

THIS WEEK AT

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MASSES

SUNDAY MASSES:

SHRINE CHURCH - 7:00 & 10:30AM

PARISH CHURCH - 9:00, 10:15, 11:30AM,

12:45 and 7:00PM

SATURDAY MASS VIGIL:

PARISH CHURCH - 5:00PM

(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

CONFESSIONS:

SHRINE CHURCH - Saturday 4:30-5:30pm

DAILY MASSES:

SHRINE CHURCH

6:30 & 9:00AM Monday ~ Friday

9:00AM ~ Saturday

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 6, 2016

REPENTANCE

"We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." So says Paul in the Second Letter to the Corinthians. Isn't this what Lent is all about? We know that we are sinners, yet we don't think about it much. Lent is the time to think about all the ways in which we have failed to be all that we hope to be as followers of Christ. Like the prodigal son in the Gospel, we accept the gifts that God gives but forget the goodness of the giver. We waste our gifts on useless works and useless things. We can't wait to get to the stores on "Black Friday." We collect useless junk for our homes, our cars, and our children; things that don't contribute to our good character, but only to our cluttered lives. We obsess over our phones, our computers, and our i-things at the expense of our face-to-face relationships.

FORGIVENESS

"So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." To have seen his son a long way off, the father must have been looking for him, watching every day, hoping for his return. The father was ready to forgive, love, and receive back the son who wandered and squandered. And so our God is with us. God's faithful love and compassion is always ready to forgive us, if only we would turn back to the right way again. As Saint Paul says, "God was reconciling the world to [God] in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation." In turn, we are to welcome others into this new freedom and joy. "So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us."

Today's Readings: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 (Worship Pgs. 1038)

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR
SATURDAY, MARCH 5****PARISH CHURCH 5:00 PM**
SALVATORE AIRO**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR
SUNDAY, MARCH 6****SHRINE CHURCH 7:00AM**
LEONARD & GLORIA DIAZ
PARISH CHURCH 9:00AM
ANTOINETTE & JERRY TALARICO
PARISH CHURCH 10:15AM
BARBARA KOSTRZEWA
SHRINE CHURCH 10:30AM
PATRICK CLEGHORN
PARISH CHURCH 11:30AM
MISSA PRO POPULO
PARISH CHURCH 12:45PM
JOJO BAQUISAL
PARISH CHURCH 7:00PM
PIETRO DELVECCHIO**MONDAY**6:30 AM MICHAEL MANGHI
9:00 AM JOSEPH & ELEANOR LUISI
NOON (PARISH) HELEN QUINN**TUESDAY**6:30 AM ARTURO YANNI
9:00 AM BARBARA MEYERS
NOON (PARISH) TERRY GREENAN**WEDNESDAY**6:30 AM HEATHER LEIGH COLON
9:00 AM GIUSEPPE MANGANIELLO
NOON (PARISH) VIOLET & CHARLES DeMARTINO**THURSDAY**6:30 AM MARGARET P. ARMSTRONG
9:00 AM (PARISH) GRACE MASTROPIETRO
NOON (PARISH) OLGA & PATRICK BURT & ANA TORRES**FRIDAY**6:30 AM ANTHONY CAPPABIANCA
9:00 AM JOSEPH LUISI
NOON (PARISH) WILLIAM BOWLER**SATURDAY**9:00 AM JEANMARIE & GARY WIDMER
5:00 PM RALPH SCHULZ**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR
SUNDAY, MARCH 13****SHRINE CHURCH 7:00AM**
HENRY GRAHAM
PARISH CHURCH 9:00AM
CONSUELO, MATTHEW & JASON SHRAGA
PARISH CHURCH 10:15AM
ROMAN STAFIEJ
SHRINE CHURCH 10:30AM
PEGGY KELLY
PARISH CHURCH 11:30AM
MISSA PRO POPULO
PARISH CHURCH 12:45PM
FELICE DELFINO
PARISH CHURCH 7:00PM
JOHN YANCHEWSKI

Coffee, tea and more will be served after the 9:00, 10:15 and 10:30am Masses, sponsored by the Parish Players. All parishioners are welcome.

