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WEEKDAY MASSES
Monday-Friday at 12:05pm

WEEKEND MASSES:
Saturday *(Sunday Vigil)* at 5:00pm
Sunday at 8:00am, 9:30am & 11:30am

Misa en Español
Todos los Domingos a las 2:30pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday from 4:00-4:30pm *(or by appointment)*

LENTEN CONFESSIONS
Each Monday from 7:00-8:30pm

ADORATION
First Friday of each month
after the 12:05pm Mass

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - APRIL 3, 2022

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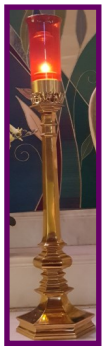
WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 4/2	5:00pm	Doctor Nido Valencia
Sunday *April 3rd* ***Fifth Sunday of Lent***	8:00am	Anne Lundgren Thomas Galuppo, Jr.
	9:30am	*Intentions of Father ST* Debbie Cortez
	11:30am	Henri Kyle Porzuelo Lexi Faye
Monday 4/4	12:05pm	Francis & Stella Covel *Intentions of Marvin & Kelly Carmona*
Tuesday 4/5	12:05pm	*Intentions of Bob & Maria Kristensen*
Wednesday 4/6	12:05pm	Thomas Galuppo, Jr. *Intentions of Eileen De Furia*
Thursday 4/7	12:05pm	Frances Agatino
Friday 4/8	12:05pm	Anthony Barletta
Saturday 4/9	5:00pm	James Sciorra Doreen Leveiro
Sunday *April 10th* ***Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord***	8:00am	Father Michael J. Burke *Intentions of Father ST*
	9:30am	Marlene Hasbrouck Lieutenant Kevin Ryan Herrmann
	11:30am	Charles Grotyohann Kathryn Brogan

SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE



The Sanctuary Lamp, which burns near the Tabernacle as a reminder of our Lord's presence in the Most Holy Eucharist, was given in loving memory of:

John J. Montefusco

The hosts and wine, which will become the Holy Body and Precious Blood of our Lord, were given in loving memory of:

Frances Agatino

May they now be resting in the peace of the Lord's heavenly kingdom!

OREMUS PRO INVICEM

Kindly remember in your prayers the following members of our parish family:

In Need of Your Prayers

Phyllis Adams, Meghan Aitkens, Donald Barletta, Leslie Blakely, Dorothy Charette, Carole Cohn, Geoffrey Crann, Father Angelus Croce, Archie DeMartino, Derya Demirtas, Katie DeSantis, Peggy DiBello, Kathie Fetchko, Dante Fortini, Theresa Fusco, Frances Gely, Joan Guerrieri, Janet Happel, Agnes Hayek, Patricia Sciarra Hoffangle, Janet Kelly, Patricia Lane, Elaine LeFever, Maria Lombardo, Frank Matthew, Deirdre Metzger, Kathy Modrow, Christine Morrell, Peter Murphy, Cheryl Ann Novak, Nicholina Henion, Eve Perron, Krystyna Poplawska, Fran Sanzo, George Scarpa, Frances Ann Sciarra, Eleanore Shaffer, Gloria Steets, Michael Squillante, Delia Sutton, Emma Testa, Noelle Thibault, Irene Towey, Daisy Valentin, Cathy Veluta, Deacon Thomas Zayac and Rita Zimich.

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Collection: $ 6,855
Online Giving: $ 1,559
Total Donations: $8,414

As a reminder, our weekly budget is still $10,000. As of January of this year, our snow removal costs have been $4,409.76 and the heating bill has been $ 6,924.39 (just for the church).

Thank you for your generosity!

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
April 10th
Saint Luke 19:28-40
Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Saint Luke 22:14-23:56

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Days of Abstinence: **No meat** may be eaten on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday for all those who are 14 years or older. *(This does not end at age 60).*

Days of Fast: A limit of one full meatless meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday *(for all who are 18-60 years old).*

Weekdays of Lent: There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are always a great way to be more involved during Lent.

Easter Duty Obligation: Every Catholic must receive Holy Communion and go to confession between the First Sunday in Lent and Trinity Sunday.

Acts of Devotion: are encouraged on a voluntary basis. These may include spiritual study, Lenten Devotions, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross and deeds of mercy and kindness. Of course, the greatest prayer and to receive the greatest fruits of the Lenten season is by participating in daily and Sunday Masses.

