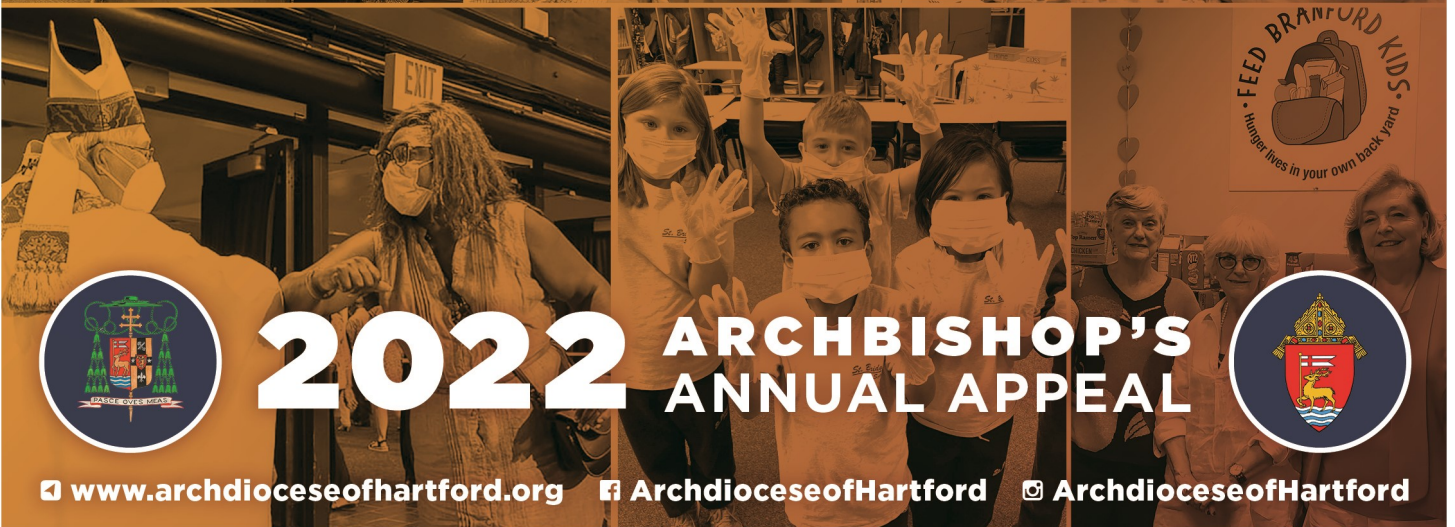


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QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27, AD 2022

MASS TIMES

Sunday: 8:30am Low Mass
10:30am High Mass
Monday to Saturday: 8:00am Low Mass

CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before each Holy Mass **EVERY DAY**
& **DURING** each weekly Holy Hour of Adoration

Superiors of the Institute of Christ the King

Very Rev. Msgr. R. Michael Schmitz,
STD, JCD, Vicar General of the Institute
Rev. Canon Matthew Talarico, Provincial
Superior of the Institute's U.S. Province

DEVOTIONS

17th-25th of each Month: Novena to the Infant King
Wednesday: Litany to St. Joseph after 8am Mass
Friday: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5pm
First Friday: additional Mass at 6pm preceded by
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 5pm
Saturday (except 1st Saturday): Prayers to our Mother
of Perpetual Help after 8am Mass
First Saturday: after Holy Mass, Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament, Holy Rosary & Benediction with
Spiritual Conference (unless an announcement
indicates otherwise)

Clergy and Staff of Saint Patrick Oratory

Rev. Canon Joel Estrada Pastor & Rector
Abbé Kevin Kerscher Pastoral Assistant &
Clerical Oblate
David Hughes Organist & Choirmaster

