

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

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Worship Schedule:

Saturday 5:00 pm - Vigil Holy Mass

Sunday 9:00 am - Holy Mass

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Fourth Sunday of Lent 'A'
March 15, 2026

Altar Servers: Abby, Parker

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Lector: Donald Dross

Cantor: Donald Dross

Cycle of Prayer: Church of Resurrection, Brooklyn NY

Mass Intentions:

Sun. March 15 - **In Memory of †Fred and Norman Carlson** (req. by Sondra Carlson).

Sun. March 22 - **In Memory of †Nancy Sawczak** (req. by Ed Sawczak).



OPENING HYMN

STAND

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

ST. COLUMBA



1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow With
3. Per - verse and fool - ish I have strayed, But
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
5. You spread a ta - ble in my sight, Your
6. And so through all the length of days Your



1. good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
2. gen - tle care he leads me, And where the ver - dant
3. yet in love he sought me, And on his shoul - der
4. you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my
5. sav - ing grace be - stow - ing; And O what joy and
6. good - ness fails me nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I



1. I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.
2. pas - tures grow, With heav'n - ly food he feeds me.
3. gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
4. com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.
5. true de - light From your pure chal - ice flow - ing!
6. sing your praise With - in your house for - ev - er.

Text: 87 87; based on Psalm 23; Matthew 18; John 10; Henry Williams Baker, 1821–1877, alt. Music: Trad. Irish Melody.

STAND**INTRODUCTORY RITE**

C. In the name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R/. Amen.

C. Lord bless us with the wisdom to praise You in spirit and in truth,
so that by following Your holy will we may gain eternal salvation.

R/. Amen.

THE PENITENTIAL RITE

The celebrant invites the faithful to join in the prayer of confession.

C. In the light of Christ, our thoughts and deeds are exposed. Let us open ourselves before God, confessing our failure to live in the light. Please make an examination of your conscience.

During a moment of silent reflection evoke spirit of contrition.

Silently confess your sins to God, and then join the celebrant in acknowledging your sins:

KNEEL or SIT

**All: I confess to almighty God
in the presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints
and you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned through my own fault**

striking the breast three times and continuing

**in my thoughts, in my words, in what I have done or failed to do.
I ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord, our God.**

Penance is given.

C. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

R/. Amen.

The celebrant imparts the absolution, saying

C. May our Lord Jesus Christ absolve you and, with His authority vested in me,
I absolve you from all your sins:
in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

R/. Amen.

THE KYRIE

- C. Lord, have mercy. R/. Lord, have mercy.
D. Christ, have mercy. R/. Christ, have mercy.
E. Lord, have mercy. R/. Lord, have mercy.

(The 'Gloria' is omitted in Lent)

OPENING PRAYER

STAND

- C. The Lord be with you.
R/. And also with you.

- C. Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, enlighten our minds with Your unchanging truth.
Always believing in the Son of God may we be led in the ways of salvation.
We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

- R/. Amen.

SIT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading [1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a](#)

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons."

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him."

But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart."

In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these."

Then Samuel asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” Jesse replied, “There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here.” Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, “There—anooint him, for this is the one!” Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anoointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

L. The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6](#)



C. **R. The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want.**

R/. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

R/. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me in right paths for his name’s sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side
With your rod and your staff that give me courage.

R/. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;
you anooint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R/. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

R/. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading [Eph 5:8–14](#)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

Brothers and sisters:

You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

Live as children of light,

for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.

Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness;

rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention
the things done by them in secret;

but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,

for everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore, it says:

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,
and Christ will give you light.”

L. The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.



STAND

Verse Before the Gospel [Jn 8:12](#)



Cantor: R. Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end - less glo - ry!

R/. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

R/. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

Gospel [Jn 9:1-41](#)

C. The Lord be with you.

R/. And also with you.

C. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

R/. Glory be to You, Lord.

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth.

His disciples asked him,

“Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

Jesus answered,

“Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” —which means Sent—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said,

“Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?”

Some said, “It is,” but others said, “No, he just looks like him.”

He said,

“I am.” So they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?”

