

Sunday, Mar 24, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

When to be a quitter

In playground rhetoric, a quitter is among the worst things to be. Even in adulthood, none of us wishes to cultivate a reputation for not following through on projects and promises. But sometimes it's good to quit, as any nicotine addict, alcoholic, or gambler will attest. How do we judge "when to hold 'em, and when to fold 'em"? Jesus promotes fruitfulness as the most reliable measure of an effort's viability. Holding on to a fruitless situation that does not respond to herculean efforts toward cultivation is a waste of life's soil. Contemplate what to preserve and what to prune.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9 (30). "So cut [this fig tree] down. Why should it exhaust the soil?"

Monday, Mar 25, 2019

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Do not be afraid

Artist Henry Ossawa Tanner's painting of the Annunciation allows us to imagine the awesome exchange between Mary and the angel Gabriel in a new way. The light in the painting depicts the Divine messenger, but it is the look on Mary's face that reminds us of her humanity and makes us ponder our own. When the unexpected or the confusing complexity of life stops us in our tracks, when we do not understand, and when we feel afraid, it is God's promise to be with us and Mary's model of acceptance and trust that can console and lead and guide us. If there is a doubt, or a struggle to understand, or a fear of the unknown for you today, surrender your worries to Mary and ask for her help.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38 (545). "May it be done to me according to your word."

Tuesday, Mar 26, 2019

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Lighten your load

Forgiveness is one of those things that's easier said than done. Even after we've reluctantly uttered the words, "OK, you're forgiven," who among us hasn't secretly carried a grudge against our offender? Judging by the number of lawsuits filed each year, we aren't so good at forgiving our debtors or trespassers. But does "forgiving from the heart," as we are called to do, mean we have to become everyone's favorite doormat? Hardly. It simply means that we accept the fact that others are as human and prone to folly as are we. Lent is the perfect season to practice forgiving from the heart. Give it a try—you'll feel lighter when you no longer have to carry that grudge around.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35 (238). "Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?"

Wednesday, Mar 27, 2019

LENTEN WEEKDAY

School is in session

In his sixth-century *Rule*, Saint Benedict, one of the founders of monasticism, described a monastery to be a "school of the Lord's service." School may not be everyone's favorite place, but in the best sense of the term, a school is a good place to learn, and the Catholic tradition offers a number of them. The liturgy, for example, is a school for prayer—think of all the different kinds of

prayer in the Mass—and also for life: You learn to make yourself a living sacrifice in communion with Jesus. Scripture, the saints, and the church's moral teachings also offer "learning opportunities" to explore. It's time to get some schooling!

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19 (239). "Hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe."

Thursday, Mar 28, 2019

LENTEN WEEKDAY

How to be more prophet-able

Many think of biblical prophets as people whom God gave the mysterious power to see into the future. Prophets, however, were not crystal-ball gazers who predicted what was to come. Most of the time they talked about the present—their present—and sometimes about the past as well. They focused on what the People of God were doing—or not doing—in their relationship with God. In bringing God's word to a situation, they called people back to God and showed them that God was still a guiding force in their lives. God summoned a long line of prophets to serve the Israelites, and there have been Christian prophets, too. A few prophets might even be around today. Hear any?

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23 (240). "I have sent you untiringly all my servants the prophets."

Friday, Mar 29, 2019

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

When will we forgive?

Nobody likes a traitor. From Brutus to John Wilkes Booth to Judas, those who betray ultimate loyalties like patriotism or friendship seem beyond redemption. A deep bond also exists within families that can be trespassed or broken. In times of infidelity, mistreatment, severed trust, or divorce, it can seem that the idea of family itself has been lost. While people often don't feel the capacity to pardon violations, emotion plays only a part in the task of forgiveness. Forgiving is also an act of will, not only of feelings. God models the decision of forgiveness for us, allowing the healing to begin. Abstain from meat today—and from withholding the healing power of forgiveness.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34 (241). "I will love them freely; for my wrath is turned away from them."

Saturday, Mar 30, 2019

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Go ahead and ask

While most of us do not commit obviously grievous sins, we still "miss the mark" regularly in subtle ways, for example, by being angry or self-righteous. Although it is not easy or comfortable to admit that we are not perfect, our spiritual well-being depends upon it. May our prayer today be that we are made aware of the times and ways we have sinned so that we can ask for God's mercy. For although God doesn't wait to be asked before forgiving us, we cannot receive that forgiveness if we haven't acknowledged our need for it.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14 (242). "The tax collector prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.'"



Saint Anthony Church

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Third Sunday of Lent – March 24, 2019

Father Charles R. Danielson, Pastor
Deacon John P. Guarino

Bishop of Burlington: Most Rev. Christopher J. Coyne

Parish Office

Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
11:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Closed on Wednesday

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Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM
Weekday: Monday & Friday 9:00 AM
Holy Days: Consult the parish bulletin

Rectory Chapel

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Religious Education

Coordinator: Mrs. Julie Hamilton, 295-3989, juliehamilton130@comcast.net

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday from 3:15 – 3:45 PM
Baptism: Parents must come to the rectory to get the necessary forms at least one month in advance.
Marriage: Couples must contact the parish at least six months in advance.

