

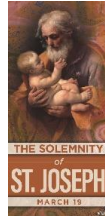


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Dear Parishioners,

As we give thanks and praise to God for our recent patronal feast day celebration of St. Patrick, this year a quieter yet still meaningful one, I now want to share with you another popular saint, Joseph, husband of Mary and patron of discerners and dreamers.



†Fr. Benedict Groeschel, a Franciscan Friar of the Renewal, once stated, “I’ll tell you why St. Joseph’s a saint. Imagine sitting at the breakfast table every morning and having to look at the two most perfect people in the world!”

In addition to being funny, Groeschel’s observation reveals a glaring gap in our knowledge of the foster father of Jesus Christ. However, there actually is enough information about Joseph in the Gospels to paint more than a pious picture of the saint to whom Pope Francis has dedicated this entire year. Truly, what emerges is a very human and relatable image of a man beset by problems, uncertainties and dangers, who like us, had to live by faith. Matthew’s Gospel describes Joseph as a “righteous and just man.”

In brief, I am happy and grateful that my parents chose the name “Joseph” for me at my Baptism. Joseph is talked about but never quoted or speaks in the Bible. Rather, he was a person of action.

May you and I imitate his example and protectiveness.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Joe
 Fr. Joseph A. D’Aurora
 Pastor



It’s time to assemble your Easter Food Basket unique to your traditions. If you have never made one, take this opportunity to do so and bring it to church to be blessed. Examples, you can insert - salt & pepper, bread & butter, meats & cheese, horseradish & hard boil eggs, sweets & flowers, candles & a cross. Don’t miss this traditional Blessing of your Easter Food Basket held at noon on Saturday, April 3, at Saint Patrick’s. The blessed items you have inserted into your Easter Food Basket should be a part of your Easter day meal.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of
 †Helen Coffey.

Friday, March 19

12:15 PM †John Pendergast, Sr. by John Pendergast, Jr.

Saturday, March 20

5:00 PM †John W. Hilt by Schwarzmann Family

Sunday, March 21

8:00 AM †Nora Petko by Rita Poranski
 10:30 AM Ted DeLaney by Maggie Davies
 5:00 PM People of St. Patrick

Monday, March 22

12:15 PM †Matilde Tinsler by Bill and Cindy Bither

Tuesday, March 23

7:30 AM †Jane Pendergast by John Pendergast, Jr.

Wednesday, March 24

7:30 AM †George Howe by Rita Poranski

Thursday, March 25 – No Mass

Friday, March 26

12:15 PM †James Morgan, Jr. by Joanne Wellford

Saturday, March 27

5:00 PM †John W. Hilt by the Straughans

Sunday, March 28 – Palm Sunday

8:00 AM People of St. Patrick
 10:30 AM †Marie Smith by the James C. Kostelni Family
 5:00 PM †Ted DeLaney by Joellyn and Matt Schwarzmann



Dear Fr. Joe,

May thanks to you and the St. Patrick’s community for all its help and kindness during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Pat DeLaney
 (Widow of Ted DeLaney)



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 **Weekly Schedule** ©LPI

Friday, March 19 – St. Joseph's Day

- 10:30 AM Preschool Board – Parish House
- 11:45 AM Rosary with the Association of Marian Helpers
- 12:15 PM Mass
- 1:00 PM Marian Helpers Bible Study – Parish House
- 7:30 PM Stations of the Cross with Benediction

Saturday, March 20 – First Day of Spring

- 4:00 PM Reconciliation
- 4:15 PM Cantor Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 21

- 7:15 AM Cantor Rehearsal
- 8:00 AM Mass
- 8:30 AM "Kindle My Fire" Radio Program on 96.7-3WZ
- 9:10 AM Religious Education
- 9:45 AM Cantor Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM Catholic Radio Program on 96.7-3WZ
- 10:30 AM Mass
- 5:00 PM Mass with Third Scrutiny – VMI, JM Hall
- 7:00 PM Confirmation Session – Parish House

