



# The Fifth Sunday of Lent March 18, 2018

### WHY COVER THE CRUCIFIX AND STATUES?

It has long been the custom to cover statues and crosses during the latter part of Lent through Holy Week. The origin of this probably derives from a German custom from the ninth century, of extending a large cloth before the altar. This cloth hid the altar from the faithful during Lent and was not removed until the reading of the Passion at the words "the veil of the temple was rent in two." Some say there was a practical reason for this practice insofar as the often illiterate faithful needed a way to know it was Lent. Also, in ancient times many of the crosses in churches were covered with jewels. These crosses were covered, along with the statues, to help people meditate more on the sufferings of Jesus.

### PALM SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND

Weather permitting, next Sunday the 10:30 Mass will begin at 10:15 at the Marian Grotto for the procession of Palm Branches. Please make plans to join us for this wonderful tradition.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Please take note of our Holy Week Schedule listed below.

Holy Thursday Mass	6:00 PM
Good Friday Stations:	3:00 PM
Good Friday Liturgy:	6:00 PM
Easter Vigil Mass:	7:30 PM
Easter Sunday Mass:	8:00 AM
Easter Sunday Mass:	10:30 AM

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### EASTER FLOWERS



Please make use of our Easter Lily Envelopes in the pews and in your Tithing Envelope Boxes if you wish to donate in memory of a loved one. These envelopes, with your loved ones names, will be placed upon the Altar during the Octave of Easter to be remembered in prayer during Holy Mass.

**SIGN UP SHEETS FOR HOLY WEEK** volunteers are in the back of the church. Please take a moment to volunteer for this very holy time of year.

### NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Lectors, Gift Bearer Families, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, please take home your new quarterly schedule. These are located in the back of the church.

### RIESE CLUB

The Riese Club is for seniors 55+. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:30am in the Sarto Center. New members are welcome. Dues are \$10 per year. Please call Pat Busby at 479-9149 for more information. Activities this month- Casino trip on Tuesday 27th, to the Palace Casino. Bus leaves Walmart at 9am and returns by 4pm. Call Mary Jane at 445-2670.



### LAST NIGHT FOR LENTEN FISH

The Saint Pius X Knights of Columbus invite you to our traditional parish Lenten Fish Dinner. Friday night is the last one Family Life Center at 5:30pm. Dinners are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children.

### YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Today	18 March	Off-site
Sunday	March 24	No Meeting



Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Agnes Ellis*. May she see the face of God.



### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday	The Fifth Sunday of Lent
Monday	Saint Joseph
Tuesday	Saint Wulfran
Wednesday	Saint Nicholas of Flue
Thursday	Saint Lea
Friday	Saint Turibius de Mongrovejo
Saturday	Saint Catherine of Sweden

### HOLY MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

03/17 SAT	8:00 AM	Ruby McGowan
	4:00 PM	Bob Wagner
03/18 SUN	8:00 AM	Punnie Bosarge
	10:30 AM	Parishioners
03/19 MON	6:30 AM	Communion Service
	8:00 AM	John B Stein
03/20 TUES	6:30 AM	Deacon John Cretaro
	8:00 AM	Karen Andrews (L)
03/21 WED	6:30 AM	Gloria Jackson
	8:00 AM	Janet Locklier
03/22 THU	6:30 AM	Barry Andrews
	8:00 AM	Denise Bowen
03/23 FRI	6:30 AM	Aline M. Rogers
	8:00 AM	Jim Alvarez
03/24 SAT	8:00 AM	Neil Keller
	4:00 PM	John Busby
03/25 SUN	8:00 AM	Adam Clark
	10:30 AM	Parishioners

