

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 27, 2022

Announced Masses

Saturday, March 26,

4 PM Joe Lang by Pat Newman

Sunday, Third Sunday of Lent, March 27,

9:00 AM Joe & Maria Meyer by Anna & Ron Meyer

11:15 AM James Mangano by Lucy Pasqualone

Monday, March 28,

9:00 AM John Walen

Tuesday, March 29,

9:00AM Jeanette Lannigan & Family by Rae Ann & Andrew Valenti

Wednesday, March 30,

9:00 AM No Mass

Thursday, March 31,

9:00 AM Suzie Mazzola

Friday, April 1,

9:00AM Karen Metner

Saturday, April 2, First Saturday

9:00 AM Roseann Donnadio (L) by Barbara & John Donnadio

4:00 PM Thomas Walsh by Pat Newman

Sunday April 3, Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Charles & Marie Meyer by Anna & Ron Meyer

11:15AM Gladys Caskey (L)

500

200 CLUB

#19 Elisa Joergle

Mass Book for 2022 is open.

The perfect prayer is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Why not offer this most special prayer to someone living who is need of special graces, or those who are deceased in need of special mercy.

Please fill the form kept at the back of the Church and return it to the Rectory either by Mail or in person or put it in the collection basket.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Andrew Valenti, Sr., Shane Kelsey, Lauren LaRuffa, Anne Suppa, Frances Sciarra, Michele Griesbaum, Lisa Donohue, James Valenti, Kathleen Quinn, Vincent Russo, Aliya Rachlin, Tara Byrne, Bob Einterz, Andrea Fedoruk, Nicky Castagna, Michael and Matthew Mclean, and Samantha. For Our Military Personnel: Vaughn Schlott, Ana Lucia Teran-Stasilli, Arianar Severf, Larry Weiss, Martin Kamen, Peggy Connolly, Mary Ann, Kimberly Chatfield, Isabella Marchese, Ira Glickler, Rose Infantino, Cathy Gerrard, Linda Bozza, Margaret Payne, Stephanie Freer Greyden Freer, Collen Kent, Karen Fullone, Carol Scott, Eileen Hoynes Hope Traver, Louise Smith, Karen Fullone, Stephen Scognamiglio, Pam Kocher, Gabriella Francesca Maria Paolini, Janice Mutia, Rose Ann Donnadio, Steven & Kelly Spencer, Pastor Linda Bohs, Jeanne Boyar Arniery, Lee VanSaaders, Barbara Donnelly and Mary Ann, Grace Garufi, Joe Garufi, Cheryl Novak, Melaina Elms, Neil R. Stasilli III, Michael Sherwood, Michael Jaszczak and Anthony Horecky.

CONTACT THE RECTORY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES NAMES TO BE ADDED IN PRAYER LIST

The Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, 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 seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it know that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word incarnate despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Please join us on Friday Evenings for the Stations of the Cross in the church at 7pm. It is a classic devotion!

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

There will be a second collection today for

Catholic Relief Services

They help poor children and families

Throughout the world!

Please be as generous as possible.

TODAY'S READINGS

(Scripture reflections also by Fr. Richard)

FIRST READING

In our reading from the Book of Joshua, we see God say something remarkable to the people of Israel. Now that they have grown wheat on the land that God claimed for them, and harvested wheat for the unleavened Passover cakes, God was now stopping his supply of "manna from heaven." They were now able to help themselves, so no need for God to continue to supply their food. The point is that God gives us what we need when we need it.

SECOND READING

In St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians he speaks about Christians as being ambassadors for Christ, that is, convincing people about the reconciliation of God and man through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

THE GOSPEL

In today's gospel we hear the classic parable of the prodigal son. I ask you to consider which one of the three fits your life today: Are you the impulsive pleasure loving young son, or the angry dutiful older brother, or the kind and forgiving father? This may give us insight.

SUNDAY COLLECTION: March 20, \$1,627.00

THE COLOR COPIER:

I just like to inform you that the New York Catholic Kolping Society, of which I am the Spiritual Director, has donated \$1,500.00 to our copier project. Their total was \$1,900.00. Add this to what our parish raised and we totaled \$6,280.00. This means our three-year lease for this new heavy-duty unit is paid in full, and with enough money left over for supplies. Well done!!

We can now copy the bulletin and adjust the cover to match the liturgical season, making our printed communication very current. We are also looking for brochure ideas that feature the specialness of our country parish, and we would like to distribute these to local homes and businesses. We hope to have it ready by Memorial Day Weekend. Our color copier is on the way to becoming our new evangelization tool.

THE CARDINAL'S APPEAL—update

Some amazing news I would like to share with you today. I received word that we just went over our goal of \$7,500 for the Cardinal's Appeal. I mean we are JUST over the goal of raising \$7,600. We should feel really happy about ourselves, because we are 1 of only 5 parishes who have made our goal out of 30 rural parishes!

However, we would like to go over goal even more, so we can use the extra funds to enhance our parish center with a new cross, new painted doors, new stained siding, a new sign and much more!

If you have helped us reach the Cardinal Appeal goal, Thank You!

If you can help us reach our Parish Center goal, then please send or pledge your donation to the Cardinal's Appeal, and have the majority of that money (60%) come back and help us right here at home!

God bless your generosity!

Wonderful things are happening here!

I AM AWARE THAT WE...

By Fr. Richard J. Bretone

I am aware that we have mentioned fundraising in the two entries regarding The Cardinal's Appeal and The Color Copier. As we continue our Lenten walk with Jesus and The Holy Family, now is a good time to mention the role that money has in our church, both the larger church (the Archdiocese) and our own local church (St. Anthony-St Thomas). Money is a tool to help bring about, witness to, the Kingdom: that simple, no more, no less.

We happen to have a money-based economy. In developing countries they grow goods and raise animals. At the "collection" they bring up produce and live chickens to help support their local church. It's their custom. In our culture we place a bill or check in the collection and it gets transformed into goods or services that can help our local church and larger church bring about the good intended by Jesus to help "the least in His kingdom."

The Cardinal's Appeal supports parishes that can't raise enough money to meet their expenses, so they stay open and can bring Jesus to others by administering the sacraments. People are helped because of the money given, and the Kingdom of God beams brightly in these communities. The same can be said of Catholic Charities' help of the poor that is made possible by our support—exchanging our donations for tangible items to help the poor survive, and, God willing, even thrive.

The same may be said of our copier that seeks to attract people to colorful images of our faith! Thy Kingdom come!