

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 26, 2023

FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS:

Dear sisters and brothers of Sacred Heart:

In today's Gospel Jesus addresses our deepest fears—the fear that death is the end; that it is annihilation and oblivion for me personally and for those whom I love. The Lord addresses those fears firmly and decisively: No, he says, I did not make you for death but for life. Look with the eyes of faith, understand, and believe how precious you are to me; could I ever let you be lost? . . . At the news of the death of Lazarus, the Scripture states very simply: Jesus wept. He cried with the same tears that have too often filled our own eyes and the eyes of people throughout the world and down through the centuries at the loss of a loved one—a father or mother, husband or wife, son or daughter, or best friend—snatched away by death, seemingly forever. Jesus wept, forcing even his enemies to admit: “See how much he loved him.” The tears of Jesus were genuine; they were not an illusion or a deception, but rather were born of a deep and lasting friendship for Lazarus and his sisters. And yet, mysteriously, Jesus allowed his friend to die. Could not he, some said, who opened the eyes of that blind man have done something to stop this man from dying? The two sisters themselves, who knew and believed in Jesus as intensely as anyone were yet moved to say, almost accusingly: “Lord if you had been here, our brother would not have died.” We have undoubtedly asked the same question ourselves on more than one occasion. And the Lord does not answer us directly any more than he answered Martha in our Gospel. He says to us what he said to her: “I am the Resurrection and the Life; whoever believes in me, though he should die, will live . . .” words that we repeat with hope in our funeral liturgy. In St. John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus is the greatest of the signs of Jesus, signs which offer a foretaste, a preview of what is to come—they are not the goal but point toward it: toward eternal life with the God who is the source and the goal of all life. And because the signs are simply a preview, not even Lazarus is permanently delivered from death. . . . unlike Jesus who emerges on Easter Sunday from his tomb, leaving the burial shroud behind: he has passed definitely to a new life; and it is in this new life which he has gained for us that we find our hope, that we find the courage to face the future—our future—not with fear and anxiety, but with confidence and with peace in our hearts.

In His Grace,

Fr. John Gruben

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR, Pastor

Fr. Eric Crelencia

PALM CROSS FUNDRAISER TODAY

We will be selling Palm Crosses after All the Masses. Please help support the parish with the purchase of a palm cross.

LENTEN MOVIE NIGHT THURSDAY, MARCH 30TH AT THE LAFAYETTE THEATER “THE ROBE” 7PM

**Tickets available at the rectory
\$15pp and groups of 3 or more \$12**

One of the best Biblical epics of all time, based on a best-selling novel by Lloyd C. Douglas. It tells the story of a Roman, played by Richard Burton, who oversaw the Crucifixion of Christ and who later is converted to Christianity.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Responsorial Psalm:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

For with the Lord is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption, and he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.

LENTEN OBSERVANCES STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Thursday Evening at 7:00pm in Spanish

Every Friday Evening at 7:00pm in English

April 7, Good Friday Stations – 5:30pm English and
7:00pm Spanish

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Reconciliation Monday:

April 3rd - 2pm to 4:00pm & 6pm to 9:00pm

Blessed Sacrament exposed throughout Monday

Wednesday, April 5th – 12:00 noon – 1:00pm

Holy Saturday, April 8th – 3:00pm – 5:00pm

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

4th Sunday of Lent – \$14,677.
Last Year's – \$13,208.
Catholic Relief - \$3,369.
Last Year's - \$3,535

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 26

Monday, March 27

Religious Ed. – Grade 6 – 4:30

Tuesday, March 28

Religious Ed. – Gr. 3-5 – 4:30pm

Religious Ed. – Gr. 7 & 8 – 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 29

IHM – 7:30pm in the church

Thursday, March 30

The Robe at Lafayette Theater – 7:00pm

Friday, March 31

Saturday, April 1

Rel Ed Grades 1 & 2-9:30am



CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

To date our parish has received \$22,290. Toward our goal of \$104,000. Please support this important effort for the church in New York and our own parish.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY EASTER BASKETS

The baskets will be distributed on Monday, **April 3rd from 10am until 12:00pm** in the parking lot (drive through only). Please contribute if possible. This event is to help the needy in our midst with the help and support of the Suffern Community Foundation. Thank you for your help!

AFTERNOON AT THE RACES THE SONS OF ITALY

The Vincent Linguanti Lodge of the Suffern Sons of Italy is hosting "Day at the Races" in our School Cafeteria.

Saturday, April 29, 2023 – 12pm to 4pm

\$10 pp All are welcome for a fun time. With pizza, hot dogs, drinks, and dessert. Proceeds to benefit Lodge Charities.

SACRED HEART PARISH 25TH AND 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MAY 21ST, 2023

On May 21, 2023, our parish will honor all those celebrating these milestone anniversaries at the 10:00am Mass followed by a reception. If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime this year, please contact the Rectory Office and let us know. **845-357-0035**.

