

**OUR LADY OF BISTRICA PARISH BULLETIN**  
**(Week no. 10) - - - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - - - MARCH 11, 2018**  
**Rectory Office: 822-0818**

**FEAST OF ST. PATRICK, MARCH 17**

Happy St. Patrick Day to all our Irish parishioners and friends. Enjoy a delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner with your family. By the way, did you know that St. Patrick taught the Irish people about the Holy Trinity by using the three leaves of the shamrock? (3 in 1).

**TODAY:** Holy Name Society Sunday observed. Members are encouraged to go to Confession and receive Communion.

**MONDAY:** CCD classes from St. Patrick's Day 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. First Communion class starts at 5:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 20:** Parish Council meeting at 7:15 p.m.

**TUESDAYS (DURING LENT):** Confessions every Tuesday 6 to 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14:** No Bible Study Group tonight.

**FRIDAYS DURING LENT:** Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

**RCIA Confirmation classes** will be on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. or Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY:** Singing practice at 1:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 17:** Feast of St. Patrick.

**NEXT WEEKEND:** Second collection will be for our utilities.

**DECEASED:** Mrs. Anica Petrinec, wife of Karlo Petrinec, died March 2 in California. She will be waked at Lombardo Funeral Home, Abbott Road near Lake Ave, on Friday, March 16 from 4 to 8 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at our church Saturday, March 17 at 9:30 a.m. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

**TODAY: 4th SUNDAY OF LENT:** John the Evangelist reminds us about Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus. In order to be a partaker in the Heavenly Kingdom one must be born again, must be baptized. St. John continues: "If God gave us freedom He did it out of pure love for us." Our God is not only Almighty, but we fall on our knees before Him out of fear. He is, thanks to the revelation of Jesus Christ, the Immense Love who humbles Himself and came so close to us that it supersedes our expectations. "God loves the world so much that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish, but might have eternal life." God is the Very Love, as if He wanted to charm man with His Love, and with His Love invented the manger, and allowed Himself to be crucified on the Cross. God's love captures us and we fall on our knees. We entrust ourselves to that Love; we believe in that Love; we open ourselves to that Love; we respond with our love to His Love as much as possible. That is why St. John emphasizes: "Whoever believes in Him might not perish; he is not condemned and has life eternal." At every moment we can lift up our eyes full of trust and with a contrite heart; full of faith and immense hope, like the Israelites who raised a bronze serpent on a pole in the desert and were healed. So, we of faith look at the Crucified Jesus and are healed from the devil's bite, and through God's grace receive new life.

**DANAS: 4. NEDJELJA U KORIZMI:** Ivan nas podsjeća na susret Isusa s Nikodemom. Da bi netko mogao biti dionik nebeskog kraljevstva... naglasio je Isus: mora se preporoditi vodom i Duhom Svetim. Nakon toga Ivan nastavlja svoje razmatranje: Ako nam je Bog dao slobodu, učinio je to iz čiste ljubavi prema nama. Naš Bog nije samo svesilna Svemoć, pred kojim iz straha padamo na koljena. On je - - - zahvaljujući Objavi Isusa Krista - - - sama neizmerna Ljubav, koja se toliko snizila i nama približila da to nadilazi sva naša očekivanja. "Tako je Bog ljubio svijet da je dao Sina svoga Jedinorodca da nijedan koji u njega vjeruje ne propadne, nego da ima život vječni." Bog je sama ljubav koja je izmislila jaslce i dala se raspeti na križ. Pred tom i takvom ljubavlju padamo na koljena i ona nas osvaja. Njoj se povjeravamo; Njoj vjerujemo; Njoj se otvaramo; Njoj odgovaramo uzvratom ljubavi koliko je to nama slabim i jadnim ljudima moguće. Zato Ivan naglašuje: Koji u njega vjeruje, ne propada - - - ne osuđuje se - - - ima život vječni. On u svako doba može podignuti svoje oči pune pouzdanja i raskajanošći, pune vjere i bezgranične nade poput Izraelaca koji su u pustinji motili mjedenu zmiju na križu i ozdravljali, tako čovjek vjere moti Raspetoga i ozdravlja od svakog davidskog ujeda i opet po milosti oživljuje.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Congratulations to parishioner Shawn Pecaric-Cohan who was awarded the St. Joseph the Worker award for all his work in our parish.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES:** St. Clare of Assisi, Patron Saint of the 2018 Appeal said: "We are to become the vessels of God's compassionate love for others." We, too, can show compassion and love for others by making a donation to Catholic Charities by returning your pledge cards as soon as you can. Please deposit them in our weekend collection baskets. The Appeal ends on Palm Sunday, March 25.

**PRO-LIFE ACTION NEEDED!**

In his recent Budget Proposal Gov. Cuomo included a bill that would expand late-term abortion in NY State. It even legalizes infanticide when a baby is mistakenly born alive. Please contact your State Senator and ask them to oppose abortion expansion in the budget! It is easy to send a message by going to nycatholic.org and following simple directions. The budget must be passed by April 1st so time is of the essence! Thank you.

**VOCATION THOUGHT MARCH 11:** God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son Jesus, who is light for the world. How is God asking us to spread His light? If God is calling you to a Church vocation please call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

**LECTORS THIS WEEKEND:**

5:00 p.m. Richard Moretti  
9:00 a.m. Jim Carr  
10:15 a.m. Zdenka Juric

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**MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF MARCH 11, 2018**

- Saturday, March 10:5:00 p.m. = dec:** Ann Grgas by husband Steve Grgas.
- Sunday, March 11:9:00 a.m. = dec:** Clara Ficzer by son Steve.  
Christine Klemenich (13 year death anniversary) by husband Peter and family.  
Robert Bartokvich (Death remembrance) by wife Patricia,  
children and grandson Michael.  
(+2nd & 3rd Masses October 30 and November 14 at 7:30 a.m.)
- 10:15 a.m.= dec:** Na nakanu Davida Krežica.
- Monday, March 12:7:30 a.m. = :** For all our parishioners.  
*(Lenten Weekday)*
- Tuesday, March 13:7:30 a.m.= dec:** Living and deceased members of Reisch family by Phyllis Petre.  
*(Lenten Weekday)*
- Wednes. March 14: 7:30 a.m. =dec:** Robert Bartokvich (2 year death anniversary) by wife Patricia, children and  
grandson Michael.  
*(Lenten Weekday)*
- Thursday, March 15: 7:30 a.m. = :** For all or parishioners.  
*(Lenten Weekday)*
- Friday, March 16: 7:30 a.m. = :** Living and deceased members of the Reisch family by Petre family.  
*(Lenten Weekday)*
- Saturday, March 17: 7:30 a.m. = :** Intentions of the Blessed Mother by Medjugorje Prayer Group.  
*(St. Patrick, Bishop)*
- (Vigil Mass for Sunday)* **5:00 p.m. = dec:** Clark Petre by family and friends.
- Sunday, March 18: 9:00 a.m. = dec:** Clark Petre by Ron and Nancy Gawronski.
- 10:15 a.m. = dec:** Mara Simunđa by Jozo and Mirjana Pešo.  
Anica Petrinc by Linda and Christopher Duncan.

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