

Mass Intentions ~ April 1 - 7, 2019

Monday @ 7:30 am — Linda Klein (RIP)

Tuesday @ 7:30 am — Betty Benton (RIP)

Wednesday @ 6:00 pm — Harris Granger (RIP)

Thursday @ 7:30 am — Royce Reiss (RIP)

**Friday @ 10:00 am — Healing Mass

Charlotte Thomas (RIP)

Saturday @ 5:30 pm — Mike Moeller (RIP)

Sunday @ 8:00 am — George Kehle (RIP)

Sunday @ 10:30 am — People of the Parish

New Prayer Requests

Special Intentions:

Reba Heintzelman

Gail Cado

William Carollo

Repose of the Soul of:

Danny Hassin, husband of Margaret Hassan

Dr. Ervin Paul Martin, father of Paula Fede

Charles Carollo, uncle of William Carollo & Mandy Vowell

Beth Jolly, friend of Fr. Gerry Hurley

(see the full prayer list on our website & prayer board)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-5pm

Adoration this week: Monday—Thursday, 8 am—12 noon; Friday, 8-10 am



Our mission is to invite everyone into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 31, 2019

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Second Collection THIS weekend for Catholic Relief Services — Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people, here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection, and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

First Friday Healing Mass, April 5th @ 10:00 am followed by a Fellowship Brunch — All are welcome!

Armed Forces Support Ministry Rosary, April 6th @ 4:45 pm in the Chapel — All are invited to join us in praying for our U.S. Armed Forces and our Nation each First Saturday.

Parish Reconciliation Service, April 8th @ 6:00 pm — We will have several priests hearing Confessions. Join us to receive God's forgiveness & mercy in this wonderful Sacrament.

Live Stations of the Cross, April 12th @ 6:00 pm — Presented by our Confirmation Class. Bring your family and friends to this moving experience of our Lord's Passion.

Support Birthright of Jackson, a local pro-life pregnancy help center — **Baby Bottle Boomerang** hosted by the Knights: Take home an empty bottle, fill it with spare change and return it next week. **Diaper Drive** hosted by a St. Paul Small Group: Bring a pack of Newborn or Size 1 Diapers to donate next weekend. **Mom's Day 5K** sponsored in part by our Women's Guild: Sign up to walk, run, or stroller stroll. Race is May 11th. Go to raceroster.com to register today!

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St. Anthony Catholic School is now accepting applications for new students entering grades K4 – 6th. Visit stanthonyeagles.org for more information or contact Michele Warnock at 601-607-7054.

Therapeutic Foster Care Program at Catholic Charities is recruiting individuals and couples to serve as therapeutic foster parents. Training courses will be held in Jackson in June. Contact Shamir Lee at (601) 624-5288 for details.



Stations of the Cross — every Friday during Lent @ 6:00 pm in the Church. followed by a fish dinner in the Family Life Center.

Daily Reflection Videos posted to our Website, Facebook, YouTube Channel! Like, Share, Comment — Join the Conversation! Invite others to join in, too!

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Divine Renovation A Plan

Fr. James Mallon published his highly acclaimed book, *Divine Renovation*, almost 5 years ago in August, 2014. The book was the result of lots of work that he had completed in his own parish, St. Benedict in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Prior to the publication of the book, Fr. James was a very accomplished presenter and speaker on topics of renewal of the Church, the New Evangelization, and the history and theology in the Catholic Church. He was sought after in places from Australia to Ireland, Africa to Spain, the U.S. and many other places. By his own acknowledgement, the book was an attempt to put the material to print in hopes that the number of speaking engagements would be reduced sure didn't happen. The book led to many more requests for speaking engagements, so he produced a Workbook, a "how-to" application of the teachings and tools he was presenting in the book. Even the addition of the workbook did not diminish the requests for speaking engagements, but rather increased them.



The next stage of development was the formation of The Divine Renovation Network, an opportunity to receive hands-on mentoring from Fr. James and a number of wonderful teachers, as well as a personal coach for a pastor and his parish leaders. We signed on and committed to being passionate about moving our parish from Maintenance to Mission. We committed to forming a Leadership Team (5/6 individuals), agreed to actively engage in a process such as ChristLife or Alpha, committed to raising up leaders in our parish, and to raising up disciples for the Lord. We are moving along in the plan ... have made a good deal of progress, but much is still ahead for us in the future. This weekend, you met our Leadership Team so that you could learn a little about them and how they came to be a part of this Team. The Team Members are Karen Cox, Rebecca Harris, Fr. Gerry Hurley, Sarah O'Donnell, Janie Romero, Tony Schmidt, and Lee Watt.

We are very excited about our relationship with Divine Renovation, and being part of the Network. They have a huge array of wonderful materials available for us as a Network Parish, and we plan to make those materials available to each of you as we move along. We would like you to join us in this great venture, and to follow along with us on the Divine Renovation Network.

