



## Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020 — Year A

### N.E.T. Catholic

Holy Cross

Saint Anthony

All Saints



#### HOLY CROSS

375 George Road, Freeville, NY 13068

#### SAINT ANTHONY

312 Locke Road, Groton, NY 13073

#### ALL SAINTS

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Saturday (Sunday Vigil) at 4:30 pm

Sunday at 8:30 am and 10:30 am

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## A Note from Father Daniel to all N.E.T. Catholic Parishioners

First I want to reassure you of God's love, care and presence. The Lord never abandons us, trust in Him and hold on to His hand for strength, peace and courage through these challenging times.

Please know that I am constantly praying with you and for you as we all experience loss and challenges in so many different ways. I am very grateful to those that join me online for some of those prayer moments, such as Mass at 9 am, the Regina Caeli at noon and Adoration and Benediction at 8:30 pm, all of these Monday—Friday and for our weekend Masses Saturday at 4:30 pm and Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 am, your presence gives meaning and purpose to my ministry.

As always, if I can serve you in any way please do not hesitate to text or leave a voicemail at: (607) 288-2350

During this time as we might be struggling with loneliness and boredom or completely overwhelmed by the demands of family and work we must try our best to keep ourselves healthy and balanced, so once again I want to encourage you to not stop fighting for the precious gift of life.

First, by following all the guidelines we have been given to keep as many people safe as possible, especially those that might be at greater risk. I know that this pause is extremely hard and that in many cases it is causing extreme financial distress (if you are in this situation please let us know so we can try to connect you with some help, call (607) 241-0821), the sacrifices are great and very real, yet this is our duty as Christians to protect life above all, and pay no attention to anyone that says otherwise or that wants to place anything else above the value of human lives.

Second, by protecting our own life and the lives of those we live with. By this, I mean not only protecting our physical health, but our general wellbeing, the precious gift of life and life to the fullest that is offered to us in Christ. Through this we need not only to survive but to live. In order to do this there are a few practices that we need to keep in mind:

1. We need to make sure to keep or increase our prayer routines and our spiritual life as individuals, as couples, as a family. We are offering many opportunities and resources. **Please do not let your spiritual life go south, only God can give us the strength we need now.**
2. We need to **keep to a routine as much as possible**, a set time to get up and go to bed, set times for meals, regular hygiene and self



## A Note from Father Daniel to Saint Anthony Parishioners

Dear Saint Anthony Parishioners,

As you know our two remaining employees are working from home, which means that there is quite a bit that I need to do. I apologize for the fact that I will only be able to count and deposit donations received in the mail once a month. This week I was finally able to count the donations received between March 19 and April 19. All along I have been worrying because our expenses such as salaries and buildings just keep on even during this pause and with no actual collections during Mass I did not know what to expect. I must say that counting your donations and checking on the donations you have made online brought tears to my eyes. I know many of you are facing financial challenges right now and I am absolutely humbled by your generosity and goodness!

On fiscal year 2018-2019 our actual collections per weekend averaged \$2,050, so when we budgeted for fiscal year 2019-2020 we wanted to be conservative so we budgeted for expected collections of \$2,000 a week, slightly under the collections for the previous year.

care routine, etc., letting our days drag on aimlessly will put our mental health at great risk.

3. We need to acknowledge our feelings and attend to them, but we must be careful not to become self-centered always lingering on our feelings, especially the negative ones. We need to carve sometime in our day to acknowledge them, attend to them, talk about them, but then we need to close that window of time until the next day and lift our gaze to God and God's love, to the truth, goodness and beauty around us, to what we can do to serve others, etc. Self-centeredness and excessive lingering on our feelings is never healthy, and now even less. **Lift your thoughts to God and out of yourself towards others at least 7 times throughout the day.**
4. **Fast from negativity on social media and the news.** COVID related topics, politics, ...all that will upset you. Set limits so that you can stay informed yet not overwhelmed.
5. Do as much as you can, but also be gentle with yourself. Most of your energy is going into just coping, so give yourself a break, take care of yourself, do not give in, do not give up, yet do not beat yourself up either. **Patience and gentleness.**

Know that you are loved, prayer for and missed. Take courage, God is with us, Christ is victorious! A.M.D.G., Father Daniel

### PPP Loan Secured

As you know some of our employees we hire directly (full time employees: Priest, Pastoral Associate, Administrative Assistant and Finance Office Staff, these last are shared among 7 parishes) others (all our part time employees) we hire through an employment agency called RBA, this means that they are not really our employees but RBA employees. A few weeks back the Diocese made the decision that all RBA employees were to be terminated given current financial uncertainty. Recently, the government made available PPP loans to cover the salaries of direct employees for **8 weeks**, these loans are forgivable if certain conditions are met. We were able to secure a loan to cover eight weeks of salary of our direct full time employees as listed above. This will be a great help but we will still not be able to hire or rehire any part time employees until we are certain that our three parishes will be financially safe.

