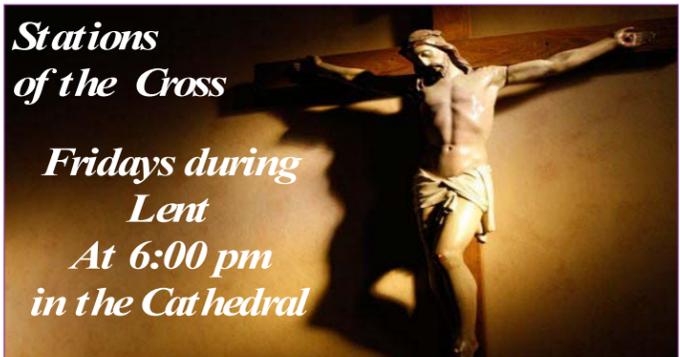


The 6 p.m. Mass and St. Joseph Table Dinner March 20 have been cancelled.



Weekly Collection
 Envelopes: \$3,243 Loosers: \$866.99
 Online: \$298

Collection Supports Retired Priests
 Next week, we will have a special collection to support the Priests Health and Retirement Association, a fund that provides health insurance and retirement benefits to retired priests of our Diocese. Please take a moment to reflect on the many years of service by our priests and how we can take this opportunity to thank them in a very particular way with a gift to the PHRA collection

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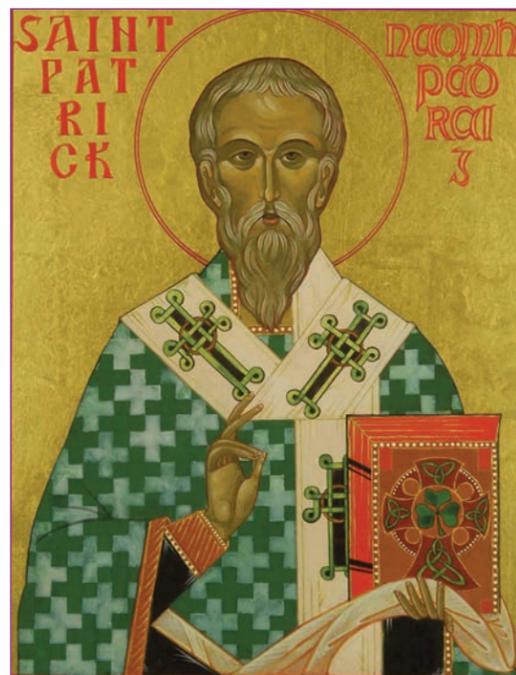
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 Mr. Donald Gruber, Custodian

Sunday Masses: 6:00 p.m. Saturday; 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.
Weekday Mass: 12:05 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11:15-11:50 a.m. Friday; 5-5:45 p.m. Saturday.
Sacrament of the Sick and Communion to Homebound: Call the parish office anytime to make arrangements.

Il Corriere del Duomo

Weekly Journal for the Cathedral of St. Joseph

St. Patrick



gan the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea-and they cried out, as with one voice: 'We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us.'

He was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland.

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. At age 14, he was captured by Irish pirates and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*.

A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision he described in his memoir:

"I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victorius, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: 'The Voice of the Irish.' As I be-

Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.

Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man. "The Breastplate," Patrick's poem of faith and trust in God:

"Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."

Pilgrimage to be Held at Cathedral

During this Lenten season, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will once again present its Lenten pilgrimages with Masses celebrated by diocesan priests known for their "quality of preaching."

Slated to be held in the West Virginia cities of Morgantown, Charleston, Wheeling and Inwood, the pilgrimages also will offer the sacrament of penance to participants. Organized by the diocesan Office of Worship and Sacraments, the pilgrimages will also present Catholics around the state with a special opportunity, said Bernadette Kime, director of the office.

"The great thing about these pilgrimages is that people come together from different parishes throughout the diocese and experience an evening of prayer and reflection during Lent," Kime said. "We encourage people to come together as groups and make it like a pilgrimage from your parish. We are happy that we have priests within our own diocese known for their preaching; and we tried, specifically, to get priests to go to places where people wouldn't have normally heard them preach."

Each of the pilgrimages will begin with the opportunity to receive the sacrament of penance at 6 p.m. with various priests in the area available to hear confessions. Mass will follow at 7 p.m.

