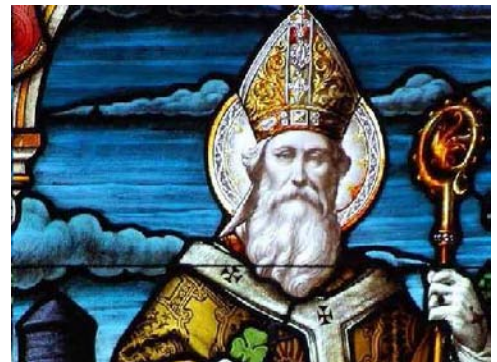


GATE OF HEAVEN,
SAINT BRIGID OF KILDARE,
& ST. MONICA-ST. AUGUSTINE PARISHES
SOUTH BOSTON, MA



Feasts of St. Patrick & St. Joseph



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 15, 2015

Parish Information and Mass Schedule

Gate of Heaven Church

615 East Fourth Street, South Boston

MASS SCHEDULE:

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Weekend: Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon

CONFESSION:

Saturday 3:30 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.

Saint Brigid Church

841 East Broadway, South Boston

MASS SCHEDULE:

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday at 7:00am

Weekend: Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

CONFESSION:

Saturday 3:30 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.

Saint Monica Church

331 Old Colony Ave, South Boston

MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Saint Augustine Chapel

181 Dorchester Street, South Boston

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday at 4 p.m.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Robert E. Casey **Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Eric M. Bennett

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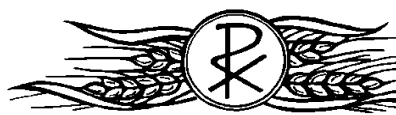
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Mass Intentions for the Week

GATE OF HEAVEN CHURCH

Saturday, March 14, 2015

4:00 PM Vincent Collins, 16th Anniversary

Sunday, March 15, 2015

9:00 AM Buddy Earner

12 Noon Irene Fiore, 1st Anniversary

Monday, March 16, 2015

9:00 AM Our Parishioners

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

9:00 AM Our Parishioners

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

9:00 AM Mary Gorham, Anniversary

Thursday, March 19, 2015

9:00 AM Maria Laina & Family

Friday, March 20, 2015

9:00 AM Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph

Saturday, March 21, 2015

4:00 PM Anne & Joe Fitzgerald

Sunday, March 22, 2015

9:00 AM Fr. Joseph Laporte, 50th Anniversary

12 Noon Constance & John Ward, 3rd Anniversary

SAINT BRIGID CHURCH

Saturday, March 14, 2015

4:00 PM Charles, Madelyn, James Stokinger & Marie Hartnett

Sunday, March 15, 2015

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM Patricia Casey Donovan

6:00 PM – No Mass due to Parade

Monday, March 16, 2015

7:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

7:00 AM Our Parishioners

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

7:00 AM Joseph H. Mullin & Paul Mullin

Thursday, March 19, 2015

7:00 AM Gerard (Jake) Fitzgerald & Moira Fitzgerald, Birthday Remembrance

Friday, March 20, 2015

7:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, March 21, 2015

4:00 PM John V., Nellie, John A. Vierbickas

Sunday, March 22, 2015

8:00 AM Sheehy & Crowley Families

10:30 AM Vincent Lorento, 6th Anniversary

6:00 PM William & Clara Harvey, William Joyce, Month's Mind

SAINT MONICA– ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH

Saturday, March 14, 2015 at St. Augustine Chapel

4:00 PM June Bruno, 15th Anniversary

Sunday, March 15, 2015 at St. Monica Church

9:30 AM Thomas, Anna, Tom Jr. and Julia Butler

Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at St. Augustine Chapel

9:00 AM Evacuation Day & Saint Patrick Mass

Saturday, March 21, 2015 at St. Augustine Chapel

4:00 PM Donna Adams, Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, March 22, 2015 at St. Monica Church

9:30 AM William Joseph Flaherty Jr.