This means that **over the five weekend period March 19-April 19 our expected collections would be \$10,000 dollars. I am happy to report that in that time period we received donations in the mail for \$8,721 and we received electronic donations through WeShare for \$5,289 for a total of \$14,010 which is \$4, 010 (40%) above budget!** We are still about \$800 dollars short of our CMA goal but I am confident that we will reach the goal by the deadline which is May 31.

You are amazing!!! Thank you so much. If you can please continue to support us. If you cannot support us financially please do not worry and please do pray for us every day.

If you want to donate online please go to:

<https://saintanthonygroton.weshareonline.org/>, if you need assistance setting this up, call the office 607) 241-0821 and we will be happy to help you. If you want to mail your donation in, send it to 312 Locke Road, Groton, NY 13073.

With my deepest gratitude and admiration for your generosity,  
Father Daniel

## A Note from Father Daniel to Holy Cross Parishioners



Dear Holy Cross Parishioners,

As you know our two remaining employees are working from home, which means that there is quite a bit that I need to do. I apologize for the fact that I will only be able to count and deposit donations received in the mail once a month. This week I was finally able to count the donations received between March 19 and April 19. All along I have been worrying because our expenses such as salaries and buildings just keep on even during this pause and with no actual collections during Mass I did not know what to expect. I must say that counting your donations and checking on the donations you have made online brought tears to my eyes. I know many of you are facing financial challenges right now and I am absolutely humbled by your generosity and goodness!

On fiscal year 2018-2019 our actual collections per weekend averaged \$3,100, so when we budgeted for fiscal year 2019-2020 we wanted to be conservative so we budgeted for expected collections of \$3,000 a week, slightly under the collections for the previous year.



## A Note from Father Daniel to All Saints Parishioners

Dear All Saints Parishioners,

As you know our two remaining employees are working from home, which means that there is quite a bit that I need to do. I apologize for the fact that I will only be able to count and deposit donations received in the mail once a month. This week I was finally able to count the donations received between March 19 and April 19. All along I have been worrying because our expenses such as salaries and buildings just keep on even during this pause and with no actual collections during Mass I did not know what to expect.

I must say that as I looked through our online and in mail donations I was humbled by the extreme generosity of some of you that I know are on very tight budgets, yet you not only kept your usual donations but made additional donations. I am also very grateful to those who have kept their usual donations.

Sadly, I have to report that the tendency we have had this whole fiscal year has not only continued but got worse over the last 5 weekends and your parish is at great risk if the finances do not improve.

On fiscal year 2018-2019 our actual revenue per weekend averaged \$4,150, so when we budgeted for fiscal year 2019-2020 we wanted to be conservative so we budgeted for expected revenue of \$4,000 a week, slightly under the collections for the previous year.

This means that **over the five weekend period March 19-April 19 our expected collections would be \$20,000 dollars. In that time period we received donations in the mail for \$8,908 and we received electronic donations through WeShare for \$8,400 for a total of \$17,698 which is \$2,302 (12%) below budget.**

Please do not be deceived by the fact that we were able to paint the parish center — this was all thanks to the donation of time and materials of some very generous parishioners but it in no way reflects our dire financial situation. Do not be deceived either by the fact that we replaced the Parish Center windows, this had to be done and was paid for by rental income from the hall and a \$25,000 donation that came in my first year at All Saints. That same individual made another \$25,000 donation which we used to contribute to the mortgage.

This means that **over the five weekend period March 19-April 19 our expected collections would be \$15,000 dollars. I am happy to report that in that time period we received donations in the mail for \$6,616 and we received electronic donations through WeShare for \$10,130 for a total of \$16,746 which is \$1,746 (11%) above budget! And we also surpassed our CMA goal raising \$20,090.**

You are amazing!!! Thank you so much. If you can, please continue to support us. If you cannot support us financially please do not worry and please do pray for us every day.

If you want to donate online please go to:

<https://holycrossdryden.weshareonline.org/> — if you need assistance setting this up, call the office (607) 241-0821 and we will be happy to help you. If you want to mail your donation in, send it to 375 George Road, Freeville, NY, 13068.

