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All Saints



North East Tompkins County (N.E.T.) Roman Catholic Parishes
Dryden/Freeville — Groton — Lansing, New York

All are welcome!

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Office Hours: Call or text (607) 241-0821

7 days, 8am - 10 pm

Mass will be said **privately** Monday through Saturday at 9 am and Sunday at 8:30 am, 10 am and 11:30 am. All Masses will be streamed online and you can follow them or watch the recording at www.netcatholic.org or www.facebook.com/netcatholic

Confessions: By appointment. Call or text (607) 288-2350.



March 22, 2020
Fourth Sunday
of Lent
Year A

Welcome!

We graciously welcome all new parishioners and visitors to our community. To register, please fill out a registration form available at church entrances, and drop it in the collection basket or at the office. Or register online at: netcatholic.org/join. A member of our ministry team will contact you to complete your registration.

Baptism

Baptismal preparation is offered and required for parents of children to be baptized in our churches. Please contact the parish office or fill in the online form at netcatholic.org/baptism, for an initial interview and baptismal preparation.

Holy Matrimony

Couples must contact the parish office at least six months prior to the celebration. Marriage preparation prerequisites must be fulfilled before the celebration of marriage.

RCIA/RCIC

Those interested in becoming Catholic or wishing to complete their Christian initiation through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist are asked to call the parish office or fill in the form at netcatholic.org/becomingcatholic.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

This Sacrament is available for individuals upon request, and communal celebrations are scheduled each month at the Groton Nursing Home and on once a year on Holy Thursday morning.

Ministry to the Sick

Please call or email Father Daniel concerning the needs of the sick, hospitalized or shut-ins. Those unable to attend Mass may have Communion brought to them.

A Note from Father Daniel

A short reflection on the Gospel of the healing of the Blind Man

This year we are on cycle A of the Sunday readings, which means that we will get to proclaim the Gospels of the Samaritan Woman (John 4:5-42), The Blind Man (John 9:1-41) and Lazarus (John 11:1-45). These Gospels offer us beautiful wisdom as to the importance of turning to the other and healing our relationships during this season of Lent.

In the Gospel of the Blind Man we see a healing of his past and his image and once again a discovery of a new identity as a disciple. The blind man and his community struggle with the question: Why am I the way that I am? Are my parents to be blamed? Am I being punished? Many of us might struggle with similar questions and the invitation is to accept healing by forgiving ourselves and others for the wounds we might carry and embracing Jesus' answer to these questions: all we are, God will use for God's glory. All of our gifts, all of our wounds, the whole of our story, can be touched by God's grace and transformed into blessing for us and others, every bit of who we are, can be oriented to bring glory to God. This gospel also reveals how families, groups, communities struggle to accept others and to walk with others as they try to change and grow, this is an invitation to all of us to be patient as others struggle to support our change and to believe that we have good intentions and can be better, and also to be more supportive and encouraging to those around us as they try to embrace the healing and change that God is trying to bring about in their lives.

A MESSAGE IN THIS TIME OF TRIAL AND GRACE

I want you to know that if you need to talk, or want to go to Confession or have any kind of sacramental need I am happy to be of service, you can call me at: (607) 288-2350. You can also text me, or leave me a voicemail with prayer intentions that I can lift up to God.

I also want you to know that if you have any other need of any kind (groceries, medication, etc.) you are welcome to call or text our office 7 days a week 8 am - 10 pm at 607-241-0821 and we will do our best to help you or connect you with someone that can help you.

In this time of uncertainty it is important to maintain structure and first in that structure has to be our relationship with God. Even though the current government regulations regarding the prohibition of gatherings of more than 10 people have made our ministry difficult we are doing all we can to make sure to support your spiritual life and reassure you at every moment that God has not abandoned you and never will. For this purpose we are streaming online Monday through Saturday three moments of prayer each day: Mass at 9 am

(approx. 35 minutes), The Angelus Prayer at 12 noon followed by intentions and lighting of candles to our blessed Mother (approx. 10 minutes) and Adoration and Benediction with the Most Blessed Sacrament at 8:30 pm (approx. 30 minutes). We want to make sure that through this time we can remain close to Jesus and Mary.

During Adoration we will be praying with different methods of prayer or different devotions each day, so this might also become an opportunity for you to grow in your faith and learn some new methods of prayer or devotions. This might also be a great opportunity to help your children grow in their faith by attending Mass online each day, praying the Angelus and praying before Jesus truly present in the Most Holy Eucharist each night.

