

**5TH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 18, 2018**



SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018

5:30 P.M. James Quinn
John Brosnan
Silverio Conte
Tom Norton
Tom Karwacki
Anne (McEntee) Molnar
Kiernan O'Neill

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Jean & Walter Bullett
Cecelia Sagan
Emilia Gorzelany
10:00 A.M. Pacita Glorioso
Frank & Bella Oriole
Anthony & Helen Merle
George Skea
Lorraine Daly
12:00 P.M. Arthur Boyd
Sam (Hoof) Moreno
Larry White

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018

8:00 A.M. Richard Quarterone

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018

8:00 A.M. Joan Cushing
Intentions of Karen Cisco

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018

8:00 A.M. Ed Garbarino

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2018

8:00 A.M. Ilona Mellor
7:30 P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018

5:30 P.M. Kathleen Guerin
Silverio Conte
Tom Norton
Tom Karwacki
Intentions of Pasquale Fatica & Jayne Cori

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Intentions of Eileen McPartland
Jim Day
10:00 A.M. Dorothy & Frank Orofino
Roy & Shirley Parian
Rocco Tarulli
Hank Floyd
12:00 P.M. Angela Caporale
Joan Bellantoni
Augusta Lorenzini, Regina, Krzysztof, and
Jan Thardowski

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mary Carton Jacob Hicks Evelyn Means Barry Bach
Tom Guzowski Ava Rae Nebbia Joan & Sal Ruffino
Gary Ragusa Alex Haines Larry Perry George Link
Baby Michael Soojian Jan Hongo Susan Nichols-Boggio
Baby Ryder Sasso Frank Morici Mike Tidaback
Frances De Maria Dorothea King Jerome Foray
Manuel Esguerra Eileen McPartland Grace Garbarino
Cenelia Soto Sandra Pacifico Robert Moreno
Sharon Acquaire Noah Lorencovitz Mike Durkin
Sister Marie Louise Florence Grim Estella Soto
Barbara Kincaid Carmela Caropreso Bitondo
Christine Morrison Karen Cisco

DECEASED: Amida Jaloudi Frank Sanclementi, Jr.
Eridiano Broglio Rita Graham Carmela Fusco

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday - \$5,253.00

Thank you for your continued support.



Dear Friends in Christ:

“SIR, WE WISH TO SEE JESUS.”
The people who were asking to see Jesus were not Greek-speaking Jews but rather Gentiles. They were

people who had come to the feast because they had an interest in God, and their interest in God lead them to Jesus.

There was only one way to see. They had to go and see this rabbi, this Jesus guy. There is a small detail that's in our text though. Jews and non-Jews did not associate with each other. Jews could not even enter the home of a non-Jew

It's for that reason that the Greeks didn't come to Jesus directly. They felt like maybe they were not allowed to come. What did Philip do? He didn't say “Go away, you unclean Gentile!” No, he brought them to Jesus.

Have you ever had a moment like Philip's moment? Have you ever been in the position to introduce someone to Jesus? Or do you feel like that you maybe identify with someone else Are you like the Greeks? Do you feel like that you somehow you don't deserve to come to Jesus?

Lord Jesus says that he will bring all peoples to himself. It won't matter if you have been one of God's people all of your life like the Jews or if you are new to God like the Greeks. Jesus doesn't care. Jesus wants us to follow him, and he doesn't care about our pasts. He only wants followers.

You and I come to church because we want to see Jesus. We know about Jesus, but how much do we really know him? Those Greeks in today's text asked Philip for a meeting with Jesus because they knew that Philip knew him, not of him, but knew him. Philip was close to Jesus; he knew Jesus and had a relationship with Jesus.

How do I show people Jesus? We need to continue to build our relationship with Jesus, as we ourselves look to see Jesus, so that others who want to see God can see God through us, through our very being, through our daily actions, and the way we live our lives. There are many people around us who have given up on the church. Some of them are hurt and angry while others are kind and pleading, and they look to us to see Jesus. I ask you again, how are we going to show them Jesus today?