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 27

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

8:30am Low Mass - *Pro Populo*

10:30am High Mass & **Eucharistic Procession** -

†† Stephen & Jean Sebestyen, by Sebestyen family

Forty Hours Devotion Begins

6pm Vespers before the Blessed Sacrament,

Eucharistic Adoration continues until

11:30pm Benediction

Monday, February 28

8am Low Mass - **Mass of the Blessed Sacrament**

† Edward J. Kulig, Sr. (bday remembrance), by daughter Lynn

6pm High Mass - **Votive Mass for Peace** - *Pro Populo*

Eucharistic Adoration continues until

11:30pm Benediction

Tuesday, March 1

8am Low Mass - **Mass of the Holy Face of Jesus**

Stanislawa & Stefan Gamaj, by Joanna & Bianca Czaderna

6pm High Mass & Eucharistic Procession

Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament - *Pro Populo*

Wednesday, March 2

Ash Wednesday

Day of Obligatory Fasting & Abstinence

8am Imposition of Ashes & Low Mass - Rejeunne &

Raymond Lemieux, by Francine Andros

6pm Imposition of Ashes & High Mass - *Pro Populo*

1st Thursday, March 3

Mass of Jesus Christ, Sovereign & Eternal High Priest

8am Low Mass - Christina Maria Mews (bday), by John Foege

1st Friday, March 4

Mass of the Sacred Heart

8am Low Mass - Prior General of the ICRSS

4:30pm Holy Hour of Adoration

5:30pm Stations of the Cross & Veneration of

Relic of the True Cross

6pm High Mass - †† William & Gizela Gawronski, by

David Charette

1st Saturday, March 5

Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

8am High Mass - Logan Murphy (12th bday), Rachel Murphy

Sunday, March 6

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30am Low Mass - *Pro Populo*

10:30am High Mass - James Pavlick, Sr., by Rosemary,

James, Jr., Mayra, & Jordan

5:30pm "Organ at the Oratory" Recital

followed by 6pm Vespers & Benediction

St. Patrick Church Donations

Week of February 20: **\$5,232.70**

Please mail or drop off your regular offertory envelopes to

Saint Patrick rectory or donate securely online at

www.osvhub.com/stpatrick-parish-and-oratory

We truly depend on your help and assistance for the
upkeep of our church & operations.

May God reward your generosity!

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Upcoming events

- Feb. 27 **Confirmation Class** after 10:30am Sunday Mass **postponed to next month**
- Feb. 27 **1st day of 40 Hours:** After Sunday High Mass & Procession, Blessed Sacrament is exposed until Benediction at 11:30pm
- Feb. 28 **2nd day of 40 Hours:** After 8am Low Mass, Blessed Sacrament is exposed; additional **6pm High Mass**, Eucharistic Adoration continues until Benediction at 11:30pm
- Mar. 1 **3rd day of 40 Hours:** After 8am Low Mass, Blessed Sacrament is exposed; additional **6pm High Mass** followed by Procession, Benediction & Conclusion of 40 Hours
- Mar. 2 **Ash Wednesday** 8am Low Mass & 6pm High Mass with distribution of Blessed Ashes before each Mass
- Mar. 4 **1st Friday: SPECIAL LENT SCHEDULE**
4:30pm Adoration & Confessions, **5:30pm** Stations of the Cross, **6pm** High Mass
- Mar. 5 **1st Saturday:** 8am High Mass followed by Devotions, **please note that there will be no breakfast nor conference**
- Mar. 6 1st Communion Catechism after 10:30am Sunday High Mass
"Organ at the Oratory" Recital Series at 5:30pm followed by 6pm Vespers & Benediction
EXTENDED DEADLINE to reserve & pay for your seats in person for St. Patrick's Dinner
- Mar. 7 1st Class Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, patron of the Institute, 8am Low Mass & 6pm High Mass, Plenary Indulgence Available
- Mar. 11 5pm Holy Hour & 6pm Stations of the Cross
- Mar. 13 Confirmation Class after 10:30am Sunday Mass
- Mar. 15 St. Patrick Men's Association Rosary & Conference Night starting at 6:30pm
- Mar. 16 Catechism Class at 5:30pm in Saint Patrick's Hall
- Mar. 17 **Titular Parish Feast of Saint Patrick, 1st Class**, 8am Low Mass & 6pm Solemn High Mass
- Mar. 18 5pm Holy Hour & 6pm Stations of the Cross
- Mar. 19 Feast of St. Joseph, 8am High Mass
- Mar. 20 Coffee & Doughnut Social after the 10:30am Mass
- Mar. 21 1st Class Feast of St. Benedict, patron of the Institute, 8am Low Mass & 6pm High Mass, Plenary Indulgence Available
- Mar. 25 **Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lady**, 8am Low Mass, **4:30pm** Adoration & Confessions, **5:30pm** Stations of the Cross, & **6pm** High Mass
- Mar. 26 **Lætare Saturday Saint Patrick Irish Dinner** at 5pm in St. Patrick's Hall, you must have reserved and paid for your seats by Mar. 6 deadline
- Mar. 27 **Confirmation Examinations** after 10:30am Sunday Mass
- Apr. 1 **1st Friday: SPECIAL LENT SCHEDULE**
4:30pm Adoration & Confessions, **5:30pm** Stations of the Cross, **6pm** High Mass

LET US BEGIN LENT !

