MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 25

9:00am for Special Intentions of Gerald LaRiviere

5:00pm for + Charlie & Antoinette Maggio by the children of Charlie

Sunday, March 26

8:30am for + Paul Pavlovich by the Family

10:30am for + Agatha Dykstra by Theo Dykstra & Family

Monday, March 27

9:00am for Intentions of the Parishioners

Tuesday, March 28 NOTE: EARLIER MASS

8:00am for + Souls in Purgatory by the Marques Family

Wednesday, March 29

9:00am for + Lena Malejko by Judy Webb

Thursday, March 30 NOTE: EARLIER MASS

8:00am for dec'd members of Fluet family & friends by Yvette& Lionel

Friday, March 31

9:00am

6:00pm Mass & stations of the cross at St. Mary's

for + Adrianus Staathof by Maria Dykman & Family

Saturday, April 1

9:00am for Special Intentions of Gerald LaRiviere

5:00pm for + George Schneider by Pat & Sherri Schneider

Sunday, April 2

8:30am for + Joyce Feeney by Ed & Debbie Feeney & Family

10:30am for + Michael Montague by Laureen Montague & Family

LECTOR MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sat, March 25	5:00nm	Yolande Laidlaw	Carolyn Jopko
Sun, March 26		John Benson	Lee Bowen
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		Ava Moretti	Harry Moretti
Sat April 1	5:00pm	Rosemarie Spataro	Pam McQuade
Sun, April 2	8:30am	Sue Feeney	Linda Feeney
	10:30am	Leah Dykstra	John Webb

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays. 4th is Youth Mass

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, March 26	10:30am	Children's Mass & Luncheon		
Fri, March 31	9:00am	Mass & Stations at St. Mary's		
Sat, April 1 1	0am to2pmSacı	rament of Penance, Adoration		
Mon, April 3	7:00pm	CWL mass & meeting		
Wed, April 5	7:30pm	K of C meeting		
Fri, April 7	9:00am—10:30am Mass&1st Friday Adoration			
	6:00pm	Mass & Stations at St. Ann's		
Wed, April 12	6:30pm	Anawim Prayer Group		
Thurs, April 1	10am—10pm	Fast-A-Thon Holy Thursday		
	7:00pm	Mass		
Fri, April 14	9:00am	Stations & Divine Mercy Chaplet		
GOOD FRIDAY	Y 3:00pm	Service, Poor Man's Supper		
Sat, April 15	7:00pm	Easter Vigil		
Sun, April 16 8:30am & 10:30am Easter Sunday Mass				
Tues, April 18	9:45am	School Mass		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

know that at the beginning of Lent, the catechumens were presented to the bishop at the Cathedral on March 5, and were enrolled in the Book of the Elect, after which they are called the elect. Our catechumen Kimberly Mendes is now the elect preparing to be received into the Catholic Faith on Easter Vigil. The Church once again is called to walk with the elect toward the great feast of Easter. Today is the second scrutiny of the elect. The name scrutiny is given to the three brief ceremonies for those who are preparing for baptism at the Easter vigil. These ceremonies are celebrated on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent. At the scrutiny, the elect will be presented to the Church community during 10:30am mass. Let's keep the elect Kimberly Mendes in our special prayers on her second scrutiny that she may be deeply rooted and be strengthened in Christ. Will be using scrutiny prayers in this mass.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: On Saturday, April 1, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions will be available in every parish across the diocese from 10am—2pm. Let us turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing; or you can also simply come to pray before the Lord.

BURLINGTON WELSH MALE CHOIR: We will have this choir come to our parish on Friday, May 12th for a concert. Tickets available soon More details to follow. \$15 a ticket

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Our parish would like to have our day on Sunday, April 2nd. We need to cover the day as early as possible in am to 8pm. Please sign up for the hour you can do. This is peaceful demonstration to help save the lives of our babies whose lives are quickly ended.

MERCY DEVOTION: All are invited to join the mercy devotion prayers which will be held at St Mary's on **23rd April at 3pm.** Prayers will be accompanied with music and singing. Adoration to the blessed Sacrament will be open from 3pm till 4pm. Confessions will be available as well.

