

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 10, 2019**



SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019

5:30 P.M. Ann Nolan
Louis A. Fierro
Vincent "Jim" Spina
Silvana Maria Smith

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Ann Marie Hivish
10:00 A.M. Ann Nolan
12:00 P.M. In Thanksgiving
Dorothy Smyth

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019

8:00 A.M. Clotilda Rapuano

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019

8:00 A.M. Frank Calamita

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019

8:00 A.M. Joseph & Gea Giavannone

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019

8:00 A.M. Alice DiMeglio
7:30 P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019

5:30 P.M. Kieran O'Neill

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Jean & Walter Bullett
Ceil Sagan
Emilia & Michael Gorzelany
10:00 A.M. Ann Nolan
Pacita Glorioso
Frank & Bella Oriole
Anthony & Helen Merle
12:00 P.M. James J. McEntee, Jr.
Eugenia Coppinger

**Pray daily for our servicemen and women
serving their country.**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Mary Carton Jacob Hicks Barry Bach Estella Soto
Ava Rae Nebbia Matthew Polifonte William Pannone
Gary Ragusa Alex Haines Evelyn Means
George Link Michael Soojian Valentina
Manuele Susan Nichols-Boggio Kevin Kerrigan
Ryder Sasso
Mike Tidaback Robert Moreno Larry Ferry
Dorothea King Jerome Foray Sister Annette
Manuel Esguerra Frank Michaelson Norberto Marin
Cenelia Soto Robert Nebbia Christopher Berry
Sharon Acquire Noah Lorencovitz Jessica Skorubski

Florence Grim Anton Grim George Macagnone
Alex Coronel Alice Roslund Kathleen Kiley
Ann Cervino

DECEASED: Clotilda Rapuano

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday, March 3, 2019 – \$5,456.00
Thank you for your continued support.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Dear Friends in Christ,

In today Gospel, Satan attempted to get Jesus to put his own needs and potential concerns above the will of His Father. He wanted Jesus to act independently of the Father. He wanted Jesus to sacrifice His secure future for the present. Jesus met Satan's challenge by trusting His Father to do all things in His time, in His way, and with His result!

Very often, we are concerned supremely about the present. We are tempted to sacrifice our principles for a short-term gain. Satan powerfully lures us into this trap. Instead of giving in, we can follow the example of Jesus in overcoming temptation through trust in God.

Satan relentlessly tempts us throughout our lives. He will seek to tempt us at any time, under different circumstances, and in a variety of ways.

Jesus had just been baptized in water. The Spirit of God descended upon Him, and His father had declared Him to be His beloved Son. Then He was tested. Jesus was not out of the will of God, nor was he committing sin, in being tested. Given the nature of His ministry, and the opposition of Satan, this testing had to come.

Satan tempted Jesus in three specific ways: (1) to turn stones into bread, (2) to cast himself off the temple, and (3) to worship him. We are often tempted in similar ways.

Satan will do his best to tempt us to gain power through idolatry. He will offer us much if we put him before God. If we put anything before God, it is idolatry. When we worship other things, or other people, we have misplaced our allegiance, our minds, our affections, and our will. Even though this may empower us in the short run, the result will be spiritual disaster.

Let us follow the example of Christ in worshipping God alone. When we follow Christ closely, we are following God. When we are in Him, we are doing God's will. This will not allow us to worship anything else. Moreover, as followers of Christ, we will rule and reign with Him.

Our God will never leave us alone. In the middle of all the trials and tests He is with us. He may seem to be

unseen, but He is there. His angels will minister to us. Let us put our trust in God today.



INDULGENCE FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross is a devotion consisting of 14 different parts - called stations - of Christ's passion and death. The devotion holds many great rewards attached to it including a plenary indulgence. In the Stations of the Cross we commemorate and remember how much our Savior loved us - to the very end. As we profess at Mass, His dying destroyed our death, and His Rising Again restored our life.

A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful, who make the pious exercise of the Way of the Cross. In the pious exercise of the Way of the Cross we recall anew the sufferings, which the divine Redeemer endured, while going from the praetorium of Pilate, where he was condemned to death, to the mount of Calvary, where he died on the cross for our salvation. The gaining of the plenary indulgence is regulated by the following norms:

1) The pious exercise must be made before Stations of the Cross legitimately erected.

2) For the erection of the Way of the Cross fourteen crosses are required, to which it is customary to add fourteen pictures or images, which represent the stations of Jerusalem.

3) According to the more common practice, the pious exercise consists of fourteen pious readings, to which some vocal prayers are added. However, nothing more is required than a pious meditation on the Passion and Death of the Lord, which need not be a particular consideration of the individual mysteries of the stations.

