

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MARCH 17, 2019**



**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 Noon James J. McEntee, Jr.  
Eugenia Coppinger  
Intentions of Richard Funcheon

**MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019**

8:00 A.M. Theresa Casazza

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019**

8:00 A.M. Intentions of Joe Skorubski

**THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019**

8:00 A.M. Nunzio DiLaura

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2019**

8:00 A.M. Joseph Kelly  
7:30 P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019**

5:30 P.M. Vincent "Jim" Spina  
James & Jean McEntee

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019**

7:30 A.M. Karin Reid  
Betsy Hayes

10:00 A.M. Roy & Shirley Parian  
Frank & Dorothy Orofino  
Rocco Tarulli  
Eufracia de Guzman  
Rosa Lising

12 NOON Intentions of Pasquale Fatica & Jayne Cori  
Angela Caporale

**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 Acquaire Noah Lorencovitz Jessica Skorubski  
Florence Grim Anton Grim George Macagnone  
Alex Coronel Alice Roslund Kathleen Kiley  
**DECEASED:** Our Deceased Loved Ones

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Sunday, March 10, 2019 – \$4,361.00  
Thank you for your continued support.

**WEEKLY REFLECTION**

**"This is my chosen Son; listen to him."**

In today's Gospel Jesus *took* Peter, James and John with him up the mountain (the Mount of Transfiguration) to pray. On the mountain, Jesus begins to shine with bright rays of light. Then the prophets Moses and Elijah appear next to him and he speaks with them.

The Transfiguration is one of the miracles of Jesus in the Gospels. In Christian teachings, the Transfiguration is a pivotal moment, and the setting on the mountain is presented as the point where human nature meets God: the meeting place of the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus himself as the connecting point, acting as the bridge between heaven and earth.

The Transfiguration echoes the teaching by Jesus, that God is not "the God of the dead, but of the living". Although Moses had died and Elijah had been taken up to heaven centuries before, they now live in the presence of the Son of God, implying that the same return to life applies to all who face death and have faith.

The voice from heaven was spoken to the disciples rather than to Jesus, and the end of this brief speech includes the directive, "Listen to him." The disciples must listen to all Jesus says and, particularly, to the message he proclaims through his accomplishment at Jerusalem.

Which is what? That God desires freedom and life for God's people. That God is with us and for us through all things. That God loves us and all of God's children more than we can imagine. That God will do absolutely anything – including dying on the cross – to communicate this love and accomplish our release.

Yes, we are called to listen to him and, having been transformed by our listening, to then share the same message of freedom, love, release, and acceptance with

others through both our words and deeds. Because at the end of this story, Jesus will address his disciples – then and now – quite directly, saying “You are my witnesses to these things”, thereby commissioning us to proclaim a message of forgiveness and freedom to all who may hear. Yes, let us listen to him.

### ARE YOU LISTENING?

There are two times during the year that we hear about the Transfiguration; once on August sixth, and again on the Second Sunday in Lent. Each time, God the Father tells us to listen to his Son, Jesus: “This is My Beloved Son with Whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!” (Matthew 17:5); “This is My Beloved Son; listen to Him!” (Mark 9:7); and “This is My Beloved Son, My Chosen, listen to Him” (Luke 9:35). Each of the Gospels uses slightly different words, but the message is the same. The emphasis is on “listening to Jesus.”

Peter thought that the presence of Moses and Elijah during the vision of the Transfiguration meant that what Jesus said he would accomplish was going to be “easy.” He didn’t get it quite it right, though, which is a lesson in itself. After all, he was an Apostle, and our first Pope. Still, he was human like the rest of us. The Father’s words are a gentle warning that people should not measure their chances of salvation by what they think is correct. Peter mentioned putting up tents because he thought Moses, Elijah, and Jesus would all live among them, and that death on a Cross will not be necessary after all (even though Jesus said it would be). The Father’s command, “Listen to Him” was a kind way of telling Peter, and us, that salvation is not easy, and that it’s not what we think that’s important, but what Jesus says.