11:15 AM Simon of Cyrene (St. Augustine Chapel)

GATE OF HEAVEN STEEPLE

Lit in memory of

Vincent Collins

THE BELLS OF GATE OF HEAVEN

Ring in memory of

Vincent Collins

THE BELLS OF SAINT BRIGID

Ring in memory of

Charles, Madelyn, & James Stokinger & Marie Hartnett

PARISH OFFERTORY SUPPORT

GATE OF HEAVEN PARISH

Weekly Offertory: \$6,390

Needed each week to meet the budget: \$5,525

ST. BRIGID PARISH

Weekly Offertory: \$ 5,728

Needed each week to meet the budget: \$5,525

ST. MONICA- ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH

Weekly Offertory: \$ 954

Needed each week to meet the budget: \$1,570

REMEMBRANCES & PRAYERS

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers all our parishioners who are sick, in the hospital or in a nursing home, especially Margaret Mary Casey and Diane Applegate.



PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers our deceased relatives, friends and parishioners especially, Winifred Estabrook, Anne Foley and Eleanor Joyce whose funeral masses were celebrated this past week.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Please pray for all those serving in our armed forces at home and abroad especially, Lawrence Buechs, US Navy; Lance Corporal Richard H. Benoit, USMC; Maura Conroy, US Coast Guard; Lance Corporal Ryan Sullivan, USMC; PFC Kyle Czarniak, US Army; Lance Corporal Colin Yanovitch, USMC; Lance Corporal Devin Brock, USMC; Petty Officer 3rd Class John D. Nee III, US Navy, Braedan Kerins, US Army, Master Sgt. Joseph Signor III, US Air Force; Senior Airman Melanie Signor, US Air Force; Sgt. Nicholas Hodges, USMC; Lt. Col. John Balbuena, US Army; Commander Nora Perez, US Navy; Seaman Vincia Lonergan, US Navy; Conor Evans, US Navy Corpsman.

The Holy Rosary Tuesdays at 6:30PM

at Gate of Heaven Church

Join us each Tuesday evening from 6:30-7:15pm for the praying of the Rosary. This will take place at Gate of Heaven Lower Church—St. Joseph Chapel. All are invited to pray this special devotion to Mary.



Getting Married at our Parishes?

To all of those preparing for marriage, congratulations on your engagement. For those who are planning to be married at Gate of Heaven or St. Brigid Church, we ask that you call the parish office a year in advance of your desired wedding date. If you are planning a marriage sooner than that, the Archdiocese of Boston requires that engaged couples have at least 6 months of marriage preparation prior to the wedding day. To all those parishioners who are being married elsewhere and are need of marriage preparation, please contact us as soon as you have booked your wedding date. We look forward to accompanying all of you as you prepare for this new life together.



SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL



Times are tough for some of our parish families. We can help them with food and utilities. If you would like to donate to the Parish St. Vincent de Paul society, you can use the boxes at the door of the Churches or drop food at the doors of the Churches. Thank you for your continued support!

Bible Study Hour

at 7:00PM St. Brigid Lower Church

Please join us on Tuesday night at

7:00 pm in Cushing Hall at St.

Brigid's as we reflect on next Sunday's Scripture readings and examine the importance of God's Word in our lives.





2015 CATHOLIC APPEAL

This week, Catholics across the Archdiocese are invited to pledge their support to the ministries of the Catholic Appeal. Your generosity helps us live our faith together as we seek to better embody the Gospel message in our lives. If you are unable to make your pledge at Mass, please take a pledge form from the back of the church or pledge online at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org.

St. Brigid Parish 2015 Goal: \$35,322 Donated to Date: \$4,755.00
Gate of Heaven Parish 2015 Goal: \$26,425 Donated to Date: \$3,450.00
St. Monica-St. Augustine Parish 2015 Goal: \$6,568 Donated to date: \$700.00

Thank you for your prayers and support for a successful Catholic Appeal.



EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES

Please remember your loved ones by donating in their memory Easter Flowers to adorn the altar at Gate of Heaven, St. Brigid and St. Monica/St. Augustine Churches during the Easter Season. Donations are due no later than **Monday March 30th** at the Parish Office or in the Offertory collection. If you do not have an envelope, there will be some located at the doors of the churches. You can also donate online at our website.

