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He cried out in a loud voice,
“*Lazarus, come out!*”

John 11:43



Saturday, March 25

5pm **Jeanne Marie Barrett**

Celebrant: Fr. Diego

by Szczepankiewicz family

Sunday, March 26

7:30am **Paul Damiani**

Celebrant: Fr. Diego

by his family

9:00am **Kevin Burke**

Celebrant: Fr. Diego

by St. Luke Parish family

11:00am **Frank Amorelli, Sr &**

Anthony Amorelli

Celebrant: Fr. Alex

by Patricia Amorelli

Monday, March 27

9:00am **Nancy Perkins**

by Farmer family

Tuesday, March 28

9:00am **Bob Mathieu**

by his family

Wednesday, March 29

9:00am **Mitzi McLoughlin**

by her family

Thursday, March 30

9:00am **Special Intention**

Friday, March 31

9:00am **Brian Scott Sullivan**

by his family

Saturday, April 1

5pm **Karen & John Coax**

Celebrant: Fr. Diego

by their family

Sunday, April 2 Palm Sunday

7:30am **Mark Gagnon**

Celebrant: Fr. Diego

by Peggy Damiani

9:00am **John McKenna**

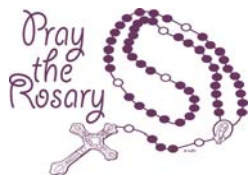
Celebrant: Fr. Diego

by family

11:00am **Frances Patrick Gillooly**

Celebrant: Fr. Alex

by her family



**We invite you to pray
the Rosary everyday after
the 9am weekday Mass
Monday through Friday**

Please Pray for...

Susan Bailey, Chloe Nascimento, Jonathan Tomashefsky,
Brian Howland, Michael LeBlanc, Mary Mahan, Becky Rawson
James Wright, Evelyn Croteau, Beth Lambert, Lynn St. Jean
Annabelle Duvane, Shirley DePalma, Agnes Limberger, Zachary Collins,
Tiffany Kelley, Paul Fallon, Margie Morcone, Sharon Beaulieu,
Stephen & Kimberly Bankcroft, Peg Christensen, Toby Claufon,
Dawn Haight, Carol Aloisi, Teresa Putnam, Carmelia Potenti,
Leanne McCann, Ellie Carlson, Jane Burke, Hayleigh Scott,
Kellan Keough, Dorothy Clinton, Sr. Pamela Philbin, Karen Mooney,
Jim Killeen, Luis Ferreria, Helen Galica, Erik Olsen, Vicki Foley,
Brendon Crowley, Richard Kane, Grace Roche, Jack Curtin, Jim Bennett,
John Lynch, Kathleen Farrar, Kirolos Gergis, Gregg Merloni, Tome Valadao,
Maryann Bisco, Susan Garry, Melvin Boucher, T.J. Bautz, Joan Fallon,
Nancy Camp, David Perry, Lucia Engdahl, John Durnan, Linda Darby,
Nancy Santory, Laconya Mobley, Demetrius Mobley, Maria Matejko,
Gary Wilson, Jr., Debbie Giroux, Kevin & Donna Brennan, Luz Chavez,
Mary Payant, Nick Johnson, James Thomas, Christina Narensky,
Alyssa Bloom, Ann Martin, Michael Berthuime, Trisha Suzi, Norman Beland,
Hailie McLatchey, Barbara Auger, Barbara Barnes, Doris Biedermann,
George Cabana, Beverly Taylor, Jeanne Amendola, Jack Walker, Daniel Baker
Rebecca Coax, Robert Trant, Michael McAndless, Michael Del Pozzo,
Edward Hubbell, Claire Kennedy, Susanne Ollman, Joel Rivera,
Frank Sannelli, Pat & John Lusek, Michael Zanczewicz, Kristy Cautello,
Judy Melfa, Neil Kenny, Joseph Malzone, Lois Kerbel, Michael Turpin,
Elise Ollman-Kahle, Patricia Amorelli, Connor Blaney, Debbie Krikler,
Austin Tomalewski, Gary Shults, Erin Magrane, George Beecher

**Let us remember to pray for all the men and women who are over
seas in harm's way.**

We remember those who have died

Hannah Bhatt

**EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT & ADORATION
TUESDAY 9:30AM TO 6:00PM
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm
Prayers For Sanctity of Life 5:00pm
BENEDICTION AT 6:00PM**





John's gospel is my favorite. There are many elements and details I love about this gospel. The various images and symbols the evangelist uses to present Jesus stir up our imagination and invite us to look beyond. One of those elements is the constant tension and increasing animosity between Jesus and the leaders of Israel (sometimes called "The Jews.")

