-1655. Thank you for putting your "green thumb" to work.



The Council of Catholic Women of Sacred Heart Church in Goodrich, is having their *Annual Spring Luncheon & Card Party* on Thursday, April 5, at 11:30 a.m. There will be a hot and cold luncheon buffet, along with Raffles, Games and Prizes. Tickets are available at the door, with a donation of \$8. Gentlemen are always welcome.

The St. Patrick's Prayer Line is made up of people who (individually) pray for a person or persons in need of God's graces. Simply call the Prayer Line number (815) 933-6877 with your prayer request, and it will be sent out to Prayer Line Members! The prayer line is a telephone chain. Requests for a person, persons, or situation are received by Lou Byrne at the number above and passed on to our members who, in turn, pray. Names are not necessary, and, although we do not always hear the end results, we believe that no prayers are left unanswered. *Will you*



please help us keep the prayers going? Become a member. And I promise, you will never have to attend a meeting! If you would like to join the Parish Prayer Line to pray for others' concerns, please contact Denise at the Rectory Office by calling (815) 932-6716 or by e-mailing her at stpatskan@ameritech.net. ***Never underestimate the power of prayer! Call the Rectory Office to join! Thank You!***

***If you have never celebrated and Easter Vigil ...
you are really missing something wonderful!***

The Easter Vigil, in many ways tells of our Christian identity through imagery: a fire that chases darkness away; Christ the Light; the re-telling of our salvation story – creation and the new order of creation; life-giving water of the font and our 'Yes! I believe'; the life-saving nourishment of the banquet feast.



We now live and celebrate in the light of Christ's Resurrection. Suffering and death is for a Christian now understood only in the 'light' of the resurrection. As a symbol of this, the Paschal / Easter candle throws a different 'light' on how we read the Scriptures this night. And there is so much more!

Many people say they do not come to this liturgy because they heard it is really long. But once you enter into the celebration, it is not long at all.

I invite you to come and see!

ST. PATRICK CHURCH, KANKAKEE, IL. (815) 932-6716.
Liturgical Ministers Schedule. Please arrange for a substitute if needed.

MARCH 31 / APRIL 1	4:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.
SERVERS	<i>Easter Vigil</i>		L. Watters R. Muniz R. Muniz
LECTORS	<i>Easter Vigil</i>	D. Berg	D. Raiche
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	<i>Easter Vigil</i>	J. Buck S. Flageole B. Grasser	C. Wilcox-Clyden L. Cowhig B. Kuntz
USHERS	C. Denault R. Skelly J. Regnier G. Piatt S. Drassler S. Berg A. Parkinson	G. Flageole W. McCarty P. Holohan B. Grasser M. Born	P. Swanson R. Hartman D. Glenzinski T. Marcotte M. Spilsbury
NO LITTLE PEOPLE'S CHURCH ON EASTER SUNDAY			
SACRISTANS			S. Purcell / J. Conway

*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 INTENTIONS

Monday, March 26 *Monday of Holy Week*
 7:15 Walter Small (Birth. Ann.)
 Tuesday, March 27 *Tuesday of Holy Week*
 7:15 Joseph & Rita O'Brien
 Wed., March 28 *Wednesday of Holy Week*
 7:15 Leo & Philisee Massa
 Thursday, March 29 *Holy Thursday*
 7:00 **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**
 Friday, March 30 *Good Friday*
 3:00 **Liturgy of the Lord's Passion**
 7:00 **Stations with Veneration of the Cross**
 Saturday, March 31 *Holy Saturday*
 8:00 **The Easter VIGIL**
 Sunday, April 1 *Easter Sunday*
 Masses at 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.



Lord Jesus,
 in you we recognize what life can be:
 recklessly loving,
 abundantly forgiving, and free.

Thank you for offering this life to us again.
 Thank you for removing the barriers
 that would keep us from this life,
 and for making us new again.

We praise you for the way you lived – opening
 doors of pain and guilt,
 and releasing captives.

We praise you for the way you died – forgiving
 sinners and denying revenge.

We praise you for the way
 you returned from death – opening graves,
 and re-awakening hopes and dreams.

And, we praise you for the way
 you come to us now – stirring love in our
 hearts, and passion in our lives. Amen.

MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Holy Family Candle burns for the
 Special Intentions of Pat Devine.

The Blessed Sacrament Candle
 burns in memory of Connor Sexton.

