

**Sunday, March 12, 2017**  
**2nd Sunday of Lent**

**READINGS:** Genesis 12.1-4 2 Timothy 1.8b-10  
**Psalm:** 33 **Gospel:** Matthew 17.1-9

**Saturday, March 11 - 4:00 pm**  
**3:30 pm Stations of the Cross**

**Offered for:** Elwyn 'JoJo' Jackson – Memorial Birthday (Mar.16)  
 Requested by Liz Sunday and Marilyn Tarbell

**Altar Servers:** Megan, Philip and Morgan  
**Lectors:** Caroline Peters and Connie Thompson

**Sunday, March 12 – 10:00 am**  
**9:30 am Stations of the Cross**

**Offered for:** Margaret Jacobs – Memorial Mass  
 From the funeral collection

**Altar Servers:** Cheyenne, Keon and Summer  
**Lectors:** Lisa Tarbell and Bernice Lazore

**Tuesday, March 14 – 6:00 pm**

**Offered for:** Hubert Rourke – Memorial Mass  
 From the funeral collection

**Wednesday, March 15 – 10:00 am**  
**lakhihsohtha Lodge**

**Offered for:** Anthony Jackson Jr. – Memorial Mass  
 From the funeral collection

**Thursday, March 16 – 12:10 pm**

**Offered for:** Ida Thomas – Memorial Mass  
 From the funeral collection

**Friday, March 17 – 12:10 pm**

**Offered for:** Agnes Bero – Memorial Mass  
 From the funeral collection

**Saturday, March 18 - 4:00 pm**  
**3:30 pm – Stations of the Cross**

**Offered for:** Joseph Benedict – Memorial Mass  
 Requested by Dr. Danielle Dubuc & Staff

**Altar Servers:** Megan, Philip and Morgan  
**Lectors:** Liz Sunday and Harold Caldwell

**Sunday, March 19 – 10:00 am**  
**9:30 am = Stations of the Cross**

**Offered for:** Lila Caldwell – 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary  
 and Memorial Birthday

Requested by the Family

**Altar Servers:** Reagan, Analeyna, Rylie and Kenia  
**Lectors:** Phil Tarbell and Irving Papineau

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The Stations of the Cross will be recited in Mohawk every Friday at 6:30 pm, in the Church during the Lenten Season. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

**ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER**

St. Patrick's prayer for the faithful captures the wonderful spirit that made him Ireland's patron saint and one of the Church's most beloved missionaries. Born in Britain shortly before the 5th century, St. Patrick, pictured below, was taken captive to Ireland by raiders at the age of 16. He lived there for six years as a shepherd under harsh conditions and became intensely devoted to God in prayer, as he puts it, "because the spirit was then fervent within me." Tradition has it that divine dreams inspired both his escape from captivity in Ireland and his return there later in his life as a bishop.

In this prayer he asks for God's help in various ways:

**May the Strength of God pilot us. \* May the Power of God preserve us. \* May the Wisdom of God instruct us. \* May the Hand of God protect us. \* May the Way of God direct us. \* May the Shield of God defend us. \* May the Host of God guard us. \* Against the snares of the evil ones. \* Against temptations of the world.**

**May Christ be with us!**

**May Christ be before us!**

**May Christ be in us,**

**Christ be over all!**

**May Thy Salvation, Lord,**

**Always be ours,**

**This day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen.**

St. Patrick's prayer no doubt helped him in his missionary efforts. Although he faced his share of resistance, St. Patrick was so successful in preaching the gospel and organizing the Church in Ireland that he is largely credited with converting the Irish to Christianity. His emblems are the snakes that legends claim he drove out of Ireland and the Shamrock he used to great effect to explain the Holy Trinity. (This is a wonderful illustration of three distinct entities, the three leaves of the clover, making up one shamrock, much like the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit constitute One God!) St. Patrick's prayer for the faithful, much like the famous Breastplate prayer also attributed to him, can truly inspire us to ask for divine assistance in living our faith each day. As Our Lord said in Matthew's gospel, if our requests are in accordance with His will, "ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you" (7:6). The "Strength of God" mentioned in the first line of this prayer should give us strength indeed!

**LENTEN ADORATION IN MASSENA ON MONDAYS & FRIDAYS: St. Mary's Church, Massena**

There will be ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT at St. Mary's Church, 9 Sycamore Street every Monday and every Friday of Lent from 6 AM to 10 PM. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Side Chapel Room to the left of the Sanctuary the whole day. All are welcome to spend some time in prayer and adoration during these hours.

For more information, see <http://www.massencatholics.com/>

**CALLED TO SERVE for Adults**

Our Church is seeking volunteers to commit as Altar Servers during Funeral Masses. Father Jerome will provide training. If you are interested please provide your name and phone number to Father Jerome or leave in the Rectory office. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated in this ministry.