Indeed, Jesus' ministry was a source of pre-occupation for the status quo of many people in Israel. The proclamation of the Kingdom of God turned upside down the intentions of many. However, the more Jesus' foes pressed on him, the greater the signs he performed.

Up to now, we have listened to two different encounters of Jesus with some characters: the Samaritan woman and the man born blind. Those episodes serve the purpose of revealing Jesus as the Son of God, the Messiah. This fifth Sunday of Lent, we listen to the last passage in the gospel of John before Holy Week: the resurrection of Lazarus.

The context of this passage is the increasing tension between Jesus and the authorities. They are closely watching Jesus to get something to accuse him. Not only them, the people in general are desperate to hear from Jesus if he is or not the Messiah. Despite the signs he already had performed, many people are still waiting for a confirmation of their hopes for the greatest leader of Israel, the Messiah of God.

And then Jesus receives news of the death of his beloved friend Lazarus. As he shows up at his friends' house, the most dramatic sign is about to happen: Jesus brings his friend Lazarus back from death.

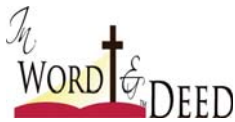
There are many questions this passage can bring up to our minds. I am not intended to answer them. I want to point out the element I mention already, the greater the difficulty, the greater the sign. In previous passages Jesus dealt with the rejected, the sick, the blind, the condemned ones. Now Jesus shows his power over the greatest fear and source of stress of every human being: death.

I like to see in this gospel a challenge to my unbelief. Life can be hard and raw, and certain situations turn it upside down. We go losing hope that anything can be better. We are tired of trying and fighting. The smell of failure and frustration is already stinking our life. That is the moment we should invite Jesus to our house as Martha and Mary did. He probably will take his time to show up, as he did in the gospel.

We must trust. Our beloved friend Jesus is there for us. He knows how to bring us back to life. It might be unclear, but the power of God surpasses all human understanding. It is the time to do the big step of faith and to let Jesus come into our tombs and untie the bands of death that prevent us from going on.

Let us take advantage of this last week of Lent to put all those situations and people who need the loving intervention of Jesus to turn what is dead into life.





In the movie, *Karate Kid*, Daniel practices different movements through activities that are totally unrelated to karate. ‘Wax on, wax off’ and other chores serve to teach him basic moves. His instructor shows him how to put it all together and that one moment is the insight he needs to understand what he has already learned.

The Lenten readings form a catechism that teaches the lessons of the spiritual life. Our struggle with temptation (1st Sunday of Lent) opens us to God’s transforming grace (2nd Sunday). Strengthened and renewed by grace (3rd Sunday), our blindness is lifted and we see God’s will more clearly and proclaim our faith in Jesus (4th Sunday). This pattern of spirituality defines our life of faith. We struggle with temptation and are changed by the grace we receive. Our experience of God renews us and we seek greater clarity in our understanding and love of Him.

These lessons all prepare us for the greatest and final lesson. Filled with God’s Spirit, the very life and breath of God, we are given new and eternal life. Like the people of Ezekiel’s time, or Lazarus, we are called to life in God, never to be separated from Him. It is this promise of the Lord that gives us hope and strength to seek Him, to find Him and to love Him forever.

James Gaffney



“Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’” (JOHN 11:40) Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren’t going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God’s active presence in our daily lives and we become “partakers of the divine nature.”

Rectory Office & Finance Office
are now located in the Parish Center
1 Ruggles Street
To see Maria or Linda visit them in their
new office in the Parish Center.
All Parish offices are closed on Friday.

Holy Week

HOLY THURSDAY ~ April 6



7:00 am Morning Prayer in Church
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper

GOOD FRIDAY ~ April 7



7:00 am Morning Prayer in Church
12:00 noon Congregational Church
3:00 pm Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion

HOLY SATURDAY ~ April 8



7:00 am Morning Prayer in Church
7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY ~ April 9



7:30 am
9:00 am
11:00am
12:30pm (Spanish)

We have arranged with Westborough Cable TV to broadcast the following liturgies:

7:00pm Holy Thursday, March 6
7:00pm Good Friday, March 7
7:30pm Holy Saturday, March 8
9:00am Easter Sunday, March 9