Saint Cuthbert of Lindisfarne
Feast Day: March 20

Saint Cuthbert was born in 634 or 635 I England, probably in the region of Northumbria. Cuthbert was a shepherd. After a divine vision in 651, he entered the Northumbrian monastery of Melrose under Abbot St. Eata. In 661, the plague came to Melrose, badly affecting Cuthbert and killing the Prior, whom he succeeded. After that, he traveled through the countryside, helping plague victims while trying to evangelize. It was reported that he worked miracles there.

At the Synod of Whitby, the Northumbrians decided to adopt Roman rather than Celtic church customs. Abbot-Bishop St. Colman of Lindisfarne, one of the leaders of the Celtic party, resigned his See in opposition to Whitby. In 664 Cuthbert, who was originally trained in the Celtic tradition, firmly supported the synod's decision to follow Roman Catholic tradition. He was transferred to the Abbey at Lindisfarne as Prior. Cuthbert maintained reforms decreed by Whitby, instituted a strict rule, and extended his ministry south to Durham. He was a hermit by nature and retired in 676 to Inner Farne, where he devoted himself to prayer. He built an oratory and cell. His fame for holiness grew. His successful efforts to protect birds made him one of the earliest wildlife conservationists.

In 684 King Ecgrith of Northumbria made Cuthbert Bishop of Hexham. He longed for his Lindesfarne life, and in 687 he again retired to Inner Farne. That is where he died. A small 14th-century chapel stands on the site of his final hermitage. He was buried at Lindisfarne, but his body was removed in 875 to protect it from Viking raids and was finally interred around 999 in Durham Cathedral. The Cathedral was a great pilgrimage site until it was destroyed by King Henry VIII. Numerous churches and monuments are dedicated to him.

If I could live in a tiny dwelling on a rock in the ocean, surrounded by the waves of the sea and cut off from the sight and sound of everything else, I would still not be free of the cares of this passing world, or from the fear that somehow the love of money might still come and snatch me away. – St. Cuthbert

LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us here at St. Francis for our first ever, Live Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, March 30th at 7:30pm. Come experience and re-live Jesus' immense love for us as seen through his suffering on the way to the cross.



CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS!

Thank you to all who participated in our Calendar Raffle!
 Congratulations to the following winners:

Week 12 Winners

Date	Prize	Ticket #	Winner
3/11/18	\$ 50.	609	Joyce Couda
3/12/18	\$ 25.	079	Ben Vollaro
3/13/18	\$ 25.	221	Stephanie Torres
3/14/18	\$ 25.	603	Judy Moran
3/15/18	\$125.	656	Barbara Bermudez
3/16/18	\$ 25.	228	Nicholas Savastano
3/17/18	\$ 25.	239	Robyn Tilton

KIDNEY NEEDED

Fran Ferraro is a parishioner in our parish who needs, most of all, your prayers, but who is in need of a kidney. Sometimes just knowing of a need or talking about it, brings amazing results.

So, in your conversations, you may want to bring this topic up because you never know whose ears that this story falls upon, might be the lifesaving ones. But, above all, prayers are priceless. Thank you and God bless you.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

March & April

- 3/17 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE
at 12 noon – front of church
- 3/17 ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE
after 5:30 Mass – Church Hall
- 4/29 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST
after all Masses – Church Hall

QUESTIONS ON THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

The following questions address the most commonly received questions concerning the Sacred Paschal Triduum, and may be freely reproduced by diocesan Offices for Worship, parish Liturgy Committees, and others seeking to promote the effective celebration of these most sacred days.

1. **When does the Triduum begin and end?**
 The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday.
2. **May another Mass besides the Mass of the Lord's Supper be celebrated on Holy Thursday?**

Ordinarily, no other Mass may be celebrated on Holy Thursday. However, by way of exception, the local Ordinary may permit another Mass in churches and oratories to be celebrated in the evening, and, in the case of genuine necessity, even in the morning. Such Masses are provided for those who in no way are able to participate in the evening Mass.

3. How are the Holy Oils, consecrated and blessed at the Chrism Mass, to be received in the parish?

A reception of the oils may take place before the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The oils, in suitable vessels, can be carried in procession by members of the assembly.