GATE KEEPERS CLEANING THE CHURCH

A group of Gate Keepers will meet at Gate of Heaven Church on **Saturday March 21st from 9-12** to clean the church.



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Go to Facebook.com and search for:

St. Brigid Church
Gate of Heaven Church
St. Augustine Cemetery & Chapel



Baptisms & Baptism Preparation Classes

Please prepare for your child's Baptism by calling the Parish Office. The next dates for Baptisms are:

St. Brigid: April 12th at 1PM

Gate of Heaven: March 22nd at 1PM

St. Monica– St. Augustine: March 29th at 10:15 AM

Baptism Prep

Meetings will be held on the last Monday of the month in the Upper Church of St. Brigid at 7:00pm.

The next classes are:

March 30th & April 27th

**All parents are required to attend this preparation.*



Online Giving

Our Parishes provide Online Giving as an electronic tool for contributions so you can give via the Internet. Online Giving helps you maintain your giving even if you cannot be here at Mass. This also helps the parish streamline our finances, especially during summer vacation times.

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To sign up — go to our parish website at www.GateofHeavenStBrigid.org/Giving



South Boston Catholic Academy

SCHOOL NEWS

Many thanks to all of the parents that assisted us during Open House, we had a wonderful turnout its always so nice to have parents meet and great new families. Re-enrollment forms were sent home with the communication packets on Wednesday, March 11th please be sure all forms are returned no later than March 25th.

Students celebrated 100 days of school recently with projects and fun activities, one of their projects was to share what they would do with \$100.00 dollars a few of our K2 students had some great ideas..

"I would buy a real Horse and bring him to the racetrack to be with his friends..

I would buy a red and blue sports car with real tires..I would buy a unicorn and a big doll..

I would buy a real Robot-iPhone and TV.."

Report cards will be distributed on March 18th.
Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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Ecumenical Way of the Cross

April 3, 2015 10:45 AM– 12:15 PM

As a way of preparing for Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday, the Christians of South Boston are joining together for an Ecumenical Way of the Cross procession on Good Friday, April 3rd. This is an ancient Christian devotion in which we relive the 14 Stations of the Cross as a way for us to be with Jesus in prayer as He undergoes His Passion for us. We will be gathering at **10:45 AM at St. Monica's Church** (333 Old Colony Ave, South Boston, MA). The procession will begin at 11 AM and make its way up to Dorchester Street and finish at St. George's Albanian Orthodox Cathedral (523 E Broadway, South Boston, MA 02127) around 12:15pm.

If you do plan on attending, contact Fr. Bennett at the parish offices or by e-mail at ericmb80@gmail.com This Way of the Cross will be in addition to the regular Catholic celebration of the Lord's Passion that will take place at Gate of Heaven at 3pm and St. Brigid's at 7pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Kindergarten through Grade 6

Classes are held in the South Boston Catholic Academy School Building on East Broadway.

Class time will be from 9:00am to 10:15am. The children then attend the 10:30AM Mass at St. Brigid Church.

Upcoming Classes:

March 22nd, March 29th, April 12

ST. MONICA– ST. AUGUSTINE, GATE OF HEAVEN & ST. BRIGID PARISHES

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Grade 8– Confirmation II:

Students in Grade 8– Confirmation II

Upcoming Classes:

March 22nd, March 29th

Online Registration Now Available by visiting:

www.gateofheavenstbrigid.org/sacraments/confirmation

South Boston Catholic Academy

Spring Bingo Bash 2015

Next Friday March 20th

Join us for a fun night of bingo, raffles and laughter. Reserve your seat with the school office now.

South Boston Catholic Academy Gym

0 Street Entrance

Friday March 20th

6:00 PM– 11:00 PM

\$30.00 per person

Doors will open at 6:00 PM. Bingo starts promptly at 7:00 PM. A cash bar will be open for beer, wine and soda. You are welcome to bring snacks to enjoy throughout the night. Tables of 10 are available as well as individual seats. ***Tables of 10 are available*** as well as individual seats. No tickets sold at door. Any prize donations for this event are appreciated.

