

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 26, 2017

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

Spring is finally here as we move into the second half of Lent and begin to anticipate the Joy of Easter on this Fourth Sunday of Lent traditionally called *Laetare Sunday*, a Latin word which means *Rejoice*. Lent began as a time of preparation for those preparing to be Baptized at Easter, and still is today for those preparing to be Baptized at the Easter Vigil who are participating in our RCIA program (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). And for us who have already been baptized, Lent is a time to prepare to renew the Grace of our Baptism and our Baptismal promises at Easter. We are all trying by our Lenten practices of prayer, self-denial, and works of charity to die to sin and to rise to new life with Christ at Easter.

We hear in today's Gospel, that Jesus saw a man born blind, anointed his eyes with dirt mixed with his own saliva, told him to go wash in the pool of Siloam, and the man's eyes were opened and he was able to see. The healing of the man's physical sight is not the main point of this story, but a sign that points to something far deeper – he was able to see with the eyes of faith and to experience the joy of knowing and believing in Jesus as his Lord and Savior.

Each one of us is that man born blind. We were all born blind because of original sin. In Baptism we were anointed with oil and washed in the pool of the Baptismal Font as our sins were washed away, our souls were filled with Grace, and our eyes were opened enabling us to see by the light of Christ, the gift of Faith. And when that light is dimmed by the sins we continue to commit after baptism, it is rekindled every time we make a good Confession. That is why the Sacrament of Reconciliation is called a second Baptism. We come out of that Confessional with our sins forgiven, the light of Christ re-ignited in our hearts, and our souls restored to beauty they had on the day of our Baptism.

What peace a good Confession brings to our hearts, a peace that nothing in this world could ever give. We have the cure for sin, the deepest conflict in the human heart, which is offered free of charge in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). May this Peace be ours in abundance this Easter and always. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey

LENTEN OBSERVANCES

*****SPECIAL LENTEN MASSES*****

Mondays at 7:30pm

Novena Prayers will be held at 7:15pm

March 27th,

April 3rd

RECONCILIATION MONDAY CONFESSIONS

April 10th / 3pm to 9pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS at 7:30pm

March 31st,

April 7th, (Holy Hour 6:30pm to 7:30pm)

April 14th (Good Friday)

Lenten Talks with Fr. Innocent

March 28th,

April 4th

7pm - 8pm Tuesday Evenings

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

March 25 & 26, 2017

A **second collection** for the Catholic Relief Services which helps those in urgent need, will be taken today March 25th and 26th.

**+MASS OF CHRISM+
SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
TUESDAY, APRIL 11TH, 4:00PM**

This special Mass, a tradition which goes all the way back to the 5th century of our church, is only celebrated once a year, during Holy Week. The Mass, which manifests the unity of the priests with their bishop, will be celebrated by our Cardinal Archbishop, Timothy Dolan, who will be joined by his Auxiliary Bishops and hundreds of our parish and religious order priests and deacons.

During the Mass, the Cardinal will also bless three sacred oils: the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick or infirm and holy chrism. These oils will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the entire Archdiocese during the upcoming year.

We urge all the faithful of our Rockland parishes to make attendance at this Mass of Chrism a special part of their Lenten observance. Why not talk it up with your friends and attend as a group? For information about bus transportation to the Mass please contact St. Aedan's at 845-735-7405. Cost \$20 per person.

**CARDINAL'S APPEAL
CARING FOR RETIRED PRIESTS AND
RELIGIOUS**

Our priests dedicate their lives to providing us with spiritual strength and guidance. Through the newly renovated Saint Jon Vianney Center for Retired Priests and Our Lady of Consolation residences, the Cardinal's appeal provides comfort our leaders in the sunset of life as they once comforted and served us. If you have not yet made your pledge to the Cardinal's Appeal, please show your gratitude to our retired clergy and make your commitment today.

**2017 CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
TOURING TUESDAYS
APRIL 4, 9AM-11AM**

The Catholic School Region of Rockland invites you to experience Catholic schools in action by visiting on a TOURING TUESDAY open house event. Appointments needed. For reservations call 646-794-2885 or www.buildboldfutures.org.

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, March 27

Rel. Ed. Grade 6 – 4:30pm in the school
Rel. Ed. – Grade 7 – 7:00pm in the school
Hispanic RCIA – 7:00pm rectory
Novena Prayers- 7:15pm
Lenten Mass – 7:30pm

Tuesday, March 28

Rel. Ed. – Grades 3–5 – 4:30pm in the school
Rel. Ed. – Grade 8 – 7:00pm
Lenten Talk – 7pm in the Church

Wednesday, March 29

Food Pantry St. Vincent DePaul – 2pm-4pm rectory
Children's Choir Practice – 5pm Church
Choir Practice – 7:00pm in the Church
Hispanic Prayer Group – 8pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, March 30

RCIA – 7:00pm rectory

Friday, March 31

Stations of the Cross – 7:30pm

Saturday, April 1

St. Joseph Group – 7:30am in the Rectory
Rel. Ed. Grades 1 & 2 – 9:30am in the school

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS'S NAME

**March 19th Collection – \$15,749.
Last Year's Collection – \$15,162.**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
EASTER BASKETS**

The St. Vincent DePaul Society of Sacred Heart Parish is once again asking for donations of hams and non-perishable foods for our Easter Baskets. **Easter Baskets will be distributed on Monday, April 10, 2017 from 10am to 12 noon. Deadline: for donations is April 2, 2017.**

OUR LADY'S GUILD

**Holy Hour & General Meeting- March 30, 2017
Rescheduled from March 16th due to weather**

Please join the members of Our Lady's Guild on March 30th at 7:00pm in the Church for a Holy Hour and Benediction, followed by refreshments and a meeting in the cafeteria. Everyone is also asked to remember to bring \$25 for the upcoming Communion Breakfast.

