



1st *Sunday*
OF LENT

St. Anthony

Belleville, MI
March 10, 2019



Falsehoods and Evil Perpetuated

Years ago, I recall hearing the epitaph: "The Devil has won in our time, because he has managed to convince people that he does not exist." I believe this is particularly true today. I can offer much as proof but will focus instead on just two cases that reveal much about the practices and social mindset of our country's primary media outlets.

Since January, this country has experienced, in the words of the *Wall Street Journal*, two media bonfires – over Covington Catholic's high school students and actor Jussie Smollett – whose common element is the reflexive judgment that much of American society is irredeemably bigoted.

The first incident occurred in front of the Lincoln Memorial between students from Covington, Kentucky and a Native American drummer. Within minutes of a video emerging showing a white, Catholic student smiling into the face of the Native American, the media (newspapers, TV and social media), erupted with condemnation of the teenager.

That version of events, a subsequent video made clear, was false ... Which is to say the media condemnation of the Covington Catholic students as racist was false.

Now to the Jussie Smollett incident – allegedly a racially motivated street attack in Chicago. The national media bought it hook, line and fake noose, again turning a presumed "hate crime" into an indictment of America. Reporters in Chicago, a city with a tradition of street-reporting basics, relied on

their sources in the police department to cast doubt on what had happened. The city has now charged Mr. Smollett with filing a false police report, in this instance a felony offense. He denies it.

Looking for some sanity? Listen to Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson's remarks on Mr. Smollett: "This publicity stunt was a scar that Chicago didn't earn and certainly didn't deserve. To make things worse, the accusations within this phony attack received national attention for weeks. Celebrities, news commentators and even presidential candidates weighed in on something that was choreographed by an actor."

Maybe, as an actor, Mr. Smollett knew his audience – the elite media – would elevate him to political martyrdom, and it did. With Covington and now this, a rush to judgment rooted in a false view of this country's values produced, as Chief Johnson noted, more gratuitous anxiety and polarization.

The question that arises here is why? Why would our news media deliberately report false or "fake" news? Is it because, against their better judgment, their wish was to be the first to report a jaw-dropping story? Was it to boost their ratings? Or was it something more sinister? Was it to forward an agenda designed to mislead and, ultimately, divide our society?

Whatever the motivation, reporting a story on national television that many in the ranks of the media either knew or at least suspected from the start was a hoax is dishonest; it's lying ... and lying is sinful; it's evil. And the root of evil is its master: Satan.

In today's Gospel, Jesus meets Satan face-to-face. Christ answers

all of his so-called arguments and false promises. Jesus shows His followers that He has come not to bargain with the devil but to destroy him.

As followers of Christ today, you and I began our life in Christ by rejecting Satan in the ceremony of baptism. Again and again we are invited to repeat that renunciation of the Evil One.

Mr. Smollett deserves to be punished for his hoax to deter others. The media's punishment will be its continuing loss of public credibility.

Beware, lest we too be caught up in the current emotional arguments and extreme political agendas circulating in the media. Just as we should always guard ourselves against joining into idle gossip designed to divide groups of people in our own parish. Words can cut like a knife. The goal of Christianity, as our goal as Christ's followers should be, to bring people together in the communion and love of Christ.

God bless you!

