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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Schedule

The Lord's Day

Saturday
5:15 p.m.
Sunday
10:15 a.m.
Korean Mass
9:15a.m. Children's Mass
12:00 p.m.

Weekdays

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m.
Rosary Follows Mass

Holy Days

As Announced

Confessions

Saturday
4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

St. Padre Pio Devotions

1st Friday of each month
7pm Holy Hour with confessions following 8pm Mass

Wednesday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

after 9:00am Mass
till 10:30am

March 15, 2026 Fourth Sunday of Lent

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today is *Laetare Sunday*, and traditionally this has been a day of celebration within the Lenten Season. The name comes from the opening antiphon for today's Mass, which in Latin is, Laetare Jerusalem. This translates to Rejoice Jerusalem. Today we wear the Rose-Colored vestments (as we do on the Third Sunday of Advent), and it serves as a reminder that our goal is about to be realized, Easter is almost here. Easter the wonderful day of the Resurrection when the true light of Christ shines forth. It will shine through every believer, and every Baptized person. For through Baptism, we become one with Christ and each other, and we become vessels of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

This is what we see in the Gospel account of *the Man Born Blind*. There is much discussion about what happened on that faithful day at the Temple. The man comes to Jesus' attention, and He insists on curing him. In some accounts, the man does not want Jesus to touch him. In the film Jesus of Nazareth, Peter asks Jesus if He should cure the man. After all, he lived his whole life blind, how will he be able to exist in the world when he can see. How will he earn a living since he does not know how to do anything, but beg? However, Jesus does not accept Peter's argument, and He tells Peter (and all of us) that He is the Light of the World, and as long as He is in the world, He will not allow anyone to stay in darkness. In the Gospel, Jesus refers to the work He must do. As He says, *"We have to do the work 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."* After this, Jesus puts mud on the man's eyes and tells him to go to the ***Pool of Siloam,*** which means sent. As I just recently learned, the Pool of Siloam is not within the Temple itself, and it is quite a way down the hill on which the Temple was built. For a blind person this was a long walk. As the name of the pool tells us, the blind man was sent, and when he washed in the pool, he could see. He no longer protested and was completely delighted. He is so happy that he tells everyone he sees, even the religious leaders. They of course, criticize the cure and one who accomplished it, because he did it on the Sabbath. After a big discussion, the Pharisees, the Scribes, and the Temple Officials throw the man out of the Temple. It is after this happens, that Jesus sees the man and ask him if he believes in the Son of Man? This Messianic Title goes back to Ezekiel and Daniel. The man asks Jesus, who is he that I might believe in him? In addition, Jesus tells him that He was the Son of Man and the one sent by God. Last week He told the Samaritan Woman the He was the Messiah, and now he shares with this man, who can now see clearly, who He is. For in his cure, he not only received his physical sight, but he also received spiritual sight, and he was able to see the Light of Christ where the leaders could not. Jesus states toward the end of the Gospel, *"I came into this world for judgement, so that those who do not see might see and those who do see might become blind."* Some of the Pharisees replied, *"Surely we are not blind..."* Jesus said to them "*If you were blind, you would have no sin, but now you are saying 'We see' so your sin remains."* What is their sin? They sinned because they refused to see the Light of Christ, and by not understanding that His work was the work of God the Father. They were so caught up in their ideas of what was right and proper; they could not see God at work. The man, who was cured, saw Jesus as the one God sent, unfortunately, they could not! I am sure that there were many things standing in their way, and some of them were not easy to change in their understanding, Jesus would have cured them of their blindness if they only let Him. Jesus could heal us of our blindness if we only would allow Him. He does this for us, if we realize that the work He is speaking about in not only His work but our work too, the work of the Church. It is up to us to lead people to the Light, which is Christ and we must always have our eyes open to see where the Light is leading us.

Happy Fourth Sunday of Lent

Fr. Mike

WEEKLY MASSES

Sunday, March 15th 2026
Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Focus- *You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.* At the Lord's command, Samuel travels to Bethlehem where he anoints David, son of Jesse, as God's chosen king. Paul exhorts the Ephesians to *live as children of light* and to reject the works of darkness. In the Gospel, Jesus heals a man born blind. After the man is questioned by the Pharisees and eventually thrown out of their presence, Jesus finds him and invites him to believe in him, revealing himself to be the Son of Man.

