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## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, April 1, 7:00PM

+Maria Rosa de Jesus & Claudino Neto +Pasquale & Antonietta Baccilieri +P. Zacharias +Arminda Teixeira Coquim

### TUESDAY, April 2, 8:30AM

\*Special Intention In Thanksgiving to St Rita of Cassia

### WEDNESDAY, April 3, 7:00 PM

+ProPopulo

### THURSDAY, April 4, 8:30 AM

+Mary & Frank Mendrek

### FRIDAY, April 5, 7:00 PM

+Jan Erik Tjerno

### SATURDAY, April 6, 9:00 AM

+All Souls

### SATURDAY, April 6, 5:00 PM

+TonyJoe & Lucy Toich +Maria Mathew & Maria Zic  
+Maria & Eugenio Arruda +Antonio Roberto Rocha  
+Maria Leonardo +Maria & Dan Kostov +Francisco  
Rodrigues & Jose Francisco Rodrigues +Perpetua Barroso  
+Virgilio Domingues & Gabriel Oliveira +Jose Cardoso  
+Antonio Janeiro & All Souls +Joao Ferreira

### SUNDAY, April 7, 8:30 AM

+ProPopulo

### SUNDAY, April 7, 10:00 AM

+Helen Rak

### SUNDAY, April 7, 11:30 AM

\*Special Intention for Rui Santos Domingues

### SUNDAY, April 7, 6:30 PM

+Maria Fatima Camara Vieira

#### IMPORTANT: Mass Time change

*Tuesday April 16, 2019 Mass time is changed to 8:00am  
and there will be No Adoration*

## SACRAMENTS

### CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Dates:

Saturday May 25, 2019 at 11:00am – St. Angela Merici

Saturday May 25, 2019 at 2:00pm – St. Marie of the  
Incarnation

Saturday June 1, 2019 at 11:00am – St. Charles, St. Jean de  
Brebeuf, Public, Private & Other Catholic Schools

Saturday June 1, 2019 at 2:00pm – St. Teresa of Calcutta

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## REFLECTION

Jesus' mighty works - his miraculous signs - confirmed the truth of his message and claim to divine authority and equality with his Father in heaven. One of his greatest signs was the healing of a man who had been blind from birth. When Jesus approached the blind man he first awakened hope in him - the hope which God offers those who seek his help. Jesus then did something quite remarkable for the blind man, both to identify with this man's misery and to draw expectant faith in him as well. The Jews had understood that many infirmities were the result of human folly and sin. While sin can lead to physical, mental, and spiritual infirmities, not all sickness is the direct result of sin. Sickness can befall us for a variety of reasons. Jesus answered that God had allowed this infirmity for a greater purpose which God wanted to demonstrate as a sign of his presence and power.

The prejudice of the religious leaders made them blind to God's intention for the Sabbath (to do good rather than evil) and to Jesus' claim to be the One sent from the Father in heaven to bring freedom and light to his people. The blind man was shunned by the religious authorities because he believed that Jesus healed him and was the Messiah. John 9:1-41 35 "Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" 36 He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" 37 Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." 38 He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind." 40

What can keep us from the light of God's truth, wisdom, and strength for our lives? Sin blinds us and causes us to stumble and fall - unable to rise on our own or to walk in the freedom of God's love and truth. Sin clouds the mind in moral confusion, and it grows in darkness and resists the light of God's truth.

The Lord Jesus is ever ready to heal us and to free us from the darkness of sin and deception. There is no sickness, whether physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual that the Lord Jesus does not identify with. Isaiah prophesied that the "Suffering Servant" would be bruised for our iniquities and by his stripes we would be healed (Isaiah 53:5). The Lord offers us freedom from spiritual blindness due to sin and he restores us to wholeness of body, mind, soul, and heart. *Servants of the word, www.dailyscripture.net Don Schwager.*

## LENTEN PREPARATION

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Come join us every Friday during the season of Lent beginning with adoration at 6:00pm, Mass at 7:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm. Come journey with Christ and prepare yourself for the Triduum.



## TRIDUUM



### HOLY THURSDAY

**April 18, 2019 at 7:00pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
*Followed by Adoration from 8:00pm-12:00am*

### GOOD FRIDAY

**April 19, 2019 at 12:00pm and 3:00pm**  
**Celebration of the Lord's Passion**  
*(Celebration includes the Eucharist and Veneration of the Cross)*  
 Day of Fasting and Abstinence  
 7:00pm – Divine Mercy Novena  
 7:30pm Solemn Stations of the Cross

### HOLY SATURDAY

**April 20, 2019**  
*(No Morning Mass)*  
 10:00am – Blessing of Food  
 7:00pm – Divine Mercy Novena  
**8:00pm Easter Vigil**

### EASTER SUNDAY

**April 21, 2019**  
 Mass Times as Follows:  
 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am  
 3:00pm – Divine Mercy Novena

### DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Friday April 19 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm
Saturday April 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm
Sunday April 21 <sup>st</sup>	3:00pm
Monday April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30am
Tuesday April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00am
	<i>(After Benediction)</i>
Wednesday April 24 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm
Thursday April 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am
Friday April 26 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm
Saturday April 27 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm

**Divine Mercy Sunday - April 28<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm**  
 Celebrated in the presence of the Holy Sacrament in Song

## GARDEN OF LILIES

**Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> 2019**

*Holy Saturday – No Morning Mass*

You are welcome to help decorate our parish for Easter by bringing a lily plant in memory of a loved one on Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> between 8:30am and 1:00pm. Labels will be provided in the gathering space to put the names of your loved ones on the lilies. We will also have a sheet available to write your loved one's name so everyone can pray for those remembered in our Garden of Lilies.



## LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICES – 7:30pm

**April 3** – St. John's Presbyterian Church 2940 Sideroad 10, Bradford. Speaker: Rev. Joshua Roldan, Holy Martyrs of Japan, Roman Catholic Church.

**April 10** – Holy Martyrs of Japan Roman Catholic Church, 167 Essa St. Bradford. Speaker: Rev Dana Dickson, Trinity Anglican Church.

## REMINDER

### MEMORIAL MASS FOR P. ZACHARIAS (Father to Fr. Mani)

**Saturday April 6, 2019 at 11:00am followed by a reception in the parish hall**

### RUN WITH IT

Part three of the three part "Run With It" series will be held on Wednesday April 17, 2019 at 7:30pm following Mass, in the Church.



"It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible, but always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we are helping. **Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday**"-Cardinal Thomas Collins

**March 31<sup>st</sup> is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.**

## YOUTH MINISTRY



**EDGE**  
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Come to the EDGE! Grades 6, 7 & 8 are welcome. Monday's from 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall.

April 1	- For you/From you
April 8	- Integrity
April 15	- Respect

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