THE FOREVER YOUNG

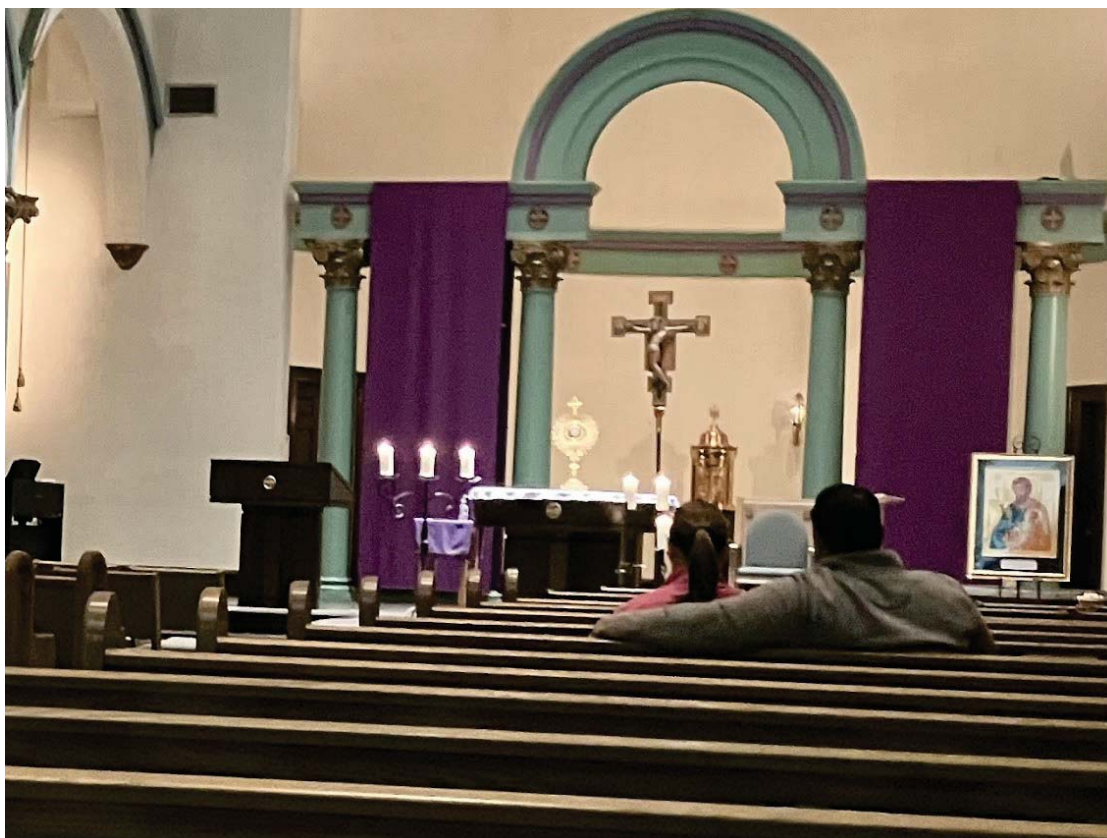
(St. Luke’s Senior Adults)

Welcome Seniors

Gathering – Refreshments
Short Business Meeting
Program of the Month
4th Monday of the Month
9:45 – 11:30 a.m.



Come join us for a fun-filled morning
playing Bingo!
Prizes will be given.
Save the date – March 27, 2023



Chris and Tiffany Kelley spent time together before the Blessed Sacrament in the early morning hour of 2:00 am during St Luke's over-night adoration to celebrate the feast of St Joseph.

TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT

Wednesday, Mar 29th at 6:00pm in Church

An opportunity to come together for a time of praise and worship, and to listen to His Word as we seek to be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Morning Prayer (*Laudes*)

Wednesdays, 7:00 AM in Church

Morning Prayer (or *Laudes*) is the first prayer in the morning that monks, priests, nuns, and consecrated people are bound to pray daily. It's a selection of psalms, bible readings, and hymns that help us to keep the rhythm of prayer as we consecrate every hour of the day to the Lord.



STAY CONNECTED!

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 7 PM

Let us walk the way of the cross together at 7 PM every Friday of Lent. Looking for volunteers to read, sing or carry the cross to the stations. I

If you are interested, please contact Ramona N Michael at n.ramona.m@gmail.com.

In addition to 7:00pm on Friday evenings, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed 9:30am on Friday mornings.



**Save these Dates
Vacation Bible School
July 31-August 4th.**

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5 PM, in Spanish 7 PM

**Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:00AM,
11:00AM**

Weekday Masses

**Monday through Friday,
9:00 AM**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Please contact the Rectory for
information*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

*Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45PM ~ also by
personal request
Reconciliation Room is handicapped
accessible*

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

*Please contact a Priest at least six months
in advance*

VISITATION OF THE SICK

Our extraordinary ministers are always pleased to bring the Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to join us for weekly worship. If you or a family member would like to receive Communion, please call the Rectory. If you know of someone from the parish who is in the hospital, please let us know.

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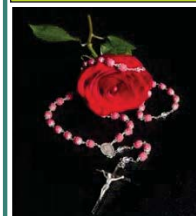
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