BLOOD DRIVE SUNDAY MARCH 13, 2016

St. Anthony's is hosting a blood drive to support our community blood supply during this YEAR OF MERCY! **Please SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, March 13, 2016 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, in the School Cafeteria. Look for the sign-up table after Mass on March 6th in Shrine Church Hall at Coffee after Mass.** Appointments preferred, but walk-ins always welcome! You must be at least 16 years old (NYBC permission form required), weigh at least 110 lbs. and be in general good health. Donors age 76 and older can donate with a note from their physician. Most medications do not disqualify you from donating. Please eat and drink well and bring an ID.

BLESSED MOTHER'S SODALITY

The Blessed Mother Sodality will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:30pm in the school cafeteria beginning with the recitation of rosary followed by the meeting celebrating the saints, St. Patrick and St. Joseph. **ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND JOIN SODALITY.** For further information, please call Lucy Sinacore at 623-5742. Refreshments will be served.

**TRIDUUM IN HONOR OF ST. PEDRO
CALUNGSOD**

The Fil-Am Community of St. Anthony's Parish is sponsoring a TRIDUUM (three-days) of Masses to honor our 2nd Filipino Saint on the following dates: **March 19th**, Saturday at 1:00pm (Shrine Church) & **April 9th**, Saturday at 1:00pm (Shrine Church) followed by a Fellowship at the Shrine Basement. All are invited to this celebration. May St. Pedro Calungsod intercede for us!!!

2016 OPEN HOUSES AT ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL

Join us for an Open House on Tuesday, March 8, and April 12 from 9-11am at St. Anthony. RSVP to 623-2311.

SAVE THE DATES FOR DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Please join us for The Divine Mercy Novena on:

Friday, March 25 at 8:40am in the Shrine Church
Saturday, March 26 at 8:40am in the Shrine Church
Sunday, March 27 at **3:00pm** in the Shrine Church
Monday, March 28 8:40am in Shrine Church
Tuesday, March 29, 8:40am Shrine Church
Wednesday, March 30 at 8:40am in Shrine Church
Thursday, March 31 8:40am in Shrine Church
Friday, April 1 at 8:40am in Shrine Church
Saturday, April 2 at 8:40am in Shrine Church
Sunday, April 3- Divine Mercy Sunday at **3:00pm** in the **Parish Church** with refreshments to follow in the School Cafeteria/Gym.



Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 13. **Be sure to turn your clocks ahead after midnight, Saturday, March 12.**



We are fairly deep into our Lenten celebration. Are we Praying, Fasting, and Giving Alms?

Are we different today than we were on Ash Wednesday? How well have we listened to the voice of the Holy Spirit deep within us? Where is the Holy Spirit calling us? And, are we willing to go there?

Let us pray for one another that we use the remaining time in Lent as God would have us use it!

Peace, Prayer, & Gratitude, Fr. Jerry

TITHING NEWS: Last week our collection totaled \$29,575.00. There is no comparative figure from last year. Thank you!

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Mt25:40). Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. The Catholic Relief Services Collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, those who suffer from unjust laws, and those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through supporting today’s collection, you help Jesus in disguise. Please be generous.

LAST CALL FOR EASTER FLOWERS



As we did at Christmas, anyone who would like to donate to the Easter Flowers in memory of a deceased loved one, may pick up an Easter Flowers Envelope in either Church. We will again print the names of those in whose memory the flowers have been donated.

Please return the envelope by the **deadline of Tuesday, March 8th**.

We will **not be able to add any names received after March 8th** as the list will be sent to the printer at that time.

To insure the correct spelling, PLEASE PRINT NAMES ON THE ENVELOPE ~ Thank you!

BAPTISMS: First and Fourth Sundays of the month at 2:00 PM. Instructions for parents of children to be Baptized must be arranged with the Priests of the Parish. Only instructed Catholics should be invited as Godparents. A copy of the child’s birth certificate is required when you meet with the priest.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday afternoon 4:30 - 5:30 PM in the Shrine Church.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements should be made at least six months before the marriage takes place.