### A NIGHT TO REMEMBER SPRINGTIME SOIREE

You don't want to miss all we have in store at our annual auction, "Springtime Soiree" on March 24. Delicious food, live entertainment and many fabulous auction items are sure to make the night one to truly remember. Advance purchase tickets are discounted to only \$25 each and are available following all Holy Masses. **Special thanks to our sponsors:** Mr. & Mrs. Randy Adams, Betbeze Realty Co., Inc., Cain Electric, Inc., Mr. & Hydro-Technologies, Mr. & Mrs. Ben Heinl, Mr. & Mrs. Ben Jordan, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Keller, Lukas Construction, Mr. William Marsh, Mr. & Mrs. Mac McLeod, Mobile Area Chimney Sweeps, Mr. & Mrs. David Nelson, Dr. & Mrs. Pat Nolan, Mrs. Dean Owens, Palmer's Superstore, Mr. & Mrs. Cam Pearl, Mr. Benjamin Pelham, Mr. & Mrs. Woodie Perkins, Mr. & Mrs. Royce Ray, Mr. & Mrs. Sammy Smith, Ms. Karen Stuardi, Mr. & Mrs. David Vial.

### EASTER EGG HUNT



Come join us for our Easter Egg Hunt! It begins after the 10:30am Mass Easter Sunday in front of the Church for ages 1 to 10.

### The Week Ahead

<b>MON</b>	6:00 PM	Knights of Columbus / Sarto
<b>TUES</b>	7:00 AM	Men of St. Joseph / Sarto
	6:00 PM	RCIA / Sarto
<b>WED</b>	9:00 AM	Legion of Mary / FLC
<b>THURS</b>	9:00 AM	Bible Study / Sarto
<b>FRI</b>	6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
	5:30 PM	Lenten Fish Fry / FLC
<b>SAT</b>	9:00 AM	Saint Vincent de Paul / FLC
	9:30 AM	Belle Canto / Room 20
	5:00 AM	School Auction / Gym
<b>SUN</b>	9:00 AM	CCD
	11:30 AM	Donut Social / Sarto

### PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND AND PRAGUE

**Warsaw - Krakow - Auschwitz - Czech Republic - and Beyond**  
Father Savoie will be sponsoring a pilgrimage to Poland and Prague in October 2018. He will visit the various beautiful cities of the richly Catholic country of Poland as well as a tour of the Holocaust Concentration Camp of Auschwitz. A post tour of the picturesque city of Prague, Czech Republic is also an option. Brochures are located at the main exits of the church or call 471-2449 to have a brochure mailed to you. For an online brochure visit: [www.pilgrimages.com/frsavoie](http://www.pilgrimages.com/frsavoie)



### POPE FRANCIS

#### PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

**Formation in spiritual Discernment**—That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

### GIVING THANKS WHEN YOU SHOP

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### Please pray for those serving in the military



Jason Ackley, Kathy Ackley, Reeves Adams, Mayra Barton, Paul Beagle, Kyle Castleberry, Steven Chason, James, Joel, Joseph and Jeremy Crunk, Bowen Cummings, Rick Damell, Stephen Darring, Tristan Deaton, Joshua Douglas, Michael Duval, Patrick Gaudet, Michael Guidry, Joseph Hartman, Father Paul Halladay, Eric Jaet, Ollie Jaet, Christopher Jennings, Bradley Kramer, Richard Kramer, Robert Kurttz, Reade Loper, Josh Mason, Christopher McDonald, Richard McElhaney, Matthew McGraw, Lyles Mosley, Sr., Liz Naman, Mark Neno, Jr., Stephen O'Donnell, Michael Papa, Kyle Reeves, Erich Schnee, Dominick Stokley, Mark Strong, Oliver & Annie Stuardi, Tyler Uteg, Rico Velacruz, Jr., Eric Williams, Jason Wilson

Please call the church office to add someone to the military prayer list. Names are kept on the list until they come home.

### Weekly Collections

Regular Collection Last Week.....\$9,543.25  
Roof Fund Donations to Date.....\$147,304.46  
Special Collection Next Week...Church in Eastern Europe