He replied,

“The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went there and washed and was able to see.”

And they said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I don’t know.”

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees.

Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them,

“He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.”

So some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a sinful man do such signs?”

And there was a division among them.

So they said to the blind man again,
“What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?”
He said, “He is a prophet.”

Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight.
They asked them,

“Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?”
His parents answered and said, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself.”

His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, “He is of age; question him.”

So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner.”

He replied, “If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see.”

So they said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”
He answered them, “I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?”

They ridiculed him and said, “You are that man’s disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from.”

The man answered and said to them,
“This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything.”

They answered and said to him,
“You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?”
Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said,
"Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

He answered and said,

"Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"

Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he."

He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

Then Jesus said,

"I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him,

"Surely we are not also blind, are we?"

Jesus said to them,

"If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,'
so your sin remains.

C. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Hymn to the Holy Spirit follows (next page)

The Spirit Is A-Movin'

Holy Spirit Hymn

REFRAIN



The Spi-rit is a - mov-in' all o__ver. all o - ver_ this land__

VERSES

E

A

E



1. Peo-ple are gath - er - in', the church is born; _____ the Spir - it is a -
2. Old _____ ones _____ are _____ dream - ing dreams, _____ and young__ men and
3. Old _____ walls _____ are _____ fall - ing down, _____ and peo-ple all o -
4. Filled _____ with the Spir-it, we are sent to serve. _____ We are called _____ out to -
5. The Spir - it fills _____ us _____ all with pow'r, _____ to be _____ God's _____



D

E

D.C.



1. blow - in' on a world _____ re - born. _____
2. wom - en _____ see _____ the _____ light. _____
3. - ver are _____ speak - ing _____ with each oth - er. _____
4. geth - er, we are _____ called _____ to _____ work. _____
5. wit - ness - es to all _____ we _____ meet. _____

D.C.



C. I believe in One God,
All: the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten not made, of one being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
He was born of the Virgin Mary *(here genuflect or bow)*
AND BECAME MAN.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of Life
Who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
He is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the + life of the world to come.
Amen.

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- C. Jesus has transferred us out of darkness into His wonderful light: let us pray to the Father through Him, in the Holy Spirit.
1. For Prime Bishop Anthony and all bishops: May they be faithful shepherds who lead the flock with wisdom and lead us closer to Christ. We pray to the Lord.
R/. Lord, hear our prayer.
 2. That all whose lives are shadowed by fear, hatred or sorrow: May the light of Christ may scatter their darkness and show them the way of peace and truth. We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**
 3. For our families: That they may be strengthened in their love for one another and that those who feel estranged or hurting may find the grace of healing and reconciliation. We pray to the Lord.
 4. For all those who are sick and for those who care for them: that they may gain hope and comfort from the message of the Gospel. We pray to the Lord.
R/. Lord, hear our prayer.
 5. For the Church of Resurrection, Brooklyn, New York, and for ourselves: May the light of the Lord shine through us in lives of holiness and service. We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**
 6. For those who have gone before us in faith, especially Fred and Norman Carlson, for whom this Holy Mass is being offered: May they enjoy eternal light and the fullness of God's peace. We pray to the Lord.
R/. Lord, hear our prayer.
 7. For our own intentions [long pause for silent prayer] We pray to the Lord.
R/. Lord, hear our prayer.
- C. Father, You have given Your Son to be our comfort and have called us to be children of the light. Grant that we may reflect that light through goodness and right living in all we do. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen.
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OFFERTORY HYMN

BEHOLD THE LAMB

Martin Willett

Verses



1. Those who were in the dark are thank - ful for the
2. Peace - ful now, those whose hearts are blessed with un - der -
3. Gen - tle one, Child of God, join with us at this
4. Lord of all, give us light. De - liv - er us from



1. sun-light; we who live, we who die are grate-ful for his
2. stand-ing of the wheat, of the wine u - nit - ed with his
3. ta - ble. Bless our lives; nour-ish all who hun-ger for this
4. e - vil. Make us one; be our shield. Make still the winds that

Refrain



1. gift, thank-ful for his love. Be-hold, be-hold the Lamb of
2. word and the love we share.
3. feast; shel-ter them with peace.
4. blow; cra-dle us with love.



