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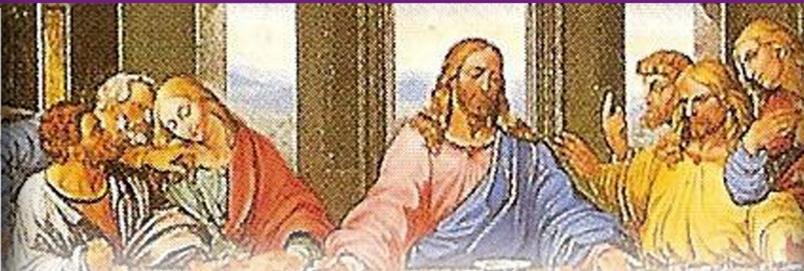
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the Forty Days of Lent



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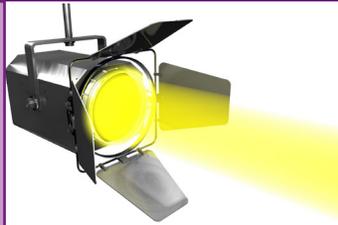
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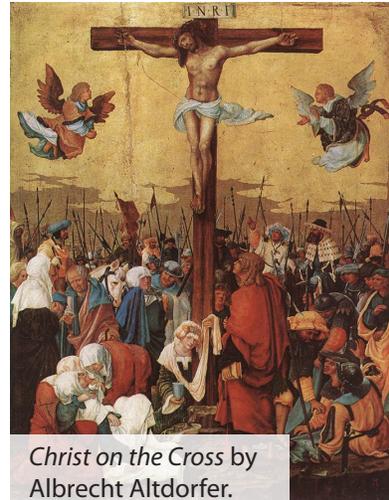
The Meaning of Suffering

February and March are difficult months. They are cold, usually dreary, a let-down after Christmas festivities, and too far from spring and Easter to contain much hope of a break from the daily grind. Of course, this makes February and March the perfect months to be a Catholic. For one thing, these months encompass the holy season of Lent, and for another, Catholics are taught to embrace their crosses with joy.

Christ spent forty days in the desert before His passion and death, which of course, led to His Resurrection and the perfection of our salvation. During that time, He sacrificed His time and His body with fasting and prayer. He grieved over the sins of mankind, and prepared Himself for the coming ordeal of the Cross, which He knew must take place if mankind were to be saved. His great personal love for each and every created soul, and His desire that no man be lost to eternal perdition motivated His sacrifice.

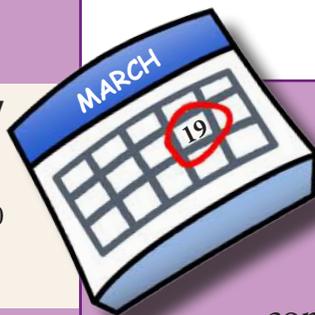
During these late days of winter and this time of Lent, we can offer up ourselves and our work in a spirit of union with Christ's sojourn in the desert, in a spirit of solidarity with His passion, in a spirit of acceptance just as Christ accepted His own Cross. In a certain sense, you could say that Christ's vocation was to be the Savior of the World. As students, our vocation is to engage in learning. We should push through that daily grind, and do our duty for Christ because He didn't turn His back on us when we made His road hard. He accepted His vocation as we should accept ours.

However, duty becomes light when it is inspired by love. We can't help but love Our Lord when we realize just what He has done for us, and what His grace continues to do for us on a daily basis. If we look at our daily chores, our schoolwork, and our various sufferings as opportunities to practice love for Christ, suddenly they seem a lot less difficult to accomplish, and we can do them with much greater passion, commitment, and joy. In a way, these difficult things become a delight because we know we are pleasing a loved one, Jesus Christ, when we do them. Walking in love this way will provide a warmth and guiding light through these otherwise dreary days, and before we know it, we'll be on the other side, celebrating Easter, the arrival of spring, and soon enough, the end of the school-year.



Christ on the Cross by
Albrecht Altdorfer.

