

# MINISTRY OF PRAISE

St. Casimir Parish  
March, 2019

Almighty God,  
grant that with the help of St. Casimir's intercession  
we may serve you in holiness and justice.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS

- *That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.* (March Papal intention)
- That Lent will be a time of deeper conversion for our parish.
- That we accept the grace to see the presence of Jesus in all situations or life.
- That the life of every human being, from conception to natural death, will be enshrined and protected in our laws.
- That respect for nature may grow with the awareness that all creation is God's work entrusted to human responsibility.
- That God bless Father Bacevice and the Pastoral and Finance Councils in their efforts to secure the future of St. Casimir Parish.
- That all parishioners recognize their responsibility to St. Casimir Parish's future through financial support, commitment to parish activities, sharing ideas, and most importantly prayer.
- That this season of Lent will be a time of education, prayer, and growth in holiness for those preparing to be received into the Church this Easter.
- That the desolate and the despondent may experience the transfiguring power of God.
- That those who pray be validated in their belief of its power.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING

## AT ST. CASIMIR PARISH

- March 1<sup>st</sup> **First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,**  
8:00 - 9:00am
- March 6<sup>th</sup> ***Ash Wednesday, Lent begins***
- March 13<sup>th</sup> **Eucharistic Adoration, 6:00 - 7:00pm in Church**
- March 20<sup>th</sup> **Evening of Confession, 5:00-8:00pm in Church**
- March 24<sup>th</sup> **Kaziuko muge, 11:00am – 1:00pm (Upper Hall)**

**LENT** - **Stations of the Cross**, in Church, 7:00pm (March 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>)  
- **Cluster Masses**, 7:00pm (March 11<sup>th</sup> - Holy Redeemer,  
March 18<sup>th</sup> - St. Casimir, March 25<sup>th</sup> - St. Jerome)

## SAINT FOR MARCH

### SAINT PATRICK

Bishop and Doctor

(389? – 461?)

March 17<sup>th</sup>



***“I came to the Irish people to preach the Gospel and endure the taunts of unbelievers, putting up with reproaches about my earthly pilgrimage, suffering many persecutions, even bondage, and losing my birthright of freedom for the benefit of others... If I am worthy, I am ready also to give up my life without hesitation and most willingly, for His Name.”*** (from St. Patrick’s “Confession”)

Details of St. Patrick’s life are uncertain. About 385 he was born in either Scotland, England or Gaul. Along with some slaves of his father he was captured and taken to Ireland and sold as a slave. He escaped to Gaul and made his way back home. His preparation for priesthood seems to have been in Gaul; he was ordained about 417 and remained in Gaul for fifteen years.

Seeing extraordinary missionary qualities in Patrick, Pope Celestine I consecrated him as a bishop in 432 and sent him to Ireland.

Patrick preached throughout the country with great success. He made himself one of the people; he lived simply and learned their language and customs. The people were open to him and his challenging preaching. Within a century Irish monks were christianizing Europe. The foundation of Patrick's strength was a deep sense and experience of the presence of God and his constant prayer. Patrick centered his life in Christ. Everything he did was done out of a passionate belief in the message of Jesus Christ. In a time when few people could read and write, Patrick's life became a living gospel. If like Patrick we embrace the gospel, which calls for selflessness and sacrifice, we become messengers of life and hope.

Sources: **IN HIS LIKENESS**, Rev. Charles E. Yost; **CHRIST OUR LIFE SERIES**, Loyola Press;  
**365 SAINTS**, Woodeene Koenig-Bricker



## **THOUGHTS FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

### **The Almighty**

**#269** The Holy Scriptures repeatedly confess the universal power of God. He is called the “Mighty One of Jacob,” the LORD of hosts,” the “strong and mighty” one. If God is almighty “in heaven and on earth,” it is because he made them. Nothing is impossible with God, who disposes his works according to his will. He is the Lord of the universe, whose order he established and which remains wholly subject to him and at his disposal. He is master of history, governing hearts and events in keeping with his will: “It is always in your power to show great strength, and who can withstand the strength of your arm?”

## REFLECTION



### HOW TO KEEP JESUS' WORD

(FROM AN OLD IRISH HOMILY, 9<sup>th</sup> CENTURY)

We give thanks to Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth, for his mercy and forgiveness, for his love and blessings which he has bestowed upon us in heaven and on earth.

It is of him that the prophet says: *All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you* (Ps 145:10). For it is the duty of all the elements to give thanks to God and to bless him, as it is said: *Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord* (Ps 103:22). God is generous. He does not deny his present blessings even to sinners. For as Scripture says: *"He makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust."* (Mt 5 45) God is without beginning or end. It is he who has created all things, who has formed them and sustains them by the might of his power.

It is he who nourishes and preserves and gladdens and illumines and rules and has redeemed and renews all things. In him they trust; it is he for whom they wait, for he is King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Creator of heaven and earth, Maker of the angels, Teacher of the prophets, Giver of the Law, Judge of the men and women of the world. He is higher than the heavens, lower than the earth, wider than the sea.

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