

OUR LADY OF BISTRICA PARISH BULLETIN
(Week no. 11) - - - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - - - - MARCH 18, 2018
Rectory Office: 822-0818

MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF MARCH 18, 2018

- Saturday, March 17:5:00 p.m. = dec:** Clark Petre by family and friends.
(Vigil Mass for Sunday)
- Sunday, March 18: 9:00 a.m. = dec:** Clark Petre by Ron and Nancy Gawronski.
(5th Sunday of Lent)
- 10:15 a.m.= dec:** Mara Simundā by Jozo and Mirjana Pešo.
Anica Petrinc by Linda and Christopher Duncan.
(+ 2nd Mass November 28 at 7:30 a.m.)
- Monday, March 19: 7:30 a.m. = :** For all our parishioners.
(St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
- Tuesday, March 20: 7:30 a.m.=dec:** Mary Kim Partridge by Tom and Jane Mead.
(Lenten Weekday)
- Wednes. March 21: 7:30 a.m. =dec:** Lucija Gojevic by family and friends.
Ivanka Cesar by sestra Dragica Subaric.
(Lenten Weekday)
- Thursday, March 22:7:30 a.m.=dec:** Sister Clarissa by Helen Levulis.
(Lenten Weekday)
- Friday, March 23: 7:30 a.m. = dec:** Edward and Monique Piotrowski by Charlotte Gentile & family.
(St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop)
- Saturday, March 24: 7:30 a.m. = :** Esther Wilk (Death anniversary) by the family.
(Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr)
- 5:00 p.m.=dec:** Special intention by Kujawski family.
For all souls in Purgatory.
- Sunday, March 25: 9:00 a.m. = dec:** Dennis Mead by Tom and Jane Mead.
(PALM SUNDAY) Robert Bartokvich by wife Patricia, children and grandson Michael.
Joanne Krakowski by Rose Stewart.
(2nd & 3rd Mass Nov. 20 and Dec. 5.)
- 10:15 a.m. = dec:** Jela and Anto Petrusic by children and grandchildren.

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FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH, MARCH 19

This popular Saint was Mary's husband and the foster father of Jesus. From Scripture we know that Joseph loved Mary and Jesus very much, and that he was caring, compassionate, and totally obedient to God. A carpenter by trade he may also have worked in stone and metal. It is common teaching that Joseph died in the presence of Mary and Jesus before Jesus began His public ministry. Many saints, including St. Teresa of Avila and St. Ignatius of Loyola encouraged devotions to this gentle man. St. Luke's story of Jesus being lost in the temple indicates that Joseph was a devout man and a loyal father. We can also assume from the story that Joseph was a great influence on the young Jesus during His formative years. He is a model for fathers who love their families. On March 19 we honor him as the husband of Mary. We also honor him as St. Joseph the Worker. **A HAPPY ST. JOSEPH'S DAY TO ALL JOSEPHS AND JOSEPHINES OF OUR PARISH!**

TODAY: Second collection is for our utilities.

MONDAY: CCD classes 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. First Communion class starts at 5:30 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21: Bible Study Group meets at 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22: Medjugorje Prayer Group meets at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

TODAY: 5th SUNDAY OF LENT: The lead point in today's Gospel is the glorification of Jesus Christ, His disciples and all those who come to Him. *"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."* (John 12,23). *"If anyone would serve Me, let him follow Me -- him the Father will honor."* (John 12,26). *"And I, once I am lifted up from earth, will draw all men to Myself."* (John 12,32). What does "glorification" or "to glorify" mean? In the Old Testament the glory of God is shown in God's presence and God's acting manifested. His Almightyness was shown in all great works. God's glorification is the glorification of His people. Almightyness was in the service of Love. It was just the opposite in the New Testament: the glorification of God was the very Love which continues without end, and is sacrificed to the end for the Beloved. That is why Jesus' glorification is in this: *"Unless the grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies it produces much fruit- - so that the fruit of eternal life might spring up."* The way to glorification which leads through death and complete giving oneself out of love for others is not an easy one. It is difficult. One has to go through death with agony and suffering, and at the end glorification is guaranteed by the Heavenly Father to all who follow His Son through the Calvary of life. The Cross shows God's love and the value of dying for others.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

"Love your neighbor" Gal. 5:14. Appeal Week kicks off this weekend. Please help us reach our goal of \$11 million by contributing or pledging today. Your donation helps educate, counsel and train parents and guardians in your communities. Your donation provides food, clothing and shelter to individuals and families alike, mental health and chemical dependency treatment and affordable counseling for all ages. **The 2018 Appeal is an opportunity to love your neighbor in Western New York** by ensuring they can receive the assistance they need. Please support our Appeal by returning your pledge cards and donations. You may deposit them in our weekend collection baskets or mail them to our rectory.

DANAS: 5. NEDJELJA KROZ KORIZMU: Misao vodilja ovog odlomka je proslava Isusa Krista, njegovih učenika i svih, koji dolaze k Njemu. *"Došao je čas, kad će se proslaviti Sin Čovječji."* (Ivan 12,23). *"Ako mi tko služi, njega će poštivati Otac."* (Ivan 12,23). *"A ja kad budem podignut sa zemlje, sve ću ljude privući k sebi."* (Ivan 12,32). Što zapravo znači ta riječ "proslava" ili "proslaviti"? U Starom Savezu put slave vodi do Božje slave čime se očitovala Božja prisutnost i djelovanje. A to je popraćeno njegovom svemoći, koja

se pokazuje u "velikim djelima". Božja je slava spasenje njegova naroda. Njegova je svemoć bila u službi ljubavi. U novom je Savezu posve obrnuto. Svemoć je u službi ljubavi i bila Božja slava u St. Savezu, a u Novom je Savezu Slava Božja u samoj ljubavi, koja ide do kraja i posve se žrtvuje za ljubljene. Tako je slava Isusova u tome, da je on kao pšenično zrno pao u zemlju, da tako nikne plod "vječnoga života". Na sličan će način i njegovi učenici doživjeti svoju slavu, slijedeći svog Učitelja. Predanje samoga sebe iz ljubavi nije za druge, nije naravan niti je lagan put. Težak je i tegoban. Valja proći smrtnu agoniju i muku, ali na kraju je proslava zajamčena od Oca svima onima, koji su slijedili njegova Sina Kalvarijom života. Križ je dakle očitovanje Božje ljubavi i vrijednosti umiranja za druge.

EASTER FLOWERS: We ask for donations of flowers or a monetary donation to help make our church more beautiful for Easter. We thank you for your support for this Most Holy Easter.

VOCATION THOUGHT MARCH 18

Just as grains of wheat must die and be scattered in order to produce new life, we must be willing to die to ourselves, and surrender our own ambitions for the sake of God's will. What is God's will for you? If God is calling you to a Church vocation call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 647-5535

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.

AREA EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 25: Queen of Angels Parish is holding an Easter Bazaar from noon to 4 p.m. at their Social Center, Electric and Warsaw, Lackawanna. Cash raffle, Chinese Auction, Chocolate Rabbit Booths, Handmade Crafts Booths. Refreshments and homemade desserts. Everyone is welcome.

LECTORS THIS WEEKEND:

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

LECTORS MARCH 24 & 25:

5:00 p.m. Gregory Schenck
9:00 a.m. Jim Carr
10:15 a.m. Zdenka Juric