BOTTLE COLLECTION: We are still collecting wine and liquor bottles as well as beer cans and bottles. If you prefer please return the bottles yourself and give the proceeds to the bottle drive. Thank you. So far have collected: \$322.90. Proceeds to pay for subscription for Formed 2018

LUMINOUS ROSARIES: We have available at the back of the church for \$1 each.

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

In the entire Bible from Genesis in the Old Testament through the Gospel of John, the incident reported in John 9, the Gospel Reading on this Fourth Sunday of Lent, the restoration of sight to the blind man is the only instance of a blind person since birth being healed. No other prophet or apostle or priest ever performed such a miracle.

Isaiah the prophet had predicted "The eyes of blind will be opened" (Isaiah 35:5) in his prophecies of the Messiah. Of course, we need to understand that the "eyes of the blind will be opened" has a double meaning. Yes, the blind man can see, but he can also understand and comprehend what Jesus' saving grace means.

This time during Lent is a time for us to open our eyes as well. We need to see and to embrace the fact that Jesus is our Savior and Redeemer. To see we need light. In the Second Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, Paul says, "Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth."

Is that not what our whole purpose in Lent is? To seek the light; to find an understanding of the Lord's place in our lives; to open our eyes; and to become Disciples of the Lord? We often make reference to the fact that we are called to be disciples. What does that mean? According to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, it meant, "Do not keep Christ to yourselves. Share with others the joy of your faith. The world needs the witness of your faith; it surely needs God."

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LENTEN PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit. Without You I can do nothing. By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin, and help me live by Your commandment of love. God of love, bring me back to You. Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works.

May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my heart to Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus. Lord, during this Lenten Season, nourish me with Your Word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer. Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness. Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass.

Father, our source of life, I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand; let me walk more readily in Your ways. Guide me in Your gentle mercy, for left to myself I cannot do Your Will. Father of love, source of all blessings, help me to pass from my old life of sin to the new life of grace. Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom. I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever Amen.

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MASS TIMES & DEVOTIONS

Weekend masses: Saturday 5:00pm; Sunday: 8:30am St. Ann's; 10:30am St. Mary's Weekday masses: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat 9:00am at St. Mary's; Thursday 9:00am at St. Ann's Confessions: Sat at 4:00pm or upon request Daily Adoration: Upon request 10—noon at St. Mary's **Monthly Adoration:** 1st Friday of the Month 9:30am—noon

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ACCEPT

A lot of the suffering I have known has come from failing to practice acceptance. Acceptance is neither resignation nor throwing in the towel It is not a passive stance. Instead, it is taking the irrefutable step of saying yes to life on life's terms, we give ourselves the power to choose our response and allow God enough room to act in the situation. Let us pray "God, I know that this situation is difficult and disheartening. But I will not lose hope. I will rise to this challenge, knowing that even my smallest efforts will be outmatched by your desire for my well-being. Help me accept what is, so that I will be open to discovering with you what will be."

- Tom McGrath

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POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole church.

PRAY FOR PASTORS: We pray for the priests of our diocese as they continue to be Ambassador's of Christ and Pray for vocations. This week we pray for Rev. Benjamin Weber; Rev. Ron Wiecek; Rev. Wieslaw Woloszyn; Rev. Vijai Amirtharj; Rev. Michael Andrysiak; Rev. Ronald Angervil; Rev. Michael Basque;

PRAYING FOR THE SICK: Max King, Paul Cavanagh, Agnes Jorna, Mari Columbus, Jules Letourneau, Gerry LaRiviere, Anna D'Angelo, Ann Cavanagh. We would like to pray for our parishioners who are ill and have their names mentioned in the bulletin. Please notify the office by Wednesday before noon to have it published in the bulletin.

POPE FRANCIS ON LENT 2017:

Fast from *hurting words* and say *kind words* Fast from *sadness* and be filled with *gratitude*. Fast from *anger* and be filled with *patience*. Fast from *pessimism* and be filled with *hope*. Fast from worries and trust in God. Fast from *complaints* and contemplate *simplicity*. Fast from *bitterness* and fill your heart with *joy*. Fast from *selfishness* and be *compassionate* to others. Fast from grudges and be reconciled. Fast from *words* and be *silent* so you can listen.