



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
 March 7—March 13
 EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
 THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
 PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

- 4:00 p.m. Ree Alario; Marie Amy; The Hartson Family; Marlene Morris; Celina Nuss; Barbara Rush; Captain Houston E. Walker; Marian Wallis
- 5:30 p.m. Eloise Falgoust; Theresa M. Barry; Jennifer Johnsrud; Gabriel Long; Lena A. Miller; Leona O'Dwyer; Nancy & Kathy

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

- 8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)
- 9:30 a.m. Elaine M. Briggs; Roberta W. Bruley; Jane O. Chatelain; John Koscho III; Gabriel Long; Norma McClellan; Celina Nuss; Sister Carmela Parisi, RSCJ; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Jerome J. Triche, Sr.; Gertrude Ursin
- 11:00 a.m. Lillie M. Bazile; Nicholas DiBenedetto; Cynthia Hemelt; Thomas G. Murphy; Beverly Orillion; Sara C. Romano; Barbara Rush; Captain Houston E. Walker
- 5:30 p.m. Father Joseph Cazenavette; Eloise Falgoust; Lena A. Miller

MONDAY, MARCH 9

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Lena A. Miller; Leona O'Dwyer; Bryan Wolff; Daniel Zervos

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

- 11:30 a.m. Gabriel Long; Barbara Rush
- 12:00 p.m. Eloise Falgoust; Lena A. Miller; Leona O'Dwyer; Elisabeth Robert

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Mary G. Cammarata; Loretta Doussan; Stephen Losee; Lena A. Miller

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

- 11:30 a.m. Barbara Rush; Captain Houston E. Walker
- 12:00 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Joseph Maselli III; Lena A. Miller; Elisabeth Robert;

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List
- 12:00 p.m. Gabriel Long; Stephen Losee; Gabriel Long

GREGORIAN LATIN MASS—Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Second Sunday in Lent
Solemn High Mass—First Sunday of the month.
Benediction—Third Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY
 TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009**

Archbishop Alfred C. Hughes will celebrate the 12:00 p.m. Mass here at St. Patrick's Church. Everyone is invited to attend this special Mass honoring St. Patrick.

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS

In Reynolds Hall, after the Sunday morning Masses.

SUNDAY OFFERING—March 1, 2009

First Collection \$ 12,475
 Second Collection* \$ 2,218

* Maintenance and restoration.



**THE COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN
 CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**

While the countries of central and eastern Europe and the former USSR endured decades of communist oppression, the Church suffered grave wounds to its spiritual life and pastoral capacity to serve its people. As a result of this severe repression, the Church was greatly weakened. The bishops of the region are faced with the formidable task of restoring its church structures and, more importantly, rebuilding the spiritual center of its communities. The Collection for the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe provides a focal point for Catholics of the United States to express our compassion and solidarity with our brothers and sisters whose faith has endured such great suffering. Please be generous to this special collection, which will be taken this weekend.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE—MARCH 11-28, 2009

Father Stanley Klores will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, March 11-28, 2009. If you would like Father to take a written petition, to be left at the shrine, please enclose your petition in a sealed envelope and deliver it to the rectory office, or place it in any collection basket, before his departure this Wednesday.

SPECIAL LENTEN SERIES

Father John Payne will present a special Lenten series on the following Sundays: March 15; March 22; and March 29 between the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. (10:30 a.m.—10:55 a.m.). The theme of the series will be "St. Paul and the New Evangelization of John Paul II."

ST. PATRICK'S CONCERT CHOIR—TENEBRAE
Tenebrae, a Service of Darkness, will be presented by St. Patrick's Concert Choir on Sunday, March 22, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

ST. PATRICK'S CONCERT CHOIR SCHEDULE

- On all Sundays, prelude music begins at 9:00 a.m.
- Palm Sunday, April 5, 2009
 9:00 a.m. Prelude music; 9:30 a.m. Mass.
- Holy Thursday, April 9, 2009
 7:30 p.m. Mass.
- Good Friday, April 10, 2009
 7:30 p.m. *Voices From the Passion* (A Sacred Cantata).
- Holy Saturday, April 11, 2009
 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil.
- Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009
 9:00 p.m. Prelude music; 9:15 a.m. Mass (Rheinberger Mass in C).

THE MASS IS THE GREATEST FORM OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY—Mass request envelopes can be found in the vestibule.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL

For the sick of our parish and those who have asked for our prayers especially: Tom Alexander; The Alpaugh Family; Del Barry; Patricia Berrigan; Brett Bradley; Father Joseph Cazenavette; Jack & Paula Coughlin; Rene Crane; Carol Daigle; Tom Darcy; Ralph DeBlanc; Raymond DeBlanc; Elizabeth DeBuys; Al Duroncelet; Katherine Eagan; Mimi Finley; James A. Fitzmorris; John Fulcher; Joan Kimball; Joseph; Stephen Losee; Michael McCarthy; Buddy McInnis; Sally Ann Main; Lucille Ogden; Beverly Orillion; Karen Paprocki; J. Van Provosty; Hugh Ramsey; Tom Roach; Elisabeth Robert; Joseph M. Sonne; Stephanie Summers; Salvador Trentacoste; Turkington Family; Alyssa Vingan

SECURITY PROVIDED AT ALL EVENING SERVICES

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

THE CATHOLIC POLITICAL VOCATION

Excerpt from a lecture Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap delivered on February 23, 2009, to a standing-room only audience in St. Basil's Collegiate Church on the campus of the University of Toronto.

