

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 11 TO MARCH 18

### ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

SAT 7:30 DEVOTIONS Req. by Devotees  
SUN 8:45 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
11:30 LOUISE & VINCENT DePONTO Req. by  
JoEllen DePonto  
1:30  
MON 8:00 PATRICIA WEST Req. by Fahey Family  
TUE 8:00 JOSEPH CARPENTER Req. by John Tanzillo  
WED 8:00 ARA MASOONIAN Req. by L. Durr  
THU 8:00 CAROL ACKBARALI in Thanksgiving for her love &  
Care Req. by her children  
FRI 8:00 EVELYN GREENE & DEC'D FAMILY MEMBERS  
SAT 8:00 DEC'D MEMBERS OF THE FEELY, McGUINNESS &  
CRAWFORD FAMILIES Req. by E. Feely

### ST. PATRICK'S

SAT 5:00 JANE TRAVIS Req. by Joe McGuire & Family  
SUN 10:15 THOMAS MURRAY Req. by Ed & Jolene Lent  
MON 9:00 RICHARD CURINGA Req. by Larry & Nora O'Brien  
TUE 9:00 IBRAHIM, MUSHARBASH & BUTROS FAMILY  
Req. by Family  
WED 9:00 JANE TRAVIS Req. by Janet Curry  
THU 9:00 GENEVIEVE HEMSING Req. by Family  
FRI 9:00 **NO MASS**  
SAT 5:00 RICHARD MURRAY Req. by Joe & Lisa Massarao &  
Abby  
SUN 10:15 THOMAS & MARGUERITE KELLEHER Req. by  
Robert Kelleher

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Christopher's will burn this week in memory of William Raffaele.

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**Baptisms:** Scheduled & Celebrated by appointment. Parents should call the rectory at least four weeks in advance, and must attend instructions. Church Law requires that only Catholics in good standing are eligible to be Godparents. No Baptisms will be scheduled during Lent.

**Anointing of the Sick:** We offer this sacrament to those who are seriously ill, at home or in the hospital. We urge you to contact the office before someone goes to the hospital for an operation. (A priest may not be available later)

**Ministry of the Sick:** Holy Communion will be brought to the sick, upon request. The bedridden or chronically ill can be placed on the "Eucharistic Ministers" visitation schedule.

**Wedding:** Engaged couples must make arrangements in person, at the office at least six months in advance.

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### Reflection for Fourth Sunday of Lent:

*"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)*

The blind man's journey in John's Gospel is a journey in stages that begins with the knowledge of Jesus' name. He does not know anything else about him; he is just "a man called Jesus," then "a prophet," and a man close to God. Once he has been banished from the temple, expelled from society, Jesus finds him again and "opens his eyes" for the second time, by revealing his own identity to him: "I am the Messiah." Our lives are sometimes similar to that of the blind man who opened himself to the light, who opened himself to God, who opened himself to God's grace. But sometimes unfortunately we are similar to the doctors of the law - from the height of our pride we judge others, and even the Lord! Today, we are invited to open ourselves to the light of Christ in order to bear fruit in our lives, to eliminate unchristian behaviors that are sins. We must repent of this, eliminate these behaviors in order to journey well along the way of holiness.

*How might I better open myself to God's gifts and use them to help others?*

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We are in the process of **building a "crying room"** in the rear of the church. Families with young children who cry, or talk will now have a place to attend mass while not disturbing other parishioners.

**A Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 15 in the Parish Hall at 7:30 pm.**

## **Events this Week:**

Sunday Second Collection – Archdiocesan Tax  
Wednesday Thrift shop open from 9:30am-12:30pm  
Saturday Thrift shop open from 9:30am-12:30pm  
Sunday Second Collection – Easter Flower Offering

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### **St. Christopher & St. Patrick – Financial Summary**

Weekly Collection - March 4, 2018	\$ 5,908
Amount Needed Each Weekend	\$ 7,805
Amount Needed – September-January Expenses – 17 weeks	\$171,924
Amount Received – Total Weekend Collections	\$133,150
(Deficit) 22 Weeks	(\$ 18,224)

Please consider using WESHARE (PARISH PAY) for your contributions.

Thank you. We depend on your continued support.

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### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS – EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT – BUCHANAN LOCATION – 7:30 P.M.**

**Lenten Day of Prayer:** The holy mother church invites all its children to renew their spiritual life through prayer, penance and almsgiving during this holy season of lent. We are grateful to Mr. Thomas Rooney, a certified Spiritual Director (member of Spirituality and Justice), who would guide us to understand the mystical way of St. Teresa's prayer life.

**On Saturday March 24, at 9AM we begin our parish Lenten prayer day at Buchanan location in the parish hall. Approximately two hours of prayer and reflection would spiritually prepare and lead us into the great mystery of Holy Week. There will be opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation after the classes and reflection.**

**In his annual budget, Gov. Cuomo** included a radical bill (S.7511) that **would eliminate virtually all limitations on abortion** in NY State. It would ensure that abortion is legal through all nine months of pregnancy. We need our law to respect human life at all stages. This is particularly dangerous, because the law requires a budget to be passed by April 1. **Please contact your state legislators to oppose this extreme bill.** To do so, visit [www.nyscatholic.org](http://www.nyscatholic.org) and click on "Take Action". You can also go to [www.newyorkersforlife.org](http://www.newyorkersforlife.org) to keep up on the latest developments

The **winners** of the **26 Week Club** for week #13 – winners of \$100 go to #253 Margaret Hughes, #244 Ruth Lent , #106 Mary Lou Carr – Seller was the Church, #114 Gerry Tiberi – Seller was James Byrnes, #176 Jonathan Lettis – Seller was Dianne Picciano. The winner of \$50 goes to #42 Sue Musharbash – Seller was Rose Cosentino.