4) A movement from one station to the next is required. But if the pious exercise is made publicly and if it is not possible for all taking part to go in an orderly way from station to station, it suffices if at least the one conducting the exercise goes from station to station, the others remaining in their place. Those who are "impeded" can gain the same indulgence, if they spend at least one half an hour in pious reading and meditation on the Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A plenary indulgence* is granted to the faithful for making the Stations of the Cross under the normal conditions:

- one is free from all attachment from sin

- one receives the Sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist (Within 7 days before or after)
- one prays for the intentions of the Pope

*A plenary indulgence is the removal of all punishment due to sin. Even though you are forgiven in Confession, the punishment remains unless an indulgence is granted.



The Catechism of the Catholic Church states the following:

"An indulgence is obtained through the Church who, by virtue of the power of binding and loosing granted her by Christ Jesus, intervenes in favor of individual Christians and opens for them the treasury of the merits of Christ and the saints to obtain from the Father of mercies the remission of the temporal punishment due for their sins." The Church does this not just to aid Christians, "but also to spur them to works of devotion, penance, and charity" (CCC 1478).

2019 FISH & CHICKEN FRY DINNER

Donations Needed:

Our annual parish Fish & Chicken Fry Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 6th following the 5:30pm Mass.

As in the past we are asking for donations from our parishioners. We are in need of soda: Coke, Pepsi, Sprite, (diet or regular), children's juice boxes, bottled water, chips, pretzels, and regular & decaffeinated coffee. If you can donate, please bring the items to the rectory. We thank you for your generous support of this fundraiser.

We also ask those who baked last year to help out again this year if at all possible. Thank you!

PARISH HAPPENINGS

MARCH & APRIL

- March 23 Traditional Marriage Rosary Rally
Come pray the Rosary with us!
11:45 AM in front of St Francis Church
- March 23rd Faith Renewal Holy Hour 4:30– 5:30PM
- March 23 - St. Joseph's Table - Church Hall
after 5:30 PM Mass
- (March 23/24 - Orders taken for Palm Crosses after all
March 30/31) Masses
- March 31 Communion Breakfast after 10 AM

April 6th Mass – Church Hall
Annual Parish Fish/Chicken Fry Dinner
after 5:30 PM Mass
April 28th Divine Mercy – 2PM in the Church

3/06/19	\$25.00	464	Marge Allard
3/07/19	\$25.00	257	Monty Dellapi
3/08/19	\$25.00	310	Joe Soriano
3/09/19	\$25.00	688	Eddie Carr

KIDNEY NEEDED

Fran Ferraro is a parishioner in our parish who needs, most of all, your prayers, but who is in need of a kidney. Sometimes just knowing of a need or talking about it, brings amazing results. So, in your conversations, you may want to bring this topic up because you never know whose ears that this story falls upon, might be the lifesaving ones. But, above all, prayers are priceless. Thank you and God bless you.

ST. JOSEPH TABLE – SATURDAY 3/23/19

It's here again, St. Francis' 4th annual St. Joseph Table. We need your help to make it a success as great as we had the last 3 years. The food auction will take place after the 5:30 Mass on Saturday, 3/23.

Food items must be brought to the church basement between 2PM and 5PM on Saturday, 3/23. Food items must be securely wrapped with clear cellophane for viewing. All items must be labeled.

Suggested items: Homemade breads, cakes, pies, cookies, and your favorite prepared foods. We will accept donations and flower arrangements to honor St. Joseph on the Table if you cannot cook or attend this wonderful event.

Coffee will be provided. Sandwiches and bags of homemade cookies will be available for sale for you to enjoy while waiting for the auction.

We will sell raffle tickets for wonderful prizes.

Keeping with the theme of the Table, the proceeds will benefit needy families of our Parish and 25% will go towards the continued upkeep of the Church's needs.

Please call Giovanna at 973-907-2680 if you have questions.

We need ALL of you to participate with cooking, baking, AND by attending this wonderful event and joining in the fun.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Thank you to all who are participated in our Calendar Raffle!

Congratulations to the following winners:

Date	Prize	Ticket Number	Winner
3/03/19	\$50.00	097	E. Joseph DiGrado
3/04/19	\$25.00	687	Keity Carr
3/05/19	\$25.00	105	Danielle Reid

CHOIR NEWS

Are you looking for a way to give back to your church and your community? Do you love to sing?? Come out and join the Choir! We always welcome new voices, and it's a great way to enhance the worship service for yourself and for others. This group is for anyone high school age to 110, beginner to professional, brand new to town or long-time parishioner! If you're interested, contact our Music Director, Dania, at Dania_Music@yahoo.com



WEDDING BANNERS

Matthew James Keyzer
&
Hayley Gwen Maxwell

June 8, 2019

WANAQUE FIRST AID SQUAD NEWS

Join us for an evening of LIVE entertainment to Die for... The Wanaque First Aid Squad will be committing murder instead of helping people who are ill or injured!

