

Pilgrim notes



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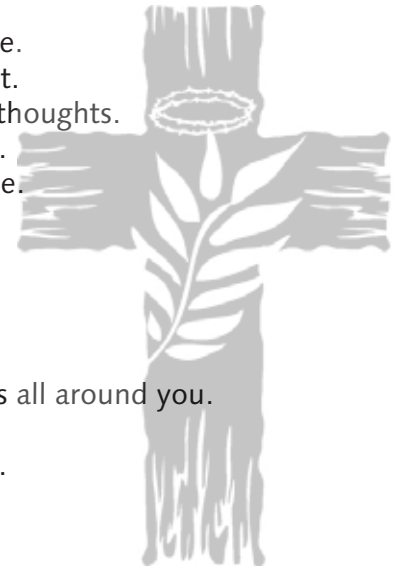
Mini Retreat

St. Patrick and More is the topic presented by Kate Watson for the Mini Retreat on Saturday, March 20th. What better way to celebrate March than with a talk about St. Patrick and a bit of Irish lore. There will also be faith sharing, fellowship, a brown bag lunch, Confessions and Mass. The event begins at 10:00 am in the Visitor Center. Please call Fr. Peter Murray at 853-3033 ext. 222 for more information.

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A Lenten Reflection

Give up complaining— —focus on gratitude.
Give up pessimism— —become an optimist.
Give up harsh judgments— —think kindly thoughts.
Give up worry— —trust Divine Providence.
Give up discouragement— —be full of hope.
Give up bitterness— —turn to forgiveness.
Give up hatred— —return good for evil.
Give up negativism— —be positive.
Give up anger— —be more patient.
Give up pettiness— —become mature.
Give up gloom— —enjoy the beauty that is all around you.
Give up jealousy— —pray for trust.
Give up gossiping— —control your tongue.
Give up sin— —turn to virtue.
Give up giving up— —hang in there!



Be Fruitful Trees in God's Orchard

Lent is an ideal time "to dig around and manure" the tree of our life so that it may bring forth fruits. The fruits God expects from us during Lent are repentance, renewal of life and the resulting virtues of love, compassion, mercy, forgiveness and selfless and humble service. Let us start producing fruits in the family by becoming more sensitive to the feelings of others, and by accepting each member of the family with love and respect. The Christian fruit of reconciliation will grow in the family when each member shows good will by forgiving others, and by asking their forgiveness. We become fruit-bearing in the community by caring for the poor, the sick, the old, and the lonely.

Make the Best Use of a "Second Chance"

Our merciful Father always gives us a second chance. The returned prodigal son was welcomed as a son, not treated as a slave. The repentant Peter was made the head of the Church. The persecutor Paul was made the apostle of the Gentiles. During Lent, we, too, are given another chance to repent and return to our heavenly Father's love. We are also expected to give others a second chance when they ask our forgiveness. God would like to use each one of us as the "gardener" in the parable to help Him cultivate our communities and enrich them with grace. Let us thank God for using others to help us bear fruit. Grace is everywhere. Let us always cooperate with grace, especially during Lent.

Fr. McGuire Update

Our beloved Fr. Bob continues to rehabilitate his replaced hip and successfully has had cataract surgery this week. Of course, he is contact with friends and planning new activities for the Shrine. Send him a March 13th birthday greeting: Fr. Robert McGuire, S.J., Murray-Weigel Residence, 515 East Fordham Road, Bronx, NY 10458.

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