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For now, we are providing you some introductory material on Divine Renovation and Fr. James Mallon. Visit their website: <https://www.divinerenovation.tv/programs/key-principles-of-divine-renovation-hosted-by-renewal-ministries>

Scan this QR code for a quick link to the site —

You may view these videos to gain a better understanding of the plan and process. If you do not have access to a computer, we can provide some times for viewing these videos in the Church Office Library/Conference Room. Simply call the office and Kelly will set up a time for you and some others to view the videos. We also encourage people to read the book Divine Renovation, and we plan to have study/discussion groups about the book and the material in the future. The cost of the book is \$19.95 online. But we are willing to order them in bulk at a discount since we are very committed to your joining and participating with us in this move forward. Please call the office to let us know you would like a copy.



Much more information, videos and instructional materials will be provided as we move along. Thank you for your cooperation with us in the bold adventure this Divine Renovation.

— Fr. Gerry

OUR PARISH PARABLE

On January 28, 2018, I introduced our Parish Parable. It generated a great deal of discussion at the time, and lead to lots of feedback. People were open to processing what the parable meant to them, and to other people in varied circumstances. Many of these stories / reflections were shared in the Church bulletin during that time period.

Here is our Parable to refresh your memory: *Norma was invited to be a member of a financial consulting staff. After the appropriate interviews and discussions, they were delighted to welcome her on board. On Monday morning, she arrived to take up her new position. The CEO (Tommy Clancy) calls all of the staff members out of their cubicles. There is a big large space in the center, with work cubicles around the perimeter. One after another, they all come out to the edge of their cubicles.*

Tommy says gleefully, “Good morning everyone! We want to welcome Norma to our staff, our very friendly staff, I might add. Please give Norma a very hearty welcome, and make her feel at home. Here at Murphy, Blarney, and Bull, BS we are a full client services financial system. Our clients are our number one asset. For 40 years, we have been growing our clients’ savings every year, without exception. Our motto is, ‘A fat cat is a happy cat.’ Now please, all of you introduce yourselves to Norma, and please make her feel welcome.”

So, each of them comes forward to meet Norma. They greet Norma, “Hi my name is Teresa. Welcome.” “Hi my name is Patrick. You're welcome, Norma.” “My name is Marion. You're welcome, Norma.” The last person to approach the line was pretty quiet. She slowly came up to Norma and said, “I'm glad you're here..... Welcome.” Then, she duly & quietly moved back to her cubicle. Her name was Bridget Mary O'Leary. Norma went to her own station, and was closely shadowed by her supervisor who said, “Norma you are very welcome. I hope you will be as happy here as I have been for these past 30 years in this great environment. I'm just down the corridor if you should need anything, don't hesitate to call on me.” She added, “Lunch break is 12 to 1. Most people gather for lunch in the cafeteria. I'll see you there.” She proceeded back to her office.

Lunchtime arrived, and Norma went to the cafeteria. She noticed two of her fellow staff ladies at a table, and asked permission to join them. Norma looked around the cafeteria and noticed that Bridget was not there. In the early morning introductions, she had noticed that Bridget was pretty shy and quiet, and she wondered about her. She asked the other ladies at the table where Bridget was. “Oh. Bridget doesn't come and eat with us.” Norma asked, “Is there a reason?”

“Well, it's a little complicated, you know. She's different,” one co-worker replied. “There's something going on in her life,” the second person volunteered. “Oh. What would that be?” Norma asked. “Well, I don't know,” said the first person. “But, I'm in the cubicle next to her, and I hear her crying sometimes. One day I asked her, ‘What's wrong? Are you okay?’ and she snapped at me and said, ‘I'm fine.’ She doesn't come to lunch.”

At this point two more people joined their table, Patrick was one of them. The first pair announced, “We are sharing with Norma, telling her about Bridget.” Patrick remarked, “Oh, Bridget! Well if you want my advice, you probably don't want to fool with her. Somebody said that they asked her a question one day about a financial concern, and she nearly ate their head off!” Norma asked, “Do you know who that person was?” Patrick replied, “No I don't, but somebody did say that. Yes, I am sure Somebody said that.”

“Welcome to our firm, Norma,” said the fourth person. “Our goal is people — to make people happy.” Norma mused to herself ‘Isn't that what Tommy our CEO had just said earlier?’ She began wondering, is that really our goal? Is serving people and helping them in their need our primary goal?

Now that is our parable thus far! Think about the possibilities!

- What is a potential ending for this parable?
- What way do you see things going based on the information you have thus far.
- If you were in Norma's shoes, what would you do in this new work environment?
- What are the chances of having a healthy work experience in this environment?
- If Norma were to seek your special guidance on this new job, and her work experience what advice would you give her?



Based on our current Lenten Study:
Respectable Sins: Confronting The Sins We Tolerate
What have you learned that would help Norma navigate these challenging experiences? Write in to share your thoughts and perspectives on these questions!

— Fr. Gerry