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the Messiah
IS COMING,
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the Christ.

John 4:25

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 12, 2023

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at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, noon

Daily Mass:
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 am

Confession
Saturday: 9-9:45 am or by appointment

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LENT

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Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 7 pm at St. Thomas Church.

Standards for Fast and Abstinence:

Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Every person age 18-59 must fast on Good Friday. To fast means only one complete meatless meal can be taken. Other smaller meals, if taken at all, cannot equal in quantity to the one meal.

Reconciliation Monday: April 3. Parishes in the Archdiocese of New York will be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation on April 3rd, 2-4 pm and 6-9 pm.

Seven Last Things Bible Study: What Comes Next? God's plans for us include some major events. We usually talk about the "Four Last Things": death, judgement, Heaven and Hell. It seems that there are a few events left out of that list! Using scripture and church teaching, this seven-week study will attempt to fill in the gaps. The study begins March 21st (7:30-9 pm) in the St. Thomas old school building. Sign up today by emailing Deacon Joe at jlieby522@gmail.com.

Pilgrimage through New York and Canada to visit famous Catholic shrines of the North American Martyrs, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Marianne Cope, St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, St. Joseph Oratory and St. Anne de Beaupre in luxury motor coach from June 19-23. Tour Director, guided tour of Quebec City, dinner for four nights, sightseeing and admissions included. See the link on the parish website to view the itinerary, hotels, costs and travel needs or pick up a flyer in the back of the church. Questions? Contact maryellen tiernan@icloud.com or call 845.661.8586.

Knights of Columbus 7460 is hosting their **Lenten Fish Fry**, 5-7 pm, on Fridays of Lent (February 24th-April 7th) in the school gym. Price for a flounder, shrimp, or red clams dinner is \$10; combo dinner (flounder and shrimp) is \$15; clam chowder is \$5. Dinners include coleslaw, potato salad, dinner roll, and sauces. Take out only.

St. Marianne Cope Parish was issued a \$76.38 donation from the **AmazonSmile** Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between October 1 and December 31, 2022. Thank you for your support of the parish.

As the feast day of **St. Patrick** falls on a Friday in Lent in 2023, Cardinal Dolan has granted a dispensation from the obligation to abstain from meat on St. Patrick's Day (March 17) this year.

40 Days for Life is February 22nd-April 2nd. **Newburgh Planned Parenthood**, Wendy Wood, 845.820.4366, Newburgh40DaysforLife@gmail.com. **Goshen Planned Parenthood**, Mary Vecchio, mary.goshen40@gmail.com, 917.817.9174.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

A FRANK DIALOGUE

From Pope Francis' address at the Angelus, given at Saint Peter's Square, 23 March 2014

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, Good morning! Today's Gospel presents Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman in Sicar, near an old well where the woman went to draw water daily. That day, she found Jesus seated, "weary as he was with his journey" (Jn 4:6). He immediately says to her: "Give me a drink" (v. 7). In this way he overcomes the barriers of hostility that existed between Jews and Samaritans and breaks the mould of prejudice against women. This simple request from Jesus is the start of a frank dialogue, through which he enters with great delicacy into the interior world of a person to whom, according to social norms, he should not have spoken. But Jesus does! Jesus is not afraid. When Jesus sees a person he goes ahead, because he loves. He loves us all. He never hesitates before a person out of prejudice. Jesus sets her own situation before her, not by judging her but by making her feel worthy, acknowledged, and thus arousing in her the desire to go beyond the daily routine.

Jesus' thirst was not so much for water, but for the encounter with a parched soul. Jesus needed to encounter the Samaritan woman in order to open her heart: He asks for a drink so as to bring to light her own thirst. The woman is moved by this encounter: She asks Jesus several profound questions that we all carry within but often ignore. We, too, have many questions to ask, but we don't have the courage to ask Jesus! Lent, dear brothers and sisters, is the opportune time to look within ourselves, to understand our truest spiritual needs, and to ask the Lord's help in prayer. The example of the Samaritan woman invites us to exclaim: "Jesus, give me a drink that will quench my thirst forever".