Thank you for your support!

Please contact Gretchen Crowley, Bingo Coordinator at Lindenfelzer@verizon.net with any questions.



First Penance for our 2nd Grade

**Thursday March 26th
6: 30 PM St. Brigid
Church.**

There will be a Parent meeting on
This Thursday March 19th at South Boston
Catholic Academy.

Gate of Heaven, Saint Brigid & St. Monica-St. Augustine Parishes



LENT 2015



Every Tuesday ~ Tuesday Night Bible Study

7:00PM at St. Brigid & Gate of Heaven Parish Office

Every Tuesday ~ The Holy Rosary

Tuesday Evenings at 6:30PM at Gate of Heaven Church
Join us from 6:30pm-7:00PM for the praying of the Rosary.

Every Wednesday ~ WEDNESDAY EVENINGS OF LENT ***PRAYER, REFLECTION, ADORATION & CONFESSION***

Schedule:

6:30PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6:45PM – 7:15PM Spiritual Talk

6:30 – 8:00PM Confessions & Adoration

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*Join us on every Wednesday evening*

***March 18<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup> (6:30-8:00PM)***

*for an Evening of Reflection, an opportunity for Confession and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.*

**This Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – Gate of Heaven Church**

**Presenter: Javier Soegaard, our Pastoral Associate**

**Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – St. Brigid Church**

**Presenter: Deacon Ronny O' Dwyer, SJ, Boston College**

**Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – Gate of Heaven Church**

**Presenter: Rev. Robert Casey, Pastor**

### **Every Friday ~ Stations of the Cross**

**Every Friday During Lent**

**3:00PM at Gate of Heaven Church**

**6:30PM at St. Brigid Church**

### **Daily Mass**

**Gate of Heaven Church: Monday through Friday ~ 9AM**

**St. Brigid Church: Monday through Friday at 7AM**





## Remembering Father Joseph Laporte 50th Anniversary September 15, 1932– March 13, 1965

Rev. Joseph Laporte, or “Father Joe”, was Parochial Vicar at St. Monica Parish and Gate of Heaven Parish from his ordination in 1959 until his early death in 1965 at the age of 32. Fr. Joe was born in Haverhill, but belonged in South Boston. He was ordained by Cardinal Richard Cushing on February 2, 1959 and sent to South Boston to “look after the youth.”

A parish history book from St. Monica published in 1980 stated: *Father Laporte especially made a tremendous impression on the young. Many remember how he would find youngsters on street corners and listen to their confessions or how he organized a special Devotional Mission for South Boston youths.*

Newspaper articles from 1965 have quotes from teenaged parishioners who recalled how much Father Joe had done for them. One said, “He was just always around. I don’t think he ever slept.” Another said, “Fr. Joe did everything.”

Father Laporte was diagnosed with leukemia in 1963. Rather than accept a lighter assignment where he could rest and try to be comfortable, Fr. Laporte told the Cardinal Cushing “Please leave me in South Boston. I would rather wear away working here than rust away doing nothing.” For two more years, Fr. Joe continued to work in South Boston with the kids—whether it was playing basketball, handball at the L, or hearing a confession walking on the beach—he guided them on the right path.

Thousands attended his wake at Gate of Heaven Church. He lie in state from 3pm until Midnight and there was a constant stream of parishioners coming to pay their respects. His funeral Mass was standing room only with hundreds standing in the aisles. The Mass was celebrated by his friend auxiliary Bishop of Boston Most Rev. Jeremiah Minihan.

**Memorial Masses for Father Laporte:**  
**Sunday March 22nd at 9am at Gate of Heaven Church**  
**Pentecost Sunday: May 24th at 9:30am at St. Monica Church**

### Letter from Cardinal Richard Cushing praising Fr. Laporte reprinted from a 1964 Bulletin:

I am happy to add my greetings to those of the many friends of Rev. Joseph E. Laporte. It is always a source of joy to me when the apostolic efforts of our wonderful Boston priests are recognized publicly.