**FATHER JOHN'S
EXPLORING THE
OLD TESTAMENT
IS MEETING EVERY
SATURDAY
FOLLOWING
6:00 PM MASS**

	Readings	Mass Intentions	Parish Events
Saturday March 9th	Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab] Lk 5:27-32	6:00 PM Dorothy Butzin † rb Joan Huziak	8:00 AM Rosary 10:00 AM CYO 7:00 PM Family Fully Alive 7:00 PM Retrouvaille 8:00 PM AA
Sunday March 10th First Sunday of Lent	Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13	8:30 AM Brenda & Dusty Rhodes † rb Tom & Sandy Sienko 10:30 AM Todd Atchinson † rb his dad, Kurt	Daylight Saving Time Begins 10:00 AM CYO 10:30 AM RCIA 10:30 AM Early Childhood Program 11:00 AM AA 5:15 PM MS Youth Group 7:00 PM HS Youth Group
Monday March 11th	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b] Mt 25:31-46	8:00 AM Rev Daniel Murphy † rb the parish	5:00 PM Faith Formation 6:00 PM Boy Scouts 6:30 PM Faith Formation
Tuesday March 12th	Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b] Mt 6:7-15	8:00 AM Rev John J Sheridan † rb the parish	10:00 AM FISH 5:00 PM CYO 6:00 PM Rosary 7:00 PM Welcome Team 7:30 PM Praise Group
Wednesday March 13th	Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b] Lk 11:29-32	8:00 AM Margaret Fink † rb Carolyn & Jim Larkin	5:00 PM St Vincent de Paul 5:30 PM Cantor/Choir 5:45 PM AHG 7:00 PM Boy Scout Committee 7:00 PM AA 7:00 PM Evening Prayer / speaker 8:00 PM CYO
Thursday March 14th	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a] Mt 7:7-12	8:00 AM Kevin Kendra † rb Bob & Marcia Warren	5:00 PM CYO 7:00 PM Lenten Meal Set up
Friday March 15th	Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3] Mt 5:20-26	8:00 AM Rev Timothy Bourke † rb the parish	5:00 PM CYO 5:30 PM Lenten Mean 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM CS Derby Set up 7:30 PM AA
Saturday March 16th	Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b] Mt 5:43-48	6:00 PM Brandon Ion ♥ rb Conroy family	8:00 AM Rosary 8:00 AM Pinewood Derby 8:00 PM AA
Sunday March 17th Second Sunday of Lent	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14[1a] Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1 Lk 9:28b-36	8:30 AM Sgt John R Willis † rb Tom Sienko 10:30 AM Joseph M McArthur † rb Janet McArthur	10:00 AM CYO 10:30 AM RCIA 10:30 AM Early Childhood Program 11:00 AM AA 5:00 PM SAME 7:00 PM HS Youth Group

Soup & Salad Lenten Meal

Offered on

Friday, March 15
Friday, March 29
Friday, April 12

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Hosted by the Men's Club

Free Will Donations Accepted

March 16th & 17th Ministers of the Liturgy

	6:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
EMHC	Tony Attard <i>Linda Zywicki</i> <i>Margot Shields</i> Dena Whittaker	Art LaChapelle <i>Tony Pappas</i> Norm Wisniewski Mark Laginess Pat Howard <i>Mary McLaughlin</i>	<i>John Bleecker</i> <i>Mary Bleecker</i> Louis Kovach Teresita Acosta Carolyn Larkin Sharon Pokerwinski
Lector	Shirley Thompson	Phil LeBar	John Burke
Altar Server	Carleigh DeBrock Garrett DeBrock	Chiara Oxender Nicholas Oxender	Katie Nguyen Kiera Nguyen

DIRECTORY

stanthonybelleville.com

PASTOR

Fr. John Kiselica

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Rev. Mr. John Burke

FAITH FORMATION 699-3373

DRE: Joyce Hansen

YOUTH MINISTRY 699-3373

Youth Minister: Jenifer Cwiek

MUSIC MINISTRY 476-5842

Music Director: Barb Tritten

RECTORY OFFICE 697-1211

409 W. Columbia Avenue

Business Manager: Cynthia Weipert

stanthony48111@yahoo.com

BULLETIN EDITOR

Tee Dore, stanthony.teedore@gmail.com

FINANCE COUNCIL

Frank Trupiano, 699-9627

COMMISSIONS

Leadership Team

stanthonyleadershipteam@yahoo.com

Art LaChapelle, President

Mickey Dore, Vice President

Phil LeBar, Secretary

Starr Burke, Worship Commission Rep

Sharon Manier, Finance Commission Rep

Jennifer Burger, Education Rep

Worship Commission

Starr Burke, 697-7517

New Evangelization Commission

Mickey Dore, 123mickeyd@gmail.com

PARISH COMMITTEES & GROUPS

Catholic Social Action

Crisis Pregnancy Hotline, 800-Bethany

Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-4355

Project Rachel Ministry, 888-722-4355

CYO (Youth Athletics)