Monday, March 22

- 11:45 AM Rosary with the Association of Marian Helpers
- 12:15 PM Mass

Tuesday, March 23

- 7:30 AM Mass
- 8:05 AM Rosary with the Association of Marian Helpers

Wednesday, March 24

- 7:30 AM Mass
- 8:00 AM Adoration
- 8:05 AM Rosary with the Association of Marian Helpers
- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study – Parish House
- 7:00 PM RCIA – Parish House

Thursday, March 25 – No Mass, Fr. Joe's Day Off

- 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus - Online

Friday, March 26

- 11:45 AM Rosary with the Association of Marian Helpers
- 12:15 PM Mass
- 1:00 PM Marian Helpers Bible Study – Parish House
- 7:30 PM Stations of the Cross with Benediction

Saturday, March 27

- 10:00 AM A/E Set-Up
- 4:00 PM Reconciliation
- 4:15 PM Cantor Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 28 – Palm Sunday

- 7:15 AM Cantor Rehearsal
- 8:00 AM Mass
- 8:30 AM "Kindle My Fire" Radio Program on 96.7-3WZ
- 9:10 AM Religious Education
- 9:45 AM Cantor Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM Catholic Radio Program on 96.7-3WZ
- 10:30 AM Mass



Rest in Peace: Our faith community's prayers and condolences are extended to Mary Ann Burguires, former long-time parishioner and now of Staunton, on the recent death of her husband †Robert "Bob" Burguires, a Navy shipmate of Fr. Joe. May his soul enter into the great mystery of the resurrection.

The Triduum

Thursday, April 1 – **Holy Thursday**

- 11:00 a.m. Reconciliation until Noon
- 7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 8:30 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight (Parish House)

Friday, April 2 – **Good Friday**

- 11:00 a.m. Reconciliation until Noon
- 12:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Indoors)
- 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Outdoors)
- 7:30 p.m. Solemn Liturgical Service

Saturday, April 3 – **Holy Saturday**

- 11:00 a.m. Reconciliation until Noon
- 7:30 p.m. Great Easter Vigil

Easter

Sunday, April 5 – **Easter Sunday**

Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.



Haiti Banks 2021:

This year's Lenten bank collection will



fund tuition for secondary school students. This offering will help to give them an advantage in life that we often take for granted here. Though we are not permitted to handout banks this year, please consider making a donation before Holy Thursday. You can place your offering in the marked basket at the back of the church. If you drop off your donation at any other time, please write "Haiti Banks" on the front of your envelope or on the memo line of the check. Fr. Polinice Daisma, Pastor of our twin parish in Fond Pierre, Haiti, is very grateful for our generosity in sharing our Lenten donations and prayers. The St. Patrick's Haiti Committee thanks you on behalf of our twin parish.

The Weekly Lenten Ecumenical Services will be virtual this year. You can access this week's message on the parish website.



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**From the Director of Religious Education,
Kathleen Nowacki-Correia:**

“I am the Resurrection and the Life.”

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, when our parish celebrates the R.C.I.A. Third Scrutiny at the Sunday, 5 p.m. Mass for college students and cadets, the Scripture passages come from the Cycle A readings, rather than those referenced at our other three weekend Masses, drawn from the current liturgical Cycle B. The Church proclaims a powerful lesson, clearly summarized in the Mass’s second reading from St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans — that, if the Spirit of the Triune God dwells within us, then we will be raised on the last day through the power of the Blessed Trinity. But, of course, there is so much more to the story! The proclamation of the Good News of salvation originates in the Old Testament reading from the Prophet Ezekiel, who relates God’s promises to His captive people, Israel, to fill them with His Spirit, to open their graves from which they will rise, and to return them to their homeland. As we know, God will bring His promises to fulfillment through the saving acts of the Messiah. St. John’s Gospel, which recounts how Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead after four days in the tomb, underscores that God fulfills His promises and that our bondage to sin and death is conquered through God’s Son, His Word Incarnate. For, in the words spoken by Jesus, “Lazarus, come out,” death has been overcome and God’s glory has been made manifest in Jesus, so that all who witness the miracle may believe in Him as the Messiah. May we turn with great faith to our Heavenly Father in this Lenten journey, knowing that through the passion, death, and resurrection of His Son for us and for our salvation, He has called us to new and everlasting life. And, may we take heart in the powerful lesson proclaimed by St. Paul, “If the Spirit of the One, who raised Jesus from the dead dwells within you, the One, who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through His Spirit dwelling within you.” ~K.N-C.

