

March 19, 2017

Third Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 18

5:00 p.m. +**Anna Weber**
By Jim and Eileen Mattison

Sunday, March 19

8:00 a.m. +**Rose Kane**
By Susan Reynolds

10:30 a.m. +**Frank Sabota**
By Gloria LaGrassa

Monday, March 20

8:45 a.m. +**Robert Gross and Charles Folk**
By Angela Gross

Tuesday, March 21

8:45 a.m. **Birthday Blessings for Robert Ryan**
By Mon and Dad

Wednesday, March 22

8:45 a.m. +**Beatrice and Thomas Nappi**
By Angela Gross

Thursday, March 23 **NO MASS**

Friday, March 24

8:45 a.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore Church**

Saturday, March 25

5:00 p.m. +**Jacqueline Jukins**
By Husband

Sunday, March 26

8:00 a.m. +**Antoinette Diane Thomas**
By The Capaldo Family

10:30 a.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore Church**

The **Easter Triduum** begins on Holy Thursday with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, continues



through Good Friday with the celebration of the passion of the Lord on Holy Saturday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and concludes with evening prayer

on Easter Sunday.

The Season of Lent ends on Thursday of Holy Week. Then the Church remembers the death and resurrection of Jesus during the Easter Triduum. These three days are the most important time of the Church year.

Mass of the Lord's Supper

On Holy Thursday we remember the Last Supper and that Jesus gave himself in the Eucharist. We recall that Jesus chose his apostles to serve and lead the Church. Remembering that Jesus washed their feet at the Last Supper, the priest washes the feet of members of the congregation. Holy Thursday is a special day for all priests since it is a day to mark the beginning of the ordained priesthood.

The evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday is a beautiful and joyful celebration. During the singing of the Gloria, the church bells are rung and then remain silent until the Easter Vigil of Holy Saturday night. Because Holy Thursday is a feast day of the Blessed Sacrament, there is a procession of the Eucharist after the Mass to an altar of repose set up for the occasion. Then the main altar is stripped bare.

Good Friday

On Good Friday we remember the death of Jesus. According to an ancient custom, Mass is not celebrated on this day or before the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. The celebration of the Lord's passion and death takes place in the afternoon. There are three parts to the liturgy of the day: the Liturgy of the Word; the Veneration of the Cross; and Holy Communion with Hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday.

Easter Vigil

On Holy Saturday the Church meditates on the suffering and death of Jesus. Then the Church gathers to celebrate the Easter Vigil. The celebration of the Easter Vigil should take place at night, beginning after nightfall or ending before the dawn of Sunday.

Holy Week and Easter Sunday

Holy Thursday April, 13

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 P.M.

Visit to Repository until 10:30 P.M.

Good Friday, April 14

Liturgy of the Passion, Holy Communion: 7 P.M.

Station of the Cross and Day 1 of Divine Mercy

Novena: after Liturgy

Holy Saturday, April, 15

Easter Blessing of food: 1:00 P.M

Day 2 of Divine Mercy Novena

Easter Vigil, Mass: 8:00 P.M.

Easter Sunday, April 16

Day 3 of Divine Mercy Novena, Procession and

Mass: 7:30 A.M.

Mass: 10:30 A.M., followed by Children's Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Vigil has four parts: The Service of Light; the Liturgy of the Word; the Liturgy of Baptism; and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

During the Service of Light, all the lights in the church are turned off and a fire is prepared outside the church. Then the fire is blessed and the Paschal Candle is lighted from the new fire. The candle is carried into the dark church. It is a sign of Christ, the Light of the World, who has overcome the darkness of sin and death. The lighted Paschal Candle provides the only illumination. Then, from the flame of the Paschal Candle, members of the congregation light the small candles that they are holding. The flame is passed from person to person until everyone is holding a lighted candle. The light from the Paschal Candle and all the small candles provides the only illumination in the church during this portion of the liturgy. This section concludes with the singing of the Easter Proclamation, the Exsultet.

During the Liturgy of the Word, the story of God's great love for us is proclaimed in readings from the Old and New Testaments. There are seven Old Testament texts. Although it would be preferable that all seven Old Testament readings be proclaimed, the number of readings may be reduced if the circumstances necessitate. However, three Old Testament readings should be proclaimed. Minimally, two Old Testament readings must be proclaimed. The readings recall the great events of salvation, beginning with creation itself and were selected to dispose people to celebrate the sacraments of Christian initiation with great faith.

During the Liturgy of Baptism, those who have been preparing for Baptism and their godparents are called forward. The priest and ministers then go to the baptismal font, if this can be seen by the congregation. Otherwise a vessel of water is placed in the sanctuary. After the candidates are baptized, all present stand with lighted candles and renew their baptismal promises as a sign that they share the new life of Jesus through his resurrection. The newly baptized and confirmed await their first sharing in the Eucharist.

The Easter Vigil concludes with the celebration of the Eucharist. This is a joyous sharing in the sacrificial meal of Jesus Christ, Lord and Risen Savior.



HELP NEEDED! Spring Cleaning of the Church Grounds: **April 8, 10:30 a.m.** Please bring your rake.



Stephen, Anthony Vitale, Bridget M., Savannah Paine, Bobby Gross, Michael Dante, Keira Hedges, Maryann Vaughan, Robert Dicheck,

Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Paine, Maryann Vaughan, Anna Saksa, Lauren Lane, Jay Mildrum, Philip Kinney, Mary D., Kerry Kraft, Cathy Moncello, Peter S., Mary Supple, Mary Rupell, Patty Mahoney, Susan Reynolds



Our church will be holding a **Parish Lenten Mission** from March 18 through March 22, conducted by the Superior of the Salvatorians in Florida, Fr. Christopher Bugno. Fr. Bugno is the Pastor of St. Theresa

Church in Titusville, FL. I encourage you to join us in this spiritual journey during the solemn season of Lent. The Schedule is as follows:

March 18: 4 pm Confession; 5 pm Mass & Conference for Parishioners

March 19: 7:30 am & 10 am: Confessions; 8 am & 10:30 am: Mass & Conference for children, youth and parents

March 20: 8:15 am, 5:45 pm & 7:15 pm Confession; 8:45 am & 6:15 pm Mass & Conference for children, youth and parents

March 21: 8:15 am & 6 pm: Confession; 8:45 am & 6:30 pm: Mass & Conference for Parishioners

March 22: 8:15 am & 7:30-8:30 pm: Confession; 8:45 am & 6:30 pm: Mass & Conference for Parishioners



Non Chocolate Candy and plastic eggs are needed for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please drop off your donations before

April 8 (our youth will be filling the eggs in the Parish Center at 10a.m. on this date).