B y Franciscan Media

Saturday, 3/14/26-Lenten Weekday
5:15pm Lino Serena
Karen Herrera (Living)

Sunday, 3/15/26-4th Sunday of Lent
10:15am People of the Parish
Michael F. Reali (Living)
Lorraine Onglengco (Living)
Fr. Edward Shanahan &
Sister Eileen Shanahan
Kenneth Feryo
Irene Modena

Monday 3/16/26-Lenten Weekday
Joseph Mario Reali

Tuesday, 3/17/26-Lenten Weekday-St. Patrick, Bishop
Michael F. Reali (Living)

Wednesday 3/18/26-Lenten Weekday-St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Martin Keefe

The **9:15 am** & **12 noon Korean Masses** will be celebrated by Fr. Matthew

Thursday, 3/19/26-St. Joseph
Anna Marturano

Friday 3/20/26-Lenten Weekday
Very Rev. Michael F. Duffy (Living)

Saturday, 3/14/26
Hosea 6:1-6
Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, 3/15/26
1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

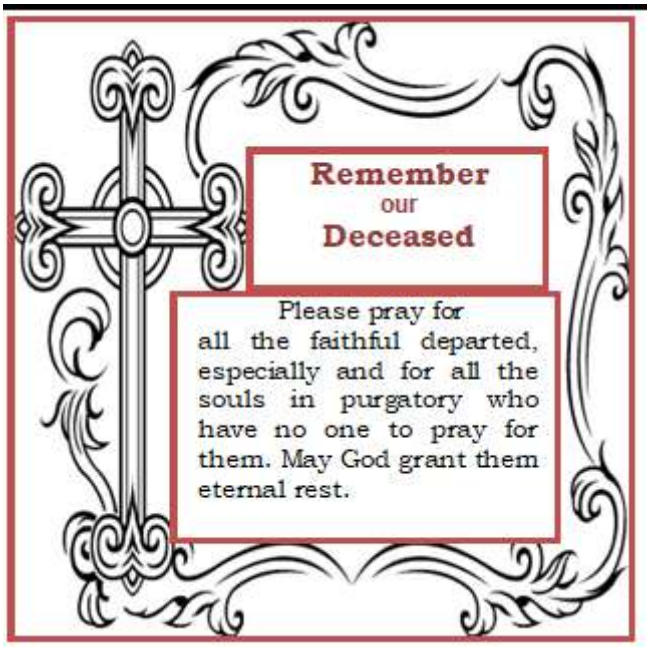
Monday, 3/16/26
Isaiah 65:17-21
John 4:43-54

Tuesday, 3/17/26
Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12
John 5:1-16

Wednesday, 3/18/26
Isaiah 49:8-15
John 5:17-30

Thursday, 3/19/26
2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Friday, 3/20/26
Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30



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3/14/2026
5:15pm Mass

Celebrant	Msgr. Richard Bauhoff
EMHC	Quinn/Castellano
Readers	Labrocca
Altar Server	Competiello
Sacristan	Herrera

3/15/2026
10:15am Mass

Celebrant	Fr. Michael T. Maffeo, Pastor
EMHC	Femia/Russell
Readers	Medina
Sacristan	Onglengco

Space available for dedications of the Bread & Wine and Altar Candles

Please contact rectory 921-2334

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY
Of March 8, 2026

Saturday Collection 469
Sunday $1,649
Mail-in $375
On line $880.90
Winter Recovery $3,005

ST. MICHAEL'S PRAYER

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do though, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Please Note: St. Michael's Prayer is on the back cover of the missalette.

PRO LIFE MINSTRY

Can you dedicate just one hour or less a week to pray in front of Planned Parenthood for women considering abortion at the Hempstead Planned Parenthood? From February 18th to March 29th, you are cordially invited to participate in 40 Days for Life, a worldwide movement that encompasses peaceful prayer in front of abortion clinics. The local 40 Days for Life will take place at the Hempstead Planned Parenthood located at 540 Fulton Avenue, Monday through Saturday, 8am to 5pm. Since its inception in 2018, Hempstead 40 Days for Life participants have inspired over 40 women to choose LIFE for their unborn babies!

