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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — MARCH 26, 2023

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Mass Schedule
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.

~ **Palm Sunday is April 2nd.** Masses follow the usual schedule. **Cardinal Dolan** will be joining us for the 4:30 pm Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday on April 1st. He is hosting a reception afterward in the school gym for donors to the Cardinal's Appeal who are from Rockland and Orange County. Everyone is invited to attend.

~ **Reconciliation Monday is April 3.** All parishes in the Archdiocese of New York will be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation, 2-4 pm and 6-9 pm.

~ **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.

~ **Holy Thursday** (April 6): Mass of the Lord's Supper-7:30 pm; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10 pm in the St. Thomas old school building

~ **Good Friday** (April 7): Liturgy of the Word-3 pm

~ **Holy Saturday** (April 8): Easter Vigil: 8 pm

~ **Easter Sunday** (April 9): Masses at 8 am, 10 am, and noon.

The parish offers Mass every first Saturday of the month at 8:30 am for the deceased who are 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. Next Mass is April 1st.

Knights of Columbus 7460's **Lenten Fish Fry** is 5-7 pm, on Fridays of Lent (February 24-April 7), in the school gym.

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. 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. **In order to secure the hotels and bus, reservations for this trip must be made by March 27th.** Questions? Contact maryellentiernan@icloud.com or call 845.661.8586.

Applications for the **Catholic Daughters of America Court Rita #264** annual \$1,000 **Scholarship Award** to one graduating high school senior from St. Marianne Cope Parish are now available at stmariannecope.com/catholic-daughters-of-america and in the vestibule of the church. Deadline is April 21.



ASHER KEITH THORSEN

was baptized on
March 19, 2023.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

"DO YOU WANT TO BE WELL?"

THIS PAST TUESDAY'S GOSPEL for the Fourth Week in Lent related the healing by Jesus of the man who had been ill for 38 years (John 5:1-16). The Lord had met him in Jerusalem at the Sheep Gate where it had been said an angel would occasionally stir up the waters of a pool there (Bethesda) and whoever dipped in the waters first would be healed. There had been, we're told by the evangelist, a large number of ill, blind, lame, and crippled gathered around. It might be reasonable to believe that most people on their way to the temple for the feast they were celebrating chose some other gate to enter into the city; the wretchedness that lay there would have been hard to bear. Only those in a hurry would have passed through the five porticoes at the entrance.

Except for Jesus. He is not always consistent when it comes to his timetable. In last Sunday's gospel, he and his disciples pass through Samaria, an unfriendly land and an unwelcoming people, because it was the quickest way to Jerusalem for whatever feast they were marking at the time. Many Jews might have taken other routes, less convenient but more comfortable. Did Jesus lead his disciples that way expressly to meet the Samaritan woman by Jacob's well? He did know her and all about her life, as she exclaimed to the other Samaritans. Was it haste or the Holy Spirit that took them on that path?

In today's gospel, St. John writes, Jesus learns that his friend Lazarus, the brother of Martha and Mary, is sick unto death. Nevertheless, he tarries, spending two days where he was apparently unconcerned. Why becomes clear when he reveals that Lazarus had died already and that his delay was for their faith. As with the Samaritans, the moment did not determine his intentions; he shows his mastery over time which we've come to learn (ask Einstein!) is intrinsic to our created reality.

So it is with the man who had been ill for 38 years. Our Lord, who had known when the Samaritan woman

of uncertain repute would be coming to get water at the well, and who had known that Lazarus would die, must have meant to find the man who hopelessly longed to be free from being sick.

Yet, the cure, which needed merely a word from Jesus ("Take up your mat. Walk."), required an answer to Jesus's question: "Do you want to be well?" "Of course he wants to be well!" we would likely respond if we were amongst the disciples. It is not impossible to imagine some instances when people might choose sickness over health. Today, men and women find themselves in the throes of alcoholism and addictions which render them powerless to choose a way out. So also, some who grieve descend into mental illness from which they prefer not to be delivered (to mourn is to hold on to their loved one's memory).

Might we think Jesus's question - Do you want to be well? - meaningful and timely for us in this penitential season. Whether we heard the words "Turn away from sin..." or "Repent..." or "Remember you are dust..." on Ash Wednesday, the practices of Lent propose to us remedies for the sin that has sickened the human race since the very first Sin and asks the question, "Do you want to be well?" There is nothing humankind holds on to more tenaciously than its attraction to sin. In that we express a desire to be forever unwell.

St. Paul captures the irony of our predicament when he wrote in Romans 7:15-24: "What I do, I do not understand. For I do not do what I want, but I do what I hate.... For I do not do the good I want, but I do the evil I do not want... Miserable one that I am! Who will deliver me from this mortal body?" We must first will good health for our souls before Jesus can heal us of what is so troubling. He surely asks us the same question, here and now, and he has sought us out in this precise moment which is every bit as opportune as it was for the sick man, the Samaritan woman, and Lazarus!

2023 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal: Formation of New Parish Priests



This a direct appeal from the Archbishop of New York to parishioners and friends of the archdiocese to raise \$21⁺ million in funds to support the budgetary needs of its ministries, charitable works, schools, parishes, seminary, priest retirement residences, and administrative offices.

Our priests are the foundation of our Church, bringing us the sacraments and walking with us in our journey. Your gift to the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* supports our seminarians who desire to sacrifice their lives for the sanctity of the Church. Please consider supporting our future parish priests with a gift to the *Appeal*. To make your gift today, visit www.cardinalsappeal.org/donate.

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



READINGS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Reading I – Ezekiel 37:12-14

The prophet's mission is to the exiles and it involved bringing new life to a dead Israel. God will take the initiative and He promises resurrection and new life to the people.

Reading II – Romans 8:8-11

Christian life is one that is lived in the spirit of Jesus. Therefore, the justified Christian is empowered to have his life restored after death, and this for his mortal body as well.

The Gospel – John 11:1-45

Jesus' great miracle of restoring life to His friend Lazarus brings many Jews to believe in Him. Martha's faith throughout the event is outstanding. She is not at all divided, as were many of her fellow observers, over Jesus' identity.



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 27

8:30 +John Lima by Fran Clifford

Tues, Mar 28

8:30 +Benny Persichetti by Joan Barth

Wed, Mar 29

8:30 +Marie Dowd by Slattery family

Thurs, Mar 30

8:30 +John Lima by Kathy and Jerry Sarubbe

Fri, Mar 31

8:30 +Margaret "Peggy" Ottaviano by Deacon John and Margaret Pelella

Sat, Apr 1

8:30 Perpetual Mass Enrollments by the Parish

4:30 +Siner family by Linda Siner; Deceased Members of Cathcart family by Santoro family

Sun, Apr 2: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 +Mike Wojehowski by Mary Ellen Tiernan

10:00 +Joshua Nielson by Missy Irwin

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.

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