

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 31, 2019**



SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019

5:30 P.M. Tony Calabro
Pat Connolly
Victor Weinpel

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Gerald Myers
Mary Morando
10:00 A.M. Arthur Nicosia
Intentions of Josephine Esposito
12:00 Noon Frank Morano
Concetta "Tina" Pecorelli

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019

8:00 A.M. Msgr. Hans Weidner

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019

8:00 A.M. Mark Evangelista
Michael DiAngelis
Chiara Ribble

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019

8:00 A.M. Walter Donnelly

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019

8:00 A.M. PARISH PURGATORIAL
7:30 P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

5:30 P.M. Vincent "Jim" Spina
Michael Lynch
Marion Criscuolo

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019

7:30 A.M. Ada & Irving Rumsey
10:00 A.M. Dorothy Smyth
12 NOON Rose Gerace
Enrique Burgaleta
Loel Fortogaleza

**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

CHURCH MEMORIALS

Church Altar Candle in celebration of the 46th
Anniversary of the Wanaque First Aid Squad.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday, March 24, 2019 – \$5,606.00
Thank you for your continued support.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

The older brother

"A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.'" We know story about prodigal son, but what we know about his older brother?

The first-born son is informed of his brother's return and is furious. He feels betrayed by his father, and bitterly complains that mercy has been wrongly granted to this rebel. Not wanting to even speak his brother's name or acknowledge the family relationship, he rebukes his father for welcoming "this son of yours, who has devoured your wealth...." The greatest commandment is to love our heavenly Father and then love others--the older brother broke both.

Who was this older brother? When Jesus told this story, He had a group of people specifically in mind; He adds this postscript for the benefit of the Pharisees, the self-righteous experts in Jewish law. They cared little about those who were lost in sin. They condemn Jesus for welcoming sinners and eating with them.

This older brother remained at home, out of trouble, obeying the rules. In self-conceit he considers himself the perfect son based on outer conformity. Outwardly he was in compliance with his father, but inwardly he too was far from home. He regarded his position in the family as one of bondage. He was home, yet not at home! It is a sign of spiritual decay when we're uncomfortable in a healthy environment.

This parable is really about two prodigal sons. Both were slaves--the younger by economic plight and the older by perception.

People can live in the same house, eat together, work side-by-side, yet emotionally be far apart. People can also be active in church work yet harbor wrong attitudes and motives. It is a fatal error to assume that we're members of God's family because we were raised in a Christian home. God doesn't have any grandchildren. The Pharisees based their spirituality on their Jewishness. The Apostle Paul warned that being born in a Jewish household doesn't make a person a child of Abraham spiritually. Everyone on earth is a physical child of God by creation; but not everyone is a spiritual child--this takes re-birth, re-creation.

The prodigal's father chose to forgive; the older brother refused. Forgiveness is a bridge we build and may need to cross one day ourselves. British General James Oglethorpe, founder of the colony of Georgia,

bluntly told John Wesley, founder of the Methodist church, "Preacher, I never forgive." Wesley replied, "Then, sir, I hope you never sin." If we harbor an unforgiving, "older brother" attitude we cannot be in fellowship with God.

The father treats both sons with the same tenderness. His riches were always at his first son's disposal, but were apparently left unused. We have only ourselves to blame if we do not utilize that which God has provided us. We have the unlimited assets of His grace.

Covenant House Sleep Out

On April 26, 2019, I am sleeping on the street in Newark as a participant in the Covenant House Sleep Out. For this one night, I'll trade my bed for a piece of cardboard and a sleeping bag on the ground. Sounds crazy, right? Not nearly as crazy as this: nearly 2,000 homeless kids will turn to Covenant House for help each night. I've joined a group of people who want to do something about it. We're going to spend a night at the Covenant House shelter with a group of kids that live there. We'll hear their stories, and learn how they're making new lives for themselves. And at midnight, when the kids go to sleep in their warm beds, we will head outside with our cardboard boxes.