Leonard Szweda, 699-3519

Knights of Columbus

William Alati, 347-0426

Men's Club/Ushers

Leonard Szweda, 699-3519

Natural Family Planning

Rachel Faitel, 697-2988

RCIA

Carol Uhal, 485-7544

Darrel Recker, 572-0157

St. Theresa Circle

Betty Kurczewski, 699-2608

St. Vincent de Paul

Contact Rectory, 697-1211

Welcome Team

Linda LeBlanc, 262-5008

Carol Ann Pesta 697-0500

Scouting

American Heritage Girls,

Angela Vinarcik, 697-7756

Boy Scouts, Jeff Smith, 699-7994

Cub Scouts, Misty Myers, 512-3487

Archdiocese of Detroit: www.aodonline.org

FORMED log in:

stanthonybelleville.formed.org

Prayer Community

Rosary

Tuesdays 6:00 PM

Wednesdays/Cedar Woods 10:30 AM

Weekdays after morning Mass
(when leaders are available)

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Weekdays before morning Mass

End Abortion

Saturdays 8:00 AM

Prayer Request Line

Call 697.7424 or 697.4064

Schedule of Masses

Saturday: 6:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM

Daily: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM

Holy days: 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

National Holidays: 9:00 AM

Reconciliation

(Confession)

Saturday 4:30-5:30 PM

and by private arrangement.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

**The Faith Community of
St. Anthony Parish,
Belleville, open to the
Spirit as disciples of
Jesus Christ, envision
our mission as
Proclaiming, Witnessing
and Celebrating the
Kingdom of God among
us through Service,
Healing and
Reconciling Love.**

We Returned to God

February 2019

Envelopes	\$ 28,837.17
Loose	2,852.39
Online	3,710.00
Holy Day	25.00
Total Gifts	\$ 35,424.56

Monthly Budget \$ 37,461.14

Fiscal Year to Date

Total Gifts	\$ 339,523.00
Budget	335,015.86
	\$ 4,507.14

Annual Budget \$ 501,000.00

Registered Families	792
Envelopes Issued	642
Envelopes Used	189
Online Givers	32



Our Friends, Family and Loved Ones . . .

Norman Halloran
Bryan Killingbeck
Enrica Hensley
Jerry Cotner

For Those who serve overseas . . .

Lieutenant Red Powell
Marine Corps Cody S. Pratt
Marine Corps David A. Gurunian
Master Sgt, Daniel Babcock
PFC Michael C. Davis
PFC Zach Rhodes
SPC Lawrence J. Maples, Sr.
SPC Travis Weber
Staff Sergeant Alejandro Gonzalez
Staff Sergeant Theresa Gonzalez

*The prayer list is updated monthly.
To continue prayers or to add the
names of your loved ones, please
contact the parish office.*

Come Enjoy a Performance by the Tatry Dancers

The PRCUA (Polish Roman Catholic Union of America) Tatry Dancers would like to invite you to an afternoon of Traditional Polish dance. The Tatry Dancers are holding their 49th Annual Dance Recital at 3:00pm on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at Lincoln Park High School, 1650 Champaign, Lincoln Park, MI. Ticket donations are \$8.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the door.

Please come for a fun afternoon of traditional Polish Dance! Please note, this is a donation, so no one will be turned away! The Tatry Dancers just want to share this traditional dance and hopefully make people smile!



Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection, and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Cleveland Pilgrimage of Historic Churches

On March 28-29, for two full days, you are welcome to join *Prayer Pilgrimages* in Cleveland as we plan to tour & visit the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Conversion of St. Paul Shrine, & eleven other significant Catholic Churches known for their architectural beauty and historic significance. Guided tours & daily Holy Mass included. One night lodging at Days Inn near downtown. Deluxe motorcoach pickups Thursday early morning & returns Friday evening from Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish Center in Sterling Heights and Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. Total cost per person, including hotel lodging, is \$210 (single); \$180 (double); \$170 (triple); \$160 (quad). To reserve and/or more information: Michael Semaan at (248) 250-6005 and/or visit www.prayerpilgrimages.com.