Eucharistic Fast: You should fast one hour from foods and liquids. *(Water and medicine are exceptions to this fast).*

CAMP COUNSELORS

Camp Auxilium is a summer day camp run by the Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco. If you are of high school or college age and would be interested in being a camp counselor, please contact:
Sister Elfie Del Rosario, FMA at: 973-383-2621
or: summercamp@campauxilium.org

FOOD PANTRY

Each week we continue to see more people needing food assistance. Therefore, we are asking you to kindly remember the following items when you are doing your own shopping:

- Salad dressings *(any kind)*
- Mustard *(spicy)*
- Taco kits
- Mayonnaise
- Frosting
- Coffee *(regular & decaf)*
- Crackers
- Cookies
- Vanilla pudding
- Pop-Tarts *(any kind)*
- Spaghetti-O's
- Dish detergent
- Laundry detergent
- Pull-ups *(sizes 4,5,6)*
- Dry dog food

Your generosity makes all the difference in the world to those who go without!

Saint Mother Teresa Food Pantry Volunteers

N.B. Our food pantry will be closed: Easter Monday, April 18th.

We are open the week before and the week after for any clients who are in need of food and other personal items.

HAIL MARY CAMPAIGN

We are now praying towards our two million Hail Mary's for the intention of **The United States of America.** Families, friends and neighbors are all asked to join us in praying for Mary's protection and intercession. Your total amounts of Hail Mary's may be e-mailed to: hailmarysfortheUSA@gmail.com.

Our total to date is: 1,753,479

FATHER ST'S HOMILY FROM LAST WEEK

Today's story of the Prodigal Son is only found in the Gospel of Saint Luke. This is the well-known story about a generous father and his two interesting sons.

The theme of this weekend is setup in the First Reading from the Book of Joshua, as he speaks about God the Father *"Removing the reproach of Egypt"* from them. In other words, God forgives them, in spite of their sinfulness, their unfaithfulness and their sense of entitlement as God's chosen people.

As usual and with the parables of Jesus, I always think about whom I most resemble in His stories. Today we are given three figures to think about: the generous and forgiving father, the somewhat faithful oldest son and his entitled, self-centered, but repentant younger brother. I say "somewhat oldest faithful son" because at the end of the story, the two sons exchange places. A sense of entitlement at the beginning of the story lands at the feet of the younger brother who demands his inheritance (which he feels he is due) and leaves his father's home and his place of work.

However, at the end of the story, when he finally repents of his evil ways and comes to his senses, it is the older son who shows his true colors of entitlement. Because he has been faithful throughout the years, by his service and obedience to his father, he now feels he is entitled to a feast with his friends. An interesting point to mention here is that the younger son is invited to a feast with his family, while the elder son wants a feast with just his friends.

So, who are we in this story? Are we the faithful parent waiting for our children to come to their senses and return home or at least repent of their ways? I am sure many of you are not praying they return home, but maybe, that they turn away from things that harm them is first and foremost in your minds.

Or are we like the older son, who think because we have followed the laws of God and the laws of the Church, that we are entitled to the feast? That God owes us heaven! Or maybe we are like the prodigal son (daughter), who has sinned many times and have finally come to our senses and return home?

It seems that one of the main points of this story is the forgiveness of the father, which ultimately lead us to think about the forgiveness of God the Father toward all His children (we who are faithful and even those of us who are wayward and stuck in our sinfulness). Throughout Scripture, the forgiveness of God is always misunderstood and not usually welcomed. Even in today's Gospel, the *"Pharisees and the scribes began to complain"* because Jesus welcomed and even worse, ate with sinners." He has told us so many times: *"It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners"* (Mark 2:17). And still, they did not understand.

When the Lord asks us to *"Forgive those who trespass against us"* and *"Forgive and you shall be forgiven"* each and every time, He is trying to teach us the importance and value in forgiveness.

It seems that the only times we understand and accept this teaching of forgiveness from God, is when we are the recipients. When it is offered to others, it is then we begin to murmur and complain (just like the older son did, just like the workers who received as much as those who worked less, just like the Scribes and Pharisees).