SICK CALLS: Any time. Do not neglect to call a priest to a person seriously ill (while the person is conscious, if possible).

NOCTURNAL ADORATION: Each First Friday 7:00pm until 8:00pm in the Shrine Church.

NOVENAS: To St. Anthony: Tuesdays after the 9AM Mass; Miraculous Medal: Monday at 8PM in the Shrine Church.

HOLY HOUR - EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, BENEDICTION & CONFESSIONS: on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00pm in the Shrine Church (Confessions if priests is available).

SOCIETIES:

BLESSED MOTHER'S SODALITY: Meeting on Monday after 3rd Sunday, at 7:30 PM in the School Cafeteria.

SHRINE TO THE UNBORN AT ST. ANTHONY’S - A Shrine to the Unborn is installed in St. Anthony’s Shrine Church. The centerpiece of the shrine is an image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. A Book of Life is enshrined there. Those who have suffered the loss of an unborn child, through stillbirth, miscarriage or abortion, or of a child who lived for just a short time, may have his or her name inscribed in the Book. If you wish to have a child included; applications are available at St. Anthony’s Church office 623-2138. There is no fee but donations will be received with gratitude.

TODAY: **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** at the 9:00 & 10:15am Masses will be for Kindergarten thru 4th Grade.
SECOND COLLECTION will be for Catholic Relief Services.
COFFEE AFTER MASS sponsored by Parish Players.
JUNIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL from 2:00pm- 3:00pm in the Parish Church.

MONDAY: **MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA** at 8:00pm in the Shrine Church.

TUESDAY: **NOVENA TO ST. ANTHONY** following the 9:00am Mass in the Shrine Church.
HOLY HOUR from 7:00-8:00pm in the Shrine Church.
P.R.E.P. Classes for 8th year students ~ sign-in 6:50pm (SHARP).

WEDNESDAY: **SENIOR CLUB MEETING** from 12:00pm-3:00pm in the Shrine Church Hall.
P.R.E.P. Classes for 6th & 7th year students from 7:00 - 8:30pm.
ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL at 7:30pm in the Parish Church.

THURSDAY: **P.R.E.P. Classes** for 4th & 5th year students from 7:00 - 8:30pm.

FRIDAY: **POLISH AMERICAN CREATIVITY SOCIETY FOR CHILDREN** - from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the School.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:00pm in the Shrine Church
PARISH PLAYERS REHEARSAL OF OLIVER at 7:30pm in the school gym.

SATURDAY: **P.R.E.P. Classes** for 1st 2nd & 3rd year students from 9:00 - 10:30am.
CONFESSIONS from 4:30 to 5:30pm in the Shrine Church.

NEXT SUNDAY: **BLOOD DRIVE** from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm in the School Cafeteria.
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD at the 9:00 & 10:15am Masses will be for Kindergarten thru 4th Grade.
JUNIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL from 2:00pm- 3:00pm in the Parish Church.

PRIEST - CELEBRANTS FOR MARCH 12 & 13

SCHEDULE: SATURDAY, MARCH 12

CONFESSIONS: 4:30 -5:30PM FR. JERRY
FR. CRESUS

MASS SCHEDULE:
PARISH CHURCH 5:00PM FR. FERNANDO

MASS SCHEDULE: SUNDAY, MARCH 13

SHRINE CHURCH 7:00AM FR. ED
PARISH CHURCH 9:00AM FR. ED
PARISH CHURCH 10:15AM FR. CRESUS
SHRINE CHURCH 10:30AM FR. JERRY
PARISH CHURCH 11:30AM FR. CRESUS
PARISH CHURCH 12:45PM FR. JERRY
PARISH CHURCH 7:00PM FR. FERNANDO



In order to encourage and strengthen our Parish's devotion to the great Saint Joseph, the Blessed Mother Sodality is sponsoring its sixth St. Joseph's Table on Saturday, March 19th, 2016 at 6pm in the school cafeteria. We will be serving a meatless meal with traditional dishes. Tickets are \$15.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child. All proceeds (after costs) will be donated to St. Anthony's School and Catholic Community Services Food Bank. Tickets will be sold after the Masses on March 5th and March 13th. In addition, tickets will be sold at the rectory after February 29th during business hours only. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR DUE TO LIMITED SEATING.** Join the Sodality to help us celebrate this tradition to honor the Patron of the Universal Church and thank him for all of his blessings. For further information, call 623-3939 or 623-5742.

