



First Sunday of Lent

February 14, 2016



MASS INTENTIONS

February 13 - 21

Next Weekend

SAT 7:30 pm For the Parishioners

SUN 9:00 am Virginia "Grandma Jane" Minor
-by Tate Archambault

11:00 am John & Theresa Perras
-by Friends of Union Bank

Daily Mass

MON 8:30 am Rev. Vincent Maloney, SSE
-by Richard, Jim & Kathy Howrigan

TUE 8:30 am Richard & Alice Audette
-by Fr. Bill

WED 8:30 am Connie Madison
-by Kathy Tabor

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross

THU 8:30 am Neil Clark
-by Fr. Bill



FRI No Mass

Next Weekend

SAT 7:30 pm For the Parishioners

SUN 9:00 am Brother Guy Roddy
-by Doris & Wilfred St. Pierre

11:00 am Dr. Tom Howrigan
-by his estate

Please pray for those who are ill, particularly:
Maureen Ryan Cooper, Judy Vanslette, Tammy Tinker, Ava Crowley, Ruby Gonyea, Shaun Lavalette, Michelle Baker, Denise Brier, Mary Ann Hranek, Louise Covi, Bishop Kenneth Angell, Carter Paradee, Sunni Tipper, Mary Gebo, Paul Baker, Margaret Ryan, Joyce Levesque, and Gabriella Laubisch.

Prayers for Deceased: Leo Howrigan, Denis Rainville (brother to Muriel Reed)

This Week:

Wednesday, February 17, 7:00 pm – Parent meeting for children making First Communion in May.

Next Week's Ministers:

Lectors	Greeters	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat., Feb. 20		
7:30 Candi Branon	Real Therrien	Susan Rainville Andrew Rainville
Altar Servers: Leah, Hannah, & Kayleigh Branon		

Sun., Feb. 21		
9:00 Al Capone	Janice & Jim Adams	Pat Reynolds Libby Norris
Altar Servers: Wilson Capone, Lauren-Kate Garceau		
Gift Bearers: Bob & Libby Norris		

11:00 Steve & Margaret Doe	Don Watson	Linda Watson
Altar Servers: Hunter Harris, Samantha Churchill		
Gift Bearers: Don & Linda Watson		

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Collection last weekend – Feb. 6 - 7

	St. Patrick	St. Anthony -St. George
Offertory:	\$ 979.00	\$ 265.00
32 Wk. Average:	\$ 1,240.00	\$ 383.00
Weekly Goal:	\$ 1,230.00	\$ 370.00
Energy Needs:	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 479.00

Second Collection:

February 13 – 14: Church in Latin America

Feb. 20 – 21: Projects and Food Shelf

Thank you for your continuing generosity!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday, Feb. 14 – **Grades 1, 2, 7, 9 and 10**

6 – 7 pm at St. Patrick Church

Monday, Feb. 15 – **Grade 4**

3 – 4 pm at Fairfield Center School

Wednesday, Feb. 17 – **Grades 6 & 8**

3 – 4 pm at Fairfield Center School

Wednesday, Feb. 17 – **Grades 3 & 5**

3 – 4 pm at St. Patrick Church



Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday -
8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Fuel Collection: Thank you for your generosity in the collection for Energy Needs last weekend. Your donations of \$1,829.00 (total so far this year of \$5,249) will help tremendously with the annual cost of heating the two churches and the Rectory. **Please note: if you were not able to give last weekend, your donation will be welcomed at any later date.**



Parent Meeting: There will be a meeting for parents of children making First Communion in May on Wednesday, February 17th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. One parent for each child must attend.

Reconciliation During Lent: Confessions will be heard before the 7:30 Saturday evening Mass (6:45 – 7:15), before the 9:00 Sunday Mass (8:15 – 8:45), and after the 11:00 Sunday Mass when requested. Please plan to celebrate the sacrament during the Season of Lent.

“The Light is On For You”: Another opportunity for Confession will be extended on Wednesday, March 16th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm at St. Patrick Church and in all Vermont parishes. You may choose to celebrate the sacrament in another church on the evening of March 16th.

Stations of the Cross: This popular Lenten devotion will be prayed three times during Lent at St. Patrick’s: **Wednesday, February 17th at 3:00 pm (with some of our younger students)**, Friday, February 26th at 6:00 pm (followed by Soup and Sandwiches), and Sunday, March 6th at 6:00 pm (Franciscan Way of the Cross). All are welcome to join us for any of these three celebrations of the Stations.

The Creed During Lent: During Lent we will be using the Apostles’ Creed during mass. This is a shorter version of our Creed which is recommended for use during Lent and Easter Time. At Easter we will be renewing our Baptismal Promises and the questions posed at every Baptism and at the Renewal of Baptism are based on this creed.

Blessing of Couples: In conjunction with World Marriage Day, we will be inviting couples at the Masses this weekend to renew their vows and receive a blessing.



Guidelines for Lent

- The time of Lent is to be observed by Catholics as a special season of prayer, penance and works of charity.
- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, in particular, are the most important penitential days of the liturgical year. They are days of both fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.
- The rule of **fasting** states that only one full meal a day can be taken. Two small meals, “sufficient to maintain strength”, are allowed, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals breaks the fast, but drinking liquids does not. The rule of fasting obliges all Catholics from 18 – 59.
- **Abstinence** refers to the eating of meat. The common estimation of the community is used to determine what falls under the category of meat. The rule of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years or older.
- The **substantial** observance of the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious obligation.
- Self-imposed fasting on the other weekdays of Lent is recommended. Abstinence on all Fridays of the year is also highly recommended.
- Parents and teachers should see to it that, even those who are not bound by the laws of fast and abstinence because of age, are brought up in an atmosphere that is conducive to a sense of penance.

Rice Bowls are available in the back of the church for those who wish to use them during Lent.

St. Anthony-St. George Meeting: There will be a special meeting after the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, February 28 to discuss fund-raising plans. All are invited to attend this important meeting.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Saturday:



Amy Irish Sunday: Olive Capone, Richard Howrigan **Monday:** Mildred Carpenter, Peter Magnan, Sarah Magnan, Mark Magnan **Tuesday:** Megan Montague-Bapp **Wednesday:** Isaac Branon, Nicholas Carpenter, Darlene Green **Friday:** Finn Howrigan, Kaitlyn Schoembs, Real Therrien **Saturday:** Becky Lawyer