With my deepest gratitude and admiration for your generosity,  
Father Daniel

So again, the windows do not reflect our dire financial situation. Soon, you will see people painting and repairing the exterior of the Old Church, again do not be deceived, this will be paid for by the Orthodox Church as part of our renegotiated rental agreement. **The reality is that up to March 15 we were making enough revenue to cover our operational costs, and in last five last weeks we have made enough to cover our operational costs considering that we terminated 5 part time employees. In this whole fiscal year we have not made one dime to pay the interest and principal on our mortgage.** Our mortgage is currently at \$440,000 (we also have an additional private loan for the new church for \$50,000). Monthly, we must pay \$1,875 of principal for the mortgage and \$1,385 interest. This year we have made no money to cover the mortgage expense which means that if donations stay the same, barely covering our operational costs, **at the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2020) we will have a deficit equal to the totality of the mortgage expense for 12 months: \$39,120** leaving our parish in the ICU. I have done, am doing and will continue to do my part, you need to step up and do yours.

We are also **\$4,500 short of our CMA goal** which we will have to pay in full come May 31st, which will only increase our deficit.

To those donating, thank you so much!!!

If you can, please continue or begin to support us. Please consider increasing your donations if you can, even if it requires a little sacrifice. If you truly cannot support us financially please do not worry and please do pray for us every day.

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With my deepest gratitude and hopeful that things might improve,  
Father Daniel

## This week in our Parishes (Schedule, Mass Intentions and Liturgical Calendar)

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER — Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33 / 1 Peter 1:17-21 / Luke 24:13-35

Saturday, April 25 — MASS (Sunday Vigil) 4:30 pm — For **Sally Corcoran**, by Vicki and Marty Conner

Sunday, April 26 — MASS 8:30 am — For **Marie Callan**, by the Finney Family

Sunday, April 26 — MASS 10:30 am — For **Chuck Benson**, by Fran and Heidi Kallfelz

<b>Monday, April 27</b> Monday of the Third Week of Easter	<b>MASS 9:00 am — For Don Lisk</b> , by Nan Lisk <b>Regina Caeli 12:00 noon</b> <b>Adoration and Benediction 8:30 pm</b>	<b>Readings:</b> Acts 6:8-15 John 6:30-35
<b>Tuesday, April 28</b> Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter	<b>MASS 9:00 am — For Paul Camella</b> , by the Reilly Family <b>Regina Caeli 12:00 noon</b> <b>Adoration and Benediction 8:30 pm</b>	<b>Readings:</b> Acts 7:51—8:1a John 6:30-35
<b>Wednesday, April 29</b> Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena	<b>MASS 9:00 am — For Dolores Powers</b> , by Nan Lisk <b>Regina Caeli 12:00 noon</b> <b>Adoration and Benediction 8:30 pm</b>	<b>Readings:</b> Acts 8:1b-8 John 6:35-40
<b>Thursday, April 30</b> Thursday of the Third Week of Easter	<b>MASS 9:00 am — For Elsie Zifchock</b> , by Bob Romanowski <b>Regina Caeli 12:00 noon</b> <b>Adoration and Benediction 8:30 pm</b>	<b>Readings:</b> Acts 8:26-40 John 6:44-51
<b>Friday, May 1</b> Friday of the Third Week of Easter	<b>MASS 9:00 am — For Geraldine McGill</b> , by Sharon and Dick Buechel <b>Regina Caeli 12:00 noon</b> <b>Adoration and Benediction 8:30 pm</b>	<b>Readings:</b> Acts 9:1-20 John 6:52-59

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33 / 1 Peter 1:17-21 / Luke 24:13-35

Saturday, May 2 — MASS (Sunday Vigil) 4:30 pm — For **Eleanor Carey**, by Her Nieces and Nephew

Sunday, May 3 — MASS 8:30 am — For **Dick Fagan**, by Jeanne and Roger Pellerin

Sunday, May 3 — MASS 10:30 am — For **Jim Case**, by Diane and Mike Schafer

#### The Sanctuary Candles burn this week for the following intentions:

*At Holy Cross:* For **John Riester and Don Lisk**, requested by Nan Lisk

*At All Saints:* For **Norman Wheeler**, requested by Father Daniel

*At Saint Anthony:* For **Jerome Balvo**, requested by Father Daniel



The Altar Bread and Wine at **Saint Anthony** are offered for the intentions of **Kathleen Martin**.



#### For Health Care Professionals and First Responders

*We thank you Lord for their generosity in service at this difficult time and we pray that you keep them safe and give them strength and peace.*

Kiersten Chambers - police officer in NYC, Brandi Senter; Stephanie Notar, Niki Cornelius and all the health care workers at Guthrie Medical in Cortland, and Mikayla Perkins, RN at Cayuga Medical Center. Also Anne Cornelius RN, Dr. Tim LaFrance, Dr. Russ LaFrance, Richard LaFrance PT, Jussie Street PT, Dr. Michelle Carley, Dr. Brian Nicholas, nurse Melissa Carley, Matt Youngs hospital worker, **Grant Bonavia**. Ben Cramer, Phil Thomas, Markus Hardt, Connor Moore, Johnelle Keck, Chris Keck, Susan McCarthy, John Nolan, Ellen Nolan, James Lafler, Maggie McDonald, Carrie McCollester, Kevin McCormick, James Mona Dali and all the staff at Cayuga Medical Center, Megan Drake and Rebecca Drake, Carrie Stock, Katie Stevens, Don and Maria Gentry, Dr. Brendan Barrett, Jonathan Burdick, Patricia Brown, Mark Romond.

