

Mass Intentions This Week

Saturday, April 1, 2017

4:00 PM †Carmen Sink-Robert Barnwell

Sunday, April 2, 2017

10:00 AM Saint Patrick Parishioners' (pro populo)

10:30 AM Saint May of Woods-Confirmation with Bishop Binzer

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

12:10 PM †John Entelsino-Brenda Entelsino

Thursday, April 6, 2017

6:15 PM †Rita Goeke

Eucharistic Adoration & Confession following Mass

Saturday, April 8, 2017

4:00 PM †Kathleen Barnwell—Bob Barnwell

Sunday, April 9, 2017

10:00 AM Saint Patrick Parishioners' (pro populo)

Additional Masses at St Mary of Woods: Saturday, 6:00 PM and Sunday, 8:00 AM; Wed. 6:15 PM and Fri., 12:10 AM.**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Fri, April 7, 5:00 pm—Way of the Cross

Fri, April 7, 5:00 –7:00 pm—K of C Fish Fry

Thurs, 13 Apr, 7:00 P.M. Holy Thursday Mass

Fri, 14 Apr, 12:10 P.M. Good Friday Service

Sun, 23 Apr, 10:00 A.M. First Communion

New Director of Religious Education-Ashley Roberts

I am pleased to announce that we have hired a new Director of Religious Education: Ashley Roberts! She is extremely well qualified. She has a Master's Degree in Theology from Christendom University, one of the top Catholic universities in the country. She has 7 years of experience teaching in elementary school and an under-

graduate degree in education. She brings a lot of enthusiasm and excitement to our program.

Ashley will oversee the religious education programs at both St. Patrick and St. Mary of the Woods. She will organize the RCIA program (which is a combined program for the parishes) and she will be helping with the evangelization initiative we will be starting this fall. Her salary will be shared by St. Patrick and St. Mary of the Woods, which will enable both parishes to benefit from her expertise while sharing the financial responsibility.

The hiring of a new DRE to serve both parishes was approved by the Finance Councils and Parish Counsels of both parishes. Theresa Dunn has done a fantastic job leading our program the past few years, but she was fully supportive in hiring someone who can dedicate more hours to the program than she can. Theresa will continue to be an active part of our Religious Ed Program. Financially, I have been able to reduce our parish expenses enough to cover the DRE position and to cover the much needed buildings and grounds work. Our parish has stabilized financially, and I intend to keep it that way.

Please keep Ashley in your prayers. She will start full-time this June. I am excited about the future of our PFF program, RCIA, and our evangelization initiative! Father Shawn Landenwirth

Marriage, Youth & Family

We experience the miracle today of Jesus raising his friend Lazarus from the dead. We learn of Martha's faith and how Jesus waited to make sure that Lazarus was dead before he appeared on the scene. Life and death are woven throughout this passage of Lazarus' being called forth alive from the tomb. This life, death, and resurrection story parallels what is yet to come in Jesus' public life. (Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families 2016-17)

On the Way Home How was Jesus compassionate to Mary, Martha, and Lazarus? How did he show mercy? (Celebrating Sunday's for Catholic Families 2016-17, LTP)

July 10-13th NPM Youth Music Institute - High School students in the graduating classes of 2017-2021 are invited to attend. You will experience the best of NPM convention with a youth friendly experience, housed at Xavier University. Contact Mary Woolf or Kathy LeVan to attend!

Paddy's Pig 5K/10K Run/Walk

JUNE 10, 2017

Register Today! racepenguin.com/events/paddypigrun

Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday April 5, at 6 PM in Makley Hall.

**Catholic Podcast to check out**

Catholic Stuff You Should Know

Pints with Aquinas

The Catholic Hipster

The Crunch

Do Something Beautiful

Catching Foxes

Just Another Priest Podcast (Fr. Kyle Schnippel)

: from [Stuff Luke Carey found](#) CT Feb. 17**INFORMATINAL MEETINGS**

Men of the Archdiocese: Have you ever wondered if you might be called to be a Permanent Deacon in the Catholic Church? Wonder what a deacon does and what it takes to become a deacon? If so, please attend an informational meeting, along with your wife. Cincinnati Region: Thurs, April 6—7:00 p.m. St. Helen Parish, 605 Granville Place, Riverside, OH 45431 Info to register deaconoffice@catholiccincinnati.org, or call 513.421.3131, ext 2641

MASS INTENTIONS: Please, fill out the form below and drop in the collection basket or mail to the office. There is a \$5 stipend for each Mass requested. **PLEASE, PRINT!**

Intention: _____

Offered by: _____

Date requested: _____

Mass requested: _____

We will make every attempt to get them on the date you request, however, funerals, prior requests and other events may prevent this.

LIFE May the God of LIFE be with you, filling you with life-giving Spirit, awakening you to the new and beautiful, calling you to holiness through the living of each day. May you see this generous God revealed in all that you do and in all that you are. May your Spirit-filled heart give life to all those you touch. May the God of LIFE bless you. By Maxine Shonk, OP

SOUL SATISFACTION by Bill Tonnis

Luke 9:24-25

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. What profit is there for one to gain the whole world yet lose or forfeit himself?

What are you living your life *for*? What is the *purpose*? If it is to satisfy your **ego**...it is to satisfy your "false self." As I have said in the past, "ego" stands for: "Edge God Out." The false self will never be satisfied. It subsists on a program for "happiness" set up in childhood in which every whim and self-centered desire needs to be satisfied. Lent is a good time to practice letting that system for happiness *dry up*. It is a false system leading *nowhere*. Walk into the desert with Jesus. Follow in the ways of Jesus. Live to love and live to serve and you will find soul satisfaction...and your "**true self**."

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (592.9455)

Hours: 10:00 am-12:00pm, Tues & Thurs; 5:00-7:00 pm Wed

Needed Items: noodles & deodorant

Dates: 14,15,16 March 2017 Clients: 70

Money spent on assistance: \$705.00



Lent



Ever since my wife Eileen and I were first married we made Friday night our date night. We nearly always went to a decent restaurant to enjoy good food and wonderful company. When our children came along, they became part of that experience and learned how to be part of the dining and sharing. An important part of that date for me was often having a good, medium-rare steak. This made the Lenten Friday abstinence difficult for me. About mid-Lent I was asking myself, "Why do I continue to follow this challenging regimen?" Here are some of my reflections in answer to this struggle:

First there is the personal continuity; I've always done it. That is a phrase that is often said when someone (including myself) doesn't want to make a change or accept a new practice. But in this case it means to me continuing a tradition that is challenging and difficult but brings a discipline that I need to practice.

A second thought is that there is continuity with a church tradition that we Catholics have kept for a long time. Again sometimes this can be a resistance to a needed change, but for me this is a practice that connects me to a community that I am supported by and that I hope my faithfulness gives support to as well.

The tradition of Lent with its three-fold **disciplines** (notice the connection to **disciple** here) of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving is a way I continue to pass on what I have received. I become part of something beyond myself – bigger, wider, and longer than my own experience, needs, and values. I am incorporated into a community of faith that embraces me, those who have come before, my fellow-Catholics living now, and those who will follow.

Certainly, in many ways this is a very trite practice and my giving up my Friday night steak is not this incredible sacrifice for which I should be honored with a great reward! But I think it is in these trite practices that we make a faith that changes our lives (hopefully), preparing us for those more profound and significant choices that we have to make at various times in our lives. For me, it is especially the experience that I am not on this journey by myself that makes it possible to take each step on the way.
By Dan Thomas