

# 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

## MARCH 31, 2019

### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

I want to first draw your attention to something that is becoming more of a concern for our Parish. As you can see our Collection for last Sunday was \$4,000 less than the year before. Our weekly Collections have been consistently down about 2 to 3 thousand a week, but \$4,000 is a new low. I just pray that we all do whatever we can to keep our Parish strong in every way. Another thing that was disappointing to me was finding out that the Village has chosen Palm Sunday for the Suffern Street Fair, which makes parking so difficult for our parishioners trying to attend Mass. It is sad that such a thing would be occurring on a day that extraordinary crowds come to Mass to begin the holiest week of the year for us Catholics. We, of course, voiced our objection, but it is not going to change. We will have people on duty to try to safeguard our parking lot for our parishioners as best we can. I apologize in advance for this great inconvenience at this most sacred time of the year.

Regardless of all of that, nothing can take away the joy we are preparing to celebrate at Easter. We anticipate that Joy on this Fourth Sunday of Lent, called *Laetare Sunday*, a Latin word that means *Rejoice!* Jesus has made all things new by His Passion, Death and Resurrection. He has made us the beloved sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father, who is rich in Mercy. If we truly knew and believed in the Love God has for us, and had complete trust in His Mercy, we would be the happiest people on the face of the Earth. That is what Jesus wants to teach us in the Parable of the *Prodigal Son* in today's Gospel.

Jesus tells the story of a Father who had two sons, and the younger son asked for his share of his inheritance and went off to a distant country. He squandered his inheritance on decadent living until he was reduced to eating the food of pigs. Then "*coming to his senses*" he realizes how good it was in his father's house and decided to go back to his father. In strict justice that son deserved to be disowned by his father. Instead, the parable paints a beautiful image of the father looking out the window, watching and waiting for his son to come back home. As soon as the father catches sight of his son still a long way off, he runs out to meet him, embraces him, welcomes him home, and restores him to the dignity

of being his beloved son and a member of his household. Jesus wants us to understand that this is who God is. As Pope Francis put it, "*the Name of God is Mercy.*"

All this is made very real for us in a most concrete and personal way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. No matter where we have been or what we have done, we always have the opportunity to "*come to our senses*" and return home where our Heavenly Father will embrace us every time as His beloved son, His beloved daughter, in this beautiful Sacrament of Divine Mercy, which brings to our hearts an inner peace and joy that nothing in this world could ever give or take away. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Rev. Matthew J. Furey

**PARISH  
MEET & GREET  
AND  
PALM CROSS SALE  
APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> / 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2019  
MEET & GREET 8AM TO 2PM  
In the gym**

**PALM CROSSES AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES**

**Come have a coffee with our Parish Ministries and say hello to your fellow parishioners and buy a Palm Cross to help support the parish. We will also have the \$10,000 Raffle tickets available. Hope to see you there!!**



**OUR LADY'S GUILD  
ZITI DINNER  
APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30PM  
IN THE CAFETERIA**

Tickets are available at the Rectory for your convenience. (9am to 5pm) Adults - \$10, Children 5-12 \$5.00 and under 5 free. All our welcome.

### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

Please join us for the First Friday Holy Hour with the Sisters of Life. This Friday April 5th the Holy Hour will be at **6:00pm** followed by Mass at 7:00pm, and Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm.

### FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Saturday, April 6 from 4:00 to 5:00pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Rosary and Prayer of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**IN THEATERS MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>  
"UNPLANNED"**

A film depicting the remarkable conversion story of former Planned Parenthood manager, Abby Johnson.  
**AMC Palisades 21, 4403 Palisades Ctr. Drive- Show times daily 11:30am & 2:15pm: AMC Middletown check listings.**

**PARISH CALENDAR**

**Sunday, March 31**

**Monday, April 1**

Rel. Ed. Grade 6 – 4:30pm

Rel Ed. Grade 7 – 7:00pm

Hispanic RCIA – 7:00pm in the Rectory

Novena – 7:15pm

**Tuesday, April 2**

Rel. Ed. Grades 3 – 5 – 4:30pm

Rel. Ed. Grade 8 – 7:00pm

Baptismal Instruction – 7:00pm in the rectory

Prayer Group – 7:30pm in the Rectory Chapel

**Wednesday, April 3**

St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry – 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Living Stations Rehearsal - cafeteria 2:45 to 4pm

Children's Choir – church 5:00pm

Choir – church 7:00pm

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8:00pm cafeteria

**Thursday, April 4**

RCIA – 7:00pm in the Rectory

**Friday, April 5 First Friday**

Exposition – 1:00pm

Holy Hour– 6:00pm

Lenten Mass – 7:00pm

Stations of the Cross – 7:30pm

**Saturday, April 6**

St. Joseph Group – 7:30am in the Rectory

Rel Ed Communion Workshop -9:30am in cafeteria

Rel Ed. Grades 1 & 2 – 9:30am to 11:00am

Our Lady's Guild Ziti Dinner – 6:30pm in the cafeteria

**Sunday, April 7 Meet & Greet Palm Cross Sale**

**FIRST ANNUAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FUN RUN!**

Our Rockland Catholic Schools are hosting their first annual Catholic Schools Fun Run on April 13<sup>th</sup> at Albertus Magnus High School at 9 a.m. Our students will run, walk, skip, or jump to raise money for their school. Would you consider supporting them with a donation that will help our schools continue to provide an authentically Catholic and academically excellent education? To make a donation please visit <https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-4701103/> or email [rocklandfunrun@gmail.com](mailto:rocklandfunrun@gmail.com) for more information. Thank you for your support!

