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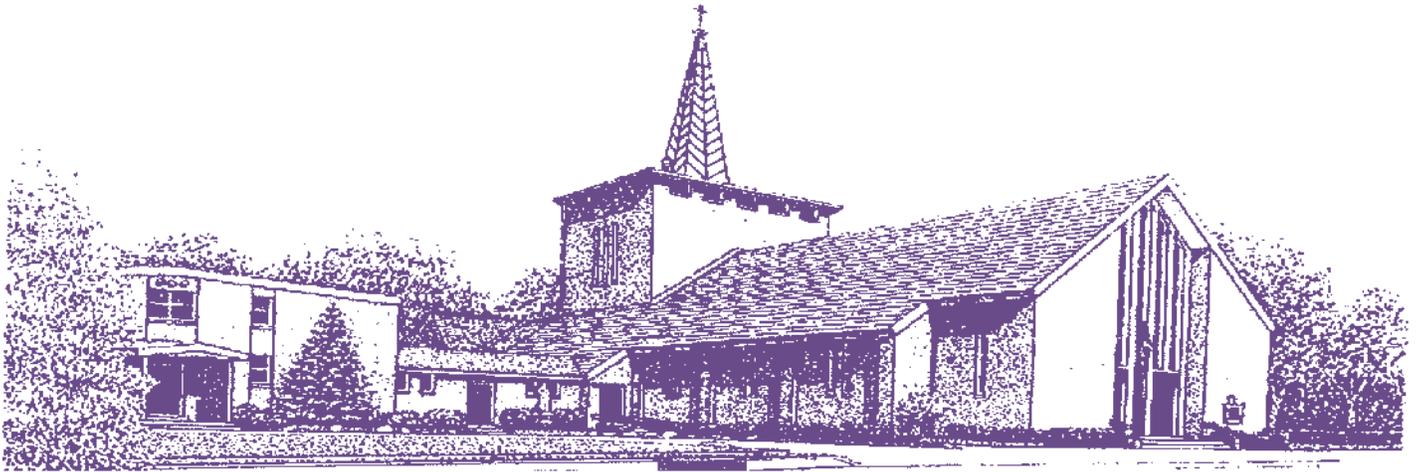
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Fr. Arthur Mastrolia, Pastor

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SUNDAY MASSES:

SATURDAY EVENING: 5:00PM

SUNDAY MORNING: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, AND 12:00 NOON

WEEKDAY MASSES:

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 9:00AM

WEDNESDAY, 4:00PM

FIRST FRIDAY, 9:00AM AND 12:10PM

SATURDAY:

9:00AM

CONFESSIONS:

SATURDAY: 4:00PM TO 4:45PM

OR BY APPOINTMENT IN THE RECTORY.

BAPTISM:

ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE BY CONTACTING A PRIEST OF THE PARISH. AN INSTRUCTION CLASS IS HELD BEFORE THE SACRAMENT. PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED IN THE PARISH AND ENCOURAGED TO BECOME PARTICIPATING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY FOR AT LEAST THREE MONTHS BEFORE THE BAPTISM.

MARRIAGE:

ARRANGED SIX MONTHS IN ADVANCE. SPECIAL CONDITIONS APPLY FOR NON-PARISHIONERS. PRE-CANA REQUIRED.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

CALL THE RECTORY ANYTIME.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:

MS. TINA DELAURENTIS-GARCIA, DIRECTOR, 965-5535
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GRADES 1-7, SUNDAYS 8:30AM-11:00AM

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

EVERY FAMILY AND SINGLE ADULT SHOULD BE PROPERLY REGISTERED IN THE PARISH AND RECEIVING A MONTHLY SET OF ENVELOPES. NEW PARISHIONERS, WHO WISH TO REGISTER, CAN DO SO AT THE RECTORY.

HOMEBOUND:

PLEASE NOTIFY THE RECTORY REGARDING COMMUNION FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS.

Mr. George Eacobacci, Principal

School: 476-8489

School Fax: 965-7939

Mr. Kenneth Corneille, Director of Music and Organist



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020

**"I am the light of the world, says the Lord:
whoever follows me
will have the light of life."**



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 21 *Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent*

5:00pm Michael Popoli

Sunday, March 22 *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

8:00am Vincent Galle, Sr.