God. All who eat, all who drink shall live; and all,



all who dwell in God shall come to know his glo-ry.

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The celebrant elevates the paten with host, saying:

- C. Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation. Through Your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. May it become for us the Bread of Life.

The celebrant pours wine and water into the chalice.

Then takes the chalice and elevates it above the altar, saying:

- C. Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation. Through Your goodness, we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. May it become our Spiritual Drink.

The celebrant places the chalice on the corporal. Slightly bowing before the altar he says:

- C. Lord God, we ask You to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer You with humble and contrite hearts.

The celebrant blesses the bread and wine with his right hand, saying:

- C. Come, Holy Spirit, and bless + this sacrifice which we have prepared for the glory of Your Holy Name.

The celebrant washes his hands, then he returns to the center of the altar and continues:

- C. Receive this offering, most Holy Trinity, which we make in memory of the passion, resurrection and ascension of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints. May they, whose memory we honor on earth, intercede for us in heaven.

Addressing the congregation with hands extended, the celebrant says:

- C. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
- R/. May the Lord accept this sacrifice from your hands,
for the praise and glory of His name,
for our good and for the benefit of His holy Church.**

STAND

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

STAND

C. Lord our God, You call us from darkness into light.
Through the Passion and merits of Your Son
may this offering strengthen us when we are tested.
We ask this through the same Jesus Christ,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

PREFACE OF LENT

C. The Lord be with you.

R/. And also with you.

C. Lift up your hearts.

R/. We lift them up to the Lord.

C. Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

R/. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

C. Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere
to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through our fasting You increase divine life within us;
You preserve us from sin and lead us into eternal life.
Through abstinence, You confirm us in goodness,
and curb our unbridled vices.

As we commemorate this forty days fast of Your Son,
may we together with Him, give You glory.

Therefore, with the angels and archangels,
with all the saints and the entire Church,
we lift our hymn of praise to Your glory, repeating unceasingly:

R/. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed + is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

The celebrant with hands extended, says:

- C. We give thanks to You, God our Father,
through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
Whom You have sent us as Savior, Redeemer and Messenger of Your will.
He is Your Word, inseparable from You.
Through Him You have made all things and in Him You were well pleased.
You sent Him from heaven to a virgin's womb.
There He dwelt and was made flesh.
He was revealed as Your Son, born through the Holy Spirit and of the Virgin.
When He suffered, He fulfilled Your will and gained for You a holy people.
He stretched out His hands to free from suffering those who believed in You.
When He was betrayed to His freely chosen suffering
thereby to destroy death, to break the chains of darkness,
to crush hell beneath His feet, to give light to the just,
to make a covenant and to manifest His resurrection,
He took bread; He gave You thanks and said:

The celebrant takes the bread and says:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT:
FOR THIS IS MY BODY
WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU.**

The celebrant elevates the Sacred Host, then places it on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.

He takes the Chalice and says:

- C. In like manner He took the cup and said:

**THIS IS MY BLOOD
WHICH IS Poured OUT FOR YOU.
WHenever YOU DO THIS,
DO IT IN MEMORY OF ME.**

The celebrant elevates the Chalice, then places it on the corporal and genuflects in adoration.

With hands joined he says the following with the Congregation:

**All: Calling then His death and resurrection to mind,
we offer You the Bread and the Cup.
We thank You for allowing us to come before You and to serve You.**

The celebrant extends his hands over the Sacred Body and Blood, saying:

C. We ask You to send Your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of Your holy Church to gather all in unity.
Grant to all who partake of these Holy Mysteries
the fullness of the Holy Spirit for the strengthening of their faith in the truth.
So may we praise and glorify You
through Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Holding the Sacred Host above the chalice and elevating them the celebrant says:

C. Through Him may glory and honor be Yours,
with the Holy Spirit, in Your holy Church, now and for ever and ever.
R/. Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

STAND

The celebrant says the following introduction to the Lord's Prayer:

C. Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy Name,
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

With hands extended, the celebrant says:

- C. Deliver us, Lord, from every evil and grant us peace in our day.
In Your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety,
as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The people conclude the prayer by saying the acclamation:

R/. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and for ever.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

- C. The Cup of Blessing which we bless,
is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ?