On Sunday we will live stream the Celebration of Holy Mass at 8:30 am (from All Saints), 10 am (from Holy Cross) and 11:30 am (from Saint Anthony). These Masses will be said privately, which means for everyone's safety, people will not be allowed to attend.

You can join any of these live streams by going to our website: www.netcatholic.org and clicking on "Watch the Mass", "Pray the Angelus" or "Join Adoration" or simply by following us on Facebook or going to our Facebook page even if you do not have a Facebook account, our Facebook page is www.facebook.com/netcatholic. You can join the live stream or visit the sites at any time, and you will find the video recordings so you can watch them at your convenience.

All of our churches are open for private prayer Monday through Saturday 10 am–8 pm and Sunday 3 pm–8 pm.

I may be celebrating Masses without you, but know that it is you and your prayers that I lift up and unite in the Eucharistic sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because we are Catholics, I pretty much know where you sit in church, so I will be picturing you.

I pray for all of us, who suffer deeply as we cannot partake in Most Holy Communion and gather to celebrate our faith, that this time away from the Eucharist and from one another, might be a medicinal time, cleansing us of our pride, helping us to rediscover our dependence on God and one another, rekindling in us a deep longing for our Lord, truly present in the Most Holy Eucharist and a true desire to build loving relationships with others so that we can be One, as the Father and the Son are One. We pray in hope that soon we will all, renewed and purified, be able to fill our churches, reencounter one another with new love and feed upon the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, without whom we have no life, not here, nor for Eternity.

With love and continued prayers, A.M.D.G.,

Father Daniel

Ideas for Home from Dawn

If you are at home with young people this week, here are some ideas on how to hold off boredom!

- Dawn

Movement Activities

1. Have a dance party! Put on some fun music and get moving.
 2. Play a game of tag and get the whole family involved.
 3. Hide and seek is a great way to move around and involve younger kids in learning to count.
 4. The floor is lava game. Start on one side of the house and try to get to the other side. You must jump from rug to rug and pillow to pillow without touching the floor.
 5. Relay race especially if you have a backyard. If you only have one child make an obstacle course for them.
2. Build a mini Lego land. Use your cars and toys you have to help create the feeling of a theme park.
 3. Have a nerf war. If your kids are older they will love a nerf war with mom and dad.
 4. Activity book work. Many families have those huge worksheet books for kids. Pull them out and get working. If you don't have any then you can print activity pages from the internet.
 5. Get out the play doh or the kinetic sand. Sometimes adding some regular kitchen tools can make the process more interesting.

Artistic Activities

1. Get out the craft box! Paint, color, cut and glue things together. If you are low on supplies get creative, use some cardboard from packaged food.
2. Make a silly video. Then the kids can share it with friends and family to stay in touch.
3. Make a sock puppet. Get creative with some old socks. Most homes have some mismatched socks laying around. Cut a hole in a cereal box and now you can have a puppet show.
4. Learn to draw! There are a lot of learn to draw tutorials on YouTube.
5. Bake something yummy!

Quiet Activities

1. Depending on the age of your child they might have fun counting. Have them count how many items are in the toy box.
2. Reading is a great quiet time activity. Let young children pick out the book they want and then let them "help" you read by telling you what's happening in the pictures.
3. Do that puzzle that has been sitting in your cupboard for the last 10 years.
4. Sort and count coins. If you have a lot of coins this can take up a large chunk of time.
5. Bubble bath during the day.
6. Color code lego. Separate your lego by color. If your child is older download some lego directions from the internet and try to build something new.

Toys

1. Make your toys work for you. Often children get a toy and then immediately lose interest. Make the toys interesting again by making it a game.

Get Creative!

1. Make a fort. Drape some sheets around the house and get out the flashlights.
2. Organize the toys or rearrange the room.
3. Plant some seeds or grow something in water and watch them grow. There are a lot of things you can grow from the food in your fridge, like potatoes, lemons, and avocado.
4. Make a band with kitchen pots, pans and wooden spoons.
5. Do you have a balloon? If you do, then you can play keepy uppy. Blow up the balloon and try to keep it in the air by bouncing it back and forth.
6. Make a store with everything in your kitchen. Give your kids fake money (you can make some if you don't have any) and have them buy the food from you. This will teach them how to add and show them how it works to pick things out and pay for it.
7. Make a treasure hunt. Hide some treasure (it can be anything) and make some clues. Each clue leads to the next clue until they find the treasure.



pray • fast • give

Ideas for the Week
Week 3: March 22-29

Pray: For a difficult person in your life.