LENTEN MITE BOX CATHOLIC CHARITIES COMMUNITY SERVICES

Please consider incorporating the "MITE BOX" into your Lenten Almsgiving efforts. All the parishes in our county are being asked to join together in support of the charitable efforts of CCCSR. This year, as you might imagine, the need is greater than ever.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOME 125 Sisters Servants Lane, Sloatsburg, NY PRESENTS

ROCK THE NIGHT AWAY SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023

Doors Open At 5:30pm Followed by Dinner and Entertainment.

Tickets: \$75 -Buffet Catered Dinner by Character's Restaurant. Live Performances by

DIANA ROSS ELVIS PRESLEY THE BEATLES

Limited seating please call for reservations-845-753-2555. Raffles, Food, Live Entertainment.!

ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL 118 S Main St., New City, NY 10956

This year marks the 10th year since the closure of the school. A School Wide Reunion is being planned for Saturday, June 10 at 6:30pm in the Zoeller Center at St. Augustine's Church. All Students, Faculty and family are welcome to attend. That's 52 years' worth of students and faculty, please spread the word.

Email at: staugreunion@gmail.com

SISTERS OF LIFE

Providing Life-affirming choices for women: Here in the Archdiocese of

New York, there are many resources that provide women facing unplanned pregnancies with alternatives to abortion. If you know

someone who is struggling, please urge them to contact: www.visitationcenterus.org or call (877)777-1277.

Facebook: Saint Augustine School Reunion Group
Instagram: @staugustinereunion





Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them:

Theresa Anselmi, Emil Boss, Joe Bauer, Baby Braven Ryan, Elantoniette Camagong, Ronald Carlucci, Siobhan Casey, Angie Clifford, Joseph Collins Jr., Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Fr. Frank Cregan, Laudelina Crowley, Janet Curcione, Joe Davey, Carol Deery, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Marge Diebner, Karen DeJoie, Mary Discini, John Duffy, Ginny & Sonny Figula, William Figundio, Stefanie Gaudelli, John Genardi, Teddy Girvan, Joseph Gilson, Debra Gravina, Nick Gravina, Mary Guarnieri, Senan Halpin, Clement & Maureen Hayes, John Hughes, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Kathleen Keane, Thomas Kelly, Eileen Kennedy, Rick Konrad, Steven C. Klumpp, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Robert Liggio, Ginger Listwan, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Jacob Mendelsohn, Joyce Miller, Iraida Molina, Barbara Neilson, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Nancy Overend, Leona Overend, Nolita Padilla, Joseph Payne, Shace Paljusevic, Noreen Pidgeon, Barbara Procopio, James Procopio, Louis Paturzo, Charles Picarelli, Danny Ranke, Della Russell, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, Abdul Shakur, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Thomas Sullivan, Rose Stark, Maureen Starke, Lindsey Sterling, Shaun Stein, Patricia Steiper, Janet Tamburro, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, and Christopher Yan.

ALTAR MEMORIALS MARCH 26, 2023

**Altar Candles In Memory of
MARGARET & CLARENCE FLETCHER**

**Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of
SUSANA KIN**

FOR OUR ARMED FORCES & FIRST RESPONDERS OF ALL KINDS, AND OUR DOCTORS & NURSES

We pray for all the men and women serving our country
AND especially the sons and daughters, grandchildren
and loved ones of our parishioners.



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family
members and loved ones:

Especially: **CARMELA SAUNDERS**



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

**9:00AM DAILY – (MONDAY – SATURDAY)
SATURDAY VIGILS – 5:30PM AND 7:15PM (S)
SUNDAYS**

**8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM 4:00PM (S) AND
5:30PM**

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

9:00am – † Judith Brucato

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

5:30pm – Vigil Mass – † Patricia Diamond

7:15pm – Vigil Mass – Special Intention

Stanley & Margaret Dorsainville

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

8:30am – † Josephine Martino

10:00am – † John Spano

11:30am – † Albert & Carmela La Bruna

4:00pm – † Spanish – Barcelona Chuan Hinojosa

5:30pm – † Parish Memorial / All Parishioners

MONDAY, MARCH 27

9:00am – † Eugene & Rose Magurno

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

9:00am – † James Edward Cheesemen

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

9:00am – † William Mulcahy

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

9:00am – † Vincent Crotty

7:00pm – Stations of the Cross - Hispanic

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

9:00am – † Christopher Konkowski

7:00pm – Stations of the Cross - English

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

9:00am – † Carol Stronach

4:00pm – Confessions

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

5:30pm – Vigil Mass – † Catherine Daniello

7:15pm – Vigil Mass – † Luis Morin

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

8:30am – † Jinky Flores Azarcon

10:00am – † Margaret & Clarence Fletcher

11:30am – † Palma & Henry Heck

4:00pm – † Barcelona Chuan Hinojosa

5:30pm – † All Parishioners / Parish Memorial

BOOSTER CLUB

WEEK 17– ANN MARIE MANNION