



He is risen!

MARK 16:6

St. Patrick Parish

Dear Parish Family and Friends:

Lent - Easter 2019

Soon we will begin the holy season of Lent. This year, Ash Wednesday occurs on March 6th. Traditionally, it has been a time of prayer, penance, and almsgiving. It is a time when we retreat from the world and symbolically journey with Christ in dying to self and rising to new life. As such, it is a time of retreat, renewal, and transformation.

When **the disciples and followers of Christ** committed themselves to him, they **did not understand** what Jesus meant when he told them he would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days. They were waiting for a show of power and for Jesus to lead them into battle to establish an earthly kingdom. In reality, the kingdom was coming neither according to their timetables nor according to their wishes; but, as they would inevitably learn - in God's time and in God's own way.

Sometimes, we become quite like the early disciples expecting things to happen according to our own timetables and expectations, but the observance of Lent calls for us to let go of those usual expectations and impatient personal timetables. It calls for us to let go of the need to control the happenings of our lives and the lives of others. It is a time to surrender control to God. Perhaps during the season of Lent you might ask yourself, "What path does God want me to take?" We might also consider how best to follow the call to "Renew My Church" by drawing others to Christ and sharing our time, talent, and treasure.

As we approach this season of transformation and renewal, we invite you to consider the varieties of opportunities offered in our bulletin and website each week: attend Masses and invite others to do so with you, give alms, volunteer at St. Patrick's Parish and in the Lemont community, be inspired by our Mission Speakers, visit the sick and elderly, take part in prayer services, spiritual programs, and of course your personal private practices. Through the process of reflection, efforts at self-change and grace, we become re-created.

Whatever you choose to do in your own personal Lenten and Easter journey, we invite you to participate in **the "renewing and transforming" liturgies of Holy Week - the most sacred days of our Church year.** As we anticipate Easter we again ask your generosity in your Easter offering. You have been most generous with your financial support in the past. Your continued generosity assures that Christ's mission can flourish at St. Patrick Parish and beyond! Be assured of our prayers for you and all of your loved ones during this holy season; we hope that you will pray for us and for the staff each day as well.

Fr. Kurt Boras, Fr. Larry Gorski and the St. Patrick Parish Staff

The schedule of services for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter are offered on the reverse side.

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ST. PATRICK PARISH--200 E. ILLINOIS STREET, LEMONT

Lent & Holy Week 2019 at St. Patrick Church, Lemont

Ash Wednesday Masses & Services: March 6th - 7:30am, 12 Noon, 4pm & 7:30pm

Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent, 7:30pm at St. Patrick Church

Soup and Stations Fridays, March 15th and April 12th in the Parish Hall following Stations of the Cross prayer. The soup is homemade and all are invited to partake.

Lemont Lenten Mission Monday and Tuesday, March 11th and 12th at 7:30pm each night at St. Patrick Church. Fr. Art Anderson, popular weekend presider at St. Patrick Parish, will be our Mission Presenter.

Fish-fry Friday, April 5th—Check future bulletins & www.StPatrickLemont.org, for time.

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 20th - 9:30am to 11:30am at St. Alphonsus-St. Patrick School. One light north of Lemont Rd. Bridge, turn west on Davey Road and proceed one block.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Masses

Saturday, April 13th: 4:30 P.M. – Fr. Gorski (Cantor & Keyboard)

Sunday, April 14th: 7:30 A.M. – Fr. Art Anderson (No Keyboard); 10:00 A.M. – Fr. Art (Adult Choir)
12:00 Noon – Fr. Larry Gorski (Cantor & Keyboard)

Lemont Reconciliation-Confessions Monday, April 15th at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church from 5pm-6pm and 7pm-8pm. This is the last chance to have your confession heard before Easter. No confessions will be heard on Holy Saturday.

The Paschal Triduum of the Suffering, Death, Burial and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

April 18th – Thursday of the Lord’s Supper (Holy Thursday)

9:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
7:30 P.M. Evening Mass – Fr. Richard Shannon with Fr. Gorski (Adult Choir)
After Mass Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament until 10:50 P.M.
10:50 P.M. Closing Night Prayer until 11 P.M.

April 19th – Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

9:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
3:00 P.M. Service of the Adoration of the Holy Cross – Deacon Joe Winblad and Deacon Larry Oskielunas, with Fr. Lou Zake and Fr. Gorski (Men’s Chorus)
7:30 P.M. Stations of the Cross with private Adoration of the Cross

April 20th – The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (Holy Saturday)

9:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
12:00 Noon Blessing of Easter Baskets and Food
7:30 P.M. Celebration of the Solemn Easter Vigil –Fr. Kurt Boras (Vocal Ensemble)

April 21st – Easter Sunday Masses

7:30 A.M. – Fr. Larry Gorski (minimal music)
9:00 A.M. – Fr. Larry Gorski (Children’s Choir)
10:45 A.M. – Fr. Richard Shannon (Adult Choir & Trumpets)
12:30 P.M. – Fr. Lou Zake (Cantor & Keyboard)

NOTE: There will be NO 5pm Tri-Parish Easter Sunday Mass at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church.