

OUR LADY OF BISTRICA PARISH BULLETIN
(Week no. 13) - - -FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - - - MARCH 31, 2019
Rectory Office: 822-0818

MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF MARCH 31, 2019

<p>Saturday, March 30 5:00 p.m. =dec: <i>(Vigil Mass for Sunday)</i></p>	<p>Phyllis Mascio-Cohan by Linda and Raul Baillo. Josephine Ewing by Marie Grgas. (+ 2nd Mass Aug. 6, 7:30 AM)</p>
<p>Sunday, March 31: 9:30 a.m.: <i>(4th Sunday of Lent)</i> 10:00 a.m. =dec: 11:30 a.m. = dec:</p>	<p>Stations of the Cross- Croatian Special Intention.</p> <p>Mary Kim Partridge and Dennis Mead by Tom and Jane Mead. Carmen Torres by Bingo players and workers. (+ 2nd Mass May 2, 7:30AM)</p>
<p>Monday, April 1: 7:30 a.m. =dec: <i>(Lenten weekday)</i></p>	<p>David Wodzinski by mother, Doris Wodzinski.</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 2: 7:30 a.m. =dec:</p>	<p>Tony Culig by Dimitije Ajvaz. Frano and Tereza Miletić by Steve & Elizabeth Miletić. Anica Andrijević by Franjo and Danica Andrijević. (+3rd Mass April 9, 7:30 a.m.)</p>
<p>Wednesday, April 3: 7:30 a.m. =dec: <i>(Lenten weekday)</i></p>	<p>Chester and Valerie Borowczyk by daughter Linda Enos. Alfred Giblin by Eugene and Mary Jane Partridge.</p>
<p>Thursday, April 4: 7:30 a.m. = dec: <i>(Lenten weekday)</i></p>	<p>For all our parishioners.</p>
<p>Friday, April 5: 7:30 a.m. = dec: <i>(St Vincent Ferrer, Priest)</i></p>	<p>Living and deceased members of the Petre family by Phyllis Petre.</p>
<p>Saturday, April 6: 7:30 a.m. = : <i>(Lenten weekday)</i></p>	<p>6:30 p.m.: STATIONS OF THE CROSS (ENGLISH)</p> <p>Special Intention by Kujawski family.</p>
<p><i>(Vigil Mass for Sunday)</i> 5:00 p.m. = dec:</p>	<p>Phyllis Mascio-Cohan by Phyllis Petre.</p>
<p>Sunday, April 7: 9:30 a.m.: <i>(5th Sunday in Lent)</i> 10:00 a.m. = dec: 11: 30 a.m. = dec:</p>	<p>STATIONS OF THE CROSS (CROATIAN)</p> <p>Agnes and Anthony Ciko by the family. Karlo Petrinc by Dimitrije Ajvaz (+ 2nd Mass Aug 13, 7:30 AM)</p> <p>Joseph Klemenich (Death Anniv) by wife, MaryAnn and family. Sime Tabar by the Tabar family. (+ 2nd Mass Aug 7, 7:30 AM)</p>

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The Month of April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit

MONDAY: CCD classes 6- 7:30 PM.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2: Parish Council Meeting 7 PM

Saturday: Choir practice at 1 PM.

FOR PARISHIONERS INFORMATION: Last week's collection (family and loose: **\$1344.00**. Weekly target amount for basic expenses is **about \$2,200.00**. Thank you for the 66 families who used their envelopes and those who donated without envelopes.

DONATIONS: \$ for our roofing projects by Doris Wodzinski . \$ for our parish by Lombardo Funeral Home. Thank you for your generosity.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS: \$ in memory of Wayne Passmore by the family. \$ in memory of the deceased members of the Zak and Styn families. Thank you for your generosity.

TODAY: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: The central figure in today's Gospel is the father who loves the son who left him and longs for the son's return. If the son is ready to be sorry and change, the father will forgive him and take him back. The son's situation seems hopeless but he still has hope and faith in his father's love and goodness. The son decides, *"I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'* In this parable Jesus is telling us that God is never closer to us than when we look for Him with contrite hearts. This explains God's attitude toward sinners. Jesus is revealing Himself to the world as God's love, always ready to forgive, hating no one. He does not despise the humble and contrite heart. The second part of the parable is addressed to His enemies. The elderly son is proud of his honesty and good behavior. This pride of self leads to hard hearts, cold and without pity. Such listeners were scandalized that Jesus was spending time with sinners. They did not understand this parable. With it Jesus says that no one is outside forgiveness. He will try until death to bring them back to the joy of the Gospel. We must not forget that forgiveness and love awaits us.