The command to do penance was uttered by Jesus Christ in no uncertain terms: **“Unless you do penance, you shall all likewise perish,”** (Luke 13: 3-5). After Christ’s resurrection we again find in Luke 24: 46-47, **“It behooved Christ to suffer and to rise again from the dead the third day: that penance and remission of sins should be preached in His Name.”**

While the external circumstances of penance have changed in this modern age, the burden of fasting having been lightened and dispensations multiplied to fit the less physically strong but more hurried and strained modern-day lifestyle, we are still called by our Master to deny ourselves and take up the Cross to follow Him, praying with Him in the desert.

The materialistic notion that many have of penance often leads to its entire neglect or unworthy performance. The **superficial** is satisfied with only the external act of penance; the **self-indulgent** find it too burdensome to even attempt. This is why penance has lost its proper place and many have wandered away from it.

The primary purpose of penance is a closer union of the soul with God. Man was made for God and sin frustrates this purpose. True penance is a turning away from sin and a returning unto God. The external act of penance is a **means to an end** which should not just be the self-satisfaction we feel for the expiation of personal sin, but the impulse of love to remove all that is disruptive, obnoxious, or offensive to our Blessed Lord. The external acts are very necessary, but if it lacks this true spirit, it is as dust.

The Church instructs us, during Lent, to turn away from sinful pursuits and even harmless and legitimate ones as well, in order to have more time for God, to enter more fully into the life of Christ, and to participate in His Passion as willing disciples and explore the depths of His love. We frustrate the interior purpose of penance when we find ready excuses for frequenting time-consuming entertainments that are often fatiguing and that leave us less time and taste for prayer, spiritual reading, Stations of the Cross, daily Mass, and even an unreadiness for receiving Holy Communion.

Fasting and abstinence cultivates strength in unselfishness, subordinating our lusts to reason and will. These laws of Holy Mother the Church will help us cultivate temperance and preserve life, and in the practical cultivation of this spirit, the letter of the law will acquire new meaning and even attraction.

LENTEN REGULATIONS TO OBSERVE

1. **Ash Wednesday** (March 2, AD 2022) and **Good Friday** (April 15, AD 2022) are days of **COMPLETE ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT AND ARE ALSO DAYS OF FAST**, that is, only one full meal is allowed with no eating between meals. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one’s needs but they together should not equal that of the full meal.
2. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat (unless a 1st class feast, ie. solemnity, falls on Friday, per canon 1251)
3. The obligation to **abstain from meat** binds on all who have reached the age of 14.
4. The obligation to **fast** binds all between the ages of 18 and 59.
5. Unless there is a just reason, the obligation to do penance is a serious one and no Catholic should lightly excuse himself from this obligation in the Lenten season. **Practices of Lenten penances and acts of mortification, increased devotion and prayer, and acts of mercy, charity and almsgiving, are worthy elements of our preparation for Easter.**
6. Abstinence on all Fridays of the year (outside of the Lenten season), though not obligatory under pain of sin, is **“especially recommended”**.
7. Fasting on weekdays of Lent, though not obligatory under pain of sin, is **“strongly recommended”** (National Conference of Catholic Bishops, November 18, 1966).
8. Catholics, after having received their 1st Holy Communion, are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season (between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday).
9. Catholics are also bound to confess mortal sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season. We must be well disposed to receive our Lord each time at Holy Communion and therefore **it is strongly recommended to go to confession frequently (at least once a month).**

Have a true, and not fake, devotion

wisdom from Saint Francis de Sales

You aim at a devout life, dear child, because as a Christian you know that such devotion is most acceptable to God's Divine Majesty, but seeing that the small errors people are accustomed to commit in the beginning of any undertaking are likely to increase as they advance, and to become irreparable at last, it is most important that you should thoroughly understand wherein lies the grace of true devotion.

There are also many spurious and idle semblances thereof; and unless you know which is real, you may mistake, and waste your energy in pursuing an empty, profitless shadow.

All of us depict devotion according to our own preferences and fancies.