4. When should the Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion take place?

Normally it should take place in the afternoon, at about 3:00 PM, to enable people to assemble more easily. However, pastoral discretion may indicate a time shortly after midday, or in the late evening, though never later than 9:00 PM. Depending on the size or nature of a parish or other community, the local Ordinary may permit the service to be repeated. The liturgy of Good Friday, as an integral part of the Triduum, is linked to the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

5. Do devotions have a particular importance on Good Friday?

The central celebration of this day is the Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion. In recent times, Passion processions, celebrations of the Stations of the Cross, and Passion Plays have become more common. In such representations, actors and spectators can be involved in a moment of faith and genuine piety.

6. How does the Adoration of the Holy Cross on Good Friday begin?

The Adoration of the Holy Cross begins with one of two forms of the Showing of the Holy Cross. The First Form begins as the deacon or another suitable minister goes to the sacristy and obtains the veiled Cross. Accompanied by two ministers with lighted candles, the veiled Cross is brought to the center of the sanctuary in procession. The priest accepts the Cross and then, standing in front of the altar and facing the people, uncovers the upper part of the Cross, the right arm, and then the entire Cross. Each time he unveils a part of the Cross, he sings the acclamation, *Behold the wood of the Cross*. In the Second Form of the Showing of the Holy Cross, the priest or deacon goes to the church door, where he takes up the uncovered Cross. Accompanied by two ministers with lighted candles, he processes to the sanctuary, stopping at the door of the church, in the middle of the church, and before entering the sanctuary, to sing the acclamation, *Behold the wood of the Cross*.

7. How is the cross venerated by members of the congregation on Good Friday?

After the showing of the Cross, the priest or deacon may carry the Cross to the entrance of the sanctuary or another suitable place. The first person to adore the Cross is the priest celebrant. If circumstances suggest, he takes off his chasuble and his shoes. The clergy, lay ministers and the faithful then approach the Cross. The personal adoration of the Cross is an important feature in this celebration and every effort should be made to achieve it.

8. When should the Easter Vigil take place?

The Vigil, by its very nature, must take place at night. It is not begun before nightfall and should end before daybreak on Easter Sunday. The celebration of the Easter Vigil takes the place of the Office of Readings of Easter Sunday. The Easter Vigil begins and ends in darkness. It is a *nocturnal vigil*, retaining its ancient character of vigilance and expectation, as the Christian people await the Resurrection of the Lord during the night. Fire is blessed and the paschal candle is lighted to illumine the night so that all may hear the Easter proclamation and listen to the word of God proclaimed in the Scriptures.

9. What considerations should be given for the paschal candle used at the Easter Vigil?

This candle should be made of wax, never be artificial, be replaced each year, be only one in number, and be of sufficiently large size that it may convey the truth that Christ is the light of the world. The paschal candle is the symbol of the *light of Christ, rising in glory*, scattering the darkness of our hearts and minds. Above all, the paschal candle should be a genuine candle, the pre-eminent symbol of the light of Christ.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

**LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE
SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018**

Maria Invernon & John Minnett

LECTORS

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018

5:30 P.M. Martha Bisaccio & Barbara Garruto

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018

7:30 A.M. Pat Demarest & Erika Reid
10:00 A.M. Chris Marren & Giovanna Vollaro
12 NOON Armando Haro & Linda O'Connell

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018

5:30 P.M. Lois Bonaceto & Peg Carolan

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018

7:30 A.M. Sue Raoul & Hatima Omolon
10:00 A.M. Diane Drew & Annie Rivera
12 NOON Tony Mazza & Linda O'Connell

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018

5:30 P.M. Sean Moebius & Peter Sutula

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018

7:30 A.M. Danielle Reid
10:00 A.M. Christopher Marren & Sebastian Wojtowicz
12 NOON Jon-Karlo & Joseph Villacis

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Gospel Today

Fifth Sunday of Lent | John 12:20-33

In His final days, Jesus reminds us to follow Him. Jesus says, "My Father will honor the one who serves Me". *John 12: 26*

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds". *John 12: 23-24*

Give us New Life, O Lord.

My plan for Lent, one week at a time...

This week I will pray for _____

This week I will give up/do without _____

This week I will do this act of love/good deed _____

(Sundays optional)

Lent is almost over - next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week.

SWEET as HONEY