The Gospel says that the disciples marveled that their Master was speaking to this woman. But the Lord is greater than prejudice, which is why he was not afraid to address the Samaritan woman: Mercy is

greater than prejudice. We must learn this well! Mercy is greater than prejudice, and Jesus is so very merciful, very! The outcome of that encounter by the well was the woman's transformation: "the woman left her water jar" (v. 28), with which she had come to draw water, and ran to the city to tell people about her extraordinary experience. "I found a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" She was excited. She had gone to draw water from the well, but she found another kind of water, the living water of mercy from which gushes forth eternal life. She found the water she had always sought! She runs to the village, that village which had judged her, condemned her and rejected her, and she announces that she has met the Messiah: the one who has changed her life. Because every encounter with Jesus changes our lives, always. It is a step forward, a step closer to God. And thus every encounter with Jesus changes our life. It is always, always this way.

In this Gospel passage we likewise find the impetus to "leave behind our water jar", the symbol of everything that is seemingly important, but loses all its value before the "love of God". We all have one, or more than one! I ask you, and myself: "What is your interior water jar, the one that weighs you down, that distances you from God?". Let us set it aside a little and with our hearts; let us hear the voice of Jesus offering us another kind of water, another water that brings us close to the Lord. We are called to rediscover the importance and the sense of our Christian life, initiated in Baptism and, like the Samaritan woman, to witness to our brothers. A witness of what? Joy! To witness to the joy of the encounter with Jesus; for, as I said, every encounter with Jesus changes our life, and every encounter with Jesus also fills us with joy, the joy that comes from within. And the Lord is like this. And so we must tell of the marvelous things the Lord can do in our hearts when we have the courage to set aside our own water jar.

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St. Marianne Cope Parish's Goal is: \$70,500.00.



READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Reading I – Exodus 17: 3-7

Yahweh's third test of His people wandering in the desert is all about water. There is no scolding from the Lord. Moses receives instructions about providing water for the quarrelsome people. The final verse is the real test question: Is Yahweh present among us or not?

Reading II – Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

How does God prove His love for us? St. Paul answers this question in a powerful way. While it may be easy to die for a good person, the fact is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The Gospel – John 4: 5-42

An unnamed Samaritan woman comes to the well where Jesus is seated and in the course of their conversation, the woman concludes that Jesus is "the savior of the world" and then becomes His first missionary.



Scan the QR code to visit the **Worship Aid** page for the readings, antiphons, and music for the Sunday Mass at stmariannecope.com.

To watch a live streamed Mass from St. Patrick Cathedral via the Catholic Faith Network, visit catholicfaithnetwork.org/masses.

Sign up for flocknotes at stmariannecope.com with a cell number or email and stay involved by staying informed.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Mar 13

8:30 +Jean Accilli by Steve and Hannah Accilli

Tues, Mar 14

8:30 +Poor Souls in Purgatory by Linda Siner

Wed, Mar 15

8:30 +Horan and Kelly families by Kathy Kelly

Thurs, Mar 16

8:30 +Hennessey and O'Sullivan families by Hennessey and White families

Fri, Mar 17: St Patrick

8:30 +Evelyn Hughes by Steve and Hannah Accilli

Sat, Mar 18: St Cyril of Jerusalem

8:30 +Wallace Bywater by family

4:30 +Phil Hopp by Maryann and Bart;
+Bet O'Mara by Kathy Kissel

Sun, Mar 19: Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 +Raymond and Patricia Crowe by family

10:00 +Glenn Ryan by Josephine Thomas

12:00 The People of the Parish

Two intentions will be accepted at the Saturday, 4:30 Vigil Mass. The Sunday Mass at noon will ALWAYS be offered only for the People of the Parish. The offering for an unannounced Mass is \$10; for an announced Mass—\$15. Contact the parish office.

The parish will offer Mass every first Saturday of the month at 8:30 am for the deceased who will be remembered in our Perpetual Mass Enrollment. These Holy Souls will be included in the prayers of the liturgy for a period of one year. The offering is \$30 and includes a leatherette memorial Mass folder.



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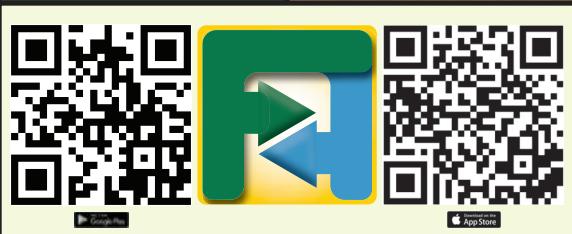
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