

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 26, 2023



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Second: Romans 8:8-11

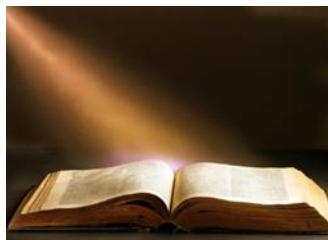
Gospel: John 11:1-45

FOCUS: *I trust in the Lord; my soul trusts in his word.*

It takes courage to truly believe in God's promises. He promises to raise the dead from their graves and put his own Spirit in us so that we may live. What does this mean for us this Lent, when we journey with Jesus toward his cross? How can our Lenten observance bolster such courageous faith?

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, Ezekiel prophesies that God will raise his people from their graves. In his Letter to the Romans, Paul promises that those who live in the Spirit will receive life through the Spirit. In the Gospel, Jesus raises his friend Lazarus from the dead, and many people come to believe in him.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Victoria Mercado and the Ryan, Borst & Costello Families

10 a.m.: The Reynolds & Rooney Families and Fran DeRita Tarantolla

LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m.: 89
10 a.m.: 137



ST. PAUL'S CELEBRATES ST. PATRICK

If there is a verb that describes last Saturday, it would be "flow."

The organized team that handled Connie Capria's repast enabled a seamlessly flow into the St. Patrick's Day dinner. After the 5 o'clock Mass, 110 revelers – most attired in green – flowed into Deacon John Hall and then settled in to enjoy the craic (Irish slang for lively social activity).

Yes, the libations – adult and otherwise – flowed, as did almost 120 pounds of corned beef, 80 pounds of roasted potatoes and 300 bangers from the chafing dishes to the dinner plates. Of course, there was room for dessert, into several of which ingredients such as Bailey's Irish Cream and Irish Whiskey flowed – so they were displayed on a separate table near watchful eyes!

The 50/50 raffle resulted in \$214 flowing into RoseMary Lancellotti's hands, and even the kitchen scraps ultimately flowed to Peg Conklin's chickens.

"It was amazing how happy everyone was," said Rick Dzurilla, referring to the smiles that flowed from his team of volunteers and guests alike.

The only thing that didn't flow?

The cabbage!

In the photo at top, attentive volunteers are ready to dish out dinner. At right, six-year-old-leprechaun-for-a-day Ehlanzo, Ernie Martin's great-grandson, was thrilled when given a broom so he could help with cleanup! More photos will be posted on the bulletin board.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

There will not be a Coffee Social the first weekend in April. However, Team Dzurilla will be serving up a **French Toast Breakfast** after Mass on **Sunday, April 23**. Details to follow.

TREASURER'S REPORT

March 12-19: Totaled \$ 7,461.71

Envelopes: \$ 2,224.10 – Online: \$ 5,237.61

THANK YOU!

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday: Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 1, and at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 2. Children will process in with palms.

Reconciliation Monday: Confessions will be heard from 2-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. April 3 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Middletown, NOT here.

Holy Thursday: Service will begin at 7 p.m. April 6 and will include foot washing. There will be signup sheets on the bulletin board.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows in the hall and continues until 11 p.m.

Good Friday: The Commemoration of the Lord's Passion will begin at 3 p.m. April 7 and include veneration of the cross and Holy Communion. There will be no Stations of the Cross nor evening service.

Blessing of Easter Food: In the tradition of many Eastern European nations, Deacon Carl will bless baskets of Easter food at noon on Holy Saturday, April 8, in Deacon John Hall.

Easter Vigil: The Vigil Mass will begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 8.

Easter Sunday: Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m.

On our way to church, we asked our grandchild why is it important to be quiet in church. She said "Because there are people sleeping!"

CARDINAL'S APPEAL UPDATE

From supporting needy parishes and religious education to mission and charitable works, your generosity makes a difference. As of Friday, March 24, \$ 37,005 toward our goal of \$45,500 has been received/pledged by 92 families. Thank you.



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CARDINAL'S
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Sharing God's Gifts Throughout
the Archdiocese of New York



March 31, 2023

PRAYER SERVICE FOR HEALING, HOPE & PEACE

Hosted by the youth of St. Paul's Church.

OPEN TO ALL



There is a place just
for you.

Scripture, song and prayer.

St. Paul's R.C. Church
2800 Route 17k,
Bullville, NY
Friday, March 31, 2023
7pm - 8pm

For more information, email:
saintpaulsym@gmail.com

EASTER FLOWERS

The deadline to remember deceased loved ones with a contribution toward Easter flowers is **Monday, April 3**. There are envelopes in the church vestibules, and the usual donation is \$10 per name.

If you donate via WeShare, be sure to provide the office with the names to be included in the booklet.

IN THE LOOP



The **Hooked & Happy** group will meet at 6:30 p.m. this Friday, **March 31**, in Deacon John Hall. Everyone is invited to an evening of crafting and camaraderie. Bring a project.



The Columbiettes of Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish are sponsoring a Women's Retreat titled, "**A Woman's Encounter with Jesus: Healing and Freedom**" from 9 a.m.-noon on **April 1**. The cost is \$10. There are registration forms to take on the bulletin boards in the vestibules.



The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is hosting a **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land June 18-27** through Unitours Space is still available, and a \$500 deposit is due now. Call Carol Bezak, Shrine director, at 845-343-1879 for a travel brochure or visit:

www.unitours.com/client/CarmeliteHL.html



A Mother and (Adult) Daughter Retreat has been scheduled for **May 12-14** at the Marianist Family Retreat Center in Cape May Point, NJ. Cost is \$150. Call 609-884-3829 for more information.

