

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 24, 2019**



SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Karin Reed
Betsy Hayes

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

12:00 P.M. Intentions of Pasquale Fatica & Jayne Cori
Angela Caporale
Genowefa Majdosz
Rudy Siano

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019

8:00 A.M. Bob Daniels

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019

8:00 A.M. Nigel Hutchison

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019

8:00 A.M. Msgr. Hans Weidner

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2019

8:00 A.M. Rev. Otto Hearle

7:30 P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019

5:30 P.M. Tony Calabro
Pat Connolly

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Gerald Myers
Mary Morando

10:00 A.M. Arthur Nicosia

12:00 P.M. Frank Morano
Concetta "Tina" Pecorelli

**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: Elaine Arendas Victor Weinpel
Jonathan Carlson Margarita Cordero

CHURCH MEMORIALS

Church Altar Candle in memory of Pat Connolly
requested by the Norton Family.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday, March 17, 2019 – \$5,475.00
Thank you for your continued support.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Dear Friends in Christ,

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 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

Repentance – It’s Not About Being Sorry

Did you go to church on Ash Wednesday? If you did, then you probably heard these words spoken as ashes were imposed in the form of a cross on your forehead; *Repent and believe in the Gospel.* Are the words telling you to be sorry for things you have done? No. They mean if you are breaking the law of God, then you should stop doing that and begin to obey. Repentance speaks of a new beginning, not of past events.

Jesus tells his disciples (and us) about an unproductive fig tree, but what does that have to with repentance? When you think about it, a tree that doesn’t bear fruit is pretty much useless. Maybe the tree hasn’t had the proper care and feeding and it’s just there, taking up space. That tree is like a lot of people - alive and breathing, but not really going anywhere. Consider that the unproductive fig tree could be a symbol of your own life. You live, but are you truly producing fruit? Are you getting out there and living the life that God gave you to the best of your ability, or just waiting around to see what happens? Not everyone is outgoing, and many people are not comfortable speaking up; some are quiet, others aren’t at ease anyplace but home. No matter what our personalities may be, each of us is free to choose to repent (change our ways) and obey the law of God...or not. Repentance is necessary, and it is possible with God’s help. He is patient and grants us time to change and bear fruit. Just keep in mind that none of us know how much time we have left—so we’d better get moving!

Our friends the saints offer us these words of encouragement:

There is no saint without a past, and no sinner without a future. Saint Augustine

The Lord delights in every little step you take. Saint Francis de Sales

PARISH HAPPENINGS

MARCH & APRIL

- (March 23/24 - Orders taken for Palm Crosses after all March 30/31) Masses
March 31 Communion Breakfast after 10 AM
Mass – Church Hall
April 5th – 6th Overnight Eucharistic Adoration
7:30pm
til 10:30am – Mass & Patriotic Rosary
at 11am
April 6th Annual Parish Fish/Chicken Fry Dinner
after 5:30 PM Mass
April 28th Divine Mercy – 2PM in the Church

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!

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.

*“Yours, O Lord, are grandeur
And power, majesty, splendor,
And glory. For all in Heaven
And on earth is Yours; Yours,
O Lord, is the sovereignty; You
Are exalted as head over all.”*

1 Chronicles 29:11

**Thank you to all who participated in our
Calendar Raffle! We raised \$2,000 for the parish.
Congratulations to the winners of the final drawing:**

Date	Prize	Ticket Number	Winner
3/17/19	\$50.00	422	Sarah Viviani
3/18/19	\$25.00	097	E. Joseph DiGrado
3/19/19	\$25.00	250	Kathy McMurray
3/20/19	\$25.00	284	Kathleen Hivish
3/21/19	\$25.00	627	Grace Akers
3/22/19	\$25.00	392	Melitona Glorioso
3/23/19	\$25.00	030	Richard Reilly
3/24/10	\$200.00	022	Richard Reilly

See you again in November!

PALM CROSSES

A member of St. Francis Ladies' Guild will be taking orders for Palm Crosses this weekend 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.

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 \$ _____

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



**LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE
SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019**

Pat Demarest & Hatima Omolon

**LECTORS
SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019**

5:30 P.M. Dom Cortellessa

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019

7:30 A.M. Erika Reid

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

12 NOON Fred Ackerly & Henry Mendoza

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019

5:30 P.M. Maria Invernon & Lois Bonacetto

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019

7:30 A.M. Sue Raoul & Sandy Weigand

10:00 A.M. Tom & Olympia Luciani

12 NOON Debbie Ackerly & Barbara Garruto

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019

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

10:00 A.M. Kelly Frisina & Jonathan Hogue

12 NOON David Ackerly

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