10:00am Elizabeth Esack

12:00noon Noel Fitzpatrick

Monday, March 23 *Lenten Weekday*

9:00am Costello & Bianchi Families

Tuesday, March 24 *Lenten Weekday*

9:00am

Wednesday, March 25 *Annunciation of the Lord*

4:00pm People of St. Anthony

Thursday, March 26 *Lenten Weekday*

9:00am

Friday, March 27 *Lenten Weekday*

9:00am

Saturday, March 28 *Lenten Weekday*

9:00am Carmen Corrigan

Saturday, March 28 *Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent*

5:00pm Beatrice O'Rourke

Sunday, March 29 *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

8:00am Mariano Alberto Aguirre

10:00am Manuel Leiriao

12:00noon Giuseppe Bonavita



**The Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of
Lina Poli**

*** STEWARDSHIP ***

You are urged to continue to support St. Anthony Parish, the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal and the Renew + Rebuild Campaign during this time of crisis. The best way for our congregation to sustain the parish is by using the WESHARE online giving service. While we rely on WESHARE for snow days, vacations and illness-related absences, you can imagine how much it would mean to the Parish to receive some stream of income during these times when collections are not being taken up manually. To join WeShare, simply visit: archny.org/WeShare and sign up to support St. Anthony Parish (482) in Yonkers. Of course, dropping off your envelope at the rectory or sending it in by mail is always an option. THANK YOU!!!

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

March 22-28

In Memory of

Marion & Andrew Balog

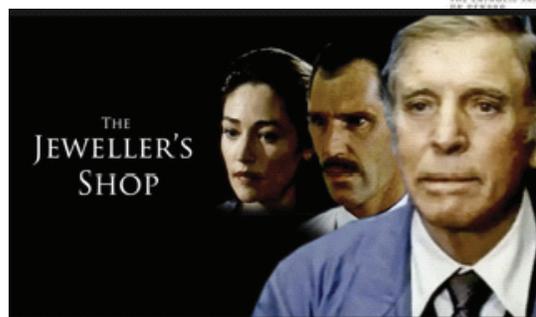


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**We remember that God
does not keep His distance**

COVID-19 CANCELLATIONS

Out of an abundance of caution, we have decided to **CANCEL** at least the first two "PASTAS WITH THE PASTOR" scheduled for March 13 and 20. A decision on holding the final pasta scheduled for April 3 will be made in greater proximity to that date. Please notify the Rectory Office (914-965-2733) to inquire about the procedures for a refund.

Dear Parishioners:

As you know, all public worship in the Archdiocese has been suspended while our entire society is fighting to limit the spread of the virus called COVID-19. It is a most difficult time for all of us, and I know that we are all keeping one another close in prayer. In the not too distant future, the Archbishop will re-evaluate the situation and make a decision regarding the celebration of the Easter Masses and Sacraments. While this is temporary, it is a gravely serious disruption in our parish life because, besides the suspension of all Masses, we have also discontinued all parish meetings, small group meetings, Pasta with the Pastor, Stations of the Cross, Youth Sport activities and everything else that usually goes on around here when people come together.

I recognize how this all has a negative effect on parishioners who already live alone and might depend on the small group interaction and weekly gathering for worship. I encourage all parishioners to identify those who are alone and isolated and to offer assistance where needed, at least through phone contact.

The disease moves rapidly between people, so we are hoping and praying that minimizing direct contact between persons at the beginning of the spread will slow down the infection rate. I do, however, see this difficult time as an opportunity for our faith community to try innovations in how we connect. We already know that our gifts in being The Body of Christ include connection, hospitality, worshiping together and helping one another and our neighbor. So, exploring and utilizing new ways to connect is a good thing!

If you can, please try to be part of the following new ways to connect via "Flocknote":

Most have cell phones.

- All you have to do is go to the TEXTING option on your phone and type in 84576 in the area where you would normally type in the phone number.
- Type SAC in the area where you would normally type in your message
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- Type in the site title flocknote.com/stanthony
- You will get a small form to fill in your name, email and mobil number (or leave it blank)
- Click on the Sign Me Up Button

If you prefer, you can also go to the St Anthony website StAnthony-Yonkers.org/news and scroll down to the 8th article and simply click on the red title [Connect With Us on Flocknote!](#)

Any of these options takes about 1 minute or less, and you will be in on any further messages that will keep you in the loop for helpful information. I am hoping each day to send you a Flocknote with a link to a video of the daily mass from St. Anthony's – especially desired by our daily communicants! The reserved intentions for these announced masses are thereby being satisfied. Please feel free to share this with any other parishioner you might know who has not gotten earlier messages.

