

## Second Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2017

### Calendar

Saturday, March 11th

4:00pm Vigil Vincent Boudreaux Sr, Vincent Boudreaux Jr, Anthony J. Cartozzo, Adeline Glynn, Joy Nalty Hodges, Sister Claire Mulé DC, Jewel & Joseph Simon, Christopher Joseph Vanderbrook, and Patricia H. Virgadamo

Sunday, March 12th

8:00am Mass All parishioners

10:30am Mass Drago Cvitanovich, Paul Haygood, Lester & Ethel Heidingsfelder, Earl LeCorgne, Joy Nalty Hodges, Ronald & Pauline Marchessault, Deacon Paul A. Nalty, Miriam Ogden, the Cassard Family, the Derbes Family, the Mercante & Youngblood Families, and the Vaughn Family

Monday, March 13th

6:30am Mass Joséphine Champagne Bourgeois

Tuesday, March 14th

6:30am Mass The Boudreaux & Bergeron Families

10:30am "Lord, Teach Me to Pray" (@ St Henry's)

4:45pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Mass William Allen

Wednesday, March 15th

6:30am Mass Patricia H. Virgadamo

6:00pm Rosary (@ Our Lady of Good Counsel)

Thursday, March 16th

6:30am Mass Patricia H. Virgadamo

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration

9:30am "Lord, Teach Me to Pray" (St Stephen Rectory)

Friday, March 17th

*St Patrick, bishop*

6:30am Mass Patricia H. Virgadamo

8:30am School Mass...Awards Ceremony

6:00pm Stations of the Cross (@ St Henry Church)

6:30pm Fish-Fry (@ Blessed Pauline Center)

Saturday, March 18th

*St Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop and doctor of the Church*

10:00am Rosary (@ Church of St Henry)



The Sanctuary Light in the church will burn this week for the repose of the soul of the Right Reverend Patrick Regan, OSB.

The Sanctuary Light in the chapel will burn this week for the Intentions of the Pope.



### Mass Setting

The Mass setting for the Season of Lent is the Gregorian *Missa jubilate Deo*, found on the Pew Card.



### Banns of Matrimony

Paige Johnson & William Kery



Abby Ruiz & Mark Caponegro

### Lay-Ministers Schedule for March 19th

**4:00 pm**

Lector: Judith Simon

Eucharistic Ministers: Becky Brocato, Angela Villanueva, and Sandra Westfall

**8:00 am**

Lector: Linda Tuftin

Eucharistic Ministers: Dana D'Anzi, Daniel LeBlanc, and David Wojciechowski

**10:30 am**

Lector: Richard Cooper

Eucharistic Ministers: Christine Cooper, Deacon Richard Eason, Kenneth Moran, Mona Musser, and Matthew Ponseti



## Sharing Our Faith, Securing Our Future

Restoration of St Stephen Church

Everyone who has sent in a pledge card or one-time donation to the Restoration Campaign should have received an acknowledgement from Monsignor Nalty. **If you have NOT received such a letter, please contact Dianne Caverly in the rectory office as soon as possible.** We want every donor to know how much we value your participation in the plan to restore our beautiful St Stephen Church!

**What next?** In this period just before final approval to proceed from the Archdiocese, we must focus on building up our cash on hand. The Archdiocese has wisely set specific goals (50% of the total project) that we must achieve before we may begin construction. We are very close to this goal, so no donation is too small. If you have not yet pledged, please prayerfully consider how you can help!

**So if I have pledged, when should I start payments?** As soon as you are able! We now have special pledge payment envelopes on the tables in church; we ask you always to write "Pledge payment" on the memorandum line in your check. And if you choose cash, do not forget to put your name on, or inside of, the envelope so that we can properly credit the payment to your pledge. If you need assistance setting up regular or one-time donations *via* credit card, please contact Mrs Caverly in the rectory office.

Collection Report	February 26th	July 1st-Feb 26th
Total Collections	\$5,750.00	\$249,704.48
Budget	<u>\$6,684.69</u>	<u>\$233,964.15</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$934.69)</b>	<b>\$15,740.33</b>
<b>Second Collections/Miscellaneous Donations</b>		
Restoration Fund		\$1,275.87
Clarion Herald		\$0.00
Catholic Charities		\$2.00

## The Monthly Prayer-Request for Priests

### March

1 <sup>st</sup>	The Rev. Sam Anthony Morello, OCD
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Seminarian Thien Nguyen
3 <sup>rd</sup>	The Rev. Kenneth Allen
4 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Luis E. Henao*
5 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. F. William Huete, SJ*
6 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Thomas M. McCann*
7 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Victor Brown, OP
8 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Kyle V. Dave*
9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>His Holiness Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI</b>
10 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Joseph de Water
11 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. José Roel Lungay*
12 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Charles J. Caluda*
13 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Damian Hinojosa*
14 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Paul A. Clark
15 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Victor Cohea*
16 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Martin J. Gleeson, OP
17 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Kyle J. Sanders*
18 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Peter P. Finney III*
19 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Gregory Heslip, LC
20 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Paul S. Hart
21 <sup>st</sup>	The Right Rev. Patrick Regan, OSB†
22 <sup>nd</sup>	The Rev. Anthony McGinn, SJ*
23 <sup>rd</sup>	The Rev. Simon C. Kim*
24 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Colin Vincent Braud
25 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Bernard Son Hong Pham, SDD*
26 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Msgr. Frank J. Lipps*
27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>His Holiness Pope Francis</b>
28 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. John Dominic Sims, OP*
29 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Vinh Dinh Luu, JCL*
30 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Charles Whitney Dussouy*
31 <sup>st</sup>	The Rev. Joseph Duc Dzien

\* birthday

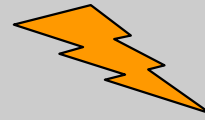
† deceased

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# *Lightning Apologetics*

by Phillip Bellini, DRE



## THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE—Part II

The Catholic Church both claims and exercises the power of forgiving sins. Other churches which neither claim nor exercise this power are not in such a happy position. Christ clearly left the power of forgiveness to His Church; the Church should therefore possess it. The real difficulty is to understand how a person can be satisfied without this Sacrament! It certainly helped the great G.K. Chesterton to convert to the Catholic Church.