Each time I preach about this Gospel of the Prodigal Son, I always take a few moments and focus on a very short line that is often overlooked: *"While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was filled with compassion."* What this means is that the father was waiting for his son to return, like God the Father is always waiting for us to return. But we have to make the choice, we have to make the journey. Like the Prodigal Son, we have to *"Get up and go back."*

There is a beautiful picture of Jesus at the door of someone's home waiting to go inside. It is often overlooked that there is no door handle on his side. The painter wanted to illustrate for us the truth that Jesus is always at the door for us, but it is we who must open the door for Him. He will not force His way upon us. He will not knock or even tear down the door to save us. **It must be our decision!** It must be our change from evil to good, from the devil to Jesus. The Greeks have a great word for this turning which is "Metanoia" which means "turning around" to what gives us life.

If we are not the father or the younger son, then maybe we are like the older son. We feel that because we come to church, we make our donations, we fast, pray and even give to the poor, that our place in heaven, our inheritance, is secured. In the words of Jesus from last weekend's Gospel, the answer is: *"By no means!"* We must remember that this sense of entitlement is no better than the Prodigal Son asking for what he thought he was entitled to.

Finally, maybe we are like the Prodigal Son himself. Maybe we have done things in our lives that we feel God will never forgive us if He ever knew. First, I hate to be the one to tell you, but, He already knows. Secondly, just like the father in today's parable, God is waiting for us to return. But once again, we have to take the initiative and *"Get up and return."* We have to make the conscience decision to own our sinfulness and bring that before the Lord in the Sacrament of Confession. For just like the father, I sit in the confessional every Saturday afternoon, hoping and praying that you will return to our family, so that we can feast together once again at the table of the Lord. The only difference is that we are not fed with a young calf, but more important, the Lamb who takes away all our sins, Jesus Christ Himself present in The Most Blessed Sacrament.

So, this weekend, we are called to "turn around" to Him who gives life. We are called to join the banquet of life with our family of faith once we have repented, not only from our lives of dissipation, but from our sense of entitlement as well.

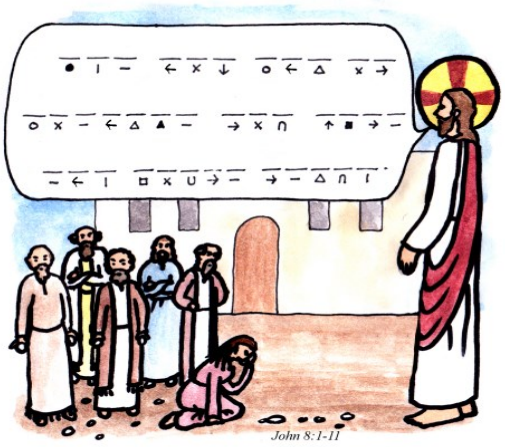
When you return to the Lord, I can promise you that I might not have a new robe for you to wear, or an expensive ring to put on your finger, but I will take the simple gifts of bread and wine and share with you the Body, Soul and Divinity of Him, who constantly is waiting for us to open the door to His love, His forgiveness and His Grace. It is then we can understand what Saint Paul meant in writing his Second Letter to the early Church living in Corinth: *"Behold new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ… not counting our trespasses"* but *"Entrusting us with the message of reconciliation."*

For we are called to what we prayed in today's Psalm: to *"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord."* And the only way we can do this is to *"Get up and return"* and *"Turn around to what gives us life"* to open the door to the Lord who waits for our return with love and forgiveness in His heart!

FAITH FORMATION

The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 3rd, 2022



In today's Gospel, the Pharisees ask Jesus whether they should obey their law and stone a woman who was a sinner. What did Jesus say to them? Use the code to find out!

A C E F H I L M N O R S T U W

PIZZA FUNDRAISER

The Don Bosco Columbiette Auxiliary #7784 is having a pizza fundraiser at the **Villa Capri Restaurant** on Route 206 in Newton on **Friday, April 8th**.
Please help the Columbiettes raise money for scholarships and local charities.
Villa Capri will donate $1.00 for every pizza sold that day.
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STORE HOURS:

Thursday and Friday:
10:00am-4:00pm
Saturday: 9:30am-12:30pm

SACRED HEART CENTER

Come join us for our monthly First Thursday Retreat at Sacred Heart Center **on April 7th, 2022** Our Theme will be:
"Renewed in Love".

