

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14**

5:15 PM Ann Tucciarone (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.),  
*By family*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15**

8:00 AM Louis Paolino (Ann.),  
*By family*

10:00 AM Talia Delmonico and Olga Scungio (Rem.),  
*By the Renaldo Family*

11:30 AM Francis and Arthur Saran (Rem.),  
*By family*

**MONDAY, MARCH 16**

12:10 PM Patrick & Mary Brennan (Rem.),  
*By Lucy*  
Sophia Testa (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.),  
*By brother, Anthony*

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17**

12:10 PM Genevieve DePerry (Rem.),  
*By daughter and family*  
Hazel & Paul Tessier (Rem.),  
*By daughter*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**

12:10 PM Lisa Furia (Rem.),  
*By Lucille*  
Kate Levesque (Rem.),  
*By Lucille*

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19**

**NO SCHEDULED MASS TODAY**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20**

12:10 PM Patricia Kelley (Rem.),  
*By Wini and Marie*  
Ralph Labriole (Rem.),  
*By daughter, Sandy*

7:00 PM Stations and Benediction

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21**

5:15 PM Anita Aspry (3<sup>rd</sup> Ann.),  
*By family*  
Stephen Piccirilli ( Month's Mind),  
*By Lucille*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22**

8:00 AM John Taglione (Ann.),  
*By Lisa*  
10:00 AM Vincent & Christina Piscitelli (Rem.),  
*By family*  
11:30 AM OPEN INTENTION



Third Sunday  
of Lent

March 15, 2020

**“I will give you a new Spirit,”  
says the Lord.**

Borrowed from Paul Turner

**Water in the Desert**

In the desert of our lives there are plenty of complaints. Bills are too high. Friends are too few. Health is too frail. Faith is too weak. In the desert of our lives there is plenty of blame. Our leaders are unconcerned. Children are too demanding. Society is sinful. Life is not fair.

In the desert, the people of Israel grumble against Moses. They have too little water, and they are blaming Moses. Moses blames God, and asks for some divine intervention.

God promises Moses, “I will stand in front of you on the rock.” Moses strikes that rock, and water gushes forth.

Life brings its share of struggle. We sometimes rebel against the very place where God has invited us to be. We forget that God has given us life, has entered into covenant with us, and stands ever before us. So we complain. We may not realize that we are standing right at the water for which we thirst.

The discomforts of your life will not be hard to name. Have you brought some of them on yourself? Has God placed some of them in your path? Do you trust that God stands with you, water at the ready? From where will that water come?

**MASS INTENTIONS**

(Call for additional Mass availability)

The following dates and times are available

SUNDAY	MARCH 22	11:30 AM
SUNDAY	APRIL 5	8:00 AM
SUNDAY	APRIL 12	8:00 & 10:00 AM
MONDAY	APRIL 13	9:00 AM

**Family Faith Formation, Outreach and Evangelization**

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**Monday 3/16/2020 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday 3/17/2020 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday 3/18/2020 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>** Ways to Know the Faith

1. Pick one short book from the Bible (like James or Mark) and read it all the way through.
2. Learn more about the Eucharist by reading, studying, and praying over John 6 (especially the Bread of Life discourse).
3. Watch episodes of That Catholic Show at [NewEvangelizers.com](http://NewEvangelizers.com).
4. Visit [USCCB.org](http://USCCB.org) and read the bishops' document, [Disciples Called to Witness](#).
5. Ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom.
6. Brush up on the Ten Commandments.
7. Start bringing your Bible to Mass with you, and write notes in the margins during the homily.

Ways to Live the Faith

1. Go to confession. Seriously.
2. Clean out your closet and find at least five items to donate or give away.
3. Go sit in front of the tabernacle and tell Jesus you love him.
4. Increase your tithe at least 1 percent, if not more.
5. When you drive by a Catholic Church, make the sign of the cross and say aloud, "I love you, Jesus!"
6. Pray for others, especially people you don't like.
7. Rest on Sundays. Turn off electronics. Focus on God and family.
8. Keep a crucifix next to your computer.
9. Anonymously give cash to someone in need.

Ways to share the Faith

1. Hang a holy card in your office at work or on your refrigerator.
2. Forgive someone who hurt you.
3. Eat dinner as a family and always start with a prayer.
4. Offer to teach a class or get involved in other ministries in your parish.
5. Wear Catholic T-shirts in public.

\*For an entire year of ideas for knowing, living, and sharing your Faith, pick up a copy of The New Evangelization and You: Be Not Afraid.

