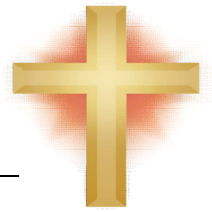


Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 26, 2017



MASS INTENTIONS

February 25 – March 4

This Weekend

SAT 7:30 pm Fr. Edward Folsom Moore
-by Father Bill

SUN 9:00 am W. Robert Howrigan, Sr.
-by Virginia Howrigan

11:00 am For the Parishioners

Daily Mass

MON 8:30 am Jim & John Howrigan
-by Jim, Kathy & Richard Howrigan

TUE 8:30 am Jacqueline Tetreault
-by Bridget & Jerry Rivet



WED Ash Wednesday

9:00 am (at St. Anthony-St. George) Dorothy Bedard

6:00 pm Amanda & Henry Furkey
-by the estate

THU 8:30 am Pauline Usten, Joan Limanek,
Patricia & Lee Fiske, Jr., Bill & Phyllis O'Brien,
Roger Nadeau *-by Terry Fiske*

FRI No Mass

Next Weekend

SAT 7:30 pm Patricia Cross
-by Henry & Loretta Magnan

SUN 9:00 am Billy & Michael Howrigan
-by John & Teresa Manahan

11:00 am For the Parishioners

Please pray for those who are ill, particularly:
Mary Ann Hranek, Gabriella Laubisch, June Morin,
Ruby Minor, Cole Paquette, and Jerry Yates.

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

The Word Among Us: The Lenten issue of *The Word Among Us* is now available at the church entrances. There are daily readings and meditations as well as articles on making a prayerful Lenten experience. Please pick up a copy and take it home.

Next Week's Ministers:

Lectors	Greeters	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat., March 4		
7:30 Candi Branon	Real Therrien	Marty Magnan Jeanne Persons
Altar Servers: Leah, Hannah & Kayleigh Branon		
Sun., March 5		
9:00 Wilson Capone	Libby Norris Cecile Callan	Sarah Menard Norman Menard
Altar Servers: Ben & Tate Archambault		
Gift Bearers: Theresa Menard		
11:00 Mike Morse	Helen Bushey	Mary Ovitt
Altar Servers: Hunter Harris, Samantha Churchill		
Gift Bearers: Todd Brown Family		

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Collection last weekend – February 18 - 19

	St. Patrick	St. Anthony -St. George
Offertory:	\$ 922.00	\$ 273.00
34 week average:	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 393.00
Weekly Goal:	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 385.00
Energy Needs:		
Previously reported:	\$ 1,718.00	\$ 536.00
	New: \$ 325.00	\$ 55.00
Total:	\$ 2,043.00	\$ 591.00

Second Collections:

March 1: Ash Wednesday Almsgiving

Thank you for your continuing generosity!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

No classes until the week of March 12.

Adult Confirmation: A seven session program for adults who have never been confirmed will be offered on the deanery level during the Lent and Easter seasons. This program will lead to the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost, June 4, by Bishop Coyne. If you qualify and would like more information, please speak to Father Bill as soon as possible. The program is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, March 8th.



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.

Ash Wednesday Almsgiving Collection: The diocese has asked that a special collection be taken on Ash Wednesday to support Vermont Catholic Charities. This agency provides financial and emotional support to individuals and families throughout Vermont through the programs offered which include Counseling, Emergency Aid, Prison Ministry, Project Rachel, and Residential Care Homes. Envelopes will be available in the churches. Please know that every gift—whatever the size—makes a difference. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Best Lent Ever: Lent is the perfect time to form new life-giving habits and abandon old self-destructive habits. But most of us just give up chocolate. Then, when Easter arrives, we realize we really haven’t grown spiritually since the beginning of Lent. Giving things up can help us to have a meaningful Lent, but that’s not what Lent is really all about. Lent is about doing something – something bold to become a better husband or wife, father or mother, son or daughter, friend, neighbor, etc. What if this year you did more than just give up something during Lent? Do something life-changing.



Sign up for Dynamic Catholic’s Best Lent Ever, a free email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and New York Times bestselling author Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, you’ll get short, inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and personal reflections from Dynamic Catholic team members that will help you identify what stands between you and happiness...and what to do about it. Are you ready for your best Lent ever? To sign up, visit www.bestlentever.com. You will be happy you did!

Year of Creation: On March 3 at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Bishop Coyne will lead the “Stations of the Cross with John Paul II: On the Path of Ecological Conversion,” followed by a sustainable soup supper and discussion of the Lenten practice of fasting. Participants will learn about the Global Catholic Climate Movement’s Lenten Fast for Climate Justice and how fasting from certain foods, especially meat, positively affects the planet and the poor. All are invited to attend.

St. Patrick’s Dinner and Concert: We are beginning to plan for the annual St. Patrick’s Day Dinner and Concert to be held this year on March 19. *Help is desperately needed!* If you are able help set up, clean up, cook, furnish food, or be part of the program, please contact Cecile Callan @ 827-3281, Patti Reynolds @ 524-3811, or Mary Schreindorfer @ 827-6684.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: **Saturday:** Ellen Paradee, Gavin Ryan, Eli Smith
Monday: Clarisse Talley **Wednesday:** Kayleigh Branon, Gabrielle Tiffany
Thursday: Renee Andrews **Saturday:** Amanda Hill

