

CONFIRMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reconciliation Please remember that you are required to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once per year of Confirmation preparation. The perfect opportunity to meet this requirement would be at the Lenten Penance Service to be held at Mary Queen of Peace in Salem on Sunday, March 15th, at 2:00 PM.

Service Hour Opportunity: For those candidates interested in volunteering at the St. Patrick's Women Guild Penny Sale during the weekend of April 18th & 19th, please contact Therese Soucy at 635-3525.

ST. PATRICK'S MEN'S GROUP

St. Patrick's Men's Group will be meeting in the Parish Center on Saturday, March 21st, from 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM for breakfast and fellowship. If any man or young man is interested in attending/joining the Men's Group, please come and join us for breakfast. All men are welcome!

WOMEN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Lent is a time of Penance and Prayer but as wives, mothers, taxi drivers, business women, caregivers, we don't often find quiet time, much less quiet space, to reflect and pray. On March 28th we will be given an opportunity to have that time and space to set aside and respond to Jesus' invitation to "come away and pray with me." Sister Claire Provost, P.M. is head of the local community of sisters at Presentation of Mary of Hudson, NH. She holds a Master's Degree in Spirituality from Providence College, has taught for 28 years and has been a Campus Minister and Parish Associate. She also teaches classes in meditative prayer. Sister Claire is coming to share reflections and prayer with us on March 28th. The focus of the talks and discussion will be: What must I do to *live lent*? How does prayer change my life? Lent is a time to praise and raise our heart to God...do I want to do that? The day of Recollection will begin with registration at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center followed by a talk at 10:30 AM, discussion, and a light lunch served around noon. A second talk will be given after lunch with time for discussion and reflection, and the day will culminate with the 4:00 PM mass for all who can attend. There is no charge for attendance but a free will offering will be collected. Won't you set aside this day to join with other women of St. Patrick Parish to renew, reflect and pray together? Early registration will assist us in estimating food. Please contact **Therese Soucy** at 635-3525 or **Paulette Jacobs** at 635-3908.

This month **Blood Pressure Clinic** will be held on the weekend of March 28th & 29th in the chapel. All are welcome to come and have their Blood Pressure checked

EASTER BASKET EXTRAVAGANZA!

Back by popular demand, we are once again conducting our Easter basket campaign. Last year's drive was a huge success, enabling us to deliver 140 baskets to area children who otherwise may not have received baskets at all. We contacted 3 of the shelters we delivered baskets to last year and they were happy and grateful to be included again. This year we will also try to reach local families in need through St Patrick Food Pantry & the Good Neighbor Fund. We will be collecting the baskets Wednesday, April 1st through Wednesday, April 8th with drop-off in the Chapel. Please contact Cheryl at 635-3610 or cdbrunelle@comcast.net for details or if you are interested in donating baskets that are age or gender specific. Thank you for joining us in this fun project.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR LENT

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink whatever you do for the least of my brothers, so you do unto me." As Catholics we are prompted time and again to reach out to others: to give, to share, and to care for each other. Lent is a perfect time to reaffirm this commitment. There are opportunities to help serve meals at shelters or meal centers, to sort perishable foods and to pass out goods at soup kitchens, and to help at St Patrick's Food Pantry. There are no time requirements, but we are asked to schedule dates and times. Anyone interested in helping can contact Cheryl at 635-3610 or cdbrunelle@comcast.net for details. Inquiries for St Pat's Food Pantry may also be directed to Marietta at 635-2671.

The Pelham Food Pantry is open on Wednesday from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. We are in need of **Canned Fruit** and **Cereal**. If you would like to make a donation or donate any items, please call Marietta Potter at 635-2671.

MS FUNDRAISER

Come one, come all!! Please join us for a Spaghetti Supper with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 4th, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. Adults are \$6.00, Seniors and Children are \$5.00. There will be photos with the Easter Bunny and raffles. The money raised at this event is going toward MS. One of our parishioners, Daniel Bishop who is 18 and attends UNH, was diagnosed with MS this past fall and he is raising money for MS Research. Please look in the bulletin next week for more information.

The Knights of Columbus are looking for an upright freezer, for little cost or donated, please call Frank Maglio at 635-2251.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Mar. 8, 2009	OFFERTORY
Envelopes 294	\$ 4,897
Loose	\$ 874
Sub-Total Offertory	\$ 5,771
Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 6,400
Parish Deficit (YTD)	\$36,343
St. Patrick School	\$ 2,121
Tithing	\$ 1,109
Weekly Totals	\$ 746
Total to date	\$ 1,855

**MARK
THIS DATE**

Sunday, March 15

Religious Education Classes, 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM

Religious Education Classes, 10:45 AM to 12:00 Noon

Wednesday, March 18

Bible Study, 9:00 AM, in the meeting room

Food Pantry, 1:00 PM, in the trailer

RCIA, 7:00 PM, in the meeting room

Baptism Sewing Group, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

Thursday, March 19

AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

Friday, March 20

Fish Fry, 4:00 PM, in the parish center

Alpha, 6:15 PM, in the K of C Hall

Stations of the Cross and Benediction, 6:30 PM, in the church

Saturday, March 21

Men's Group, 7:30 AM, in the parish center

SEDER-MEAL

On Wednesday, April 8th at 6:30 PM, as part of our Lenten observances, we are planning a modified Seder Meal, which will show the inter-relationship between the Jewish and Christian traditions. The story of how the Jewish people were freed from being slaves in Egypt will be told. We will relate what Jesus did with His Apostles on Holy Thursday and what the early Church did. Following this service of eating lamb, bitter herbs, parsley and matzah, we will have a potluck supper. Please watch the bulletin in the upcoming weeks for more information and a contact number to sign up for the Seder Meal and Pot Luck Supper.