One man sets great value on fasting, and believes himself to be leading a very devout life, so long as he fasts rigorously, although the while his heart is full of bitterness; and while he will not moisten his lips with wine, perhaps not even with water, in his great abstinence, he does not scruple to steep them in his neighbor's blood, through slander and detraction.

Another man reckons himself as devout because he repeats many prayers daily, although at the same time he does not refrain from all manner of angry, irritating, conceited or insulting speeches among his family and neighbors.

This man freely opens his purse in almsgiving, but closes his heart to all gentle and forgiving feelings towards those who are opposed to him.

Another one is ready enough to forgive his enemies, but will never pay his rightful debts save under pressure.

Meanwhile all these people are conventionally called religious, but nevertheless they are in no true sense really devout.

Many people dress up an exterior with the visible acts expressive of earnest devotion, and the world supposes them to be really devout and spiritual-minded, while all the time they are mere lay figures, mere phantasms of devotion.

(Introduction to the Devout Life, Book I, Chapter 1)

FROM THE RECTOR'S SCRIPTORIUM, REVEREND CANON JOEL JOSEPH ESTRADA

There are only a few more days before the beginning of Lent, and what blessings have we all received in the reflections and meditations we had during this season of Septuagesima, which is about to conclude.

It is my hope that you are already set for the spiritual and penitential program for Lent, with your planned penances (of course having let your spiritual director know about them, or, if you do not have one, your regular confessor, for his recommendations and approval), additional devotions and prayers, and acts of charity and mortification.

Although we are canonically bound to fast only twice a year, we are encouraged to multiply them during the weekdays of the Lenten Season, as done in the recent history of the Church, practiced not so long ago even by our own parents and grandparents, and by the numerous generations of Catholics. Let us reflect on **Saint Francis de Sales**, patron of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest, to help us further in our considerations for Lent, especially that of our fasting during the Season, one of the major pillars of Lent:

I thought of speaking to you of the conditions which render fasting good and meritorious. Understand that of itself fasting is not a virtue. It is a virtue only when it is accompanied by conditions which render it pleasing to God.

We find some people who think that to fast well during the holy season of Lent it is enough to abstain from eating some prohibited food. We know very well that it is not enough to fast exteriorly if we do not also fast interiorly, and if we do not accompany the fast of the body with that of the spirit.

Now among all the conditions required for fasting well, I will select 3 principal ones and speak familiarly about them.

The **first condition** is that we must fast with our whole heart, willingly, wholeheartedly, universally and entirely.

The **second condition** is never to fast through vanity but always through humility.

The **third condition** necessary for fasting well is to look to God and to do everything to please Him, withdrawing within ourselves in imitation of a great saint, St. Gregory the Great who withdrew into a secret place where he remained for a time.

Let us certainly pray for one another during this holy time that it be spiritually fruitful for all.



Saint Patrick Oratory

Laetare Saturday

Irish Parish Dinner

Saturday, March 26, 2022

St. Patrick Church Hall

50 Charles Street, Waterbury

5:00pm

Menu

One pound (precooked weight) of corned beef, served with cabbage, round potatoes, and carrots, with choice of rye, soda, or white bread

Tickets are \$20 per person

Children under 10 years old are FREE

Tickets purchased for previously cancelled 2020's St. Patrick's Dinner are still valid & attendees only need to confirm attendance & quantity. We hope to have at least 100 people join us for this dinner!

Unfortunately, there will be no pork option this year.

Please RSVP and submit payment in person to

Priory Office by March 6 (extended) deadline!

SAINT PATRICK ORATORY

Forty Hours Devotion

Eucharistic Adoration in Reparation for Sin

Sunday, February 27 to Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Sunday, Feb. 27, 1st day of 40 Hours

After Sunday High Mass, there will be a Eucharistic Procession, and the Blessed Sacrament is exposed until Benediction at 11:30pm

Monday, Feb. 28, 2nd day of 40 Hours

After 8am Low Mass, Blessed Sacrament is exposed; additional 6pm High Mass, & Eucharistic Adoration continues until Benediction at 11:30pm

Tuesday, Mar. 1, 3rd day of 40 Hours

After 8am Low Mass, Blessed Sacrament is exposed; additional 6pm High Mass followed by Eucharistic Procession, Benediction & Conclusion of 40 Hours

Eucharistic Adorers (at least 2 per hour slot) are needed to keep company with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Please sign-up using form in the Church.