Camp Sancta Maria

Camp Sancta Maria is honored to have a role in the process of forming young Christian lives.

At Camp Sancta Maria, your son will experience 1 – 2 weeks full of fun, personal growth and spiritual development in a technology free zone.

Their time at camp is filled with activities for everyone: horseback riding, swimming, ropes course, sports, arts and crafts and more.

But most importantly their times at CSM is balances out the physical activates with a strong spiritual environment with campers attending daily Mass, praying the angelus and having quiet time to reflect on their relationship with Christ.

To learn more about Camp Sancta Maria or to register, visit CampSanctaMaria.aor.org.

ROSARY RALLY

Sat, March 23

12:00 noon

Divine Child Marian Shrine

1001 N. Silvery Lane,

Dearborn, MI 48128

in front of
Divine Child High School

Please join us as we all come together and pray the Rosary in public to honor Mary, our Blessed Mother. Winter Rosary Rallies will be held based on weather conditions for that day. If the roads are too bad to travel, the rally will be cancelled. If the weather is questionable, please call Virginia May at 734-748-4442 or Linda Wielkopolan at 313-563-2427 for verification.

Upcoming Rosary Rallies: April 13, May 11, June 15, July 13 and August 10

Baby Bottle Boomerang

St Anthony will participate in the Baby Bottle Boomerang this Lenten season. Bottles will be available this weekend. Please fill and returned by March 24th.



Disposal of Palms

Holy palms should be returned to nature. If you take your palm home, it may be kept as a holy item. Should you wish to dispose of it, you may bury it or burn it and spread the ashes outside.



Sharing the Gospel

Jesus was powerful, and the devil knew it. Jesus could have used the power he had selfishly, to get whatever he wanted - food, land to rule, or even angels to come running. Instead, Jesus chose to save his power to do what God wanted.

Prayer

Dear God, help me not to be selfish. Help me to be more like Jesus.

©2008 - PO Box 510817, New Berlin, WI 53151-0817 - 1-800-950-9952 x2469 - LPiResourceCenter.com

Adult Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday

Are you an adult who has never been confirmed? If you have been baptized and received First Eucharist, but for some reason have never been confirmed, your opportunity is coming up! Pentecost Sunday this year is June 9th. The Confirmation Mass will be at 11 am at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit.

In order to be confirmed as an adult you will be required to attend six classes. The classes will be held at a central location in the vicariate. You must register with our Faith Formation office to be confirmed and attend the classes. Call the office if you would like to be confirmed this Pentecost.



Youth Group Presents....
Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt
With Hop-spitality from our very own men's club!

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Easter egg hunt! Join us Palm Sunday after the 10:30 mass to find candy and prizes scattered in eggs in our little courtyard! The Men's club will be offering coffee and donuts and youth group will be sponsoring not only the hunt but coloring pages and other activities. We hope to see you there!

God bless!

jenifercwiek@gmail.com

734-674-8650

I look forward to serving you in any way I can!

Faith Formation

The three pillars of Lent, prayer, fasting and almsgiving come from Matthew 6 which we heard proclaimed on Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. The one common thread throughout Jesus' teaching is the need to perform each pillar without being a hypocrite. A hypocrite brags about praying, fasting and giving alms to earn admiration. Instead, we are called to do these things for God and for him alone.

This is why the best way to encourage the three pillars of Lent is at our homes. Some families will already have ideas for their Lenten commitments and some will need new ideas.

Here are some Lenten ideas from my family that your family may want to try.

1. Each year our family keeps our Christmas cards and we bring them out during Lent. We hold the family in prayer during that day. Sometimes we recall some special things we remember about the people we got the card from.
2. Each week when we go grocery shopping, we add some extra nonperishable items to our cart to donate to our parish. That way it is done over a period of time so the financial impact isn't as large at one time.
3. We always take at least one RCIA prayer card to use as a reminder to pray for not only that person, but all those in RCIA.

I hope you and your family will use these ideas or come up with some of your own to embrace the cross and practice the three pillars of Lent.

Joyce Hansen