A pilgrimage will be held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling March 29 with guest homilist Rev. Walter M. Jagela, pastor of St. John University Parish in Morgantown. Father Jagela was ordained to the priesthood at the cathedral May 21, 1994. He is a member of the Presbyteral Council and is chaplain at West Virginia University in Morgantown.

"Thank you, to everyone who signed up to work on the Rite of Election Luncheon on **March 12**. Your help is greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to spending time working together as a parish family. If you were unable to sign up for this event please look for the sign up sheet for the Deaconite Ordination in May. It will be here before we know it."
 Thank you. Ginny

Christian Awareness

By Alex J. Nagem

It started out to be a typical Monday morning when I parked my car in the Chancery lot. I was thinking of the projects that needed finished this week. I also wondered what others may come my way that would be interfering with my plans for the week. Then the feeling came over me of something I needed to do. You know the feeling when you are driving to an intersection. You planned to turn right but a feeling comes over you that you should turn left instead. Did you have a premonition or is it the result of an over active mind? Instead of walking to the Chancery I had the urge to stop in the Cathedral first. The lights were on throughout the Cathedral which eliminated the many shadows that live in the dim light. I stood in front of the pews and stared at the depiction of Jesus in Heaven painted above the altar. A silent prayer surfaced from the depths of my cluttered mind. I wondered where the words originated. It was as if the words were trapped in my mind and finally set free. But when the words stopped flowing into a prayer, I felt better for a Monday. I stood in front of the altar steps where I have received the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist many times and stared at the eyes of Jesus in the painting. How many times have confused believers stared at these eyes? How many prayers, cries for help, for forgiveness, and thanksgiving have been

said in front of this altar? Would I be the only person this morning standing here? Was Msgr. Kevin here before me saying a prayer for us all and for himself?

Why do we come and sit, kneel and walk the isles of a church through the day? There is a feeling of comfort in many churches of which I have pulled open their doors. It is a feeling of welcome, but also guilt. Guilt that this time is not repeated more frequent. But I say prayers as I drive and walk, at home and at work. Do I need to be in a church for this welcome feeling to exist? I believe Jesus is in the Eucharist, resting in the Tabernacle. He is waiting for our participation in the Eucharistic Celebration to provide nourishment for our Christian journey. Is this why I am here? There is no Mass to attend at this time of the morning. But I am here none the less. Was there a feeling of guilt that had surfaced? We all have guilt. That is a part of being Catholic, right? I wondered why my thoughts were in the direction of the open Cathedral this morning. I also thought of the many souls that have been in the Cathedral before me. How many thousands have knelt in these pews? Were they giving thanks, or asking forgiveness directly to God because they couldn't confess their sins to a priest? How many questions have been asked in front of this painting of Jesus? How many answers received have been followed or misunderstood? How many Baptisms and Profession of Faith been repeated among these walls? How many have attended The Last Supper as

How Many Times

memorialized during each Mass? We are a community in Christ when we attend Mass. We all face Jesus in humble manner and stance, or at least we should in the mind of your writer. I am surprised by the many thoughts and questions as I stand here. Is this what God had intended? Is this His way of telling me I am of the company of many who have stood here before me? There is a feeling that draws us to this altar to stare at the eyes of Jesus as he looks down upon us. We are all welcome in His eyes. Today is not a Day of Judgment or admission of guilt. It is not a day of asking for help, but it is a day of asking why. Was this a day of Jesus welcoming me, or was he asking to be welcomed? Was he asking me to stop reliving the past and worrying about the future? The past cannot be changed and should be left to its grave. The future comes quickly. The decision to turn left or right at the intersection to see what waits has not been made. The present, well, it's here. For now it is a time of reflection in a place of comfort where there is always a feeling of welcome. As for the number of times someone has stood in this same spot with the same questions, it has become one more.

What draws us to a church and the Sacraments, even if the Sacrament is only one of Reconciliation? If we are familiar with God, we want to be where he resides, right? But doesn't God reside in all of us? Is this why we feel safe in a community of our peers that have the same goals and beliefs, who are willing to help others with prayer and an open hand?

For me, this describes a church community united in Christ.

