



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

March 21, 2021 | 5th Sunday in Lent

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Eucharistic Services:

7:00 pm Wednesday -
Word & Communion Service
5:00 pm Saturday - Jackson, Vigil Mass
11:30 am Sunday - Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday after Mass; other times by appointment.

Ministers for next Sunday, March 28

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Dennis Knight

Ministers at MGC

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Mother of Good Counsel Prayer by B.J. Ewing

Holy Mary, our heavenly mother, keep us in your care.

Give us your good counsel as we strive to be disciples of your son Jesus and help us to grow in faith and in our love for God.

Bless our parish which is named in your honor. Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help us be attentive to the needs of our families and our community. Amen.

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Parish Mission Statement

Inspired and sustained in our Catholic faith through life-giving worship, we Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community, have as our mission to bring Christ and the teachings of the Catholic faith to one another and the larger community in a ways that draws us together as a supportive family, yet reaches out with a genuine concern for all people, so that we can be authentic witnesses in an area where Catholics are few in number.

Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23
Eph 2:4-10
Jn 3:14-21



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Saint Joseph appears as a strong and courageous man, a working man, yet in his heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength of spirit and a capacity for concern, for compassion, for genuine openness to others, for love. We must not be afraid of goodness, of tenderness!

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MARCH 19, 2013



Lent 2021

Our Lenten Journey continues this fifth week we are asked to look deeper and see how Christ is calling us to a new life. Check out Mother of Good Counsel's website www.mgccc.or/lent for lots of resources including online retreats, study, prayers and ways to give this Lenten Season. MGC has some ongoing events, as well as some special one time events happening and materials for reflection.

- Stations of the Cross - Fridays except March 19 at 7 pm. Virtually or in person.
- Book Club - Virtual Faith sharing on The Inner Chapel
- Wednesday - Friday 12pm - 5pm. Stop by and pray in the church, ring the doorbell for entrance.

Religious Education

Our Tri Parish Religious Education for will take place on the following Sunday afternoons from 2 to 3 pm.

March 14 & 28

April 11 & 25

Confirmation Class & Teen Disciples

Our teen disciples will meet on March 14 from 6 to 7:30 pm. Confirmation Class will meet on March 21, 2021 from 6 to 7:30 pm.

Enjoying Peace in Jesus Presence

Is Jesus calling out to you this Lent? Given all the challenges we continue to live with, are you longing for a felt sense of "God with you"? Or perhaps Jesus seems distant without you knowing why, and there is a hunger to hear his words of reassurance, comfort and hope? Mother of Good Counsel Church will be available for prayer Wednesday - Friday from 12 pm until 5 pm for personal prayer.

The Inner Chapel

During Lent parishioners will be reading the book *The Inner Chapel* by Becky Eldredge. A small faith sharing group will be meeting virtually beginning this week. There are copies of the book available for \$15. You may read the book on your own or join us for small faith sharing group. **There will be a group that meets on Saturday morning at 10 am.** Please register for bookclub and we will make sure you have the virtual link.

Second Collection for Flooding

The Diocese of Lexington through Catholic Charities is taking up a second collection this weekend to offer support to areas that have been hardest hit by flooding in Eastern Kentucky. Please consider how you may be able to help.

Drive By Fish Fry

Thank you for your support of the fish fry we raised \$750 from this event.

Feast of St. Joseph

March 19, we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, and in this year of St. Joseph proclaimed by Pope Francis, let us remember how we are called to be like St. Joseph. An ordinary man doing the will of God through the small acts of everyday life.

December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021



Our Weekly Offering

for 03/14/21

Loose: \$102

Envelopes : \$758

Monthly: \$42

Black & Indian Missions: \$7

Weekly Online Donations: \$0

Total Weekly Offering: \$909



AND THIS IS THE VERDICT, THAT THE
 LIGHT CAME INTO THE WORLD, BUT
 PEOPLE PREFERRED DARKNESS TO LIGHT,
 BECAUSE THEIR WORKS WERE EVIL.
 JOHN 3:19

The Long Arm of the Law

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If we look carefully, we will realize that the way of life Jesus promotes is based on the dignity of each person, who is made in the image and likeness of God. Actions that dismiss, demean, damage, or destroy human life are contrary to the teaching, life, and example of Jesus. Accepting his way brings forth a new society called "the reign of God." Rejecting it will undermine the foundations of the society we have. Which will it be? You decide.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

The laws in today's first reading deal with basic living. Which ones seem to be the hardest to live by? Why?

Which laws give you the most support as you try to live with integrity?

Monday MARCH 22 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday MARCH 23 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Nm 21:4-9 Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday MARCH 24 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95, Jn 8:31-42
Thursday MARCH 25 <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i> Is 7:10-14, 8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38
Friday MARCH 26 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42
Saturday MARCH 27 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56
Sunday MARCH 28 <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i> Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39



Readings for the Week



Dear Padre

March 21, 2021

I'm a non-Catholic church secretary who receives questions about a Purgatorial Society. What is it?

"Those who die in God's grace and friendship imperfectly purified, although they are assured of their eternal salvation, undergo a purification after death, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of God" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1054). This process of purification is known as purgatory. Saint Gregory the Great (540–604) wrote "certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come" (see Dialogues 4, 39). This forgiveness of sins granted after death is also suggested in Matthew 12:32 and 2 Timothy 1:18.

Because Catholics believe we're in communion with one another through an active relationship that transcends death, our prayers and sacrifices benefit the deceased (see 2 Maccabees 12:38–46). Thus, a Purgatorial Society is a formal association of Catholics who offer prayers, Masses, and other works of charity to benefit the souls in purgatory. Souls that get to heaven, in turn, offer their prayers to benefit the living. This mutual assistance affirms our belief in an earthly and heavenly Church forming one body in Christ.

Purgatorial societies were especially prevalent from the Middle Ages through the previous century, but they're currently seeing a revival in some church parishes and religious communities. Societies generally maintain a registry to enroll names of the deceased so that Masses are regularly offered for the holy souls in purgatory—especially during the month of November.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

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Prayer for Clean Water

Dearest God, You have given us the life-sustaining gift of water, and placed upon us the responsibility for protecting it.

Please, Lord, awaken the conscience of our lawmakers so that they fulfill their duty of care for the blessed waters of our land. Strengthen them to withstand the temptations and pressures of those who seek to dissuade them from pursuing the public good.

Empower them to understand what science teaches about the threats facing the waters of life and to act accordingly.

In all these things, make the priority for us all the preservation of clean water, for the sake of life. AMEN -

Prayer to EPA from Rev. Fletcher Harper, GreenFaith



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Birthdays This Week:

3/24: Donnie Combs

3/26: Ximena Lozano

Prayer List

Joey Napier, Ray & Wanda Lindon, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Marjorie Hommertzhaim, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, Nancy Nuttter, Deb Night, Harvey Richardson, Delois McIntosh, Karen Davis, Zachary Hollan, Bob Rogers, Deedee Wells, Sherrian Noble, Stephanie Welch, David Napier, Martha Huggins, Willie Wagers, Christina Askew, Charles Brotherton and Renee Messer.

If you know of someone who needs a pastoral visit or is in the hospital and would appreciate a visit contact the parish and let Lori know about the request.

World Water Day is March 22, 2021