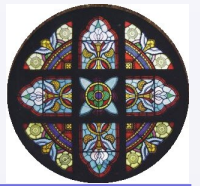


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Greetings! Today is Sunday, March 14, 2021, the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

As Reverend Kraft intimated a few weeks back the word Lent has a reference to the lengthening of days, as the Earth moves about the Sun tilting the northern hemisphere nearer to our closest star for the next six months. Spring officially begins next Saturday, March 20 at 5:37 AM Eastern time.

However, before we can reach the long anticipated vernal equinox, we must first endure another semiannual ritual known as Daylight Savings Time. Please remember to set your clocks ahead one hour next Saturday evening. The penalty for failing to do so will result in you being one hour late for everything on your schedule until you do.



The Salvation Of One's Soul

Mathieu - Le Mesnil le Roi, France - May 29, 2011



As a kid, I grew up in a very French and Christian family. Whenever my parents tucked me into bed, they reminded me to say my prayers. Which I never did; praying was such a bore. I had nothing to be thankful

for or nothing to ask for, so I gave in to the warmth and softness of my orange striped sheets.

As I grew older, I learned what praying is. Praying shouldn't be and isn't a bore. It's a communion, a communion with someone important to you. When I pray, I share my feelings, my doubts, my concerns with someone. For me, that listener is God. Whether I am happy or sad, I pray to him. Some say that it is ridiculous to believe that God will answer your prayers. But I believe, and answer: no. No, God will not formally "talk" to you, but as you move on with your life, he will introduce you to new people, make you discover unknown places and live unexpected experiences. I know that if I take a step back, I will clearly see his answer to my question, during a long tiring class, a date, or while I drink a burning hot cup of coffee; or in calmer, quieter places such as long runs in the dark forest. His answers reach me anywhere, they come through me rushing blindly trying to find me, head down, avoiding obstacles, they will ultimately find me.

I believe that I can pray anytime and anywhere I want. There is no need to be in a church, or on my tired knees. Sitting in a damp, cold metro is just fine. Expressing what I feel, and what I wish for makes me serene and secure. My mind feels liberated, my soul free, and I can move on, hoping that God will hear me. If I pray, it is not necessarily because I



am feeling sad or depressed; I am just thankful for something, whether it be the sunshine, the good mark I got on my essay or just the simple feeling of being alive. It takes me into another universe. I become part of something new, my heart beats quicker, and my eyes shine a blinding white. It is a way to liberate everything that has piled up inside me, to let everything go. Praying is the energy that changes the way I see things and the way I act. It is like a magic connection with God that makes me feel different, the appearance of something between him and me; a relation that is not bound to end.

Now, when I slip into my fading orange striped sheets, no one tells me to say my prayers. Some nights I do, others I don't, but when I pray it comes from me. I want to create a connection with God, I want to ask, I want to thank. It is no longer my parents demanding me. It's me. Choosing.

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Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests will be added each week by your requests, and will run for two weeks unless a request to continue is received.

God's healing presence:

- For **Donald Naples**, son-in-law of Polly Grobelny, who is battling with cancer.
- For **Pam Solymosi**, who is in ICU with Pneumonia & Covid
- For **Dave Volkman** who was diagnosed with colon cancer
- For **Michael Amao**, who is battling cancer
- For **Jack Harkins**, underwent a procedure this past Wednesday.
- For **Jennifer Cox**, dealing with serious health issues.
- For **Kathy Owens** grandson, **Jack** who has the Covid virus

God's comfort:

- For the family of **Alice Garmin** mourning the loss of her nephew **Freddie Neamand**.
- For the family of **Emily Reeves**, who passed away from cancer this past week.

In thanks and praise to God:

- For **Rev. Jim Shanley**, on the birth of his grandson **Jack Ryan**.
- For the joy of having **Polly Grobelny** back in worship with us.

From **Becky Jensen** – For continued prayers for the **PNC** as they carry on their mission.

God's blessing to all who sacrifice their time and talent to keep our church active in the community and open for worship. That the love we encounter in God's word will permeate our hearts as we journey through Lent and lead us into lives more full of mercy, kindness, and humble obedience to God.



Jerrie Glass has reactivated the **Flower Book**. Anyone who wishes to put flowers in church for any Service, please call **Jerrie** at (856) 906-2284, & she will help you to make that happen.



Please mark you calendars for the following Lenten/Easter Season services:

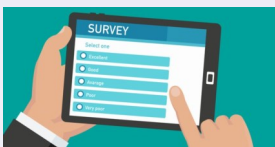
Palm Sunday — March 28, 2021 at 9:00 AM

Maundy Thursday — April 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Good Friday — April 2, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday — April 4, 2021 at 9:00 AM

Please help fill the Sanctuary with beautiful Spring Flowers. Bring your flowers to the CE building from Thursday 4/1 to Saturday 4/3



The Membership committee in collaboration with the Worship and Communication committees have prepared a short survey regarding your personal engagement with the Church. Please be on the watch for an email this coming week that will provide an email link and instructions. As with past surveys, all responses are anonymous. Thank you in advance for participating.



