

Fr. Martin's Reflection – March 10, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the 4th week of Lent. Lent can often reflect life: making promises to ourselves and never following through with them. The great thing about our Lord is that our Lord doesn't focus on our failed promises but on our ability to keep trying. Let us not waste the last days of Lent by focusing on our failures, but let us focus on our ability, our God-given ability, to do what we need to do to bring us closer to God.

Reconciliation/Confession

A great way to get closer to God is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our Lent confessions will be held on **Tuesday, March 12, 7pm-8pm, Holy Assumption Church, Roebing, and Tuesday, March 19, 7pm-8pm St. Mary Church, Bordentown**. Let us not fail to give ourselves the opportunity to come closer to God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

New Mass Times

Many of you may be aware that Fr. Steve is retiring at the end of June. We will show our appreciation at that time, but I wanted you to be aware of the impact that this will have on us in general, and on Fr. Anson and myself, in particular. It is becoming more and more difficult to find the priestly help needed to celebrate our weekend masses. Beginning the 1st weekend in July our Mass schedule will change in such a way that one priest would be able to celebrate all Masses in the case of an emergency. I know none of us like to hear of Mass changes, as we fear the change will affect 'our' Mass. The changes are subtle but will affect all of us in some way. One of the ways that it will affect us is the Mass intentions. Where possible, the office staff will contact you if your Mass intention will be affected, and give you the opportunity to choose another Mass at its earliest opportunity.

New Mass Schedule – Effective July 6/7, 2024

Holy Assumption Church: Vigil 4pm - Sunday 8am

St. Mary Church: Vigil 5:30pm - Sunday: 9:30am & 11am

St Patrick's Day

I would like to extend an invitation to all of you to join me in celebrating St. Patrick's Day on March 17th at the 11:30am Mass and for refreshments after in St. Mary School Gym. Hope to see you there.

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so everyone who believes in him might have eternal life."

Have a wonderful week.

Fr. Martin