*“Let us pray for them and their families. I thank God for the heroic example that they have given us in their care for the sick,” —Pope Francis*

#### For Our Sick & Shut-Ins

Angelo Alaimo, Jane Baldwin, 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, Chavonne McKenna, 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, Bob and Agnes Zavaski, and several Special Intentions. **Please keep our area servicemen & women in your prayers.**

### Naming Loss and Gratitude

Many of us are looking back at the not-so-distant past in which we had time to prepare for upcoming changes. Now changes that are out of our hands seem to be coming daily, if not hourly. Changes you would once have spent time preparing yourself and others in your household to work through. The novelty of being home all day, every day, quickly wore off and likely turned into sadness, anger, and anxiety – often all at once.

- Vacations were canceled
- Sports seasons canceled
- Senior year events canceled
- Physical graduation in question
- We can't even gather in person for Mass

In the midst of this moment—which is clearly becoming much more than a moment—we are all in need of practices to help us make meaning from our experiences. While parents are frantically learning how to school at home and ensuring they have a well-stocked kitchen, our kids are wrestling with their own mixed emotions. Those who live alone are dealing with total isolation from other humans while those who live with others struggle to find moments of privacy. We all need help naming and processing our new reality.

### Two Lists



One strategy to help us is to post two lists somewhere very visible, maybe on your refrigerator. One list says **Grateful**, the other **Loss**. List your losses, because naming them is really important. Little things and big things. The cancelled spring break trip. Not getting to go to church. Wondering if graduation will happen.

**But don't leave it there, also list what you are grateful for.** Finding things to be thankful for, and the little surprises of this disruption. Playing guitar again. Watching movies together. Not packing lunches every morning. Having devices to connect with friends.

This practice of naming both losses and gifts is important for a few reasons:

#### 1. Naming loss helps us be honest about grief.



We don't have to pretend like everything is just fine. We can name what's lost, and lament it together. We can say, "That's rough." We can be sad. We can acknowledge sources of anger and irritability. There are plenty of those sources right now, and more coming.

#### 2. Naming loss keeps us from minimizing or silver-lining.

Often our knee-jerk reaction is to minimize. We feel that we have to intentionally practice holding back our "life isn't so bad" statements. While that sentiment may be true, it's unhelpful as a first response.

This week's losses might feel pretty minor in a few weeks, but that's not for us to judge today. We need to see and name the losses for what they are and how we're all experiencing them. Developmentally, adolescents naturally react to loss more emotionally—some blow up, some shut down. The emotion may not match the experience. You could see anger, tears, or even goofy laughter that seems inappropriate to the moment. Go with it. Then help them name the loss that they're feeling.

#### 3. Naming gratitude prevents us from drowning in sorrow.

We can be honest about what's hard without getting stuck. Finding things to be thankful for is a research-proven practice that can help young and old people alike, manage both daily struggles and bigger challenges.



Experts tell us that practicing gratitude can increase positive emotions, sleep quality, and overall well-being. At the very least, naming a positive thing about our day can help us mitigate some of the loss. There's no need to try to cancel out all the sadness by manufacturing gratitude, but it's important to find something that is going right in our lives when all feels wrong.

— Dawn

## Parish and Community News

### Birthright Collection for Mother's Day Items

Donated items for Birthright's collection for Mother's Day may be left in the nursing room at **All Saints Church**. All Saints is open for private prayer Monday through Friday 10 am - 11:45 am and 12:15-8 pm, Saturday 11am-3pm, and Sunday 3 pm- 8 pm.

### Community Food Pod at Montgomery Park in Dryden

A dedicated group of local volunteers, along with Mutual Aid Tompkins, are excited to announce the unveiling of Dryden's first Community Food Pod, installed at Montgomery Park in the Village of Dryden this Friday, April 24th at 1:00 PM. Community Food

Pods are tiny food pantries that will be stocked with non-perishable food and other essentials by volunteers. **These goods are available to all, no questions asked.** The Tompkins County Health Department has provided guidance on safe practice, and each Community Food Pod will have spray sanitizer and additional information posted to help ensure the safety of users. Community Food Pods will be popping up all over Tompkins County, especially in areas where accessing food can be challenging. Stay tuned...more Community Food Pods coming to Dryden and surrounding areas soon! For more info, please visit <https://mutualaidtompkins.com/food-pantry-guidance>