Kindly consider contributing to saving lives by participating in 40 Days of Life.
Please contact Michael at : Hempstead40daysforlife@aol.com for more information.

Thank you

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

Hymnn Corner

The German Catholic priest Ignaz Franz wrote the original German lyrics in 1771 as a paraphrase of the Te Deum, a Christian hymn in Latin from the 4th century. It became an inherent part of major Christian ceremonial occasions, mainly as a conclusion hymn. Due to its memorable melody and theme, it is one of the most popular hymns and prevalent in German-speaking communities. It may be used as a concluding hymn during the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the Catholic Church following the singing of the Tantum Ergo and the recitation of the Divine Praises.

As a result of German emigration in the 19th century, the hymn became known in the United States. It was translated into English by Clarence A. Walworth in 1858 (except verse 7, translated by Hugh T. Henry), which accounted for its wide spread around the country.

The first printing of the hymn was in Vienna in 1776, where it became part of the Catholic hymnal (*Katholisches Gesangsbuch) upon the order of Maria Theresa of Austria. Since then, different variations of the German lyrics sprung up, of which two are still in use: one in Johann Gottfried Schicht's Allgemeines Choralbuch (1819) and that Heinrich Bone's Cantate* (Mainz 1852)

Its original version from 1771, which was later amended by Ignaz Franz, consisted of 12 verses; however, the edit proved unpopular and the first version persisted, albeit with verses 5 and 6 combined. The melody first appeared in the *Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch (Vienna, c. 1774).*

How to have a good Lent

Just how do we have a good Lent? The Church gives us the guidelines, the 3 pillars being fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Do you notice that nothing is said about giving something up for Lent? A Lenten resolution? When we get down to the basics, Lent is about only one thing—**growing deeper in our relationship with the Lord.**

Now most Catholics abide by the fast and abstinence rules for Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and Fridays during Lent, and increase their almsgiving to others, but neglect a change in their prayer habits. If we are truly going to grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ, increasing our time and persevering in prayer is exactly where we need to start.

This year, Holy Name of Jesus and St. Edward's churches would like to give you a great opportunity to join in prayer together by offering a Lenten Rosary on the 6 Sundays of Lent at 3 PM, the hour of Christ's death and the hour that Christ asked for the Divine Mercy Chaplet to be said. Sunday's are ideal as it is the The Lord's Day; Jesus taught the Sabbath was for human benefit, a day of rest and prayer, to refresh our souls. What better sacrifice can we make than giving up our mundane everyday activities in favor of spending time in prayer? Let us redefine how we keep The Lord's Day; by spending time with Him, we will grow IN our relationship with Him.

The rosary that we will offer will be a complete rosary with the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries accompanied by scriptures that help us meditate on the complete life of Christ starting with his conception; the addition of scriptures helps us develop a deeper knowledge of God.

So what better way to develop a deeper relationship with God, which is our Lenten mission, than by reading/listening to his Word, the Bible, and contemplating the life of Christ through the mysteries of the rosary? What better way to thank Him for His great sacrifice and for our salvation? What a beautiful offering, during this time of sacrifice and self-giving, to pass through Mary's Immaculate Heart, to Jesus' Sacred Heart, and on to the Father, for His greater Glory. ***So join us on the 6 Sundays of Lent for 1.5-2 hours to pray this special rosary***. The schedule is as follows:

Feb 22, Holy Name of Jesus, Mar 1, St. Edwards, Mar 8, Holy Name of Jesus, Mar 15, St. Edwards, Mar 22, Holy Name of Jesus, and Palm Sunday, Mar 29, St. Edwards. Both parishes wish this to be a coming together in prayer.

And may you each fulfill your Lenten mission, to grow a deeper relationship with the Lord.