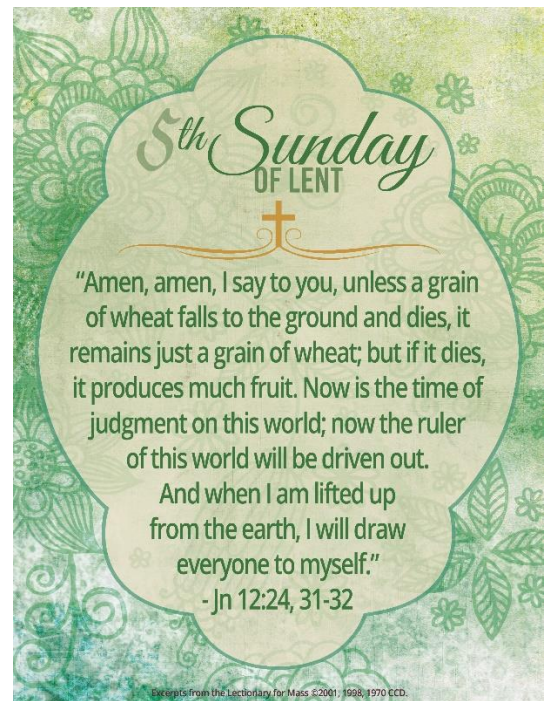
Scripture Readings for this weekend: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33.

Liturgy Notes by Justin Soutar:



On this Fifth Sunday of Lent, our Scripture readings look forward to the Paschal Mystery. In the text from Jeremiah, God promises a new covenant with Israel based on sanctifying grace. The Letter to the Hebrews presents Christ as the Lord’s servant who became the source of salvation for believers through his suffering. And in John’s Gospel, responding to a request from Gentile pilgrims to see him, Jesus declares that the hour of his glorification has come.

“These words which at first glance appear to ignore the question of those Greeks, in reality provide the true response because those who seek to know Jesus must look within the Cross where his glory is revealed; to look within the Cross. Today’s Gospel invites us to turn our gaze to the Crucifix which... is a religious symbol to contemplate and to understand. Within the image of Jesus crucified is revealed the mystery of the death of the Son as a supreme act of love, the source of life and salvation for humanity of all ages” (Pope Francis, Angelus, 3/18/18). As Holy Week draws near, may we accept our own sufferings as a share in the Cross of Christ, who is “the resurrection and the life” (John 11).





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Prayer Net: Allen J. Chittum, Sr.; Cindy Kleinchester; Margaret Mitchell; Eileen Roth; Mack Sharp; Mitchell King; Irene Pouliot; Allan Perkins; Paul Freeman; Carly Burant; Matt Hemp; Carol Melvin; Wendell Tucker; Greg Mantho; Stephanie Batterman; Deborah Soutar; Rita Rooney; John Ekin; Tanya Lalley; Shawn Hamric; Mary Anne Lowe; Patricia Browning; Coen Deschambault; Virginia Mitchell; Amanda Soutar; Patricia Burch; Knox Thomas; Mary Lou Olszewski; Ryen Frost; Antoinette Warzinski; Tom Greenwood; Terry Early; Jerry Beckley; Lou Ramsey; Antonietta Scire; our parishioners in nursing homes and those who are homebound; those addicted to alcohol & drugs; the underemployed and unemployed; our military and their families; families affected by the coronavirus; those struggling financially because of this crisis; first responders, medical personal and all government leaders; and for the repose of the soul of †Robert Burguières. (For Prayer Net requests, contact Cher McCoy at 540-570-2111 or chergrindlemccoy@gmail.com.)