In a world which pays small notice to spiritual values, the work of a priest is a matter of little concern. To those who are enriched with the gift of faith, however, it is a blessing which the Lord has sent. For as long as God wills it, the anointed hands of the priest are raised in benediction. His

very presence is a joy to the young, a comfort to the aged, a consolation to the sick and the dying. To the uninstructed he preaches and teaches the truths of eternal life. To the sorrowful sinner he speaks words of kindness, understanding and forgiveness. He is all things to all people, seeking nothing beyond the good of souls and looking towards no one but Christ to Whom he consecrates his energies and his whole

being.

I am pleased to salute Father Laporte on this happy occasion.

He has applied himself diligently and unselfishly to the service of the Church and the care of souls. He is a typical Boston priest who is loved and respected by people because of what he is and what he does.

May God bless, protect and reward him in His own inimitable way.

*Richard Cardinal Cushing*



*Reprinted from a 1964 Bulletin, written by Fr. Paul White, vicar of Gate of Heaven for 40+ years & classmate of Fr. Laporte in Seminary*

## In The Seminary He Was..

### A DARK-HAIRED WHIRLWIND

BY REV. A. PAUL WHITE

On a beautiful fall day in 1954, I encountered for the first time a six foot one, 195 pound dark-haired whirlwind who introduced himself as "Joe Laporte, from Haverhill." It was noticeable even then that he never walked anywhere. He rushed. And whenever you went with him from one building to another on the Seminary campus, you had the feeling of flight from some speedy, relentless pursuer. Here was a man in a hurry and if you would call him friend, speed became your constant companion.

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Yet if there happened to be a fellow seminarian who injured a foot or was compelled by some physical necessity to walk slowly, Joe Laporte could be seen meandering along with him as though his most pressing problem consisted in placing one foot slowly ahead of the other.

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Consideration for and understanding of people were among his most notable characteristics. He was very popular with his classmates and a genuine joy to be with. You left a conversation with Joe Laporte a happier person for having talked with him.

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After his ordination, Father Laporte brought these characteristics to St. Monica's parish in South Boston. I am certain that many a St. Monica parishioner can testify from personal experience to these priestly traits that are so inextricably a part of Father Laporte.

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His sense of humor is perhaps best illustrated by a story (probably fictional) told about him.

It is alleged to have occurred in a class conducted by a particularly stern seminary professor. About a week before class this professor had given Father Laporte a book of about 1700 pages to read and then pass on to his classmates. After he scanned this scholarly tome, he tried to give it to several of his confreres but they all avoided him and it. Finally the week ended and the professor asked Father Laporte in class about the book and its whereabouts. When Father Joe admitted that he still had it, the professor thought that he was enjoying it so thoroughly that he didn't want to pass it on and so he asked, "What impressed you most about the work?" And Father Laporte, recalling the 1700 pages he had been trying to unload for several days, answered: "Its weight, Monsignor." The reply of the professor has never been recorded.

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While the story may not actually have happened, Father Laporte's sense of humor is real enough as all who have come in contact with him during his years in South Boston can readily testify.

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I think that the priestly work performed so zealously by Father Joe has been most brilliantly epitomized by a French writer, Lacordaire, when he wrote: "To live in the midst of the world without wishing its pleasures; to be a member of each family, yet belonging to none; to share all sufferings; to penetrate all secrets; to heal all wounds; to go from men to God and offer Him their prayers; to return from God to men to bring pardon and hope; to have a heart of fire for charity and a heart of bronze for chastity; to teach and to pardon, console and bless always, My God, what a life! And it's yours, O Priest of Jesus Christ."