TO BE MENTIONED IN THE EASTER BULLETIN, PLEASE SUBMIT NO LATER THAN MARCH 25TH. THANK YOU

PLEASE ACCEPT MY DONATION GIVEN

Would you like to donate toward our Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one? If so, please fill out this form or fill out an Easter Flower envelope and either drop it in the collection basket or bring to the rectory. Donations will be accepted through Easter Sunday (April 5th). Thank you.

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY, NAMES WILL BE LISTED IN BULLETIN ON EASTER SUNDAY.

Lenten SOUP Supper

Friday March 20th

Holy Name of Jesus Church

6pm-Followed by

Stations of the Cross

Please RSVP by Tuesday, March 17th, and if interested in making a soup, please contact the rectory, 516-921-2334

Blessing of Easter Food
Holy Saturday after 9am Morning Prayer

One of the most popular traditions for the celebration of Easter is the blessing of Easter food. On Holy Saturday families bring decorated baskets of specially chosen and prepared food to church. The priest blesses this food which is then eaten on Easter Sunday marking the end of the penances of Lent and the celebration of the Resurrection. Each food has a symbolic meaning. Hardboiled eggs symbolize the tomb and new life, meat or sausage is a sign of abundance and the end of Lenten penance, butter or cake in the shape of a lamb remind us that Jesus is the Lamb of God sacrificed for humanity's sins. Breads and salt are often included. Candles are sometimes added as Christ is the light of the world. In Rome, wine is brought.

Why not start your own tradition. You might even consider bringing your child's Easter basket. Msgr. Bauhoff will be happy to bless whatever items of food you decide to bring.

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EASTER EGG HUNT

On Easter Sunday, April 5th,
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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY-MARCH 29, 2026
Blessing & Distribution of Palm at each Mass
Saturday– 5:15pm
Sunday-10:15am

MONDAY-MARCH 30, 2026
Diocesan Day of Reconciliation
Confessions from 3:00pm—5:00pm
6:00pm—8:00pm

HOLY THURSDAY-APRIL 2, 2026
9:00AM Morning Prayer
8:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY-APRIL 3, 2026
9:00am Morning Prayer
3:00pm Solemn Liturgy
7:30pm Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY-APRIL 4, 2026
9:00am Morning Prayer with Blessing of the Food
NO 5:15PM MASS
3:00pm Service Solemn Liturgy
7:30pm Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY-APRIL 5, 2026
8:30am & 10:15am Masses

March 30 is Reconciliation Monday

Experience the liberating grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance). Confessions will be heard on Monday, March 30th from 3:00pm—5:00pm & 6:00pm—8:00pm

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 PADRE PIO 7PM W/ STATIONS OF THE CROSS	7
8 LENTEN ROSARY 3:00PM	9	10 DMII MEETING 6:30PM	11 DMII RETREAT 6PM	12	13 STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7:30PM	14
15	16	17 ST. PATRICKS'S DAY	18	19 ST. JOSEPH'S DAY	20 SOUP SUPPER 6PM STATIONS 7:30PM	21
22 LENTEN ROSARY 3:00PM	23	24 KOC MEETING 7PM	25	26	27STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7:30PM	28
29	30 RECONCIL-IATION CONFESSION 3-5 & 6-8PM	31				29

Dear Friends:

Thank you so much for your ongoing financial contributions and prayers for our many ministries supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal. I am writing today to ask you to help us once again to serve the Long Island community by making a gift to the 2026 CMA.

As we approach the holiest season of Easter, we focus on Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection, preparing through reflection, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to embrace the hope and new life signified by Christ's victory over death.

Easter represents hope, redemption, and eternal life, a reminder that darkness gives way to new beginnings, a core message for daily living, not just a single day. As Pope Leo reminds us, the Risen One is found in *"small daily acts of compassion and love toward others."*

One simple but beautiful way of living Jesus' command to love is by participating in the Catholic Ministries Appeal, which invites us to share in the Church's mission. Just last year, because of the funding received through the Appeal, ministries here on Long Island were able to: sustain Catholic Charities in its mandate to lift up the needy and the poor; help our young people to grow in their faith through education, campus ministry, and youth ministry; support those shackled by addiction at rehabilitation facilities like Talbot House; help pay tuition for our future priests and deacons; further the life-affirming work of the Office of Human Life, Family, and Bioethics, particularly in their commitment to the unborn.