Holy Father's Prayer Intention: That we may experience the sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.



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Parish Finances:

Collection for 3/14/2021	\$ 6,160
Weekly Budgeted Need	\$ 7,461
Operating Income YTD	\$ 302,623
Budgeted Operating Income YTD	\$ 276,057
Over YTD Budgeted Income	\$ 26,566
Collections not included above:	
Haiti	\$ 735
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 1,383
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 1,405
Annual Diocesan Appeal YTD	\$ 15,290
Annual Diocesan Appeal Goal	\$ 20,920

Giving Options: Thank you for your continued financial stewardship during this difficult time. For your convenience, please consider giving online at offertory.richmonddiocese.org or through our direct debit program at [Direct Debit](#). Alternatively, you can mail checks (no cash please) to P.O. Box 725, Lexington, VA 24450.

Counters Needed! We need volunteers to help count the collection after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. It should require less than an hour of your time, one day a month. If you are interested, please call Leslie or Cindy in the office at 463-3533. Thank you!



Easter Flower Collection: As is our tradition, you are invited to memorialize or honor a loved one through a flower donation. You can use the envelope in your packet or simply write the name of a loved one on an envelope along with your name. Our Easter environment is more beautiful because of your generosity.

Pizza Fundraiser: St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus will be teaming up with Domino's Pizza of Lexington to raise funds for the citizens of Rockbridge County with intellectual disabilities on Monday, April 5. Domino's will donate a generous percentage of all sales on that day to KOVAR. KOVAR is a charitable organization administered by the Knights which provides grants to organizations assisting our fellow citizens with intellectual disabilities. This is a fun and easy way to help our community.





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Confirmation Prep Session #6 will be held this Sunday, March 21, from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Parish House. Parents of our Candidates, please be sure the Confirmation Sponsor Attestation Forms are completed, signed by the Sponsor, signed by the Sponsor's Pastor, and are returned to our parish office by Tuesday, March 23. If the forms will be late, please contact Kathleen Nowacki-Correia: DRE@stpatricksllexington.com

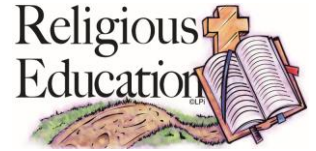
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: We need someone every Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m., 10-11 a.m., and 10:30-11:30 a.m. Please consider coming to be with Jesus for one hour a week in Adoration! Thank you, Maggie Davies, 540-819-6426



The next SPARC in-person session for Dr. Scott Hahn's "The Bible and the Church Fathers" will meet on Thursday, March 18, at 2 p.m. in the Parish House. Please wear a mask and maintain social distancing. For those who prefer to remain home, you can watch at your convenience by going to (or click here) StPaulCenter.com, click on **Log In** on the upper right of the screen. Enter our user Email address: dre@stpatricksllexington.com and our password: **StPatricksLexington** and then on the lower right under the bar, Journey Through the Scriptures, click on **The Bible and the Church Fathers**. Under the Streaming Access bar, click **Watch Now**. Sponsored by our AFF/NE Team

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Religious Education (Kindergarten through High School) Classes will be held on Palm Sunday, March 28, 9:10-10:15 a.m. The Ecumenical Palm Sunday Procession through Lexington will not be held this year, because of Covid-19 restrictions.



Engage! Parishioners, the AFF/New Evangelization Team hopes that you are enjoying the weekly installments of Bishop Robert Barron's program, Engage, sent directly to your Email addresses from our parish through Flocknote. These short, inspirational videos from Bishop Barron's Word on Fire Institute are our gift to inspire you on your Lenten journey. In addition to Bishop Barron's Lenten video presentations, each Email contains a link for you to access the extensive Word on Fire Digital Library for even more exclusive content. The program's parish administrator is Kelly Williams, a member of our AFF/NE Team. We are excited to present this resource to you and hope it will deeply engage you in your Lenten experience. ~ Kathleen Nowacki-Correia, DRE.