Schedule:

9:00am	Arrival – "Coffee And"
9:30am	Opening Prayer
	Short Talk on Monthly Theme
10:45am	Eucharistic Adoration
	& opportunity for Confession
11:45am	End of Adoration – Preparation for Mass
12:00pm	Eucharistic Celebration
	Lunch and Departure

There is no need to pre-register. Instead of a set fee, we will have a "free will offering" box available for donations to cover our expenses. Thank you for whatever you can contribute.

For further information, e-mail us at:
shretreatcenter@gmail.com or 973-383-2620

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all of our Faith Formation students and their families that took the next step towards receiving their First Holy Communion by receiving the Sacrament of Penance.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday evening during Lent at 7:00pm

From March 4th through April 8th

*Also **every Friday** during Lent after the 12:05pm Mass*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Confession)

Monday evening
April 4, 2022
from 7:00-8:30pm

Hymns for Holy Mass this Weekend

PROCESSIONAL *"Lord Let Me Walk"*

Lord, let me walk that lonely road with You, under the weight of the wood. Lord let me walk that last mile in Your shoes, under the weight of the wood. **R.**

Refrain: Freedom can be found, laden down, under the weight of the wood.

Lord, let me cool Your lips, baked like clay, under the weight of the wood. Dried up like rain on a hot, dusty day, under the weight of the wood. **R.**

They gave You gall and sour wine for Your food, under the weight of the wood. Father forgive them; they don't know what they do, under the weight of the wood. **R.**

Lord, must the journey always end this way, under the weight of the wood? How many times have we nailed You up today, under the weight of the wood? **R.**

PSALM RESPONSE

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

OFFERTORY *"Tree of Life"*

Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry, in Your death we are reborn. Though You die in all of hist'ry, still You rise with ev'ry morn, still You rise with ev'ry morn.

Seed that dies to rise in glory, may we see ourselves in You. If we learn to live Your story we may die to rise anew, we may die to rise anew.

We remember truth once spoken, Love passed on through act and word. Ev'ry person lost and broken wears the body of our Lord, wears the body of our Lord.

Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit, come inflame our hearts anew. We may all Your joy inherit, if we bear the cross with You, if we bear the cross with You.

COMMUNION *"Come and Journey with a Savior"*

Come and journey with a Savior Who has called us from our birth, Who has washed us in the waters and Who loved us on the earth. **R.**

Refrain: Come and journey, come and journey with a Savior Who has come. We are all God's sons and daughters. In the Spirit we are one. In the Spirit we are one.

Come and journey, journey inward. Come and seek Him deep within, where He meets us in our living, in our striving and our sin. **R.**

Come and journey, journey outward. Telling others of His Name, telling others of His glory, of His Cross and of the shame. **R.**

RECESSIONAL *"O Salutaris"*

O salutaris hostia,
quae caeli pandis ostium:
Bella premunt hostilia,
da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino
sit sempiterna gloria,
qui vitam sine termino,
nobis donet in Patria.

LENTEN PRAYER

Lord, Jesus Christ,
take all my freedom,
my memory, my understanding
and my will.
All that I have and cherish,
You have given to me.
I surrender it all
to be guided by Your will;
Your grace and Your love
are wealth enough for me.
Give me only these, Lord Jesus
and I ask for nothing more.
Amen.

Saint Ignatius of Loyola

PLEASE SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT OUR PARISH FAMILY

I cried the day
you passed away,
and I still cry today.

Although I loved
you dearly,
I couldn't make
you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
hardworking hands at rest.
God broke my heart to prove to me
He only takes the best!

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This week we remember our fallen heroes:
Police Officer Dan Rocha,
Sergeant Kenneth Thurman, Sr.
and Sergeant Thomas Stanley.
We continue to pray for these heroes and
all those who have given of their very lives
in the course of serving
and protecting their communities.

LORD,
WHEN I CAN'T SAY
IT IN WORDS,
PLEASE LISTEN
THROUGH
MY HEART.

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- Saint Catherine of Siena

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit, was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with 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, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. I believe in One, Holy, catholic and Apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. ***Amen.***

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-Pope Leo XIII (1864)

In Loving Memory of

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