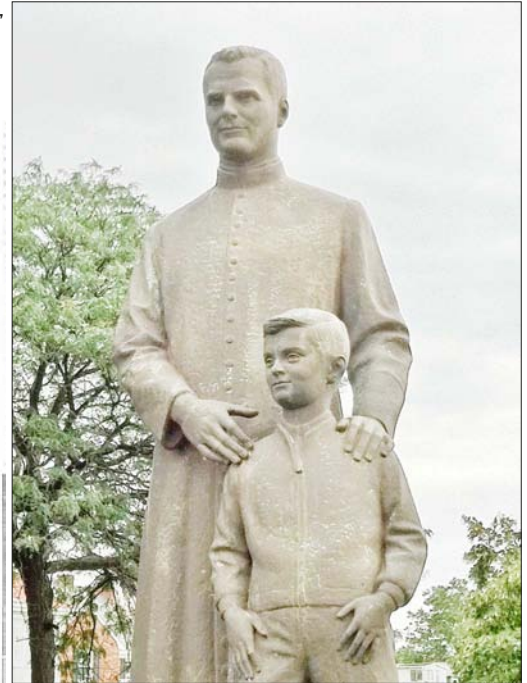
### Focus on the Youth

Father Laporte was well-known for his support of the young adults in South Boston. Many parishioners recall stories of him hearing confession on Carson Beach or following a game of handball at the L Street Bathhouse.

Msgr. John T. Powers, Pastor of Gate of Heaven from 1955-1977 wrote of Fr. Laporte:

*Youth then had many interests and, of course, this is true of our own sometimes maligned South Boston young people. Yet whenever we think of South Boston and youth, inevitably there comes to mind a flashing black-clad figure in the midst of them -- our own beloved Father Laporte. Wherever young people gather-- on a corner, at a dance, at a ball game, or Kelly's Landing, wherever they are -- there he is. He cares about them, shares their enthusiasms and their problems-- and they know it.*

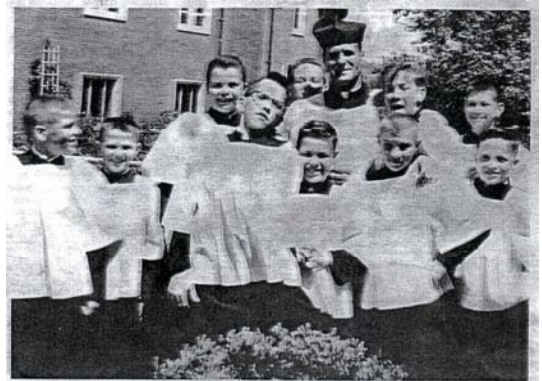
**Grant, we pray, O Lord, that the soul of your servant Father Joseph Laporte, your priest, whom in this life did you honor with the sacred office, may rejoice in the glory of Heaven for evermore.**



A statue of Fr. Laporte with a youth is on Day Boulevard at L Street and was dedicated on April 21st, 1968



Fr. Laporte celebrates his first Mass



Fr. Laporte with altar boys outside of St. Monica Church



## 2015 Lenten Almsgiving Project: A big success!!



More than 60 parishioners of all ages turned out last Saturday to help with our Lenten Almsgiving Project, organized by Catholic Relief Services through the Helping Hands program.

Together, parishioners packaged 10,000 meals and boxed them up to be sent to the West African country Burkina Faso.

We've nearly reached our goal of \$5,000 worth of fundraising to cover the cost of the food and shipping. If you'd still like to donate to help the effort, you can do so by placing an envelope or check marked "Lenten Almsgiving Project" in the collection basket or by mailing it to the Parish Office.



More photos & video on our Parish Facebook pages.



### Feast of St. Patrick—March 17th

Legends about Patrick abound; but truth is best served by our seeing two solid qualities in him: He was humble and he was courageous. The determination to accept suffering and success with equal indifference guided the life of God's instrument for winning most of Ireland for Christ. What distinguishes Patrick is the durability of his efforts. When one considers the state of Ireland when he began his mission work, the vast extent of his labors (all of Ireland) and how the seeds he planted continued to grow and flourish, one can only admire the kind of man Patrick must have been. The holiness of a person is known only by the fruits of his or her work.



"Christ shield me this day: Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every person who thinks of me, Christ in the eye that sees me, Christ in the ear that hears me" (from "The Breastplate of St. Patrick").

### Feast of St. Joseph March 19th

The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a "just" man. The quality meant a lot more than faithfulness in paying debts. By saying Joseph was "just," the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God.

The rest we can easily surmise. Think of the kind of love with which he wooed and won Mary, and the depth of the love they shared during their marriage.

"He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife. He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying: 'Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord'" (St. Bernardine of Siena).



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