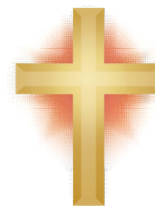




Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2018



MASS INTENTIONS

Feb. 10 – Feb. 18

SAT 7:30 pm For the Parishioners
SUN 9:00 am W. Robert Howrigan
-by Virginia Howrigan and family
11:00 am Robert and Anna Giroux

Daily Mass:

MON 8:30 am Gertrude and James Howrigan
-by Jim, Kathy, and Dick Howrigan
TUES 8:30 am Larry and Terry Elwood
-by Glen and Rose Peno

WED Ash Wednesday



9:00 am (at St. Anthony-St. George) Ernest Covi
-by Louise and John Covi

5:30 pm (at St. Patrick)
 Special Intention

THUR 8:30 am Amanda and Henry Furkey
-by the estate

FRI No Mass

Next Weekend:

SAT 7:30 pm Grady Howrigan
-by the family

SUN 9:00 am Anne Howrigan
-by Glen and Rose Peno

11:00 am For the Parishioners

Next Week's Ministers:

	Lectors	Greeters	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat., Feb. 17			
7:30 pm	Susan Magnan	Rose Peno	Jeanne Persons Frank Persons
Altar Servers: Liam, Nolan, and Gabe Howrigan			
Sun., Feb. 18			
9:00 am	Liz Reed	Gary and Mary Kay Dukas	Mary Schreindorfer Henry Magnan
Altar Servers: Anthony Andrews, Jade Garceau			
Gift Bearers: Bridget Rivet			
11:00 am Steve and Margaret Doe			
	Liz Boylan	Mary Ovitt	
Altar Servers: Samantha Churchill			
Gift Bearers: Don and Linda Watson			

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Collection last weekend –Feb. 3 – Feb. 4

	St. Patrick	St. Anthony
		-St. George

Offertory:	\$ 931.00	\$375.00
32 Week average:	\$1,262.00	\$384.00
Weekly Goal:	\$1,275.00	\$385.00
Energy Needs:	\$1,440.00	\$382.00

Second Collections:

Feb. 10-11: Church in Latin America
Ash Wed. -Feb. 14: Vt. Catholic Charities
Feb. 17- 18: Projects and Food Shelf

Thank you for your continuing generosity!

Please pray for those who are ill: particularly: Mary Ann Hranek, Gabriella Laubisch, Jerry Yates, Alex Rocheleau, Don Connor, Paul Baker, Kathy Alarie, Victoria Thompson, Susan Garrow, June Morin, Alice Baker, and Cecile Garrett.

St. Patrick Credit Union: The annual meeting for the St. Patrick Credit Union will be held on Monday, February 12th at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Mass Intentions: We currently have openings for Mass Intentions. It is a tradition of our Catholic faith to have Masses offered for the repose of the souls of those who have died. Masses may also be offered for the intentions of the living: for their birthdays, anniversaries, etcetera. Please call Rose at the parish office (827-3203) if you would like to schedule a mass.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Sunday, Feb. 11 - **Grades 2, 7, 9, and 10**
St. Patrick Church, 6:00-7:00 pm
 Tuesday, Feb. 13 – **Grade 4,**
Fairfield Center School, 3:20-4:20pm
 Wednesday, Feb. 14 - **Grades 1 and 8**
Fairfield Center School, 3:20-4:20 pm
 Wednesday, Feb. 14 - **Grades 3, 5, and 6**
St. Patrick Church 3:20-4:20 pm

Parent Meeting: There will be a meeting for parents of children making **First Communion** in May on Tuesday, February 20th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. At least one parent of each child is expected to attend this meeting.



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 Appeal: On Ash Wednesday, there will be a collection to support the outreach work of Vermont Catholic Charities, including the Bishop DeGoesbriand Grants for Human Advancement. These grants are awarded to Vermont non-profit organizations which are making a difference in the daily lives of people living in our communities. Please know that every gift—whatever the size—makes a difference. Those not attending Ash Wednesday Mass may make their offering for this appeal on Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Dear Friends: I'd like to invite you to join me and your fellow parishioners for BEST LENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic.



Lent comes every year. It's meant to be a time when we invite God to help us become the-best-version-of-ourselves. But for many of us, Lent isn't a transformative experience. It's just a time when we give up chocolate or something else we enjoy, then go back to it at Easter.

This year, you can change that with BEST LENT EVER. You'll receive daily emails with short inspirational videos, practical tips for your everyday life, and real-life stories to encourage you in your journey. All you have to do is sign up at: DynamicCatholic.com/BestLent.

If you are ready for your BEST LENT EVER, I encourage you to sign up today so that you will be ready to begin this week when Ash Wednesday arrives.

Father Bill

Energy Needs Collection: Thank you for your generosity to the collection for Energy Needs last weekend. As you can see in the Stewardship Report, the response was very good. Your donations will help tremendously with the annual cost of heating the two churches and the rectory during the winter. Please note: if you were not able to give last weekend, your donation will be welcomed at any later date.



Operation Rice Bowl: This program sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, allows us to sacrifice and share with others during Lent. Rice bowls are available in the back of the church for those who wish to use them.

RTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Saturday: Jack Callan, John Martin, Christopher Reed **Sunday:** Carson Cullen, Cullen Howrigan, Gabe Howrigan, Matthew Magnan, Martha Manning, Clement Paquette **Monday:** Terri Menard **Tuesday:** Amy Persons **Wednesday:** Olive Capone, Lauren Paradee **Thursday:** Mildred Carpenter, Sarah Magnan, Mark Magnan, Peter Magnan **Friday:** Megan Montague-Bapp **Saturday:** Isaac Branon, Nicholas Carpenter, Darlene Green