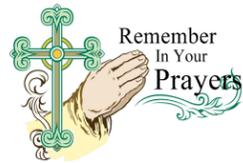
Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 23	4:00 P.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish
Sunday, March 24	8:30 A.M.	Geraldine Ackley by Pauline Albanese
Monday, March 25	9:00 A.M.	Pauline McCarthy Month's Mind Mass by Herb & Patti Castellini
Friday, March 29	9:00 A.M.	Pauline McCarthy by Marilyn & Larry White
Saturday, March 30	4:00 P.M.	Ralph E. Funari 1 year anniversary by family
Sunday, March 31	8:30 A.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish



Ruth Hebert	Patrick Kendall
Richard Temple	Mike Temple
Anne Rule	Frank Klymn
Peter Dailey	Theresa Lund
Sister Alice Vincent	Nicole Pero
"Aunt" Bunny Hurst	Evelyn Biron
Pat Coutermarsh	

Please also remember others who are in need of our prayers.

Names will be published in our bulletin for one month. If you would like to renew your prayer request after one month, please contact the parish office.

Message from Fr. Rick:

3rd Sunday of Lent

The Gospel for this 3rd Sunday of Lent is a short and sobering one:

The need to be serious about repentance and conversion.

While the massacre of Galileans by Pilate is unknown outside the New Testament, the Jewish historian Josephus reports that Pilate appropriated money from the Temple treasury to build an aqueduct for Jerusalem. When Jews gathered at the Temple in the Court of the Gentiles to protest this action, Pilate had many of them killed.

St. Luke in his gospel presents these events as timely reminders of the need for all to repent. Because the Galilean Pilgrims slaughtered by Pilate or the 18 people killed by the falling tower in Siloam were not outstanding, notorious sinners singled out by God for punishment.

Fr. Rick

Sanctuary Lamps
will burn for:
Ralph E. Funari



Sacrificial Giving Report

To meet our expenses we need:	\$ 3,500.00
Offertory collection March 16 & 17:	\$ 2,937.00
Building Repairs (January):	\$ 247.00
Fuel/Energy (January):	\$ 488.00

**Thank You for Your Support
of Saint Anthony Church!**

Low Gluten Altar Bread: If you require a low gluten host for communion, come to the altar with the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The celebrant will give you the consecrated low gluten host from a separate paten.

Easter Flowers: Donations to help our decoration of the church at Easter are appreciated. Easter Masses will be offered for your intentions. Envelopes are available on the table at the entrance of the church. We appreciate your generosity.

RCIA: Our R.C.I.A. program meets every Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. Let us remember to keep those involved in the program, Catechumens, Candidates and leaders in our prayers.

Surveys: The deadline for responses to the Steier Survey has been extended to **April 4**. Copies of the Steier Survey and the CLI Survey, **deadline March 31**, are available at the parish office. Your identifying information is not required for taking the surveys. Completed copies should be returned to the office. We will mail the surveys to the appropriate people.

Parish Lenten Faith Enrichment: This Lent, Saint Anthony Parish offers a Catholic Faith Enrichment group study on the foundations of the Mass. The remaining 90 minute sessions are Wednesdays through April 3. Sessions run 6-7:30 PM. For further information please contact Chris Noble at 619-865-2680 or chris.d.noble@gmail.com.

Word on Fire Engage at Saint Anthony for Lent: Sign up now for the Word on Fire online Library. This series of presentations from Bishop Robert Baron is available to members of Saint Anthony Parish at no cost during Lent. If you signed up last year, your membership is still active. Contact Chris Noble at 619-865-2680 or chris.d.noble@gmail.com

Baby Bags: The generosity of Saint Anthony Parishioners enables our Wednesday Night Crafters to fill baby bags for the Vermont newborns who must go directly into foster care. Most needed are: newborn clothing (onsies, tops, etc.), receiving blankets, car seat blankets, bibs, towels and washcloths, and small/travel-size baby shampoo and baby powder. All items should be **new**, either purchased or handmade, for newborns. Please leave items at the entrance of the church, or at the rectory during working hours. Thank you for your support of this project!

Diocesan Collection Next Week: Next week's second collection will be for Catholic Relief Services. Funds collected provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. **Help Jesus in disguise.** Visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. **Please make checks payable to St. Anthony Church.**

Thank You: Thanks to all who attended the St. Patrick's Day Dinner to support the Knights of Columbus. We appreciate the time and effort of many people. Thanks to all who prepared the meal, provided desserts, helped with publicity, set-up, clean up, those who served, and especially our behind-the-scenes help. We hope everyone enjoyed their meal!

Rosary for Founding of the K of C: On March 29, 1882, Fr. Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, CT. The Knights invite you to join them in praying the rosary in celebration. The rosary will be prayed March 30 and 31 before our weekend Masses. Please meet 45 minutes before each Mass in the pews nearest the tabernacle at the front of the church. Rosary will be prayed at 3:15 p.m. Saturday, March 30 and at 7:45 a.m. Sunday, March 31. We hope to end the Rosary so participants will have 15 minutes to reflect on the mysteries before Mass.

Third Order of Mary: The next meeting will be Sunday, April 3rd at noon at the home of Marilyn White, 35 Stacy Lane, White River Jct. You are cordially invited to join us. Please call Marilyn White (802) 295-3507 with questions.

Joy in Ministry HERE: A Lenten Retreat Day for all parish ministers at St. Anthony Parish Wednesday, April 10th from 9:30 - 3:00. For anyone who ministers in the parish. Facilitated by the Diocesan Dept. of Evangelization & Catechesis. For info or to register contact Deacon Phil Lawson at (802) 846-5813 or plawson@vermontcatholic.org.

Haven: The most needed items this week are soup, cereal/oatmeal, black beans, canned tuna/chicken and pasta. Non-perishable items may be left in the basket at the top of the stairs. Thank you!

St. Anthony Parish would like to welcome all those who are visiting with us this weekend.