**The Lord's Prayer (in Mohawk)**

Ta kwa ien ha, ne, ka ron hia ke, te si te ron, a ie sa sen na ien, a ie sa wen ni ios ta ke, a ie sa wen na ra kwa ke, non wen tsia ke, tsi ni iot, ne, ka ron hia ke, kie sa wen na rak wa. Ta kwa nont, ne, ken wen te, ia kion he kon, nia te wen ni se ra ke, sa sa ni konr hen, ne ion kwa ri wa ne ren, tsi ni iot, ni, i, tsi on kwa ni konr hens. O the non, ion ki ni konh rak sa ton, non kwe; to sa, a ion kwa sen ni, ne ka ri wa ne ren, ak we kon, e ren, sa wit, nio tak sens.

NE NE KA NA KE RAH TSHE RA, NE NE KA SATS TENH SE RA, KA IA TA NE HRA KWAH TSHE RA, SA WEN'K NON:WA NOK TSI NEN:WE – E THO E THO NA IA WEN.

**March 12 – 2nd Sunday of Lent**

LULLED BY THE repetition of my days, I often miss what matters most. Moments pass me like newsfeeds as I blindly scroll... scroll... scroll from one duty to the next. No wonder I grow jaded. Without even realizing – or perhaps because of it – I have grown bored, weary and indifferent. A sure sign it's time to take a hike. *Come on*, Jesus says, tapping our shoulders, drawing us away to be alone with him on a mountaintop. Answer that invitation to rise above it all; to be still and breathe deep; to see Jesus with new eyes. Because no matter how well we think we know him, and no doubt his three closest disciples thought they did, Jesus always has more to reveal about himself, about his father, and about the world and our place in it. When those men returned from the mountain that day, fish needed catching, buckets needed filling and fires needed stoking. Their world, duties and lives had not changed and yet, surely everything had. Now they know; they'd seen; and they were filled with wonder. Time with Jesus does that. Today as we celebrate Jesus' presence in the Eucharist, spend time with Jesus on that mountain. Feel the wonder. Listen to him. For even just a glimpse of his glory changes everything.

*Caroline Pignat, Kanata, ON*

**PRAY FOR THE SICK** -- During this holy season of Lent, let us intensify our prayers for the salvation of all souls, especially those who suffer, the poor, the dying, the Souls in Purgatory.

We beg Our Lord to heal and strengthen all in our hospitals and nursing homes and those who are homebound, especially Orlo Ransom, Hilda Smoke, Mary Ella Jackson, Louise Jock, Marie Casey, Esther Burnham, Clyde Cree, Francis Cree, Isabel Rourke, Larry Pyke, Paulette Pyke, Millie Thompson, George Towsley, John Taylor, and Joseph Wood.

*We pray for our recently deceased community members, Riley B. Thayer and Rose Square, and consolation and prayers to their families.*

*May their soul rest in peace.*

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The Catholic Information Centre at 146 Chevrier Ave., Cornwall, ON (behind Nativity Cathedral) would like to inform that they have gifts, rosaries, cards, statues and other religious items in their gift shop for those seeking as a gift or devotion. Tel.: 613-933-5099.

**ANOTHER CHANCE TO LEARN ABOUT DEACONS**

There will be a Deacon Information Session at St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh on Wednesday evening, March 15, at 6:30 PM. Please see Father Jerome if you are interested in attending the session to learn about the role of Deacons in the Church and what preparation is required. Is God calling you to become a Deacon to serve at St. Regis Church?

**LENTEN RETREAT FOR YOUTH: Open to all students in grades 6-12.** The Diocesan Youth Council is hosting a peer-led Lenten retreat open to all students in grades 6-12. Interested youth can attend in Malone on March 25 or in Canton on March 26. The event is free, but participants must pre-register and bring a bagged lunch. Details and registration can be found at [www.rcdony.org/lentenretreat](http://www.rcdony.org/lentenretreat).

**Religious Education:**

**Confirmation:** next class is on Mar. 15 at 6 pm at the St. Kateri Center. Darren Bonaparte, historian and author will be presenting and speaking on the Life and Times of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. The community is invited to attend this session.

**First Communion:** next class is Mar. 16 at 6 pm at the St. Kateri Center. **AMS school** next class is Tuesday, March 14, immediately following school hours at 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm (for students attending AMS school).

**Baptism Seminar:** next schedule is Mar. 14/17 at 5:30 pm at St. Kateri Center. Please pre-register with a copy of child's Birth Certificate.

**Altar Servers:** the Church continues the recruitment for more and if you are interested and will attend training sessions, please submit your name to Father Jerome, or call the Rectory Office at 613-575-2753.

**IN GRATITUDE**

To all the participants of the recent Winter Retreat held at the St. Kateri Center with retreat director, St. Bethany Fitzgerald. May God fill your heart with prayerful blessings always.

**Parish Ministry Meetings**

@ St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center

Parish Council	April 26 – 5:30 pm
Finance Council	(to be announced)
Liturgy & Faith Ministry	April 5 – 7:30 pm
Choir/Music Ministry	Mar. 25 – 9:30 am
Altar & Rosary Society	Mar. 12 – 12:30 pm

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<b>COLLECTIONS:</b>	<b>CDN</b>	<b>US</b>
Mar. 1/17 (Ash Wed.):	\$247.20	\$212.66
Mar. 4 & 5/17:	\$428.05	\$452.46