[I]n democracies, we elect public servants, not messiahs. It's worth recalling that despite two ugly wars, an unpopular Republican president, a fractured Republican party, the support of most of the American news media and massively outspending his opponent, our new president actually trailed in the election polls the week before the economic meltdown. This subtracts nothing from the legitimacy of his office. It also takes nothing away from our obligation to respect the president's leadership. But it does place some of today's talk about a "new American mandate" in perspective. Americans, including many Catholics, elected a gifted man to fix an economic crisis. That's the mandate. They gave nobody a mandate to retool American culture on the issues of marriage and the family, sexuality, bioethics, religion in public life and abortion. That retooling could easily happen, and it clearly will happen-- but only if Catholics and other religious believers allow it.

The Church in the United States has done a poor job of forming the faith and conscience of Catholics for more than 40 years. And now we're harvesting the results-- in the public square, in our families and in the confusion of our personal lives. I could name many good people and programs that seem to disprove what I just said. But I could name many more that do prove it, and some of them work in Washington.

The problem with mistakes in our past is that they compound themselves geometrically into the future unless we face them and fix them. The truth is, the American electorate is changing, both ethnically and in age. And unless Catholics have a conversion of heart that helps us see what we've become -- that we haven't just "assimilated" to American culture, but that we've also been absorbed and bleached and digested by it -- then we'll fail in our duties to a new generation and a new electorate. And a real Catholic presence in American life will continue to weaken and disappear.

Every new election cycle I hear from unhappy, self-described Catholics who complain that abortion is too much of a litmus test. But isn't that exactly what it should be? One of the defining things that set early Christians apart from the pagan culture around them was their respect for human life; and specifically their rejection of abortion and infanticide. We can't be Catholic and be evasive or indulgent about the killing of unborn life. We can't claim to be "Catholic" and "pro-choice" at the same time without owning the responsibility for where the choice leads -- to a dead unborn child. We can't talk piously about programs to reduce the abortion body count without also working vigorously to change the laws that make the killing possible. If we're Catholic, then we believe in the sanctity of developing human life. And if we don't really believe in the humanity of the unborn child from the moment life begins, then we should stop lying to ourselves and others, and even to God, by claiming we're something we're not.

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap

RABBI SPEAKS ON POPE BENEDICT CONTROVERSY

A prominent Jewish Rabbi who represents over 1000 Rabbis in North America spoke to LifeSiteNews.com regarding the recent controversy around Pope Benedict XVI and his lifting the excommunication of the four bishops of the Society of Saint Pius X (SSPX). Rabbi Yehuda Levin says he sees the media attack on Pope Benedict as being more about the influx of morally conservative Catholics into the mainstream of the Catholic Church, rather than anything else, including the holocaust denial of one of the SSPX bishops, which has received widespread media coverage.

The SSPX faithful, in addition to offering the Mass in its ancient Latin form, are also known for their orthodoxy on moral matters. The mainstreaming of such Catholics into the Church would boost the numbers of pro-life and pro-family Catholics significantly, especially in Europe.

Rabbi Levin said that he believed that the Vatican has dealt appropriately with the controversial comments by SSPX Bishop Richard Williamson. However, he said that while this will put to rest the "ridiculous" suggestions that the Pope is anti-Semitic, it will not end the controversy.

"At this point there has been a wonderfully strong renunciation of Bishop Williamson by the Vatican and therefore the Jewish community from their statements seems to be satisfied that things are going in the right way," he said. "This is just going to increase the frenzy of left wing Catholics, whether outside the Church or inside, because they now have to carry the ball in terms of keeping the attack on the Pope going."

The mainstream media was slow to report on all these latter details and so, for a time, Jewish groups continued to express outrage at the decision to lift the excommunications of the bishops.

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FREEDOM FROM ILLUSION

In a fine recent article in First Things entitled "The Freedom of Heaven & the Freedom of Hell", Anthony Esolen mines Dante's Divine Comedy to give us a striking image of what it means to be free. To be truly free, Esolen says, we must first free ourselves from the illusion that we are our own--the illusion that we belong to ourselves.

Ancient spiritual writers used to emphasize that we have been bought at a great price, the price of Christ's blood. This is a direct reference to an important aspect of the Christian concept of "redemption", which always includes a buying back by God of souls in bondage to sin and to the Devil. And before that, of course, God created us. He is the potter, we the clay. We were made by God and for God. We are not our own.

Esolen sees Dante's depiction of Satan, whom Dante encounters in the very depths of hell, as a telling reminder of this truth. Satan sits at the very bottom of hell frozen in ice. He eternally flaps his reptilian wings, trying to rise under his own power. But his flapping creates bitter cold winds which keep the waters frozen, locking Satan in their grasp. Cut off from God, Satan's power of flight is utterly self-defeating. He refuses to admit that he is not his own, yet he cannot rise even the slightest amount under his own power.

So it is with us, and it makes a wonderful Lenten meditation. Every time we feel or think or act as if we belong to ourselves, our efforts are miserably self-defeating. For we are not our own. We belong to God.

Dr. Jeff Mirus