

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

4th Sunday in Lent

March 31, 2019

Dear parishioners,

We all have had cause to think about death in the past week or two. I am always grateful to the people who give their lives so that we might be called to take our time on earth more seriously. So thank you, Bill. Thank you, Rosemary.

For a longtime I have had a line from a poem in my memory. "Death is but a change in range and nothing strange." One of Basil's sons-in-law googled the phrase for me after the Wake. I now know that it was written by Alfred J. Barrett, a Jesuit priest who lived 1906-1955. They say he was the kind of man who did nothing half-heartedly. He gave his all to all he did. He had a lively artistic and poetic flare as well as a serious interest in military maneuvers. Mostly he gave himself to being a good Jesuit.

The line I have memorized is from a short poem titled "A Loss of Faith." Here it is. The whole thing is good material for contemplation.

A Loss of Faith  
By Alfred J. Barrett

The life of grace and glory is the same.  
The life of grace is, by another name,  
Heaven on earth, and death is but a change  
In range  
And nothing strange!

There lies between our dreaming and our seeing  
One pulsing continuity of being.  
Ah, when the life of glory we achieve  
Why grieve?  
We only lose our having to believe.

Sister Carol

We extend our sympathy to Basil Meyer and all his family at the death of Rosemary. May she rest in peace.

## Weekend Masses

Sat Mar 30 4:00 p.m. Bill Frideger  
Sun Mar 31 10:00 a.m. Jan Schulte  
Sat Apr 6 4:00 p.m. Jim and Ruth Badertscher  
Sun Apr 7 10:00 a.m. Rosemary Meyer  
Eleanor Hermiller

## Communion Service

Fri Apr 5 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults \$3,540.00 Loose \$734.00  
Children \$44.97 Total \$4,318.97  
79 envelopes returned = 38%

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## Assignments for April 6 & 7, 2019

**Money Counters:** Tonya Meyer and Nick Recker

### 4:00 p.m.

**Greeters:** Peg Murphy

**Cantor:** Kevin Vance

**Ushers:** Dave and Mary Hoffer

**Lector:** Amy Tabler

**E.M.:** Jim Tabler, Brianna Atkins, Basil Meyer

**Servers:** Grace Myers, Calvin Frideger,  
Jacob Granger

### 10:00 a.m.

**Greeters:** John and Sarah Schulte family

**Cantor:** Karen Phillips

**Ushers:** Todd Phillips and John Schlumbohm

**Lectors:** Caitlyn Couch

**E.M.:** Wes Lovett, Lisa Welch, Logan Welch,  
Cathy Hermiller and Becca Schlumbohm

**Servers:** Drew, Ken, and Nick Lovett

## **Readings for April 7, 2019**

### **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45

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