LENTEN SEASON

Canon Law urges all the Christian Faithful to offer special prayers, to perform works of piety and charity, and to mortify themselves by fulfilling their responsibilities more faithfully. They are likewise encouraged to perform acts of fast and abstinence.

FASTING requires that only one full meal a day be taken. Two smaller meals may be taken to maintain strength but these taken together should not equal another full meal. Fasting obliges from the 18th to the 59th birthday.

ABSTINENCE prohibits individuals the eating of meat. Abstinence obliges from the 14th birthday on. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE/ FASTING ARE: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

DAILY MASS

There is an additional 12 Noon Mass in the Parish Church during Lent: Monday thru Friday.

HOLY HOUR - EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT/BENEDICTION

On Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm in the Shrine Church, we will continue to have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Adoration and Reflection, followed by Benediction. Why not take advantage of this quiet time with the Blessed Sacrament during this Lenten season?

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Why not include the celebration of the Stations of the Cross in your Lenten spiritual program? This devotional practice invites us as Christians to walk with Christ on the road to Calvary. Please join us each Friday evening during Lent, at 7:00pm.

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH - SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Solemn Mass ~ Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 5pm

We will be celebrating a Solemn Mass in honor of St. Joseph at 5:00pm in the Parish Church.

There is a St. Joseph Dinner to follow in the School Cafeteria sponsored by the Blessed Mother Sodality.

TICKETS TO THE DINNER MUST** BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE**
(SEE THIS WEEKS BULLETIN PAGE FOUR FOR DINNER DETAILS)

Please mark your calendar to join us for this Mass honoring the Foster Father of Our Savior & the Patron Saint of the Universal Church.



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MASS BOOK 2017

The Mass Book for 2017 will open, by appointment only on:
Tuesday, April 5; Wednesday April 6; and Friday, April 8

To make an appointment to reserve an Intention Mass for the 2017 Mass Book, please call the Rectory Office, 623-2138 ext. 6
starting: Wednesday, March 30, between 10:00am and 4:00pm.

Appointments will be given by phone only (no walk in appointments, please) and
we cannot accept any calls for appointments before 10:00am sharp on Wednesday, March 30.

Mass reservations for 2017 cannot be made without a previously scheduled appointment.

After the 3 days of appointments, Masses can be booked by a first come/first serve basis starting Wednesday, April 13th from 9:00am to Noon and 1pm to 3:30pm. Thank you for your cooperation!

(The customary offering for each announced mass is \$15.00. Thank you.)

BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Is someone you know thinking about becoming a Catholic? Baptized in another denomination? Not baptized yet? St. Anthony's is currently holding information sessions on the RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults] process for those thinking about joining our parish. Please call Barbara Peters at (845)598-1136, if you are interested

PRO-LIFE MASS

There is a Pro Life Mass celebrated every 1st Monday night of the month at 7:30pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 128 Parrott Road in West Nyack. The next Pro Life Mass will be on Monday, March 7th.

+MASS OF CHRISM+

SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL - TUESDAY, MARCH 22nd - 4:00 PM

This special Mass, a tradition which goes all the way back to the 5th century of our church, is only celebrated once a year, during Holy Week. The Mass, which manifests the unity of the priests with their bishop, will be celebrated by our Archbishop, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, who will be joined by his Auxiliary Bishops and hundreds of our parish and religious order priests and deacons.

During the Mass, the Archbishop will also bless three sacred oils, the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick or infirm and holy chrism. These oils will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the entire Archdiocese during the upcoming year.