Fast from being in a hurry and instead pay more attention to those around you. Be more courteous in your attitude, words, and deed.

Give to others. Clean up a common area at work, in the neighborhood, or at home. Do it as a gift for the good of all.

For all our Lenten Resources go to
www.netcatholic.org/lent

This week in our Parishes

Per the latest resolution of the state, any gathering of more than ten people is not allowed, so all of our parish programs and events have been canceled and Mass will be said privately. We will be streaming Mass, and other prayer opportunities. You may access these feeds on Facebook (www.facebook.com/netcatholic) or on our website www.netcatholic.org.

Sun. Mar. 22	Private MASS 8:30 am Join Online Private MASS 10:00 am Join Online Private MASS 11:30 am Join Online
Mon. Mar. 23	Private MASS 9:00 am Join Online Private Angelus Prayer 12:00 noon Join Online Private Adoration and Benediction with the Most Blessed Sacrament 8:30 pm Join Online
Tue. Mar. 24	Private MASS 9:00 am Join Online Private Angelus Prayer 12:00 noon Join Online Private Adoration and Benediction with the Most Blessed Sacrament 8:30 pm Join Online
Wed. Mar. 25	Private MASS 9:00 am Join Online Private Angelus Prayer 12:00 noon Join Online Private Adoration and Benediction with the Most Blessed Sacrament 8:30 pm Join Online
Thu. Mar. 26	Private MASS 9:00 am Join Online Private Angelus Prayer 12:00 noon Join Online Private Adoration and Benediction with the Most Blessed Sacrament 8:30 pm Join Online
Fri. Mar. 27	Private MASS 9:00 am Join Online Private Angelus Prayer 12:00 noon Join Online Private Adoration and Benediction with the Most Blessed Sacrament 8:30 pm Join Online
Sat. Mar. 28	Private MASS 9:00 am Join Online Private Angelus Prayer 12:00 noon Join Online Private Adoration and Benediction with the Most Blessed Sacrament 8:30 pm Join Online
Sun. Mar. 29	Private MASS 8:30 am Join Online Private MASS 10:00 am Join Online Private MASS 11:30 am Join Online

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Our Sacrificial Offering for the fulfilment of the Mission of Jesus Christ

As you all know, our parishes are on very tight budgets. This reality of not having public Masses with a collection could gravely impact our finances since even through this lockdown our campuses still need to be maintained, our utilities paid and salaries must continue. We encourage you to use our online giving options from our website: www.netcatholic.org/donate, in order to donate to the Church. If you need assistance setting this up, please call the office at 607-241-0821.

You can also mail your contributions to us:

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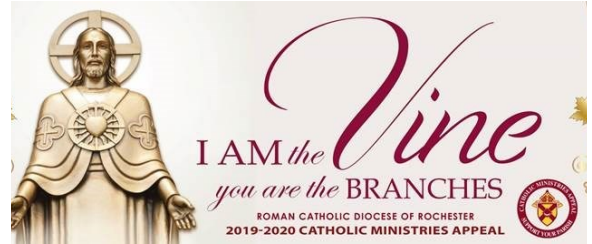
SAINT ANTHONY: 312 Locke Road, Groton, NY 13073

ALL SAINTS: 347 Ridge Road, Lansing, NY 14850.

We understand that some families will face unprecedented financial challenges at this time and will not be able to contribute to the church financially, please be at peace and contribute by keeping us in your prayers.

If you and your family have been blessed with sufficient financial resources please consider not only keeping up your regular donations to the church but also making some additional donations to help us make up for the possible loss of income caused by this crisis.

Thank you very much!



Saint Anthony

PLEASE DONATE we are **\$1,023 short** of our goal of \$9,813, we have to pay the full amount no matter what. You can donate by using the CMA envelopes in the back of the church, online at: www.dor.org/giving/contribute-to-the-cma/ or via

TEXT MESSAGE:

- 1) Text **CMA255** to (585) 257-2929
- 2) Follow the prompts
- 3) Register your credit or debit card.

Your CMA gift will be credited to St. Anthony Church, Groton. You will receive an acknowledgment of your gift immediately via text or email. A secure, easy way to make your gift today.