I have stood in front of an old wooden altar in a small chapel in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The altar is a heavy looking table made of rough cut lumber that was planed smooth by hand. Our Lady of Guadalupe and the depiction of the Crucifixion are painted on the wall behind the altar. The kneelers and pews show signs of the faithful use. The cobblestone floor has been well traveled. No wax or artificial shine on this floor. The surface worn by countless steps of the faithful and curious provides a natural shine. You could easily tell where the faithful knelt by the worn marks on the back of the pews. The finish is discolored by the resting of folded hands in prayer. There are many lit candles and natural light in this chapel of less than 80 seats. A young lady is in deep thought staring at the altar. She did not turn around at the sound of shoes on the stone floor. Her conversation with God was more important. The welcome feeling was just as great in this little Spanish chapel as it is in our magnificent Cathedral. There are signs of many with questions and conversations with God in both. I pray our desire to talk with God and the welcome feeling we receive never cease.

"Call to me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things which you do not know," Jeremiah 33:2-4.

"Vocatus Atque non Vocatus, Deus Aderit"
Alex J. Nagem

Mass Intentions and Readings

Sunday—March 12th—SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Station Church of Rome: *Santa Maria in Domenica alla Navicella*

- 8:00a Mass for Sophie Moses
- 9:15a 1st Communion, Cathedral Offices RCIA, Rectory
- 9:15-10:15a Confession**
- 10:30a Mass for Leonard Romanek
- 3:00p Rite of Election
- RDGS: Gn 12:1-4a Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22
2Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9
- 4:00p Altar Servers Hockey Game

Monday—March 13th

Station Church of Rome: *San Clemente*

- 12:05p Mass for Clara Scheibelhood
- RDGS: Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 Lk 6:26-38

Tuesday—March 14th

Station Church of Rome: *Santa balbina*

- 12:05p Mass for Daniel Krulcik
- RDGS: Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday—March 15th

Station Church of Rome: *Santa Cecilia in Trastevere*

- 12:05p Mass for Dr. Joe Williams
- RDGS: Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14-16 Mt 20:17-28
- 5:30p Finance Council
- 6:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thursday—March 16th

Station Church of Rome: *Santa Maria in Trastevere*

- 12:05p Mass for Mary Lavern Monnes
- RDGS: Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 16:19-31

Friday—March 17th—Saint Patrick, bishop

Station Church of Rome: *San Vitale*

- 11:15a Confession
- 12:05p Mass for Ron Radcliffe
- RDGS: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-21
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- 6:00p Stations of the Cross

Patrick, died 461 at Down; born about 389 of Romano-British origin, perhaps in Wales; founded metropolitan See of Armagh; authored Confessio; the famous Lorica, a work praising Christ, is probably his; patron of Nigeria; apostle and patron of Ireland.

Saturday—March 18th—Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Station Church of Rome: *Santi Marcellino e Pietro*

- 9:00a Mass for Virginia & Orlando Sacco
Rosary
- 5:00p Confessions
- 6:00p Mass for Eva Purpura & Francie K. Martin
- RDGS: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-4, 9-2
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Cyril, died 386; great pastor and teacher; ordained bishop of Jerusalem in 348; authored eighteen "Catecheses" and five "Mystagogical Catecheses" devoted to the liturgy of the sacraments; exiled three times by the Arians.

Sunday—March 19th—THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Station Church of Rome: *San Lorenzo fuori le Mura*

- 8:00a Mass for the Parishioners
- 9:00a Confirmation Retreat
- 9:15a 1st Communion, Cathedral Offices RCIA, Rectory
- 9:15-10:15a Confession**
- 10:30a Mass for Jack & Chris Winiesdorffer
- RDGS: Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42

Lent and Holy Week Schedule

All Fridays during Lent

6:00p Stations of the Cross

Feast of Saint Joseph—March 20

12:05a Mass
6:00p **Mass and St. Joseph Dinner have been cancelled**

Palm Sunday—April 9

10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Procession

Monday of Holy Week—April 10

12:05 p.m. Mass

Tuesday of Holy Week—April 11

12:05 p.m. Mass
4:00 p.m. Chrism Mass

Wednesday of Holy Week—April 12

12:05 p.m. Mass

Holy Thursday—April 13

6:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday—April 14

12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday—April 15

9:00 a.m. Decorating Cathedral for Easter
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord—April 16

8:00 a.m. Mass
10:30 a.m. Mass
Easter Egg Hunt following Mass