REMEMBRANCE

Please remember to keep Rev. Francis Clifford in your prayers.

A NOTE FROM FR. PAUL

Dear Friends,

This weekend, our Lenten Penance Service will be held at Mary Queen of Peace Church on Sunday, afternoon at 2:00 PM. What a wonderful opportunity to prepare one's heart for Easter by experiencing the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be a least five Priest available for the Sacrament. We still have at the doors of the Church some Little Black Books and Rice Bowls for your Lenten prayer. The weekly inserts will continue through Pentecost and hopefully you will find them an aid to your Lenten and Easter practices.

Recently a number of parishioners have come up to me with a concern about wheat allergies and with the reception of Holy Communion. We have received special host which are liturgically approved for these parishioners. If you have these allergies please **stop by the sacristy before Mass** so I can make the proper arrangement for you to receive one of these special host.

In the bulletin you will find some information about a modified Seder Meal on the Wednesday of Holy Week. Please consult that section of the bulletin for more information.

This week we celebrate the Patron of our parish, on Tuesday and on Thursday we celebrate the Patron of our Diocese, Joseph, and the beginning of spring. With these celebrations may our hearts be filled with concern for each other and the new life of Easter.

Now that March has come in as a Lion hopefully it will calm down and we will have the promise of spring. As you may have noticed the offertory over the winter has had a significant drop. Any help in catching up with missed envelopes would be deeply appreciated.

Take care
FP

The Knights of Columbus will host Fish Fries in the Parish Center on each Friday during Lent. Our times and prices have changed and as you remember you got a hearty meal. Prices for adults are \$9.00 and seniors & children \$8.00. Hours are from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. If you are ordering take out, please call 635-3829. Take out orders are \$9.00. All are welcome.

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ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

St. Patrick School is now accepting applications for enrollment for 2009-2010 school year for grades K-8.

PRE-K PROGRAM

St. Patrick School is tentatively considering offering a pre-K program in September, 2009. Pre-K children would have to be **4 years of age by September 30, 2009**, and also be **toilet-trained**. The same *criteria for acceptance* that guides us for students at all grade levels will be utilized for the pre-Kindergarten program.

The projected pre-K program would follow our annual school calendar, and these students would also be allowed to participate in our extended-day (before and after-care) programs if necessary. The daily times for the program would be the same as the times for the other students...8:45 AM to 2:50 PM. The tuition rate will be set as the budget for next year becomes clearer and receives Diocesan approval. The tuition rate will definitely be competitive (and probably lower) than the rates set by other local private pre-Kindergarten programs, and the student-teacher ratio will likewise be in accordance with stat standards. More information will be forwarded as the process unfolds.

If you (or someone that you know) are interested in being considered for the pre-K program, kindly notify the school office at 635-2941.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: each week the 4:00 PM Mass is shown live on channel 22 on Comcast and 5-6 times during the week. We are in need of volunteers to work the cameras during the Mass. If interested, please contact Dennis Hogan through the rectory office at 635-3525. We will provide training. The times that the 4:00 PM mass is rebroadcast is Sunday 7:00 PM, Monday 1:00 PM, Tuesday 7:00 AM, Wednesday 1:00 AM and 7:00 PM, Thursday 10:00 AM, Friday 4:00 AM and 10:00 PM and Saturday 2:00 PM and LIVE at 4:00 PM.

THE PENNY SALE IS COMING..... THE PENNY SALE IS COMING

St. Patrick Women's Guild will be sponsoring their 15th Penny Sale on April 18th and 19th. Proceeds from this sale help to support our various charities such as the Food Pantry, scholarships to graduates, an adopted daughter in Africa, Samaritans Purse, projects at St. Patrick's Church and so much more. If anyone would like to donate items to the Penny Sale, please bring the items down to St. Patrick's Office in the rectory basement or call Therese Soucy at 635-3525 or 635-2117. So don't forget to keep the dates open and join us on April 18th & 19th.

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And to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, "Zeal for your house will consume me." - Jn 2:16-17

Monday March 16

8:00 AM Intentions for the parishioners
10:00 AM School Mass

Tuesday March 17

8:00 AM Janet Artimovich requested by Rosemary Dole
6:30 PM Clinton Updyke requested by a friend

Wednesday March 18

8:00 AM Paul Georges requested by Roger & Pat Dumont
8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday March 19

8:00 AM For the Gendron and Leperle Families requested by Lucille Gendron

Friday March 20

8:00 AM Yvette Groulx requested by her sister Noella & Sam
6:30 PM Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Saturday March 21

4:00 PM Marilyn McDonald, 2nd Anniversary, requested by her family

Sunday March 22

8:00 AM Pauline Lagasse requested by her family
9:30 AM Marie-Jeanne Demers requested by her family
11:00 AM Chase Oliver Gosselin, 4th Anniversary, requested by his family



This week the second collection will be for **Groundskeeping**. Next week the collection will be for **Catholic Relief/Home Mission**. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.