

February 25, 2018  
Second Sunday of Lent  
MASS INTENTIONS



**Scheduled Liturgies**

Sat., Feb. 24, 4:30	In Thanksgiving
Sun., Feb. 25, 8:00	Special Intention
Sun., Feb. 25, 10:30	George B. James. (10 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.), by family
Mon., Feb. 26, 5:30PM	Special Intention
Wed., Feb. 28, 5:30PM	Special Intention
Sat., March 3, 4:30	Elaine LaFountiane, by family
Sun., March 4, 8:00	Kathryn (Russo) Yager, (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.), by family
Sun., March 4, 10:30	Gail Edwards, by family

AS THE COLD & FLU SEASON continues, the handshaking of the Peace of Christ will be omitted for the season.

THE LENTEN MASSES AND DEVOTIONAL SERVICES SCHEDULE is as follows: The Lenten Masses will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:30 PM Mass. On Tuesdays the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and Adoration of the Eucharist Services will begin at 3:00 PM. Also, on Fridays of the Lenten Season, the Stations of the Cross reflections will be held at 7:00 PM. **Please phone the rectory at (978) 365-6582, during inclement weather to find out if there are any cancellations.**

CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY AND ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The above devotional services be held on Tuesdays throughout the season of Lent, from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. This is in keeping with the wishes of **Pope St. John Paul II** that we participate in the Adoration of the Eucharist as well as in honor of **St. Faustina Kowalska** who is considered the Apostle of Divine Mercy. Hope you can join us!

A SECOND COLLECTION will be held next weekend for parishioners who do not use envelopes, to support fuel costs and church restoration efforts.

REPRINTED FROM DIOCESAN GUIDELINES: **Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. **Fasting** is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

CCD CLASSES will resume this Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, as the schedule indicates.

THE I.C. WOMEN'S CLUB will be holding their March meeting on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM, in the Church Hall. They will be holding their annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner. All members are asked to confirm if they are attending and what they will be bringing by calling **Joan Mitchell** at (978) 365-9268. For more information on the ICWC please call **Debbie Renczkowski** at (978) 368-7101.

**10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION INFORMATION:** The regional ceremony for the sacrament of Confirmation will be held at St. John's in Clinton, on Sat., March 10<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM. Please arrive at 9:00 AM and go to the church Hall (downstairs) to get into you gowns. The Rehearsal date is Sun., March 4<sup>th</sup>, between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM, at St. John's Church Hall, with sponsors or proxy attending.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CCD MASSES:** Keep in mind that during the months of March and April, scheduled dates and times for CCD Masses for the teachers, students and parents will take place. Grades 4, 5 and 6 CCD classes will attend a 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and Grades 7 and 8 CCD classes will attend a 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please mark these dates on your calendar. All parishioners are welcome.

**THE SENIOR CHOIR EASTER REHEARSALS** will meet each Sunday from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM, beginning this Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. If you have an interest in singing, please feel free to join them. You don't have to read music to sing and new singers are always welcome. Please see **Jane Burgoyne** following one of the weekend Masses for more information.

**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED:** Please contact Fr. Tom at (978) 365-6582, if you are interested in becoming an Altar Server at Immaculate Conception Church. Please let us know as soon as possible. Eligibility for becoming an Altar Server begins after you receive First Holy Communion.

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**AS PART OF THE PARISH "Lenten Sacrifice"**, please take home a Baby Bottle, located at the church entrances and return the weekend before Holy Week, March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Please collect your "spare change" and fill up your baby bottle, to help the men, women and babies at First Concern in Clinton. If you place a check in your baby bottle, you will receive a letter from First Concern for tax purposes. If you would rather donate a baby item, there is always a need for new baby clothing or diapers. For more details or any questions, please call **Irene Connor** at First Concern at (978) 365-9817.

**18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE:** Men of all ages, including teens and college students, are invited to this important annual Conference, scheduled on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, at Assumption College. Visit the conference website at [www.firstmensconf.org](http://www.firstmensconf.org) for information and to purchase tickets online and elsewhere. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: **Robert Rogers, Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Fr. Dave Cavanagh, Elvis Grbac** and **Ryan Tremblay**. Bishops and priests will hear confession. **Bishop McManus** will offer the Conference Mass. For more information, call **Sara Smillie** at (508) 929-4345. Adult tickets are \$45.00 through February 28<sup>th</sup>, afterwards \$60.00. Student tickets are always \$30.00.

#### **A DIOCESAN REQUIREMENT TO BE PUBLISHED**

As a reminder, our parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester in screening those who work with children in our care and in helping victims of abuse find healing. If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a Church employee or volunteer in the past, please contact the Victim Services Coordinator for our diocese at (508) 929-4363 (direct line & confidential voicemail). If you are concerned about a current case of abuse, please contact the local civil authorities immediately.