

Parish Intentions for April 2018

On behalf of Fr. Mark and our pastoral staff, we ask that you include the following intercessions as part of your personal prayer throughout the month of April:

April Intentions . . .

--For all those who celebrated the sacraments of initiation at our Easter Vigil, and for those who will do so during the Easter season, may they continue to grow in their faith, to live out their baptismal commitment in love and service to others, and find a place of welcome, belonging, & support in our parish family.

--That what we began on our Lenten journey of faith & re-conversion, we might continue and grow stronger in throughout the Easter season forming us into true disciples of the risen Lord.

--For the safety & well-being of our students, families and teachers on their spring break, and that during this time of recess they may find the rest and renewal needed in mind, body and spirit to be faithful followers of Jesus.

--That through the continuance of our small Lent groups after Easter and our Mission Night on April 19, our parishioners might continue to grow as evangelizers sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

--For our college students as they close the semester and look for summer work, internships, and travel, that they may discern well where God is calling them!

The Holy Father's Universal Prayer Intention for April: For those who have responsibility in economic matters
That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

--That we might continually remember to pray for those family members, friends and others who have fallen away from the Church:

Prayer for the Return of Non-practicing Catholics

O Good Shepherd, you never cease to seek out the lost,
to call home the stray, to comfort the frightened,
and to bind up the wounded.

I ask you to bring _____ (pause to mention names)
back to the practice of the Faith,

and to remove all obstacles that prevent them
from receiving your abundant mercy,
which flows sacramentally through the heart of your holy Church.

Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God,
their Guardian Angels, their Patron Saints and the ever-prayerful St. Monica,
may you pardon their sins and unshackle them from whatever
hinders their freedom to come Home.

For you, O Good Shepherd, have loved us to the end
and offered yourself to the Father for the salvation of all.

Amen.