We all are concerned and working hard to make good decisions for the well-being of our faith community - spiritual, mental and physical. Thank you for working together in these unprecedented circumstances which our country and world are facing. I'm more and more proud to be leading the good people of St. Anthony's as your Pastor. We are all part of the family of God. Jesus came to show us that his way of love is the way of life. It's God's family, and it takes us all. We are in this together. We will walk through this together, and we will find our way!

LASTLY, THANK YOU FOR TRYING YOUR BEST TO KEEP UP WITH YOUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY GIFTS. Of course, we continue to receive mail at: CHURCH OF ST. ANTHONY, 10 SQUIRE AVENUE, YONKERS, NY 10703. So feel free to mail your check. THANK YOU! In these days, we are even more grateful for electronic giving! To enroll with our electronic giving program, just visit: archny.org/WeShare.

May God be with you and your loved ones, granting you health and peace of mind and heart!

**Prayerfully,
Father Mastrolia**

A Faith Response to the Coronavirus

The coronavirus outbreak is stirring up anxiety, confusion, and major inconveniences. It is a situation in which we can easily overreact or underreact. How can our faith tradition guide and comfort us through this troubling time?

A good starting point is to remember that the most repeated phrase in the Bible is “Do not be afraid!” or “Have no fear!” God probably sends us this message so frequently because fear is such a big part of human nature. Fear can alert us to dangers in our lives to keep us safe, but fear can also lead us astray, toward selfish responses.

Enough for Everyone

Of course, we see these same dynamics play out in Scripture, where fear leads to hoarding. The most famous story is when the Israelites are in the desert without food (Exodus 16). God rains down manna from heaven but also cautions them to take only what they need for now. They disobey but find that the food they attempt to store away goes bad immediately.

The consistent message we hear in the Bible is that we need to trust in God, who will provide enough for everyone. The problems come when people begin to take more than they need.

Fear of the coronavirus has caused some to stockpile and hoard unreasonable amounts of hand sanitizer, face masks, and other supplies against the recommendations of leaders. The problem is that this wipes out supplies for those who truly need them the most—health care workers and those most vulnerable to the disease—without really making the buyers safer.

Protect the Vulnerable

Scripture and the social teachings of the church remind us again and again that we—as individuals and a society—must protect and give priority to those who are most vulnerable and at risk. We see this from the laws in the Old Testament that looked out for the poor and the widows, to Jesus’ embrace of people on the margins of society, to the early church’s adamant support of those who had less. The Bible urges us to put those who are most at risk first.

In the midst of the coronavirus, the vulnerable take many forms. Most obvious are those who are elderly or have other health conditions that make them most susceptible to illness. Those who are younger may not be concerned about our own health risks, but if we help pass on the virus, it can be a life-or-death situation for others.

Others are financially vulnerable and do not have the flexibility to take sick leave that many of us take for granted. That puts them in a difficult situation when they become ill and may have to choose between putting their job at risk and staying home to protect others. Likewise, many parents do not have the

flexibility to stay home when school is canceled for their children.

A Spirit of Sacrifice

This health crisis is challenging many of us to make sacrifices in our lives. Some are huge, such as those made by exhausted health care workers around the world, desperately trying to keep patients alive (while avoiding the illness themselves).

Other sacrifices fall more in the category of inconveniences. It is inconvenient when events are canceled, schools close, and travel is limited. It is inconvenient to wash our hands intentionally and regularly.

But this kind of sacrifice is at the very center of our faith. Every time we gather around the Lord’s Table, we celebrate the powerful way Christ showed us how to love others. He sacrificed everything in self-giving love for us, and he invited us to do the same. In turn, we die to ourselves—through inconveniences and more—in order to love those around us. Truly loving others will always cost us something.

Actions that may not entirely make sense to us can have huge effects. Scientists point to the 1918 flu when St. Louis proactively and aggressively closed its schools to prevent infections. Death rates in the city were about one third those in Pittsburgh, which was much slower to close its schools. Thousands of lives were saved.