We urge all the faithful of our Rockland parishes to make attendance at this **Mass of Chrism** a special part of their Lenten observance. For your convenience, we are sponsoring a comfortable coach bus which will be departing from the centrally located **St. Francis of Assisi** parking lot at 1:00PM that day. We have also reserved a block of seats at the Cathedral for our Rockland County Deanery group.

Please contact the Deanery Office (St. Aedan's) at **845-735-4125**, to reserve a seat. The round-trip bus ride costs **\$20**. Please make your *check payable to St. Aedan's Church* and mail it in as soon as possible to us at **23 Reld Drive, Pearl River, NY 10965**. Bus reservations can only be guaranteed upon receipt of your check.

CATHOLIC WIDOW AND WIDOWERS CLUB OF ROCKLAND

The Catholic Widow and Widowers Club of Rockland County will be meeting on Sunday, March 20th at 6:30pm at St. Augustine's Church (downstairs). Dessert and coffee will be served. Guests are welcome. For information call Dotty at 845-623-1739.

RESPECT LIFE

Assisted Suicide Educational Evening – Tues, March 15th at 7:30-9:00pm, in the Gym of St. Gregory Barbarigo School (park in Gym parking lot), 29 Cinder Road, Garnerville, NY 10923. RSVP required to Sr.Lucy.Marie@ArchNY.org. Assisted suicide continues to be in the forefront of issues being considered in Albany. Some claim it is simply “medical assistance in dying” and not suicide. But what is really at stake here? Are lethal pills the most we can offer to our brothers and sisters who find themselves suffering with a terminal illness? Join us to learn the facts as we look at the legislation and all of its medical, legal and ethical implications. Sponsored by the Family Life Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of NY with main speaker, Ed Mechmann, Esq. Public Policy Director and Sr. Lucy Marie, Respect Life Coordinator.

H.A.N.D.S. (Healing and Nurturing Distraught Survivors)

H.A.N.D.S. sponsors a **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** for parents who have lost a child. It is facilitated by Ann Carucci, founder of H.A.N.D.S. who lost her son & daughter-in-law in a boating accident. Their bodies were never recovered. All groups meet from 6:30 to 8:00pm. The next meeting is March 15th and are held at International Headquarters, 9 Scott Drive, New City, NY 10956. Services are free of charge. Ann is also available for personal one-on-one counseling sessions.

H.A.N.D.S also now has a **WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS GROUP** facilitated by Ann Carucci, who lost her husband. These meetings are held every Monday at 9 Scott Drive, New City. For further information please contact Ann Carucci at 634-6706.

SISTERS OF LIFE-HOPE AND HEALING

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is help and hope available and the pain and sorrow of abortion need not endure for a lifetime. “Days of Prayer and Healing” offer the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to heal the wound of abortion. The upcoming “Days of Prayer and Healing” are Saturdays, March 19th. For location and confidential registration call the Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 or email hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org. For additional tri-state retreats and information see Lumina Hope & Healing after abortion www.postabortionhelp.org or email Lumina@postabortionhelp.org. Days of Prayer and Healing for Men - For more information or to register for men please call Lumina at 877-586-4621 or email Lumina@postabortionhelp.org.

ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SPRING CRAFT FAIR

On Sunday, March 13, St. Joseph Regional High School in Montvale NJ will be hosting its annual Spring Craft Show/Sale from 10:00am until 4:00pm showcasing the talents of 90 crafts people and fine artists including many new crafters. Admission is \$2.00. Children and senior citizens (65+) are free. NO STROLLERS PERMITTED. For more information go to www.sjrnj.org



The Cardinal's Appeal Supports **WORKS OF CHARITY**. Blessed are those who mourn, for they *shall be comforted*. - Matthew 5:4. **ANSWER GOD'S CALL** to serve our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate. In the *Beatitudes*, Jesus reminds us what it is to be a disciple of God, to act with mercy, compassion, and love. Join in helping others during this **Year of Mercy**. **Make an online gift today at www.cardinalsappeal.org**. Thank you for your generosity.