



March 14, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Collection March 7, 2021

Collection	\$ 856.00
Attendance	33

March 21, 2021 Ministers

Lector: John Balconi
 Commentator: Stan Stanley

Please be respectful and quiet for those praying before Mass as you enter the sanctuary.

Readings for March 21, 2021

Reading 1: Jeremiah 31:31-34
 Reading 2: Hebrews 5:7-9
 Gospel: John 12:20-33

Information about St. Edward- Daily readings, the bulletin, and other information can be found on our webpage at: <https://stedwardpulaski.org>

Donations- please mail your regular donations to St. Edward's Catholic Church, PO Box 1670, Pulaski, VA 24301 if you are not attending Mass.

Mass Live-Stream- Mass is still live-streamed every Sunday morning at 9:00 at <http://www.facebook.com/stmaryschurchwytheville>

Prayer List- Mike Malloy, Tim Kimbleton, Doug Waldrop, Carol Luttrell, Brenda Lee, Brenda McLawhorn, John Balconi, John McNair, Joan Jennings, Sharon Dalton, Jerry Dalton, Lynn Canty, Carrie Lane, Connie Armentrout,, Eileen Coleman, and Father Bernie.
 (Please contact Stan Stanley if you have additions or deletions)

Spring Clean-up- This will be the second year that we cannot do our regular spring clean-up day at the church. We are asking that you and/or your family come at your own convenience to help out. Next week March 21, a list will be available on the table in the Hall to sign up for what you would like to do. Go head and sign up for one or more things and then you can do them at your own convenience. If you need a key to get into the church or shed, please see Stan Stanley.

Church Key Inventory- we now have to keep a list of everyone who has a key to the church. If you have an interior, exterior or storage shed key, please list them on a sheet of paper and give it to Stan Stanley or email him at gstanle@yahoo.com.

Happy March Birthdays!

Ian Grube	Mar. 8
Lucas Taylor	Mar. 10
Alex Fernandez	Mar. 10
Mike Fleenor	Mar. 11
John McNair	Mar. 20
Guenter Schlottmann	Mar. 23
Madelyn Owen	Mar. 26
Angie Trail	Mar. 30

Happy March Anniversaries

John & Mary Beth McNair Mar. 14

Covid Tip of the Week- As more and more of us get our vaccination, it is very important that we don't let our guard down. Continue to wear your mask and practice social distancing until everyone is protected from this deadly virus. Stay Safe.

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Daily Prayer This Week

The gospels this week make it very clear toward the end of the week that Jesus faced opposition that couldn't accept who he is. We see that Jesus comes to lay down his life that we might live. So, this week of Lent is an important time for us to ask ourselves if there are any parts of our hearts, any of our patterns, that oppose Jesus and his desire to give us life. This kind of honesty can transform our lives. It can allow the grace of God to bring reconciliation and healing we might not have imagined.

Even if it hasn't been easy to get really engaged with Lent so far, we can still make a beginning, even now. The key is openness and desire. If we can feel any attraction, any sign that the Lord is possibly drawing us, then the Lord can work with us - no matter what resistance or fear we might also be experiencing. All we have to do is act out of these desires and simply ask the Lord for the grace to help us be more honest and more open to what he is offering us. For example, we can ask for the grace to examine our consciences more thoroughly. We could try a different approach to facing any resistance we might have to the Lord's working in us. We might not commit the big sins, but we may not have examined what we fail to do. Who am I failing to love, to forgive, to be generous to? From whom am I withholding affection, care, reconciliation? Where can I live more honestly, with more integrity? How might I proactively change my own personal patterns of escape, with patterns of care for others?

It is a time of grace when we can experience moments of "recognition," or self-understanding. But it is not a grace to beat up on ourselves or become self-absorbed in our own guilt. It is grace to feel grateful to the Lord for showing us obstacles to the life he is offering us. It is grace to feel our spirits lighten as we feel drawn to greater freedom and peace. It is incredible grace when we are drawn to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This week, let us give thanks to the Lord who deeply desires our greater freedom and joy. As we go to bed each night, let us thank the Lord for what we saw that day and renew our desires for the next day of grace.

St. Edward's Celebrities

1. We would like to congratulate Jennifer Grube for receiving the 2021 Provider Excellence Award from Carilion, for exemplifying excellence to patients, families, staff, and providers.
2. Also, congratulations to Rebecca Harriman for being named Teacher of the Month for Pulaski County School System.
3. And last but not least, congratulations to Thomas Tedesco who won an art competition for elementary students in Pulaski County.

We are very proud of each of them!!!