Catholic Charities: *With Catholic Charities, your dollar goes further. Each dollar raised during Catholic Charities' annual Appeal leverages an additional \$3-\$4 of government support and contracts. No gift is too small to make an impact in the lives of thousands of Western New Yorkers in need. Will you help your neighbor find hope? You can select your new gift designation option when making a secure donation online at www.ccwny.org/donationor by calling Catholic Charities at 716-218-1400.*

Vocation Thought: Has shame and fear caused you to hide from God, thinking that if you listen to Him you would only hear harsh reprimands? Remember that God is merciful. Turn back to Him and listen to Him speak to your heart. If God is calling you to a church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535

USCCB-Word of Life: "Because life is our first and most basic gift from an infinitely loving God, it deserves our utmost respect and protection. Direct attacks on innocent human life are always gravely wrong."

DANAS: 4 .NEDJELJA KROZ KORIZMU : Središnja je ličnost Otac koji ljubi svog sina koji ga je ostavio, čezne za njim i očekuje njegov povratak, spreman mu je sve oprostiti, sve zaboraviti, ako naiđe na raskajanost. Iako je situacija, u kojoj se našao rasipnik beznadna i očajna, u njegovu je srcu tinjala nada i vjera u očevu ljubav i dobrotu. O tom razmišlja. Možda ga je na to ponukala njegova bijeda i nevolja. U svakom je slučaju odluka: "Ustat ću, poći svome ocu".. bila početak njegova spasenja. Isus nam želi reći da nam Bog nikad nije bliže, nego onda kad ga tražimo raskajanim i skrušenim srcem željni slobode djece Božje. Isus tom poredbom opravdava svoj postupak prema grešnicima. Štoviše: on se poistovjećuje s Ocem koji ljubi i najspremnije oprašta. Sam se, dakle, Isus objavljuje svijetu kao Božja Ljubav, koja nikada ne prezire "srce skrušeno". U drugom se dijelu Isus izravno obraća svojim slušateljima koji su prema njemu bili neprijateljski raspoloženi. Nihova je slika stariji sin. Kao i on, ti su ljudi bili ponosni na svoju "pravednost", čestitost lijepo vladanje i "pošten život". No upravo su radi toga postali tvrdi, hladni i bezosjećajni egoisti. Za druge nisu imali razumijevanja. Sebe su smatrali nekom vrstom "čistuncima" i očekivali su Božje kraljevstvo, koje će oko sebe okupiti samo "čiste" kao što su bili oni. Gotovo su se u svojim srcima sablaznili što Isus zanima i za one koji upravo "ništa ne vrijede". Nije nam poznato što je naposljetku odgovorio stariji sin. Sam se evanđelista čuva i gotovo boji povući zaključke. Kristovom smrću na križu ova poredba nije izgubila svoju vrijednost i značenje. Grešnici još i danas osjećaju da ih raspeta ljubav poziva raskrsljenih ruku na srce koje sve oprašta i sve zaboravlja. Na njima je da na tu Božju inicijativu odgovore svojom dobrom voljom.

LECTORS THIS WEEKEND

5:00 p.m.: David Petrus

10:00 a.m.: Zdenka Juric

11:30 a.m.: Jim Carr

LECTORS April 6 & 7 :

5:00 p.m.: Richard Moretti

10:00 a.m.: Zdenka Juric

11:30 a.m.: Jim Carr

LENTEN REGULATIONS

ABSTINENCE: All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday.

FASTING: All Catholics between their 18th and 59th birthday are bound to observe the Law of Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day.

EASTER DUTY: After initiation into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are obligated to receive Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year; this year between March 10(1st Sunday in Lent) and June 16 (Trinity Sunday).

RECONCILIATION: Catholics are bound by an obligation to confess serious sins at least once a year.(Canon 989)

CONFESSIONS: WEDNESDAYS during Lent: 6:30-7:30 PM

EVERY SATURDAY during the year :3-4 PM.