The celebrant fractures the Sacred Host saying:

- C. The Bread which we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ?

**R/. Because there is one Bread, we who are many are one body,
for we all partake of the one Bread.**

Dropping the particle of the Host into the Chalice, the celebrant says:

- C. May the union of divinity and humanity in Jesus Christ
bring us sanctification and eternal life.

R/. Amen.

With hands extended the celebrant says:

- C. Lord Jesus Christ, You said to Your apostles:
I leave you peace, My peace I give you.
Do not look at our sins, but on the faith of Your Church,
and grant us the peace and unity of Your kingdom
where You live for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

- C. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R/. And also with you.

- C. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

An appropriate sign of peace is made by all (in church by bowing)

AGNUS DEI

The celebrant and people say together:

All: Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION PRAYER

KNEEL

C. Let us pray together:

All: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God,
by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit
Your death brought life to the world.
By Your holy Body and Blood free me from all my sins and from every evil.
Keep me faithful to Your teaching and never let me be parted from You.

The celebrant takes the Sacred Host, saying:

C. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the name of the Lord.

The celebrant and congregation together say once:

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive You,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The celebrant says:

C. May the Body of Christ bring me to everlasting life:

The celebrant reverently consumes the Sacred Host. Taking the Chalice, he says:

C. May the Blood of Christ bring me to everlasting life:

The celebrant reverently consumes the Blood of Christ.

THE COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Holding a Host above the ciborium, the celebrant says:

C. This is the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to the table of the Lord.

KNEEL or SIT

Now, taking the ciborium, the celebrant distributes Holy Communion.

COMMUNION HYMN

WE REMEMBER

Marty Haugen

Refrain



We re-mem-ber how you loved us to your death, and still we



cel-e-brate, for you are with us here; And we be-lieve that we will



see you when you come in your glo-ry, Lord. We re-mem-ber,



we cel-e-brate, we be-lieve.

2 Verses

1. Here, a mil-lion
2. Now we re-cre-
3. Christ, the Fa-ther's
4. See the face of



1. wound-ed souls are yearn-ing just to touch you and be healed.
2. ate your love, we bring the bread and wine to share a meal.
3. great "A - men" to all the hopes and dreams of ev-'ry heart,
4. Christ re-vealed in ev - 'ry per - son stand-ing by your side,



to Refrain

1. Gath - er all your peo - ple, and hold them to your heart.
2. Sign of grace and mer - cy, the pres-ence of the Lord.
3. Peace be - yond all tell - ing, and free-dom from all fear.
4. Gift to one an - oth - er, and tem-ples of your love.

POST COMMUNION HYMN

THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD

Spiritual

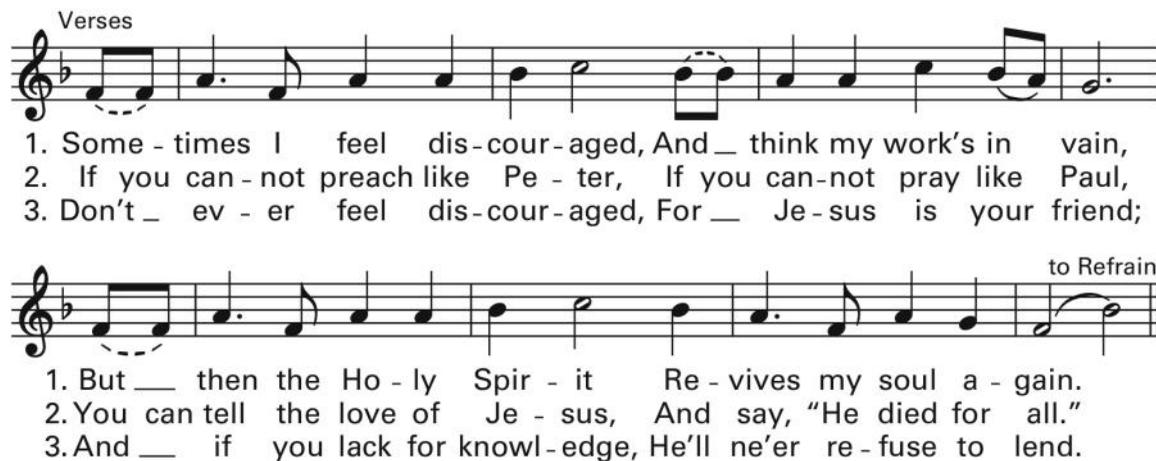
Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole,
there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

