



# Easter Sunday

## March 27, 2016



### MASS INTENTIONS

*March 26 – April 3*

#### This Weekend

#### **HOLY SATURDAY**

**7:30 pm Easter Vigil** – For the Parishioners

#### **EASTER SUNDAY**

**9:00 am** Furman Menard, Sr.

*-by the family*

**11:00 am** Marge Maynard

*-by her family*

#### Daily Mass

**MON 8:30 am** Nancy Kearney Wise

*-by Richard, Jim & Kathy Howrigan*

**TUE** No Mass

**WED 8:30 am** Dr. Tom Howrigan

*-by his estate*

**THUR 8:30 am** Anita Barrette

*-by Anne Howrigan & Family*

**FRI** No Mass

#### Next Weekend

**SAT 7:30 pm** For the Parishioners

**SUN 9:00 am** Virginia “Grandma Jane” Minor

*-by Tate Archambault*

**11:00 am** Dorothy Bedard

*-by Richard, Jim & Kathy Howrigan*

**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, Gabriella Laubisch, Ruby Minor and John Maynard.

**Prayers for Deceased:** Michael Howrigan



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

#### Next Week’s Ministers:

Lectors	Greeters	Eucharistic Ministers
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#### **Sat., April 2**

7:30 Candi Branon	Linda Callan	Susan Rainville Andrew Rainville
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**Altar Servers:** Leah, Hannah & Kyleigh Branon

#### **Sun., April 3**

9:00 Melinda Malone	Janice & Jim Adams	Patty Reynolds Libby Norris
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**Altar Servers:** Wilson Capone, Lauren-Kate Garceau

**Gift Bearers:** Terri Menard & Family

11:00 Steve & Margaret Doe	Joy Kane	Linda Watson
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**Altar Servers:** Hunter Harris, Samantha Churchill

**Gift Bearers:** Jerry & Jane Brigham

#### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Collection last weekend – March 19 - 20

	St. Patrick	St. Anthony -St. George
<b><u>Offertory:</u></b>	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 252.00
38 Wk. Average:	\$ 1,234.00	\$ 374.00
Weekly Goal:	\$ 1,230.00	\$ 370.00

*Second Collection:*

*April 8 – 9: Vermont Catholic Magazine*

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#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday, Mar. 27 – **Grades 1, 2, 7, 9 and 10**

No Class This Week

Monday, Mar. 28– **Grade 4**

3 – 4 pm at Fairfield Center School

Wednesday, Mar. 30 – **Grades 6 & 8**

3 – 4 pm at Fairfield Center School

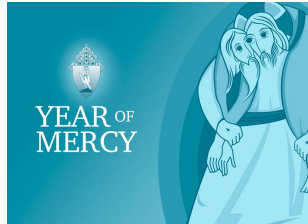
Wednesday, Mar. 30 – **Grades 3 & 5**

3 – 4 pm at St. Patrick Church

**Divine Mercy Chaplet:** We will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 10:30 at St. Anthony-St. George on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 3, 2016). All are welcome!

**The next Jubilee Celebration**

will be for Young Adults on April 17 at 3:00 pm at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral. The service is open to all and will be broadcast live on the Diocesan Year of Mercy website. Confessions will be made available. Light refreshments will be served after the celebration.



**Confirmation:** On Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, students from the St. Albans, Fairfield, Fairfax, Milton, and Georgia parishes will be confirmed at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Coyne at Holy Angels Church in St. Albans. All parishioners are welcome to attend this Mass. Please keep our Confirmation students from St. Patrick's in your prayers: Lauren Clark, Mary Cushing, Elizabeth Magnan, Molly Marshall, Elizabeth Menard, Kamryn Montague, Hannah Tiffany, and Jenyssa Yates.

**Confirmation Rehearsal:** Confirmation rehearsal will take place at Holy Angels at 6:30 pm on Sunday, April 3. All Confirmation students should be present with their sponsors.

On Sunday, April 10, the Confirmation students will participate in the 9:00 am Mass at St. Patrick Church.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Saturday:**



**Sunday:** Tate Archambault, Michael Malone **Monday:** Justin Branon, Kerri Howrigan, Don Watson, Pat Winegar

**Tuesday:** Nathaniel Hemingway, Helen Spencer

**Wednesday:** Shelley Howrigan, Jamie Stone, Diane Trombley

**Thursday:** Piper Howrigan-Fehr, Katrina Brown

**Friday:** Wilma Forand, Liam Howrigan, Dale Ovitt

**Saturday:** Larry Lawyer

to the journey. It is not a solitary one. We walk with Jesus Christ and with others who share our faith. There may be times when we will take a few steps backwards or even lose our way on the path, but there is always Christ and the faith of our Church pointing us back in the right direction as we empty ourselves and so come to know the empty tomb and the eternal life promised to all who believe.

Yours in Christ,  
+ The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne  
Bishop of Burlington



**Say 'yes' to the journey**

It would be normal for us to consider Easter Sunday as just a moment or day in time. While it is true that a lot of people and families do some extra shopping or cooking, buy special flowers or Easter baskets and treats for the kids, the fact is that Easter could stand as a holiday on its own. In fact, for many in our culture Easter is another holiday among a list of yearly holidays when families get together and traditional foods are eaten. But for those of us who are Christians, this day is not just one holiday among many. It is the holy day, the conclusion of the forty days of Lent and the Easter Triduum in which we celebrate Christ's life, death and resurrection.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ was the completion of a long journey for him, true God and true man. What began with his conception in Mary's womb through his formative, hidden years in Nazareth and later three years of public word and action, culminated in Jesus' death on the Cross and the empty tomb. The empty tomb of the resurrection makes no sense unless it is connected to what occurred before. The new Adam – Jesus – through his salvific death, healed the wound of sin and division brought about by the first Adam. Where death had reigned because of the sin of Adam, the promise of eternal life was restored through the death and resurrection of the new Adam. Jesus' resurrection was the perfect outcome to all that had gone before in his life. It was, in a sense, the end of the journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem to Galilee and, finally, Jerusalem, both historically and figuratively.

So it is for us. Our hope of eternal life is not a simple moment when we die and then find ourselves in heaven. It is the end of a process, the journey of our life. When we are baptized in Christ, we die with him in the waters of rebirth and rise with him to new life. From that point on, our call as Christians is to live a life worthy of that new creation. Indeed, our tradition often speaks of those who are baptized as new Adams, new Eves. From that point on we are to live a life worthy of that call, dying to sin and growing in God's love. As we grow in holiness – "holy" meaning to become of the Divine – we become more familiar with God's love and his offer of salvation. The emptiness of the tomb is something that we come to know in the emptying of ourselves, poured out for others out of love for God and for them. We ask nothing in return save that we are recognized as good and faithful servants.

And so I invite all of us to contemplate this mystery of salvation and offer a response that says "yes"

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