*Peace, Dina*

**THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY, ROSARY** FOLLOWING 8:00 **AM** MASS IN THE UPPER CHURCH

**WEDNESDAY, AAGROUP MEETING** AT 7:00 **AM** IN THE CHURCH HALL (EVERY WEDNESDAY)

**FRIDAY, AA** AT 8:00 **PM** IN THE CHURCH HALL (EVERY FRIDAY)

**FRIDAY, NA GROUP MEETING** AT 10:00 **PM** IN THE CHURCH HALL

**DAILY READINGS**

**Sunday** Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

**Monday** 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Friday** Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday** Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14



Call: Jan Zarrella (274-6576) or Charon Souza (231-3962)



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR FOOD SHELF!**

**We are in need of the following items:**

**Cereal**

**Tuna**

**Jarred Pasta Sauce**

**Boxed Pasta**

**\$10.00 STOP & SHOP OR PRICE RITE GIFT CARDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

# 40-WEEK CLUB 2020



## OUR MAJOR FUND RAISER

Week # 10 Ticket # 0387

**\$75: James Nolette**

**Captain: Nancy Panciocco**

Tickets are available at the Rectory Office or call  
Ann @ 944-6792, Pat @ 647-7461 or Judy @ 232-3603

All payments must be Up-To-Date to be eligible – Thank you for your support!



### New Lenten Outreach Project

ALL are invited: teachers, parishioners, CCD students, Troop 20, our youth group, to

participate in our Lenten outreach project.. We are collecting new white socks and underwear, all sizes, for homeless men and women. Please drop items off at the vestry and they will be delivered to several shelters. The need is great, so we count on your generosity.

**Calling all knitters, sewers, crocheters** to make lap blankets, prayer shawls, scarfs and hats. We will have a meeting at church in March for those interested in these projects. If you aren't in any of these categories, but would like to help out, yarn is always appreciated. With grateful hearts,

Carolyn & Marge

In accordance with Diocesan Policies, **Tuition Assistance is only for students in grades K-8. *The premise of the Catholic School Tuition Assistance Program is that financial assistance is based on need.*** Families requesting assistance must fulfill the following requirements:

- \***Must** be registered in the parish (at least one full year.)
- \***Must** attend Mass on a weekly basis.
- \***Must** use the budget envelope system.
- \***Must** show family involvement in parish programs/ministry.
- \***Must** submit the FACTS form through the school's Financial Aid Office

**Please fill out a separate form for each child in a household.** If you need an application sent to you, please call the Rectory at 232-5600 or pick one up on the community table at Church. **Applications must be completed and returned to the Rectory by April 1<sup>st</sup>.**



### EASTER YOUTH CHOIR

Rehearsal for the Easter Youth Choir will begin on **Friday, March 27th at 4:00 pm** in the Church. Any children in grades 3 and up are invited to participate.

Children must attend all rehearsals.  
**Call Tom Roy at 232-2629** to register.

Bishop Hendricken High School will hold an Open House on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, from noon-3:00 p.m. Information on the academics, college placement, athletic and extracurricular activities will be available. The entrance exam for prospective 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. For more information, please call the Admissions Office at 401-889-5425.

### SAVE THE DATE

We are sponsoring a Blood Drive on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 from 4 – 7 p.m. Won't you consider giving the gift of life?

### 2020 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL



Have you given prayerful consideration to your gift for the 2020 Catholic Charity Appeal? Won't you help us by being the "Hands of Christ" in supporting the people and the work of the Diocese of Providence?

Many of you have responded to the Catholic Charity Appeal mailing from Bishop Tobin. On behalf of those served by the ministries and services funded by the Catholic Charity Appeal, we thank you for your gifts.

Our parish goal is \$70,000 – a goal that can only be reached with your sacrificial help and support. All gifts, regardless of size, help to make a difference in the lives of so many individuals.

**Worship in Spirit**

**and Truth**



## Health and Wellness



In the midst of the concerns related to the flu, corona virus and other types of illness, we should always use prudence and good judgment not only in regard to our own health and well-being but also in regard to the health and well-being of those around us.

With that said, when it comes to exchanging the sign of peace, instead of completely eliminating this part of the liturgy here at the parish, let us be mindful that as opposed to shaking hands with each other, we can still exchange the sign of peace simply by nodding our heads, making eye contact and smiling or by way of some other kind gesture.

Also, for now, the only ones to receive the precious blood from the chalice will be the priest celebrant and deacon when he is assisting at Mass.

**Something else to consider is that while the Church continues to give us the option of receiving Eucharist either on the tongue or in the hand, you are strongly encouraged to receive in the hand so as to minimize the possibility of any unwanted and unnecessary contact between the finger(s) of the minister and the tongue/saliva of the communicant.**

Parishioners who have symptoms of illness should be very careful to avoid any physical contact that could transmit the virus with others. Likewise, parishioners should be reminded that if they have symptoms of serious illness they are dispensed from attending Holy Mass on Sundays and in fact should not attend Holy Mass. This is an obligation in charity that parishioners should take very seriously.

Finally, but certainly not least in importance, we approach this situation as we approach everything in life, from the perspective of our faith and in prayer. Please ask the Lord's protection upon our community and those throughout the world during this time of concern for the potential of widespread illness.