

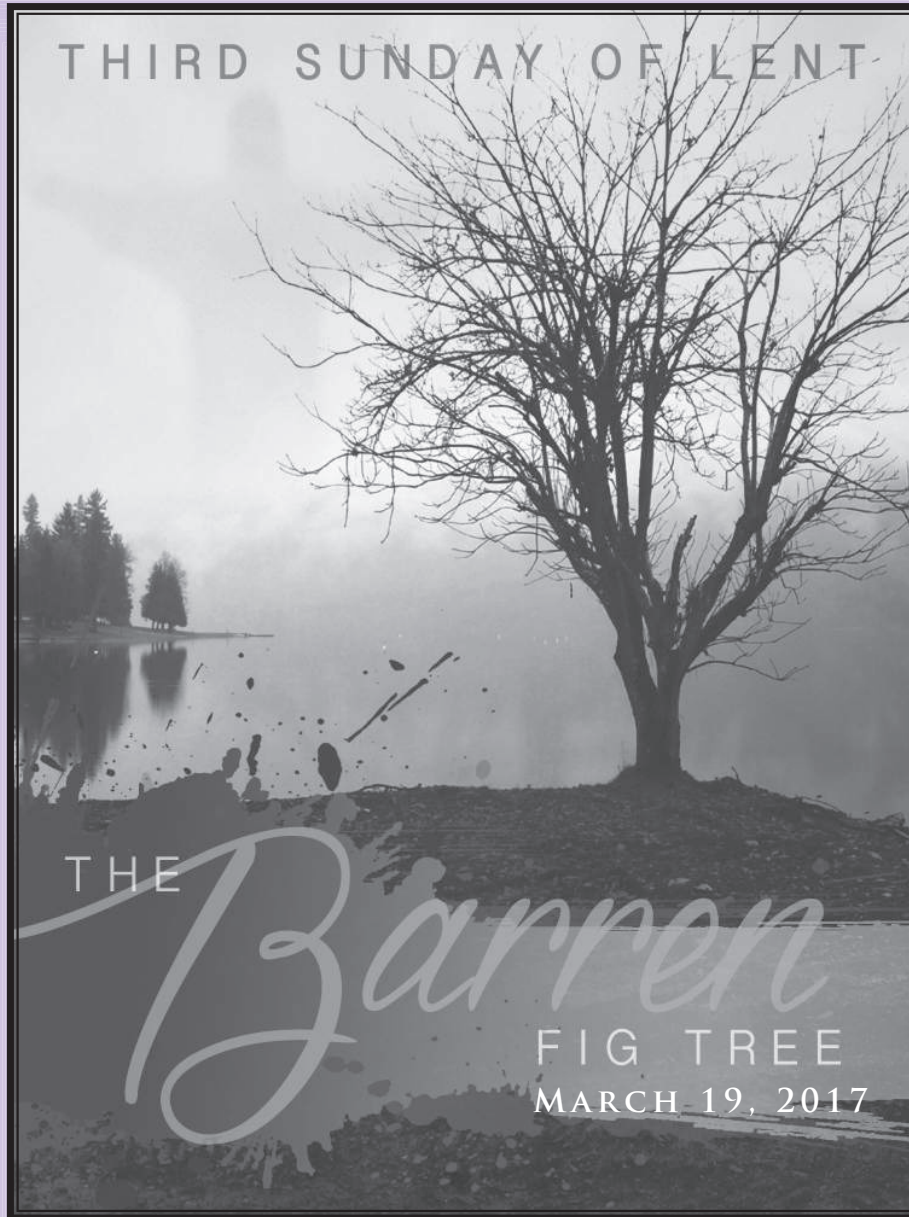
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MASSES
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Saturday 4:00 p.m., Sunday 8:45 a.m.
Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.
NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS CHAPEL
Saturday 5:45 p.m., Holy Days 7:00 p.m.


MASS
INTENTIONS
 MARCH 19, 2017

St. Mary of the Assumption

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017

4:00 p.m. Jane Kanelos
 Req. by Joanne, Joe, & Alena Alcaro

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017

8:45 a.m. Deceased Members of the Galisa & Vervoort Families
 Req. by Bob & Chris Galisa

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017

8:00 a.m. Rita Moffett
 Req. by Irene

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017

8:00 a.m. Henry & Ella Vogel
 Req. by Their Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017

8:00 a.m. The Parishioners of the St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Community

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2017

8:00 a.m. Peter O'Toole
 Req. by The Mary, Mother of Hope Parish Community

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017

8:00 a.m. No Mass

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017

4:00 p.m. Ruth Lisee
 Req. by Barb & Tony Donovan

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017

8:45 a.m. Brad Laskin
 Req. by Patricia Kelly & Vincent Brosseau

North American Martyrs Chapel

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017

5:45 p.m. Margy Kristensen
 Req. by Her Sister, Ann Snow

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017

5:45 p.m. Martin & Bernadette Reilly
 Req. by Rob & Mary Reilly

ALL GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF
 THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
 GALISA & VERVOORT FAMILIES
 BY BOB & CHRIS GALISA

LENTEN REFLECTION

Lent is a season for repentance. It is a season during which we are called to reflect upon and to live deeply the promises of Baptism. The well and the conversation about water immediately recall for us the Sacrament of Baptism. As the Samaritan woman was converted and sent on a mission because of the conversation about water, we too are converted and sent by our Baptism to preach the good news of Jesus to others.