All Saints

PLEASE DONATE we are **\$5,158 short** of our goal of \$15,165, we have to pay the full amount no matter what. You can donate by using the CMA envelopes in the back of the church, online at: www.dor.org/giving/contribute-to-the-cma/ or via

TEXT MESSAGE:

- 1) Text **CMA273** to (585) 257-2929
- 2) Follow the prompts
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Your CMA gift will be credited to All Saints Church, Lansing. You will receive an acknowledgment of your gift immediately via text or email. A secure, easy way to make your gift today.

Mass Intentions

Saturday (March 21), 9:00 am

For those who have died as a result of this pandemic and for their families

Sunday (March 22), 8:30 am @ All Saints

For the elderly and vulnerable and their caregivers

Sunday (March 22), 10:00 am @ Holy Cross

For Nina Yantz, by the Yantz Family

Sunday (March 22), 11:30 am @ Saint Anthony

For Sally Corcoran, by Steve and Debbie Cardinal

Monday (March 23), 9:00 am

For healthcare professionals and first responders

Tuesday (March 24), 9:00 am

For Gerald Carey, by Chuck and Eileen Rankin

Wednesday (March 25), 9:00 am

For R. Clifford Kentner, by Jim and Barb Ivers

Thursday (March 26), 9:00 am

For the unity and peace of families

Friday (March 27), 9:00 am

For the poor, migrants and all that are financially affected by this pandemic

Saturday (March 28), 9:00 am

For Carolyn Carey, by Chuck and Eileen Rankin

Sunday (March 29), 8:30 am @ All Saints

For Sister Mary Wintish, by the Parishioners of All Saints

Sunday (March 29), 10:00 am @ Holy Cross

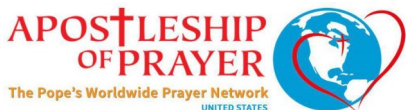
For Milly Acharya, by Richard and Sharon Buechel

Sunday (March 29), 11:00 am @ Saint Anthony

For Dolores Fleckenstein, by Chuck and Eileen Rankin



The Altar Bread and Wine at **Saint Anthony** are offered between **January 1** and **May 31** for the intentions of **Kathleen Martin**.



Please join the Pope in praying for the following intention during the month of March 2020: **Catholics in China** – We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.



Prayer Requests For Our Sick & Shut-Ins: Angelo Alaimo, Jane Baldwin, Grant Bonavia, Ginny Bradshaw, Chrissy Bravo-Cullen, Karen Brown, Phyllis Campbell, Ian Charles, Donna Cocca, Paul Conklin, Robert Deely, Jerica Duso, Lois Fahey, Pat Fairbank, Mary Falise, Gordon Gladden, Amy Grosser, Francis Hertel, Kirsten Hess, Angela Hughes, Nimr Ibrahim, Jeremiah, Autum Kenyon, Steve Kletjian, Valerie Kuramoto, Mr. Liggett, Marcus Martinez, Leah Mayor, Emma Mazingo, Joe McCarey, Betty McCarey, Lee McGill, Fred Mellberg, Sara Morse, Dennis Osika, Jim Oswald, Kathy Pumphrey, Karen Randolph, Geraldine Rankin, Emilie Searle, Eleanor Sorbello, Lucy Steger, Phyllis Stewart, Robert Stewart, Ethel Thomas, Melanie Toolan, Vicky Toro,

Maria Unterreiner, Ellen VanSlyke Batzer, Sharon Vincent, Tom Walpole, Richard Weiss, Ryan White, Jocelyn Woods, and several Special Intentions. **Please keep our area servicemen & women in your prayers.**

Liturgical Calendar for this week

This Sunday:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
(Laetare Sunday)

Rose

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Ephesians 5:8-14 / John 9:1-41

Monday: of the Fourth Week of Lent

Violet

Isaiah 65:17-21 / John 4:43-54

Tuesday: of the Fourth Week of Lent

Violet

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 / John 5:1-16

Wednesday: Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

White

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 / Hebrews 10:4-10 / Luke 1:26-38

Thursday: of the Fourth Week of Lent

Violet

Exodus 32:7-14 / John 5:31-47

Friday: of the Fourth Week of Lent

Violet

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22 / John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: of the Fourth Week of Lent

Violet

Jeremiah 11:18-20 / John 7:40-53

Next Sunday:

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Violet

Exodus 37:12-14 / Romans 8:8-11 / John 11:1-45

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that you
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I
embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be
separated from you.
Amen.