The Refrain is written on two staves of music in a G major key signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final double bar line at the end of the second line.

Verses



1. Some - times I feel dis-cour-aged, And _ think my work's in vain,
2. If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, If you can-not pray like Paul,
3. Don't _ ev - er feel dis-cour-aged, For _ Je - sus is your friend;

1. But _ then the Ho - ly Spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain.
2. You can tell the love of Je - sus, And say, "He died for all."
3. And _ if you lack for knowl-edge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

to Refrain

The Verses are written on a single staff of music. The melody is more varied than the Refrain, with some notes beamed together. The first three lines of music correspond to the three verses listed below. The fourth line of music is labeled 'to Refrain' and leads back to the beginning of the Refrain.

Text: 76 76 with refrain; based on Jeremiah 8:22; Spiritual. Music: BALM IN GILEAD.

C. Let us pray.

Almighty God,

Your Son endured the loneliness and darkness of the cross
to gain for us eternal life with You.

We thank You that in this Eucharist
we experience the light of Your countenance
and know that we are never abandoned.

We ask this through the same Jesus Christ,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

FINAL BLESSING

C. The Lord be with you.

R/. And also with you.

C. May Almighty God bless you,
the Father + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R/. Amen.

C. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.



RECESSIONAL HYMN

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

CRUCIFER

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim till all the world a-dore

Verses



his sa - cred name. 1. Led on their way by this tri - um-phant
2. Each new-born ser - vant of the Cru - ci -
3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious
4. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er

to Refrain



1. sign, The hosts of God in con-quiring ranks com-bine.
2. fied Bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
3. tree, As thou hast prom-ised, draw the world to thee.
4. be: Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

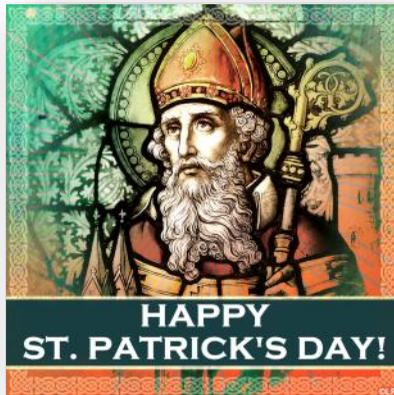
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Announcements

*Requests for all announcements must be received by noon Wednesday each week.
Please contact Justine Fazziola (bvmc.bulletin@gmail.com)*

- In gratitude for the abundance in our own lives, **let us reach out to families struggling to make ends meet. Food pantry collection baskets** are located in the vestibule—thank you for your continued generosity in providing non-perishable goods.
- **Thank you' for your continuing support of our parish.** You can donate by mail: BVMC Parish, 250 Old Maxwell Rd., Latham NY 12110, or through online giving, <https://www.bvmc.org/giving> which is secure and easy. If you need assistance, please contact our financial officers, George Urciuoli or Mark Peplowski via email: bvmc.church@gmail.com.

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Happening at BVMC

Wednesday, March 18

6:30 pm Bitter Lamentations w/Anointing of the Sick

Friday, March 20

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross (by YMSofR)

Saturday, March 21

5:00 pm Vigil Mass of Sunday

Sunday, March 22

9:00 am Holy Mass

Altar Servers: Abby, Everett

Lector: Stephanie Cantor: Dick Mossey

Greeter: Rick Trustees: Jim, Bob

10:15 am Sunday School

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 28 - Easter Food Sale

March 29 - Palm Sunday

April 12 - Easter Sunday



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