**LENTEN OBSERVANCES**

**RECONCILIATION MONDAY CONFESSIONS**

April 15<sup>th</sup> / 3pm to 9pm

**LENTEN MASSES -FRIDAYS AT 7:00PM**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**FRIDAYS at 7:30pm**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL / EASTER BASKETS**

The St. Vincent DePaul Society of Sacred Heart Parish is once again asking for donations of hams and non-perishable foods for our Easter Baskets.

**Easter Baskets will be distributed on Monday April 15, 2019 from 10am to 12 noon. Deadline: for donations is April 14, 2019.**

**SACRED HEART PARISH  
25<sup>TH</sup> AND 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 our parish will honor all those celebrating these milestone anniversaries at the 10:00am Mass followed by a reception. If you are celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary anytime this year, please contact the Rectory Office and let us know. 845-357-0035. We will need the date and place of your wedding in a Catholic Church.

**CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2019**

To date our parish has received **\$39,215.** in pledges/gifts toward the 2019 Cardinal's Appeal, from 138 families. For this Appeal to be truly successful, we need support from all our families. The Appeal is a vital source of funding for the programs and ministries that sustain the parishes across our Archdiocese. **Our goal is \$123,000.**

**SACRED HEART CHURCH**

**\$10,000.00 RAFFLE**

**TICKETS \$100 EACH (1 IN 250 CHANCE TO WIN)**

Available at the Rectory

Monday to Friday - 9am to 5pm

**1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE - \$10,000.00**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE - \$1,000.00**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE - \$500.00**

Winning tickets will be drawn at 9:00pm in the school gymnasium on Friday, June 28, 2019.

**SISTERS OF LIFE**

**Providing Life-affirming choices for women:** Here in the Archdiocese of New York, there are many resources that provide women facing unplanned pregnancies with alternatives to abortion. If you know someone who is struggling, please urge them to contact: [www.visitationcenterus.org](http://www.visitationcenterus.org) or call (877)777-1277.

**"Have you suffered an abortion?"** Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sisters of Life: 866.575.0075 or e-mail: [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org). For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877.586.4621 or e-mail: [Lumina@postabortionhelp.org](mailto:Lumina@postabortionhelp.org)

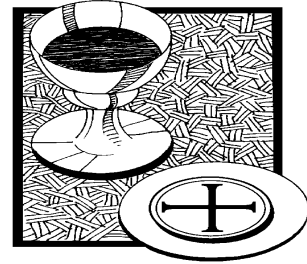
**SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS'S NAME**

March 24<sup>th</sup> Collection – \$12,488.

Last Year's Collection – \$16,480.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
PRO-LIFE "KNIGHT" AT THE MOVIES**

On April 4 at 7pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall (20 Washington Ave, Suffern, NY) we will be showing *Gimme Shelter* starring Vanessa Hudgens and James Earl Jones. Light refreshments will be served. We will accept freewill donations for Several Sources Shelters.



**ANUNCIOS**

El Grupo de Oración en Español tiene lugar habitualmente los miércoles, a las 8 de la noche en la cafetería. Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán lugar el 13 de abril 2019 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: **Keith**

**Alanis, Luciano Antonucci, Jenna Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Baby Ty, Michael Brady, Pat Brady, Annette Burbridge, Dolores Cangelose, Frank Calfa, Kelly Collins, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Robert Cosenza, Laura D'Alesio, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Sr. Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene and Fred Gentile, Mark Goldman, Debra Gravina, Catherine Greeley, Senan Halpin, Roy Harris, Clement Hayes, Carrin Holborn, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Susan Jarkiewicz, Anna Kasperska, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Alan Lesser, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Joseph Mikulka, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Shace Paljusevic, Joseph Randazzo, Etta Rooney, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, Frank Salveggi, Ruth Schwetz, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, Fr. Peter Tarantino, SA, Phyllis Varacalli, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing, Marie Witt, and Vladimir Zaslavsky.**

**FOR OUR ARMED FORCES**

We pray for all the men and women serving our country in the armed forces especially the sons and daughters, grandchildren and loved ones of our parishioners.

**ALTAR MEMORIALS  
MARCH 31, 2019**



**Altar Candles  
and the  
Sanctuary Lamp  
In Memory of**

**JIM & DAVID REECE**



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones:

Especially: **Alphonso Rucci, Patrick McCloskey, Mary Catherine Rooney**

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30**

9:00am – Jim & David Reece

**SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS**

5:30pm – Vincent Crotty

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Stanislavia Morone

10:00am – Johnny McGrath

11:30am – Carmela & Albert LaBruna

1:00pm – Frank A. Battaglia

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

**MONDAY, APRIL 1**

7:00am – David Chisholm

9:00am – Catherine Daniello

7:15pm – Novena

**TUESDAY, APRIL 2**

7:00am – Special Intentions Margret Peuthk

9:00am – Gregory Ferraro

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3**

7:00am – Robert McQueeny

9:00am – Maria Cosentino

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4**

7:00am – Robert McQueeny

9:00am – Nancy Collins

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5 First Friday**

7:00am – Alan Lesser

9:00am – Margaret Fletcher

1:00pm – Exposition

6:00pm – Holy Hour

7:00pm – Joseph Campanella

7:30pm – Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6**

9:00am – David Hazell

**SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS**

5:30pm – Dolores Mendolia

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Stanislavia Morone

10:00am – Mary Desiderio

11:30am – Lucy Scarpelli

1:00pm – Armando Bulaon

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

**BOOSTER CLUB**

**WEEK 11 -NADINE FRANCE**