~Mrs. Christine Smitha



ST. JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY

Glorious St. Joseph, model of all who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work in the spirit of penance in expiation of my many sins; to work

conscientiously by placing love of duty above my inclinations; to gratefully and joyously deem it an honor to employ and

to develop by labor the gifts I have received from God ~
From the Prayer to St. Joseph by Pope St. Pius X

~Italian food is traditional
on St. Joseph's day!



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Mr. Bob Wiesner

"Force yourself to pray!" This is the advice St. Ambrose of Optina gave to a monk who was flagging a bit in his monastic duties. We have reached a time of year when the temptation arises to indulge in a bit of "Senior Slump" or the tendency to slack off in study. Generally college plans

are pretty much in place by now and the future seems to be clear; you've been accepted into college, so why continue to work so hard to keep up the book work? Well, we are coming into the Lenten season. One good reason to continue working hard at the books is as a sort of Lenten penance. "Force yourself to study!" Now is not the time to forsake your good habits with your schooling. You will still need the good habits in college!

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Seton Sophomore Rachel Benoit (pictured right) recently participated in the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. She was able to compete at the national level by winning First Place at the state-level contests.

ST. PATRICK'S FEAST DAY

MARCH

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St. Patrick was born at Kilpatrick, Scotland, in 387.

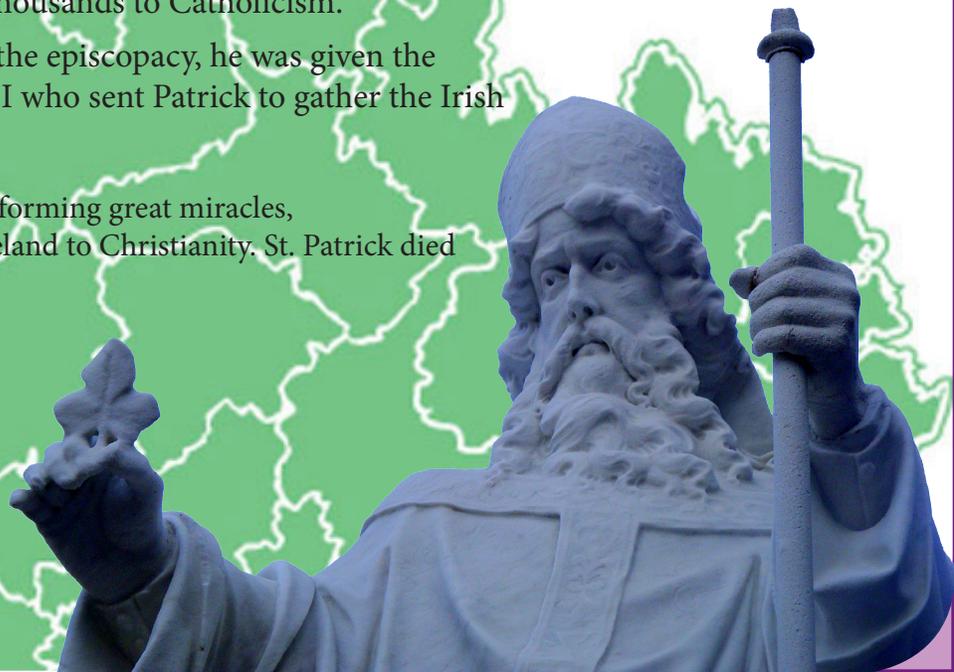
At the age of 16, he was captured by pirates and sold into slavery in Ireland. He learned all about Druidism from his first master, a high Druid priest and would use this knowledge to eventually help convert thousands to Catholicism.



After ordination to the priesthood and the episcopacy, he was given the name, "Patercius" by Pope St. Celestine I who sent Patrick to gather the Irish people into the one fold of Christ.