I'm sleeping outside for one night, so homeless kids don't have to. Help me help kids by making an online donation on my fundraising page:

<https://www.sleepout.org/participant/Erika-BarsnessReid>

Or you can make a donation (cash or check) after all masses on the weekend of April 6th and April 7th. Please make checks payable to Covenant House. I can't do this without you! Thank you for your support!
Erika Reid



Rosary Rally supporting Traditional Marriage

Thanks to all who participated in the Rosary Rally on March 23rd in front of St Francis Church. We joined with those in over 1,000 different locations praying the Rosary in reparation for the sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and in support of Traditional Marriage.

PARISH HAPPENINGS – MARCH & APRIL

- (March 30/31st - Orders taken for Palm Crosses after all Masses
- March 31st Communion Breakfast after 10 AM Mass – church hall
- April 1st Ladies Guild Meeting 7:30pm church hall
- April 5th – 6th Overnight Eucharistic Adoration 8:30pm (after Stations) 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

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

- Erika Reed for running another successful Calendar Raffle. The winners were very happy people.
- Giovanna Vollaro for organizing this year's St. Joseph's Table. This was very successful and enjoyed by everyone who attended.
- Jeff Seela owner of Seela's Paint & Wallpaper in Wayne for giving St. Francis a deep discount on paint and for donating 2 gallons for painting the Church Proper.

CHILDREN'S EASTER CHOIR

Rejoice and sing! All children of the parish between the ages of 6 and 14 are invited to sing in the children's choir at the 10:00am mass on Easter morning. Practices will run for 4 Sunday's beginning Sunday, March 31, from 9:15 to 9:45am downstairs by the piano in the church hall. If you're interested in joining, contact Dania at Dania_Music@yahoo.com or just come to practice!

PALM CROSSES

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

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.

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!

The cost of the ticket for dinner is \$15.00.

APRIL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

This month's **Eucharistic Adoration** will begin at 8:30 PM (after Stations of the Cross) on Friday, April 5th through 10:30 AM on Saturday April 6th. It will be followed by the First Saturday Mass and the Patriotic Rosary, praying for our own needs and the needs of our country, at 11AM.

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex or you may call the rectory to leave your name. Please join us!!

2019 St. Joseph's Table Thank You

It's hard to put into order who to thank for first, for this phenomenal night. Without the combined efforts from everyone who was a part of this special event, there would not have been a successful St. Joseph's Table. I first want to thank Fr. Gregg for allowing this special event to happen.

The night was amazing. The different foods that were prepared and donated were wonderful. Those who came enjoyed the night. There were sandwiches & cookies to be enjoyed during the auction. There were raffles for some great baskets, a raffle for a "money" flower, and of course, the auction. For those who could not come or bake/cook, and donated money towards the Table, thank you.

The Statue and Table were beautifully decorated by Sandy Polglaze and her 'crew'. Without the Ladies Guild, the Table would not have been a success. These women worked so hard and spent hours preparing the tables, working at the auction, and staying after to clean up. Thank you.

A special thanks to Dale, who sets up the tables and chairs in the hall for us. A thank you to Bobby Farias for help with the mic and being there when we need him. Thank you to Jane & Melissa, in the Rectory office, who are always there with their help and support.

Without our parishioners, we would not have had this spectacular evening, which was more successful than the previous years. I cannot forget to thank those who are not parishioners of St. Francis for their donations and participation. Thank you.

If I missed to thank anyone who helped in any way, I apologize, because without all of you, the Table would not have been as successful as it was.

We are so grateful that we can help those who are less fortunate, which is the purpose of the St. Joseph's Table, and we look forward again to next year.

Get those recipes ready.....

God bless you.

Giovanna



LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019

Maria Invernon & John Minnett

LECTORS

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

5:30 P.M. Lynn Magnini & Pat Demarest

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019

7:30 A.M. Erika Reid

10:00 A.M. Chris Marren & Annie Rivera

12 NOON Henry Mendoza & Fred Ackerly

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

5:30 P.M. Frank & Sandy Polglaze

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019

7:30 A.M. Sue Raoul & Margaret O'Neill

10:00 A.M. Melissa Rivera & Anne Springstead

12 NOON Debbie Ackerly & Diane Morano

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

5:30 P.M. Sean Moebius

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019

7:30 A.M. Elizabeth Reid

Hayden Whitaker-Currie

10:00 A.M. Mackenzie King & 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