

# 4th Sunday of Lent

**Sunday– March 6, 2016**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**9:30 – High Mass** for: Deloris Phillips by Cliff, Julie, & Jodie Brown  
**-Following Mass:** Catechism for Children and Fellowship Hour **at the Parish Hall with refreshments provided**

**Friday– March 11, 2016**

**7:00 PM–Stations of the Cross**–interactive reading by Parishioners

**Sunday– March 13, 2016**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**9:30 – High Mass** for

**-Following Mass: St Patrick’s Day Brunch** please join us for fellowship!  
**Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday March 13**

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## **Bible Readings for 4 Sunday Ordinary Time– Year C**

**1<sup>st</sup> reading: Book of Joshua 5:9A, 10-12**

**Responsorial Psalm 34**

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth.  
Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad.

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**2nd reading from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter to Corinthians 5: 17-21**

**Holy Gospel according to St Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So to them Jesus addressed this parable: “A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, ‘Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.’ So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, ‘How many of my father’s hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.’” So he got up and went back to his father.

While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.’ But his father ordered his servants, ‘Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.’ Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, ‘Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, ‘Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.’ He said to him, ‘My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.’”

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***PARISH BLESSINGS and GRATITUDE*** *We are grateful to everyone who gives Time, Talents and Treasure of your prayer and donations. GODS BLESSINGS to all, for your FAITH and labor of LOVE in taking care, repairing and restoring out Parish Church!* In the last year and a half, together have done a tremendous amount of work: New Church roof; fixed ceiling and Church interior, repaired and painted Church windows, repaired Church entrance bulletin board, fixed Parish Hall roof, repainted Parish Hall entrance and bathroom, fixed roof over rectory, repaired and painted rectory interior, new fence at the cemetery, landscaping at the Cemetery and Pulaski Park, repaired caretaker house at the Cemetery, repaired heating pump and furnace at the Parish Hall, new professional zero turn grass cutting mower, new 6ft wide pull behind tractor mower, Fellowship dinners, brunches, cook outs, bake sales, etc, etc... ***May God bless you all for your wonderful work!!!***

***ST PATRICK’S DAY BRUNCH & PALM SUNDAY***

***BRUNCH*** We are inviting everyone for fellowship of sharing together brunch after Holy Mass for Saint Patrick on Sunday March 13 and Palm Sunday Brunch after Mass on Sunday March 20.. Please come in and join us.

## PRAYER CIRCLE AND HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Let us remember in our personal prayers about our sick and older parishioners and friends. If you would like to have special intentions mentioned during Mass or you would like Holy Mass celebrated for your intention, please let Father know.

## ATTEND HOLY MASS ON SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS PARTICIPATE IN LIFE OF YOUR CHURCH AND WORSHIP DAILY

*Liturgy is "the participation of the People of God in 'the work of God'"; it is the "exercise of the priestly office of Jesus" in which God is worshiped and adored and people are made holy. God begins the work of sanctifying people in time and space and brings that work to completion. Those who respond to God in worship and in service are given the privilege of becoming co-workers in the divine plan. Please come and join us as Community of faith for Sunday Holy Mass weekly! Feel always welcomed and at home in our Church!*

*Our Church is a home for all believers, from all ethnic and national backgrounds. We are one family of Jesus Christ, come and join us!*

For those with gluten allergy Gluten free Communion is available

CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN Catechism Classes for children are scheduled after Holy Mass on Sunday please bring your children and notify Fr. Andrew.

## DONATIONS

We are happy Church interior renovation in-process! And heater has been repaired!  
Feb 28, 2016 \$289.00

## PARISH CALENDAR

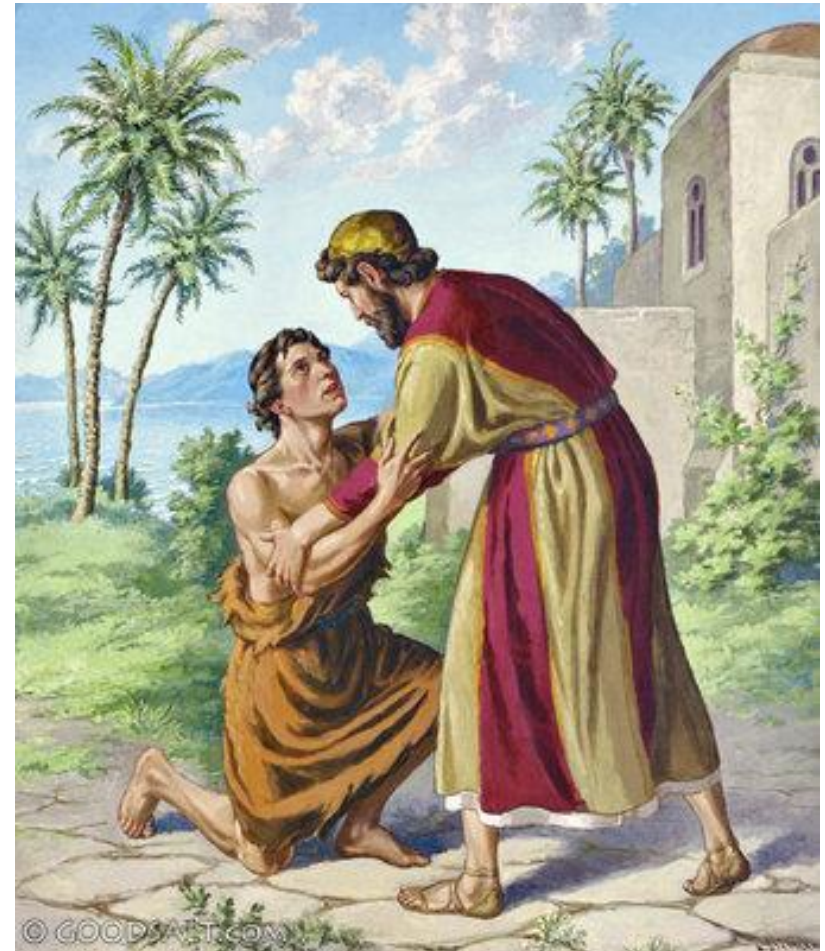
- March 13 –Sunday – St. Patrick's Day Brunch after Mass
- March 19 – Saturday- Cemetery Cleaning for Easter
- March 20 – Palm Sunday and Palm Sunday Breakfast after Mass
- Holy Thursday –Mass of Lords Last Supper – March 24, 7 PM
- Good Friday – Passion and Crucifixion of our Lord – March 25, 7 PM
- Holy Saturday – March 26
- Easter/Wielkanoc – Resurrection Mass– Sunday March 27, 8 AM

CEMETERY CLEANING We are inviting everyone for Cemetery and Pulaski Park cleaning before Easter on Saturday 19 March, for lunch we will have fellowship with bonfire and Polska Kielbasa.. God bless!!

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*For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through Him Gospel of St. John*

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2016