"MURDER MYSTERY DINNER"

Held at the Wanaque First Aid Building on Saturday, April 6th, 2019.

Beginning at 7:00 pm, come join us for dinner and a theatrical performance with audience interaction. You get to help solve the mystery!!!

Reservations are required. 21 and older only permitted. Buffet dinner, dessert, coffee, tea, soda and water. BYOB permitted. \$55.00 per person.

Tickets are going fast!!! For more information or to reserve your tickets please email WFASMurderMystery@gmail.com or check us out on Facebook: WanaqueFAS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – A FRANCISCAN DEVOTION

The devotion of the Stations of the Cross began with pilgrims in Jerusalem who wanted to re-trace the final earthly journey of Christ - the Via Dolorosa. Jerusalem fell into the hands of Saladin, first sultan of Egypt and Syria in 1187, and the Franciscans were forced to leave. Forty years later, they were allowed back into the Holy Land. Their founder, Saint Francis of Assisi, held the Passion of Christ in special veneration, and he wanted to find a way special way to meditate upon it. He also wanted to preserve the holy places in Jerusalem, so he founded the Custody of the Holy Land to guard and promote the devotion to those places. Pope Clement VI declared the Franciscans the custodians of the holy places in 1342. During the 15th and 16th centuries the Franciscans began to build a series of outdoor shrines in Europe to duplicate their counterparts in the Holy Land. In 1686, in answer to their petition, Pope Innocent XI granted to the Franciscans the right to erect stations within their churches. In 1731, Pope Clement XII extended to all churches the right to have the stations, provided that a Franciscan father erected them, with the consent of the local bishop. At the same time the number of stations was fixed at fourteen. In 1857, the bishops of England were allowed to erect the stations by themselves, without the intervention of a Franciscan priest, and in 1862 this right was extended to bishops throughout the church.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Communion
Breakfast
**Sunday, March 31, 2019, following 10 AM
Mass**
in the church hall



St. Francis Ladies' Guild is pleased to sponsor a **Parish Communion Breakfast**, featuring a dynamic speaker, Fr. Michael Davitti.

A full breakfast menu prepared by **Il Palazzo** will be served: scramble eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, French toast, frittata, fruit, assorted rolls, juices and coffee / tea.

Come enjoy the warm companionship of fellow parishioners and friends, an inspiring presentation, and a delicious breakfast / brunch – bring the family!

Please complete the following form and return to the Rectory with your check by Friday, March 22. Checks should be made payable to: St. Francis of Assisi Ladies' Guild.

Number of adults (\$15 @ _____ \$ _____)

Number of children 6-12 (\$7:50 @) _____
\$ _____

Number of children age 5 and under (Free) _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Rosary Rally supporting Traditional Marriage

I want to invite you to join us in a **Traditional Marriage Rosary Rally** on **Saturday, March 23, 2019** at **11:45 am** in front of St. Francis Church, in Haskell. This Public Square Traditional Marriage Rosary Rally is sponsored by America Needs Fatima and will be one of over 1,000 rallies that will take place all across the United States on that day.

Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and fervently pray for Traditional Marriage, and for the conversion of the United States. Will you join me and other Catholics on that very important day?

PALM CROSSES

A member of St. Francis Ladies' Guild will be taking orders for Palm Crosses on the weekends of March 23rd/24th and March 30th/31st in the Narthex. The cost is \$10 and payment with your order is appreciated.

The crosses will be available for pick up the weekend of April 6th/7th in the Narthex. Any questions, please call Josie Dymowski @ 973-839-1022.



LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019

Maria Invernón & John Minnett

LECTORS

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019

5:30 P.M. Dom Cortellessa & Martha Bisaccio

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019

7:30 A.M. Barbara Garruto

10:00 A.M. Sue Kummer & Mary Letterese

12 NOON Linda O'Connell & Debbie Ackerly

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019

5:30 P.M. Peg Carolan & Cesar Vasquez

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019

7:30 A.M. Sue Raoul & Hatima Omolon

10:00 A.M. Judy Moran & Annie Rivera

12 NOON Brenda McWeeney & Fred Ackerly

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019

5:30 P.M. Peter Sutula & Kevin Bruenjes

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019

7:30 A.M. Danielle Reid & Collin O'Keefe

10:00 A.M. Kelly Frisina & Mackenzie King

12 NOON David Ackerly