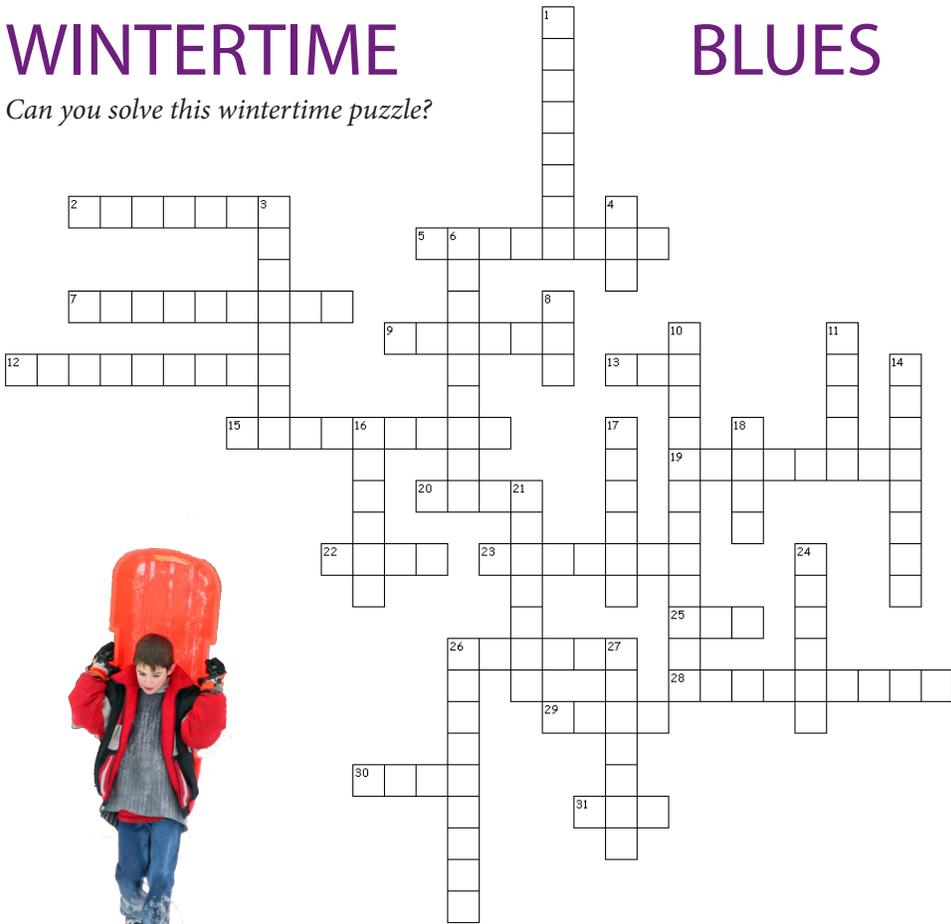
He then spent the remainder of his life performing great miracles, extinguishing Druidism and converting Ireland to Christianity. St. Patrick died at Sabhall, Ireland, on March 17, 493.

Playful portrayal of a "Leprechaun" in Irish Folklore! "Leprechauns" were mischievous but often brought good fortune to those who acted kindly and humbly.



WINTERTIME

Can you solve this wintertime puzzle?



BLUES



ACROSS

2. his feast day is January 28th
5. St. Patrick's example of choice
7. this largest sporting event falls in winter
9. drummers drumming
12. wintertime romance
13. winter month (abbreviated)
15. a warm and sunny holiday in some parts of the world
19. dangerous storm or Dairy Queen treat
20. liturgical season ending in Spring
22. a fireplace can provide this
23. its theme song is Auld Lang Syne (two words)
25. no room at the _____
26. Frosted _____
28. do you want him to see his shadow on Feb. 2nd?
29. ski resorts hope for lots of this
30. speedy practice during Lent?
31. "large" tuesday before Lent

DOWN

1. 2012, a high-jumping year? (two words)
3. he is celebrated March 19th
4. wintertime road hazard
6. animal activity in winter
8. another winter month (abbreviated)
10. surfing, but on snow
11. mix with milk or water
14. backyard wintertime sport
16. much use in winter, no use in summer
17. would come in handy in a snowball fight
18. fraser fir and _____ trees
21. first day of Spring in 2012
24. beginners often fall
26. unpopular Christmas snack (two words)
27. popular winter companion

GRADUATION 2012!

May 26th, 2012, at Christendom College in Front Royal, VA.



Most Reverend
Bishop Paul Loverde!

EWTN personality
Johnette Benkovic!



For complete graduation information including directions, times, and fees, please visit www.setonhome.org/grad2012. Also, check out Seton's 2012 graduation FACEBOOK page.