The complaints against Confession have a curious complexion. They overlook, for instance, our very real need for the forgiveness of God. The Sacrament of Penance meets this need head on. It is backed by the guarantee of Christ. Just as Christ forgave the good thief on the Cross, so His priests in the Confessional forgive repentant sinners who seek God's mercy. Our Lord's parable of the Prodigal Son comes to life in the Sacrament of Penance. The foolish and sinful son was wise enough to return and seek the forgiveness of his father after years of folly. The sinner does likewise when he enters the confessional and asks for absolution.

Penance solves the problem of sin, just as it answers our need for forgiveness. And the solution was devised by Christ, not by man! Christ gave His power of absolution to the Apostles without reservation and without limitation. He gave them a blanket grant of power sufficient to cover the full range of iniquity. In this Sacrament the words of the prophet are let, they will be made whiter than therefore, love this Sacrament. This and reconciles us. It strengthens us peace. It is not a burden. It should be God's favor and gives us the necessary avoid future sin. The sinner finds a he hears again the words of Christ: are forgiven you!" Christ knew that rament of forgiveness that is why He stand this Sacrament of mercy re- passion of Christ.

There is much misunderstanding more from Catholics themselves properly in the Sacrament. If this merely human invention instead of it it must appear to some to look ri- be understood by people who ignore many people consider only the man the grille (or, face to face) and they ignore Christ Who instituted the Sacrament and placed that man there! If Christ had not instituted this Sacrament, there would have been no Confessional; but, since Christ did institute it, there will always be a confessional.

It is quite true that Catholics confess their sins to a priest but the confessor acts as a representative of Christ – he does not act in his own name. He uses a power which comes from Christ. The confessor's power is given to him by Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Orders. It is a trust which the priest is given, not some arrogant and fraudulent claim which he makes. The basic error is concentrating on the priest and ignoring Christ.

Another error is to be found in the tendency to falsely emphasize the difficulty of confessing sins and to ignore the joy and relief which comes from the assurance of God's forgiveness. It is absurd to stress the difficulty of confessing sins and to ignore the joy of benefitting from Christ's mercy. At times, Confession may seem difficult, but it is not more difficult than shouldering a load of unforgiven sin. I will finish next week with our obligations to confess at least once a year and some more objections answered. When was the last time you have been to Confession?

There is a pamphlet in the rear of the Church on the pamphlet rack that is entitled, "Primer for Confession." It is an excellent tract to prepare oneself for Confession.



range of iniquity. In this Sacrament verified: "If your sins be as scar- snow" (Isaiah. 1:18). We should, Sacrament of hope extends to us in the battle of life. It gives us a joy, for it restores the sinner to sary graces which will help us new start in his journey to God: "Be of good heart, son, your sins His children would need the Sac- instituted it. Those who under- joyice in the goodness and com-

about this Sacrament more and who have not been instructed Sacrament is looked upon as a being given to us by Christ, then diculous. Confession will never its Sacramental nature. Far too – the priest – on the other side of

## Pray for the Sick

Ron Behler, Corey Behler, William Brown, Ray & Zetta Burkart, Gary Callahan, Jeanne García, Mary Gremillion, Jolleen Jackson, Joseph Liberto, Leddie Lopez, Louise Martin, Dilia Miller, and William Youngblood.

## Pray for the Dead

Shelley Baptiste,  
Hunter Harris Jr, Joy Nalty  
Hodges, Sister Claire Mulé  
DC, Gertrude Petit, and the  
Right Reverend Patrick  
Regan OSB.

## Pray for Our Armed-services

Lt Junior Grade, USN, Neil P. Chatelain;  
LT John Tortorich; and LT Kate Tortorich.



## News

The Extraordinary Form of the Mass of the Roman Rite, the “Tridentine” (Latin) Mass, will be offered again at St Stephen Church on Sunday, March 26th (**Fourth Sunday in Lent, *Laetare***), at 12:30 pm.

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We will have a Second Collection this week -end, the Catholic Charities Appeal. Next week-end, we will have another Second Collection, for the Restoration of St Stephen Church.

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We have the Stations of the Cross (*Via Crucis*) every Friday during Lent at the Church of St Henry, at 6:00 pm, followed by a Fish-Fry sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, at the Blessed Pauline Center, 4219 Constance Street. (On March 24th, however, the Stations will be held at St Stephen Church, and the Fry will be cancelled.)

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The Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, March 19th, falls on a Sunday this year. Liturgically, the feast is transferred to the Monday, but we will have our traditional St Joseph Altar on the Sunday, at St Stephen Church. On Saturday, the Altar will open for viewing from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. On Sunday, it will be blessed during the 10:30 am Mass. Meals will be served on that day from 11:30 am, and will continue throughout the day.

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The monthly food-pantry request from “Love Thy Neighbor,” a project of our Society of St Vincent de Paul, for March is canned green-beans. For April, it will be canned corn.



St Patrick.