

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, March 14

4.00 PM Joanne Sparling by Pat & George Jerome

Sunday, March 15, Third Sunday of Lent

9.00 AM Mary C. Gilmore by Jim & Mel Carney

11.15AM Elizabeth Walsh by Pat Newman

Monday, March 16

8.30 AM Jane Fay (L) by Margie Granese

Tuesday, March 17, St. Patrick, Bishop

8.30 AM Granese Families

Wednesday, March 18, St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8.30 AM No Mass

Thursday, March 19, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7.00 PM John & Doris Meyer by Anna & Ron Meyer

Friday, March 20

8.30 AM Nicholas Imperato (L) by Margie Granese

6.30 PM Philomena Mahnkopf (L) by Jane Fay

Saturday, March 21

4.00 PM Herold Jones (L) by Kathleen & Ben Johnson

Sunday, March 22, Fourth Sunday of Lent

9.00 AM Charles & Maria Meyer by Anna & Ron Meyer

11.15AM Granese Family by Rae Ann & Andrew Valenti

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

We are grateful to all who contribute so generously

Sunday Collection \$ 1145.00

Water \$ 50.00

Thank you for your continued support & generosity

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

9.00 AM Jim Rizzi

11.15 AM Tony LaRuffa

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

9.00 AM Ron Meyer

11.15 AM Barbara Donnadio

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please Pray for Don Tedesco, Marilyn Pizzonia, Michael Dean, Michele Griesbaum, Lisa Donohue, James Valenti, Kathleen Quinn, Vincent Russo, Aliya Rachlin, Tara Byrne, Anthony Giordano, Bob Einterz, Andrea Fedoruk, Nicky Castagna, Jane Schneider, Michael and Matthew Mclean, and Samantha. For Our Military Personnel: Michael Donnelly, Vaughn Schlott, Ana Lucia Teran-Stasilli, Arianar Severf, Larry Weiss, Martin Kamen, Peggy Connolly, Mary Ann, Kimberly Chatfield, Isabella Marchese, Ira Glickler, Rose Infantino, Cathy Gerrard, Linda Bozza, Margaret Payne, Stephanie Freer Greyden Freer, Collen Kent, Karen Fullone, Carol Scott, Eileen Hoynes Hope Traver, Louise Smith, Karen Fullone, Stephen Scognamiglio, Pam Kocher, Anne Hellevig, Gabriella Francesca Maria Paolini, James Vincent Paolini, Janice Mutia, Rose Ann Donnadio, Steven & Kelly Spencer, Spencer Michael Rose, Pastor Linda Bohs, and Jeanne Boyar Arniery, Glenn & Elisa Joergle, Neil Stasilli & Lenore Nizzico.

CONTACT THE RECTORY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES NAMES TO BE ADDED IN PRAYER LIST

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

This story from Exodus reveals that the Israelites, after their escape from Egypt, cast all blame for their sufferings on Moses. In this instance, they were dying of thirst. When Moses appealed to the Lord, the Lord directed Moses to strike a rock and water would gush forth.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Paul reminds the Romans that because Christ died for all people, they are acceptable in God's sight.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well. When Jesus indicates that whoever drinks from the water He gives will never be thirsty again, the woman immediately answers, "Give me this water, sir...". Jesus then reveals that she has had five husbands and tells her that He is the Messiah. The woman believes Jesus and proclaims this news to all the townspeople, who believe her and come to see Jesus.

In response to the unfolding pandemic, we are advising the following:

PRACTICES FOR MASSES AND OTHER RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Governor Cuomo has issued a directive for all public gathering places, including houses of worship, limiting occupancy of each building to no more than 50% of the defined maximum occupancy, up to 500 people. We have been informed this directive has taken effect at 5:00 PM today, March 13. In light of this, the following actions should be taken.

- Mass may continue to be held subject to the occupancy restrictions being imposed by the governor. No Mass should be attended by more than 50% of the church's normal maximum occupancy (i.e., with a defined maximum occupancy of 400, Mass attendance may not exceed 200).
- Beginning today and until Monday March 30, 2020, all religious education classes, parish gatherings and gatherings of 500 people or more should be suspended. A determination on resumption of these activities or an extension of the closure will be made before March 30.
- Religious services (i.e., Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, Marriages, Funerals and Stations of the Cross) may proceed at the pastor's discretion, subject to the above occupancy restriction.
- Parishes should continue with increased cleaning and sanitizing efforts between masses.
- It is strongly recommended that all ordinary and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion use hand sanitizer before and after the distribution of the Eucharist.
- Advisories regarding Holy Week will be provided at a later date.

RESPONSE PLAN FOR A CORONAVIRUS EXPOSURE

In the event that you or a parishioner receive a positive test result for COVID-19, or have been in direct contact with an individual with a confirmed case, contact the office of the vicar general to inform the archdiocese of this exposure. In response, we will work with you to implement a mitigation plan for the parish that could include the closure and cleaning of all or some of the parish facilities.

The plan will include application of social distancing measures that might include the cancellation or deferment of gatherings at the parish or among parishioners. This response will likely include the temporary closure and deep cleaning of the affected premises, and a 14-day mandatory self-quarantine for exposed individuals.

I am attaching our recent advisory regarding coronavirus prevention measures for your reference.

I am also including the Spanish translation of the statement on Mass participation that was sent earlier today.

As always, I am grateful for the many ways in which you have been cooperating as we address this crisis.

Prayer to the Virgin Mary for Protection

(From Pope Francis and adjusted for our use)

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Our Lady of New York, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

ADVISORY REGARDING LITURGICAL PRACTICES

We strongly recommend that you employ additional measures to prevent the spread of coronavirus at your parish.

- Holy water fonts should be emptied, cleaned and refilled on a regular basis, or kept completely dry;
 - The sign of peace should be exchanged without physical contact;
 - Given the frequency of direct contact with saliva in the distribution of Holy Communion on the tongue, every consideration should be made by each individual to receive the host reverently in open hands for now for the protection of all. Ministers are reminded to use anti-bacterial solution before and after distribution of Communion;
 - Some priests have adopted the custom of placing hands on the heads and hair of children or adults who are not receiving communion. Since these "blessings" have no official place within the liturgy, it may be wise to curb this practice for the time being.
 - Have maintenance staff or volunteers; wipe down pew railings after each Mass;
 - Place hand sanitizers and disinfectant wipes at all entrances to the church and ask ushers to advise congregants to use these items;
 - Forego the practice of using a communal collection basket and
 - In addition, it is strongly advised that all precautions should be taken when visiting the sick, nursing homes, and hospitals. Protective clothing and gear should be worn as directed by medical professionals at these facilities.
- Sickness is a valid reason not to attend Mass and other Church Gatherings. Any individual who is sick or has flu-like symptoms, is of advanced age, or believes they have a condition that puts them in a high-risk category for vulnerability to contracting the COVID-19 (i.e., advanced age, chronic medical conditions such as chronic lung disease, heart disease, diabetes, cancer and a weakened immune system) should be urged to stay home.
- The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is broadcast on several television channels; the sick can make "spiritual communion" until they are able to return to good health. This directive should be placed in parish bulletins and announcements.