**SACRED HEART CHURCH
\$10,000.00 RAFFLE**

TICKETS \$100 EACH (1 IN 250 CHANCE TO WIN)

Available at the Rectory
Monday to Friday - 9am to 5pm
1ST PRIZE - \$10,000.00
2ND PRIZE - \$1,000.00
3RD PRIZE - \$500.00

Winning tickets will be drawn at 2:30pm in the school gymnasium on Sunday, June 25, 2017.

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR PARISH

**VINCENT CROTTY MEMORIAL
FOUNDATION
DESIGNER POCKETBOOK BINGO
AUTHENTIC DESIGNER HANDBAGS!**

Friday, April 7, 2017

Vincent Crotty Memorial Building (16 Ramapo Avenue)
Admission: \$40. Per person
Includes 8 games of Bingo and Dauber
Dessert Buffet, Coffee, and Tea
Feel free to bring your own food and beverages
'50/50, Gift Baskets, Raffles, Door Prizes!
This is a pre-paid event – NO Walk-Ins
Please make checks payable to Vincent Crotty Memorial Foundation and mail to: P.O. Box 511, Suffern, NY 10901. Contact Denise Aiola for info: 914-309-2233 or diamonddaiola@gmail.com.

**OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY
ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK
YMNY**

The New York Catholic Youth Day is on Saturday, April 29th 2017. All High School Students are welcome. The cost for NYCYD is \$20 per youth. Deadline for monies and registration is Monday, April 10, 2017. For more information and to register please call the rectory.

**CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE
GOOD COUNSEL HOMES**

For Pregnancy emergencies call: 1-800-723-8331
www.goodcounselhomes.org

ANUNCIOS

El Grupo de Oración en Español tiene lugar habitualmente los miércoles, a las 8 de la noche en la cafetería.

Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán lugar el 8 de abril 2017 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Church and our Parish Community the following children who were recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

DYLAN NICHOLAS BARON PANCOTTI

Son of James and Ana

ELLA SOPHIA KUHN

Daughter of Jonathan and Adrienne

MATTHEW ROBERT KUHN

Son of Jonathan and Adrienne



We pray for all those serving in the **Armed Forces** and for those who are ill and have asked us to

pray for them: Frank Paul Allegretti, Luciano Antonucci, Jenna Applebaum, Helen Baure, Peter Boano, Harris Brownstein, Lisa Eckert Brownstein, Annette Burbridge, Dolores Cangelose, Frank Calfa, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Lorraine Cortez, Robert Cosenza, Joe Davey, Lilla DiBerardino, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, Florence Downey, Lucy Donlon, John Duffy, Nicholas Eckert, Peter Eckert, Jamie Erwin, Denise Ferrara, Gerrie Freeman, Stefanie Gaudelli, Tia Gardner, Arlene Gentile, Debra Gravina, John Grasso, Sarah Hyman, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Susan Jarkiewicz, Adrienne Kelly, Mary Kierman, Jon Kip, Anthony Kulik, Jay Leone, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Laura Mack, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Barbara Mazza, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Fr. Estella Morales, Jennifer O'Hara, Fr. Jack Oldfield, Stacey Olayan, Deana Olsen, Tina Osika, Shace Paljusevic, Joseph Pasculli, Patricia Plotkin, Adolf Radeljic, Etta Rooney, Mary Russo, Virginia Ryan, Daniel Sammarone, Nicholas Salzman, Eleanor Scelza, Erica Scully, Ruth Schwetz, Jean Simons, Aurelia Sorgo, Claudia Spano, Kate Stack, Maureen Starke, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, James P. Toner, Phyllis Varacalli, Carol Van Vandt, Millie Vazquez, Peter Veraldo, Rosemary Wasylson and Fr. Wing.

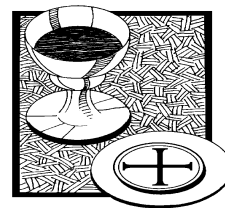
ALTAR MEMORIALS

MARCH 26, 2017

Altar Wines, Altar Breads, Altar Candles
And the Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of

VIOLET LEWANDOWSKI



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

9:00am – Mary Ann Binghi

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Joan Cummings & Elaine Dusold

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

7:00am – Parish Memorial Society

8:30am – Michael Keegan

10:00am – Charles J. Lynch

11:30am – Dorothy Toomey

1:00pm – All Parishioners

5:30pm – Luella Stryko

MONDAY, MARCH 27

7:00am – Eugene & Rose Magurno

9:00am – Felix Maillaro

7:15pm – **Novena Prayers**

7:30pm – Lenten Mass –

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

7:00am – Wanda Niestoj

9:00am – Dorothy Toomey

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

7:00am – Violet Lewandowski

9:00am – Chris Lambert

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

7:00am – David Reece & Jim Reese

9:00am – Vincent Crotty & Chris Konkowski

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

7:00am – Louis Artale

9:00am – Joseph Cestone

7:30pm – Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

9:00am – Joseph Lopardo

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

5:30pm – Patricia Diamond

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

7:00am – Parish Memorial Society

8:30am – Alois Ksiakiewicz

10:00am – McNally Family

11:30am – Johnny McGrath

1:00pm – All Parishioners

5:30pm – Edmund Passamonti



All Parishioners Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, friends, benefactors, relatives, priests, religious, and especially **Ed Fryns Jr. and Victor Smith.**

BOOSTER CLUB WINNER

WEEK 22- ROSEMARY CLAIRE