Take this opportunity to reflect upon the importance of Baptism with your family. If you have photos or other mementos of your family's Baptisms, bring them out and take some time to recall the day of Baptism and its importance to you and your family. Create a prayer table that includes these mementos and a bowl of holy water. After you have spent some time talking about Baptism, invite everyone to listen carefully and prayerfully to today's Gospel. Read John 4:5-42 together. Ask how Jesus' meeting with the woman at the well is like Baptism. (Jesus knows the woman's sin and forgives her. The woman comes to know Jesus as the Messiah. The woman invites others to meet Jesus.)



Pray a prayer of blessing for each member of the family that God will help each one live the promises of his or her Baptism. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

-Loyola Press

LENTEN MISSION

*Back to Basics:
 A Lenten Mission to Refresh Your Faith*

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND, PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEETS LOCATED AT THE PARISH HALL, CHAPEL, AND N.A.M. ENTRANCES.

*Sunday, April 2nd - 2:00 p.m. - Mission & Refreshments
 Monday, April 3rd - 6:00 p.m. - Mass, Mission, & Confession
 Tuesday, April 4th - 6:00 p.m. - Mass, Mission, & Confession*

Please join us! All are welcome!



LENT - SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays - 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12
 3:30 p.m. - St. Mary of the Assumption Church

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays - 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12
 4:00-5:00 p.m. - St. Mary of the Assumption Chapel
Fr. Matthew will be available for Confession during Adoration.

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PARISH EVENTS & DATES ALL EVENTS ARE AT ST. MARY'S UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND - TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH
 "Back to Basics" - A Lenten Mission to Restore Your Faith

SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH
 Palm Sunday

THURSDAY, APRIL 13TH
 Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH
 Easter Sunday - Masses at St. Mary's and N.A.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 13TH
 First Holy Communion - 10:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 21ST
 Deacon Bob's 30th Diaconate Anniv. Brunch - 10:00 a.m.

NEWS

SOUP & BREAD SUPPER

Our Lenten Soup & Bread Supper was held this past Monday, March 13th. With a record attendance and number of soups, the event was a huge success! A warm thank you to our Soup & Bread Supper committee for their hard work organizing and setting up for the event, to all of our parishioners who braved the cold, windy weather to enjoy an evening of fellowship, and to those who donated soup and bread for the event. May God Bless you all this Lenten season.

SUPPORT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Enclosed in this bulletin, you will find a Yankee Candle fundraising packet. Our St. Mary's Religious Education Program is running the fundraiser to help offset expenses associated with the program. We are deeply grateful for any help you can give. Additional forms are available through the office.

EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this Holy Season of Lent: If you haven't been to Confession in a while, the Catholic Church wants to welcome you back, and invites you to participate in this beautiful sacrament of healing. Take a step in faith. You'll be surprised about how free you feel after taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So many Catholics describe incredible feelings of peace, joy, relief, and love that they never expected. Jesus is calling you to experience His mercy in this way too. Sacred Heart Parish located at 191 Elm Street in Pittsfield will be having a Lenten Penance Service on Monday, March 27th at 6:30 p.m. Please join Fr. Matthew as he will be hearing confessions along with other priests from the Berkshire Deanery!

OUR GIVING

WEEKEND OF MARCH 11TH & 12TH

Regular Collection	\$2207.00	Home Mission	\$5.00
Fuel	\$10.00	Easter Flowers	\$210.00
Snow Removal	\$216.00		

GIVING RECEIPTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO OBTAIN YOUR COPY

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Easter Flower envelopes, with the name(s) of those you wish to make donations in memory of, should be sent in either by mail or in the collection basket. In order for the names of your loved ones to be included in our Easter Memorial List, all submissions must be received no later than Sunday, April 2nd. Please contact the office with any que



FOOD DRIVE - OPERATION RICE BOWL

The St. Mary's CCD students are currently holding a non-perishable food drive for our local food banks that is running in conjunction with Operation Rice Bowl now through April 9th. We will gladly welcome food donations from parishioners as well. At St. Mary's, items may be left in the hall. Fr. Matthew will retrieve donations from North American Martyrs on Saturdays after Mass.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

MASS OF THE RECEPTION OF THE OILS

The Mass of the Reception of the Oils will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 11th at St. Joseph's Church in Pittsfield at 7:00 p.m. We would love to have a very nice representation of parishioners from both St. Mary's and North American Martyrs be in attendance. Please let us know if you're interested in forming a carpool to St. Joseph's by calling the parish office at 413-743-2110 or by sending an email to either Fr. Matthew or Michelle.

SUPPORT ST. STAN'S SCHOOL

St. Stan's School is having a Chicken Dinner fundraiser at Mingo's at the Greylock Bowl, 41 Roberts Drive North Adams, on Tuesday, March 28th from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. The cost is only \$13 per person or \$7 for kids' chicken tenders. Eat in or take out.

Take a break from cooking and help the school at the same time. Please contact Robin at 413-743-1329 or email robinloughman@hotmail.com or for tickets and information. Checks may be made payable to St. Stan's School and mailed to Robin Loughman at 3 John St., Adams 01220. Your tickets will be returned to you via mail. Thank you for supporting St. Stan's School!





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