Please continue to check the parish website at stpatricksllexington.com for updates.



Hymns for this weekend's Masses:

Entrance Chant: Forty Days and Forty Nights #350

Offertory Chant: Psalm 42: As the Deer Longs #663

Communion Chant: Unless a Grain of Wheat #725

Recessional: Take Up Your Cross #501

FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS

HEINLEIN



1. For - ty days and for - ty nights You were fast - ing in the wild;
2. Shall not we your sor - row share And from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3. Then if Sa - tan on us press, Flesh or spir - it to as - sail,
4. So shall we have peace di - vine: Ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5. Keep, O keep us, Sav - ior dear, Ev - er con - stant by your side;



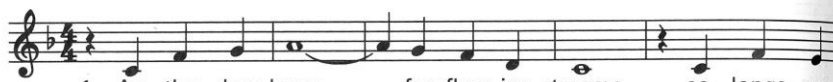
1. For - ty days and for - ty nights Tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
2. Fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, Strong with you to suf - fer pain?
3. Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, Grant we may not faint nor fail!
4. Round us, too, shall an - gels shine, Such as served you faith - ful - ly.
5. That with you we may ap - pear At th'e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

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PSALM 42: AS THE DEER LONGS



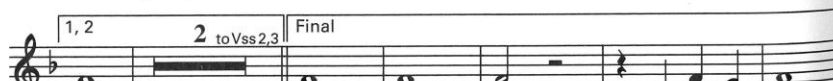
1. As the deer longs for flow - ing streams, so longs my
2. My tears have fed me day and night, while some have
3. Why do I mourn and toil with - in, when it is



1. soul for you, O God. My soul does thirst
2. said "Where is your God?" But I re - call,
3. mine to hope in God? I shall a - gain



1. for the liv - ing God, when shall I come to see your
2. as my soul pours dry, the days of praise with - in your
3. sing - praise to him, he is my help, he is my



1. face? 3. God. He is my God.
2. house.

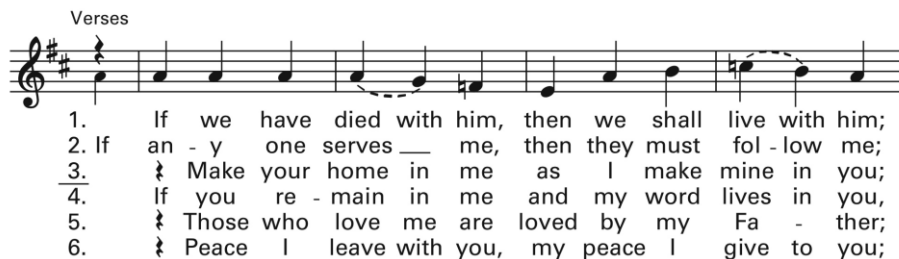
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UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT

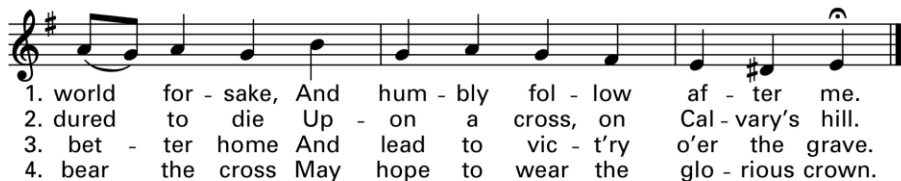
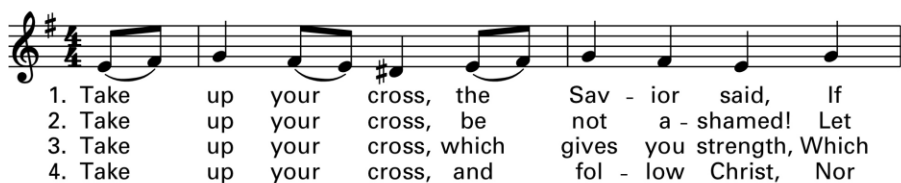
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TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

ERHALT UNS, HERR



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 Music: J. Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543.