We may grumble about or resist changing our habits, especially if it’s unclear what’s in it for us. But we need to remember that many of these actions are more about protecting others. Perhaps the invitation amidst this crisis is to embrace the inconveniences fully, and then move beyond them to seek out the best ways to serve those who are most in need.

Loving Our Neighbor

Community is essential to us as Christians. We are the Body of Christ, and we know that when two or more gather in Jesus’ name, He is present with us. So it may be a bit harder for us to handle the “social distancing” happening in many communities.

Our call to community is not only in the context of our church but also in our neighborhood community. How do we literally love our neighbor? How can we be witnesses on our streets?

One way is to regularly check in on your neighbors who may be vulnerable and isolated. Offer to deliver groceries or other items for them or to run other errands so they won’t have to risk infection by leaving their home.

Be a positive, calming influence in any online neighborhood communities. Don’t spread rumors or hysteria, but find ways to support each other through the crisis.

Living the Virtues

Ultimately, as with life in general, we are called to live out the four cardinal virtues:

Prudence - Carefully discern the best course of action, not just for ourselves, but for the good of all. Ask: What action does God want me to take?

Justice - Seek fairness for everyone, especially those who need it most. Ask: Who is not getting the help that they need?

Temperance - Find a healthy balance between self care and care for others. Ask: Do I err toward selfishness or an unhealthy co-dependence?

Fortitude - Persevere in times of trial and difficulty. Ask: Do I have the courage to do the right thing even when the going gets tough?

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What You Can Do

Stop the spread. Even if you are not particularly concerned about the risk to yourself or your own family, these tactics will protect others who may be more vulnerable. Many of us will carry the virus before having any symptoms (and may never develop any).

Wash your hands well for at least 20 seconds with soap and water. Sing the refrain to Michael Joncas' song "On Eagle's Wings" ("And he will raise you up...") while you wash.

Avoid touching your face.

Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue.

Follow the guidance of local officials.

Stay home if you become ill.

Don't take what you don't need. Hoarding worsens the situation, and can lead to more infections and more impacts for the most vulnerable.

Leave the masks to others. Masks only make sense for health care workers and those who are infected. They are not guaranteed to prevent transmission anyway.

Do not overbuy supplies. Retailers are being wiped out of disinfectants and other supplies, leaving some who most need them without. Be prepared, but be thoughtful and reasonable.

Advocate for the vulnerable and targeted.

Have compassion for those most at risk. Stand up for those who need the most help and make sure they are being cared for, without judgment.

Fight racism. Discrimination against those with Asian background only hurts the situation.

Proactively love your neighbor!

Check in on isolated or vulnerable neighbors and offer to help with specific tasks such as shopping, child or pet care, cleaning, etc.

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If you are in a position of power, use that power for the good of all. Allow workers to work from home or take time off, limit large gatherings, follow government guidance, etc.

Thank those on the front lines who are protecting us, such as health care workers, police, firefighters. Be gentle and kind with them.

Pray for all those affected by the crisis.

ANTICIPATED SUNDAY MASS PRESIDERS

March 28th/29th

5pm Father Mastrolia

8am Capuchin Father

10am Msgr. LaMorte

12 noon Father Mastrolia

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK

We pray for all the sick of our Parish, especially:

- Drew Aaron · Maureen Boolukos · Gianna Colao ·
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- Susan Schiavone · Michael Treacy ·

UPCOMING OFFERTORY SCHEDULE

March 29	ONE COLLECTION
April 5	ONE COLLECTION
April 10	HOLY LAND COLLECTION
April 12	EASTER COLLECTION
April 19	ONE COLLECTION

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GENEROSITY!!!

CHURCH CLEANING

Team	Captain	Phone #	Date & Time
5	Anita Dharmay	646-938-8151	Th, Mar 26, 5pm
6	Agnes Hernandez	476-8583	Th, Apr 2, 10am
1	Gail O'Rourke	715-6035	Th, Apr 9, 11:30am
2	Angela Marranzino	457-0303	Fri, Apr 17, 10am
3	Nina Miller	965-0498	Fri, Apr 24, 10am
4	Doris Ciufu	963-1991	Fri, May 1, 10am

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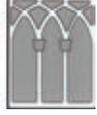
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