The Craft Club will be holding a **Spring Sale** at church on **Saturday, April 3, from 10 AM to 2 PM** You will be able to deliver flowers for the Church Altar, and at the same time, you will be able to buy some very special **Easter & Spring** items for your home! All sorts of hand crafted items will be shown; wreaths, quilts, hand embroidered towels, & more. We look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, 4/3 from 10 to 2.



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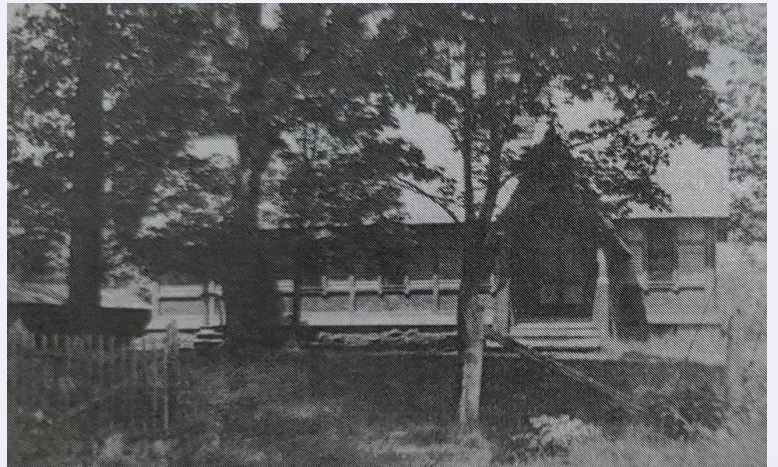
The Property Committee will coordinate our annual Spring Cleanup Day!

Saturday March 27th

9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

The old place looks like it can use a little TLC.

So come on out with your rakes & shovels & other implements of destruction!



Many hands make light work.

And we always bring out the best people



See.
It's looking better already!





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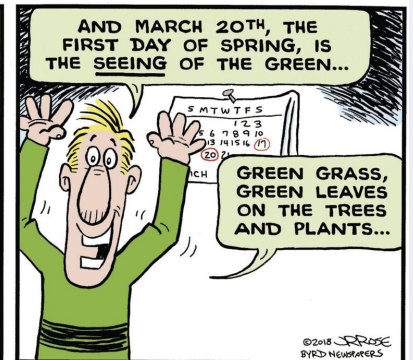
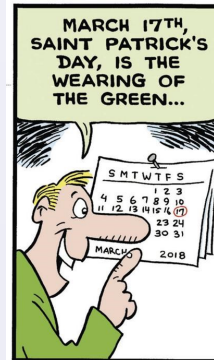
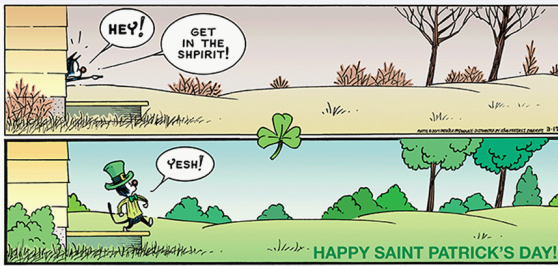
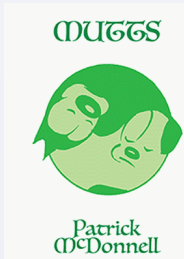


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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jonathan Cheslo - March 17
Happy 18th!



Bustleton's Best

St. Paddy's Day is Wednesday! In preparation for the "Wearin' O' The Green." Our third treat in our Irish series is Annette Slaney's "Glazed Corned Beef." Hit me with a shillelagh, I can't wait to check this out! Thank you Annette!



Glazed Corned Beef

Annette Slaney

"This is an alternative to the traditional way of cooking a corned beef with cabbage. The apricot sweet sauce really brings out the flavor in the corned beef and turns it a beautiful color."

- 1 rinsed corned beef
- Spice packet (comes with corned beef) water
- 1 C apricot preserves
- 4 T brown sugar
- 4 T dark soy sauce

Preheat oven to 350. Coat a large pan with non-stick cooking spray. Place the corned beef into the dish along with the spices from the packet (and some extra whole cloves, whole allspice, and whole peppercorns if you like). Cover the corned beef with water and cover tightly with aluminum foil. Bake for 3 - 4 hours or until tender. During this time, combine the preserves, sugar and soy sauce in a small bowl. Remove the corned beef from the pot and empty the liquid out. At this point I cut off the layer of fat that is usually on the top of a corned beef. Place the corned beef back into the pot and cover with the apricot glaze. Place back into the oven uncovered for about 30 min or until the meat is very tender, basting with the glaze and turning the meat over once during the process. Slice the corned beef across the grain and serve.