Please join me in making a gift to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal, so that we can continue to perform daily acts of compassion and love through our vital diocesan ministries.

My prayers and best wishes to you and your family for this Holy Season of Lent and Easter.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ John O. Barres

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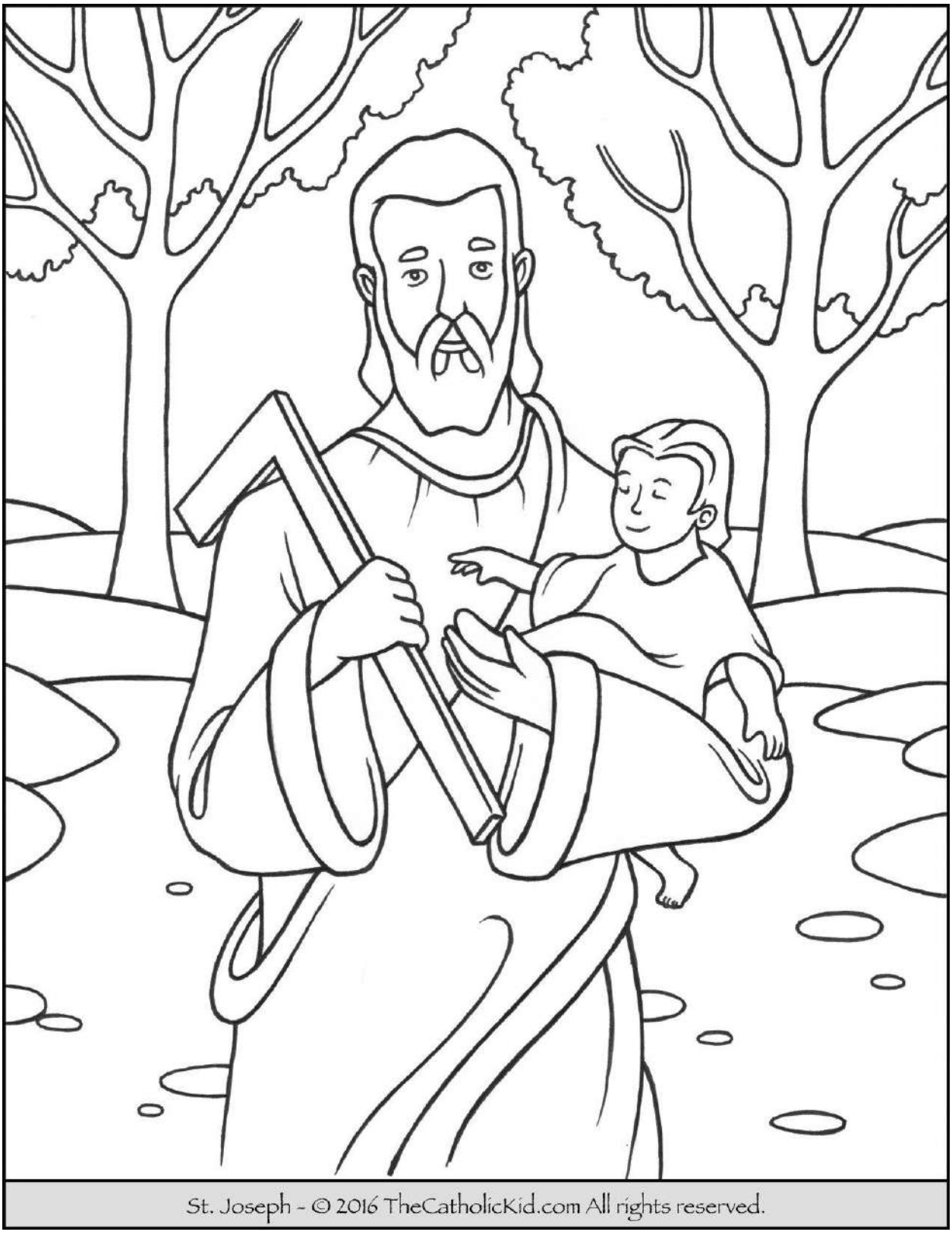