The Saints offer us some very good words of advice on salvation:

*Everything comes from love, all is ordained for the salvation of man, God does nothing without this goal in mind. - St. Catherine of Siena*

*Think well. Speak well. Do well. These three things, through the mercy of God, will make a man go to Heaven. -- St. Camillus de Lellis*

*We must pray without tiring, for the salvation of mankind does not depend on material success; nor on sciences that cloud the intellect. Neither does it depend on arms and human industries, but on Jesus alone. -- St. Frances Xavier Cabrini*

### FAITH RENEWAL HOLY HOUR.....

will be held on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30PM followed by our Faith Renewal Mass at 5:30PM. Let us all come together and enter the mystery of our Lord’s presence in the Eucharist and personally encounter Jesus Christ.

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

**Congratulations to the following winners:**

Date	Prize	Ticket Number	Winner
3/10/19	\$50.00	357	Caroline Brand
3/11/19	\$25.00	672	Mary Chucka
3/12/19	\$25.00	117	Patty Norton
	\$100.0		
3/13/19	0	152	Aiella Marquez
3/14/19	\$25.00	149	Desiree Maquiling
3/15/19	\$25.00	149	Desiree Maquiling
3/16/19	\$25.00	219	Teresa Nazzaretto

### PARISH HAPPENINGS –

#### MARCH & APRIL

- March 23<sup>rd</sup> Traditional Marriage Rosary Rally  
Come pray the Rosary with us!  
11:45 AM in front of St Francis Church
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> Faith Renewal Holy Hour 4:30– 5:30PM
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Joseph’s Table - Church Hall  
after 5:30 PM Mass
- (March 23/24 – March 30/31) Orders taken for Palm Crosses after all Masses
- March 31<sup>st</sup> Communion Breakfast after 10 AM  
Mass – Church Hall
- April 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Fish/Chicken Fry Dinner  
after 5:30 PM Mass
- April 28<sup>th</sup> Divine Mercy – 2PM in 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

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.

WFASMurderMystery@gmail.com or check us out on Facebook: WanaqueFAS

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

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

Number of children under age 6: (Free) \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **PALM CROSSES**

A member of St. Francis Ladies' Guild will be taking orders for Palm Crosses on the weekends of March 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> and March 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> in the Narthex. Any questions, please call Josie Dymowski @ 973-839-1022.

### **ST. JOSEPH TABLE – SATURDAY 3/23/19**

It's here again, St. Francis' 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

### **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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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

### **2019 FISH & CHICKEN FRY DINNER**

#### **Donations Needed:**

Our annual parish Fish & Chicken Fry Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **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?

### **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.

### **LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019**

Frank & Sandy Polglaze

### **LECTORS**

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019**

5:30 P.M. Giovanna Vollaro & Joan Ruffino  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019**

7:30 A.M. Jason Valente  
10:00 A.M. John McMurray & Joe Darlington  
12 NOON Hatima Omolon

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019**

5:30 P.M. Karen Cisco & Lynn Magnini

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019**

7:30 A.M. Pat Demarest & Sandy Weigand  
10:00 A.M. Mary Avella & Melissa Rivera  
12 NOON Matt Kampff & Diane Morano

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019**

5:30 P.M. Sean Moebius

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019**

7:30 A.M. Elizabeth Reid  
Hayden Whitaker-Currie  
10:00 A.M. Scott & Steven Bracken  
12 NOON Jon-Karlo & Joseph Villacis

## **THINGS TO DO FOR A BETTER LENT**

Attend daily Mass when possible – 8 AM in the chapel (except Wed.)

Prayer and Fasting

Use the Black Lenten Booklet

Attend Eucharistic Adoration

Attend Stations of the Cross – every Friday night at 7:30 PM

Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Do works of Mercy

Participate in the Rice Bowl program

## **EASTER – 2019**

### **All Mondays of Lent**

Individual Reconciliation in all Diocesan parishes

7:00 – 8:30 PM

Saturdays 4:30 – 5 PM at St. Francis

(No confession on Holy Saturday)

### **All Tuesdays of Lent**

Adoration 7 – 8 PM

In the chapel

Come and spend an hour with God

### **Holy Week**

#### **Holy Thursday**

7:30 PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper

Procession and Adoration after Mass until Midnight

#### **Good Friday**

9 AM – Morning Prayer

3 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:30 PM - Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord

7:30 PM – Stations of the Cross

#### **Holy Saturday**

9 AM – Morning Prayer

11 AM – Blessing of Food

8 PM Easter Vigil

#### **Easter**

Masses at 7:30 AM – 10 AM – 12 Noon