**Long Term Prayer List: The sick are comforted just knowing that we pray for them. Please remember these members of our Parish Family, who are ill, in your prayers:** Mickey Foster, Ray Mackey, Aidan McElgunn, Sheila Dahlke Moore, John Mecca, Susan Rose, Michael Boddie, John Boddie, James Boddie, Kathy Farrey, Art Farrey Sr., Ed Lent, Margaret Hesselgrave, Colin Lent, Eddie Lent, Sean Flaherty, Joao Manino Vaz, Marilu Selicco, Robin Pasquale, Phyllis Novohradsky, Kelsey Berger, George Malles, Omar Navarro, Maria Zavaglia, Mary Jane Sabatini, Paul Hughes, Stan Hojnacki, Rose DeLuca, Rita Robertine, Angela Everett, Tom Dudley, Ernestine Slaving and Rosemarie Fonti who are sick.

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

### **First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23**

The people of Judah practiced many abominations, even polluting God's temple in Jerusalem. They mocked the messengers he sent among them, until he grew so angry he delivered them to the King of the Chaldeans. Those who weren't killed were exiled and became servants for seventy years. Cyrus, King of Persia, was ordered to build a temple to God in Jerusalem, and he freed the servants as God had inspired him to do.

### **Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10**

Paul declares that God brought us to life in Jesus, though we had been dead from our sins. He reminds us that it was not a reward for our good service so no one should take credit. Instead, we must remember that it was not our doing, but a sign of God's mercy and love for us.

### **Gospel: John 3:14-21**

God so loved the world, he sent us his only Son so that all who believed would have eternal life in him. The light came into the world, but those who were wicked avoided it, for fear that their evil deeds would be exposed. But those who believed were unafraid of the light, where it would be clear that their deeds were done in God.



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### **EVENTOS DE LA SEMANA DEL 11 AL 18 DE MARZO**

**Domingo 11 de Marzo:** Segunda Colecta para los Impuestos de la Arquidiócesis

**Jueves 15 de Marzo:** Grupo de Oración a las 7:30 pm. en el Sótano de la Iglesia.

**Viernes 16 de Marzo:** Estaciones de la Cruz a las 7:30 pm

**Domingo 18 de Marzo:** Segunda Colecta para las Flores de Pascua

### **CUARTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA**

La salvación es un don, que Dios nos ha dado gratuitamente. No podemos conseguir la salvación por nosotros mismos, no importa lo bueno que seamos. Es más, es precisamente por ser pecadores, que se nos ha dado el don de la redención. Después de todo, Jesús murió por nosotros pecadores. Desde la gente de Judá, que "multiplicaron sus infidelidades" y los del tiempo de Pablo, "muertos por nuestros pecados" (Efesios 2:5), hasta nosotros hoy, es imposible estar más allá del alcance del amor infinito de Dios y de su poder salvador.

Cuando este Evangelio se leyó hace tres años, el 15 de marzo de 2015, el Papa Francisco dijo que éste era el resumen de todo el Evangelio: que el amor de Dios por nosotros no tiene límites. Después de todo, hemos sido creados a imagen y semejanza de Dios. Dios repetidamente ha rescatado a la humanidad de las consecuencias del pecado y del mal. Por medio del Hijo de Dios se nos ha concedido gratuitamente el don definitivo de la salvación. Podemos ser personas con esperanza, pues en todo el curso de la historia de la humanidad el amor infinito de Dios nos ha salvado.

Nicodemo había oído acerca de los milagros que Jesús había hecho y tenía curiosidad. Pero aún no era creyente; algo que se nos indica por el hecho de que fue a encontrarse con Jesús durante la noche y en privado. Jesús entabla conversación con Nicodemo y dialogan acerca de la fe y de nacer de nuevo. Significativamente, este pasaje termina con una lección acerca de vivir en la luz. Al venir hasta Jesús, que es "la luz del mundo", Nicodemo "se acerca a la luz" y no sólo recibe la luz, sino que también es conducido suavemente a la fe verdadera.

### **REGISTRACION DE FELIGRESES**

Les damos la Bienvenida a nuestros hermanos que nos visitan por primera vez y les invitamos a que se registren en la parroquia y que participen del sistema de sobres semanales. Puede hacerlo con los ujieres o en la rectoría. Por favor tome unos minutos y regístrese ya que de esa manera Ud. estará activo en la parroquia y tendrá muchos beneficios. Uno de los beneficios es tener una Carta de Referencia para Inmigración o cualquier caso Federal o Estatal que Usted lo necesite. La Iglesia está lista para ayudarlo, siempre y cuando Ud. este participando del Sistema de Sobres Semanales de la parroquia. REGISTRESE LO MÁS PRONTO POSIBLE.

**GRUPO DE ORACIÓN:** Todos los jueves a las 7:30 pm en el sótano del salón parroquial

**MISA DE DEVOCIONES:** Los segundos sábados del mes a las 7:30 pm.

**CONFESIONES:** Los primeros sábados del mes después de la Misa de las 7:30pm.

**EXPOSICION Y ADORACION DEL SANTISIMO SACRAMENTO:** Los primeros jueves del mes a las 7:30pm.

**VIERNES DE CUARESMA** Estaciones de la Cruz a las 7:30 pm.

Viernes de Cuaresma son de Abstinencia.

### **TODOS LOS FINES DE SEMANA DESPUES DE LAS MISAS HISPANAS**

Después de las misas hispanas tenemos unos exquisitos bocaditos a la salida de la iglesia por una pequeña donación. Los fondos recaudados son para beneficio de nuestra parroquia. Les invitamos y les esperamos.