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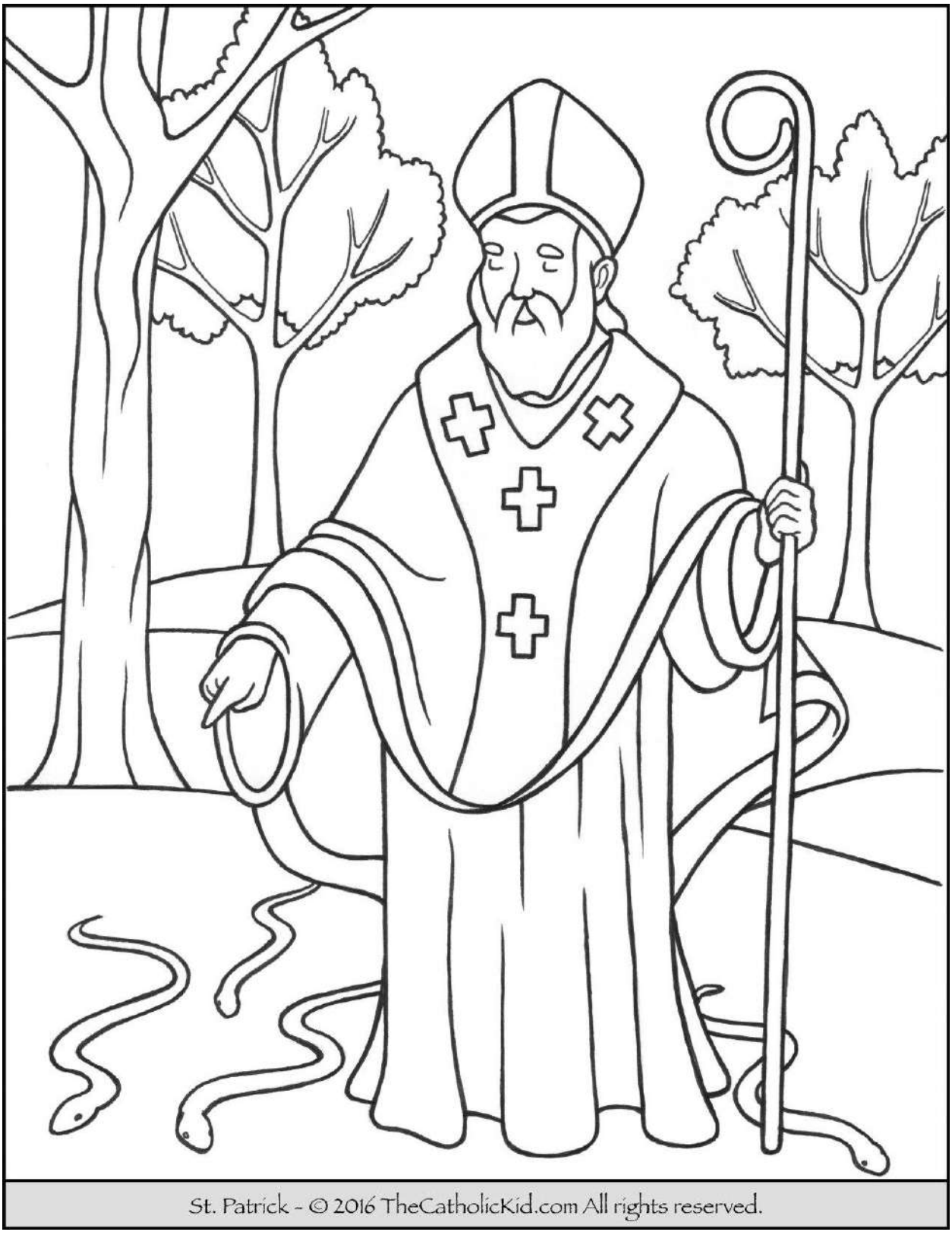

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