

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 21, 2021

FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS

Dear sisters and brothers of Sacred Heart:

"I am troubled now," Jesus states in today's Gospel (Jn 12:20-33). "Yet what should I say? Father, save me from this hour?" It is kind of an unusual thing to hear Jesus express fear or anxiety about anything. The Gospels usually picture him as both assured and unafraid, never backing down, but always confronting challenging and even dangerous situations. His healing of the blind, the lepers, and the crippled on the Sabbath are a clear indication that he would rather risk displeasing the religious authorities of his day rather than being unfaithful to his mission. It was precisely because Jesus would never compromise when it came to telling the truth or doing what was right that he was branded as a troublemaker, a breaker of the law, and even a revolutionary.

As we draw closer to the time of Jesus' passion and death, which we commemorate during Holy Week, the Gospels narrate the growing hostility of the religious leadership of Israel, who begin to plot how they might eliminate this thorn in their side and this threat to their authority. We are told that the only thing that has saved Jesus to this point is his popularity with the people, which make the authorities think twice before laying hands on him. But suddenly things have changed. "I am troubled now," Jesus said.

Certainly, each of us knows something about fear, one of the strongest emotions anyone can experience. We learn about fear from an early age and it is something from which we are never totally free. To admit that we are worried or afraid of something is not to say that we are cowards, but simply to admit that we are human, that we are not invulnerable, that there are forces in our world that are beyond our control, forces that can be hostile and threatening, forces that are inimical to human life—like our current pandemic. Part of coming to maturity is learning to control our fears; to know when to fight and when to flee; and how to balance courage with prudence and taking necessary precautions; to recognize when fear is justified and when it is not.

The season of Lent, which is rapidly coming to an end, is perhaps an invitation to reflect on Jesus' response to his own fears and how to overcome them." Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies," he said, "it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies it produces much fruit. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." To follow Jesus, then, means to become part of a greater reality, to be caught up in the power and love of a personal God, and to

come to know how with the grace of God and the support of all those who have been touched by that grace, we can receive the wisdom and strength to deal with whatever is troubling us; with peace of heart and with an enduring hope of not being defeated by the obstacles and challenges we face in life, but rather of persevering in our efforts as individuals, as a community, as a nation, to overcome those things that could harm us, and to discover the ways to achieve the security and the happiness that all of us seek.

Fr. John Gruben, OAR
Fr. Eric Crelencia, OAR
Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give me justice, O God,
And plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning, rescue me, for you, O
God, are my strength.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to my
voice in supplication.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

For with the Lord is kindness and with him is
plenteous redemption; and he will redeem Israel
from all their iniquities.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS at 7:00pm

March 26th

April 2nd at 5:30PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

(SPANISH)

THURSDAYS at 7:00PM

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

4TH Sunday of Lent - \$10,269.

**Last Year's Collection - \$ Pandemic No Amount
Catholic Relief - \$1,888.**

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 28, 2021

Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses:
Saturday Vigil 5:30pm and Sunday 8:30am,
10am (Spanish), 11:30am,
1:00pm and 5:30pm.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY MARCH 29 CONFESSIONS 4:00pm to 8:00PM Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday – April 1

9:00am – Solemn Morning Prayer (Tenebrae)
7:30pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper
(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
in Auditorium until 10:30pm)

Good Friday – April 2

9:00am – Solemn Morning Prayer (Tenebrae)
3:00pm – Celebration of the Lord's Passion
5:00pm – Outdoor Veneration of the Cross
5:30pm – Stations of the Cross
7:30pm-Celebration of the Lord's Passion Spanish

Holy Saturday – April 3

9:00am – Solemn Morning Prayer (Tenebrae)
(Confessions 3:00PM – 5:00PM)

Easter Vigil – April 3

8:00pm – Mass
(The only Mass on Saturday)

Easter Sunday – April 4

7:00am, 8:30am
10:00am Spanish
11:30am, 1:00pm

SECURITY TRAINING FOR RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT

If you are a retired Law Enforcement Officer and would like to assist the parish with security, the Archdiocese has a newly developed program. All interested must attend before proceeding. If you are interested, please call the Rectory Office, and speak to Mrs. Schnabel. 845-357-0035.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 21
Monday, March 22
Tuesday, March 23
Wednesday, March 24
RCIA in the Rectory 7pm
Thursday, March 25
St. Joseph's Mass (Spanish) 7pm No Stations
Friday, March 26
Stations of the Cross – 7pm
Saturday, March 27
12:00pm – Holy Rosary

LENTEN MITE BOX CATHOLIC CHARITIES COMMUNITY SERVICES

Please consider incorporating the "MITE BOX" into your Lenten Almsgiving efforts. All the parishes in our county are being asked to join together in support of the charitable efforts of CCCSR. This year, as you might imagine, the need is greater than ever.

You can also incorporate a Virtual Mite Box by just sending a check made payable to Catholic Charities Community Services at the end of Lent and just put it in the regular collection basket at Mass.

"Whatsoever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, that you do unto me."



CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2021

Your donations help the entire Archdiocese in so many ways. It is only through your generosity that the Archdiocese can help so many, here in our own area and the entire Archdiocese of New York. Even the smallest amount helps. Please consider donating. As always, we graciously thank all our parishioners for their continued generosity. To date \$32,484. has been pledged. Our goal is \$112,500.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY EASTER BASKETS

Will be distributed tomorrow:

Saturday, **March 27 from 10am until 12:00pm**
in the parking lot (drive through only).
Please contribute if possible. This event is to help the needy in our midst with the help and support of the Suffern Community Foundation. Thank you for your help!

SISTERS OF LIFE

Providing Life-affirming choices for women: Here in the Archdiocese of New York, there are many resources that provide women facing unplanned pregnancies with alternatives to abortion. If you know someone who is struggling, please urge them to contact: www.visitationcenterus.org or call (877)777-1277.

"Have you suffered an abortion?" Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sisters of Life: 866-575-0075 or e-mail: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org. For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877-586-4621 or e-mail: Lumina@postabortionhelp.org



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

For the First Time

NICHOLAS NIOSI AND PATRICIA MURPHY



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Keith Alanis, Jenna Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Michael Brady, Angie Clifford, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, The Cosentino Family, Janet Curcione, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Sr., Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Joseph Gilson, Debra Gravina, Senan Halpin, Clement Hayes, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Eileen Kennedy, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Charles Lynch, D. Pat Lynch, Kathy Masserano, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Rosemary McCormick, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Jacob Mendelsohn, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Joyce Miller, Mary Lou Oldfield Napolitano, Barbara Neilson, Michael Noonan, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Leona Overend, Gerry Roemer, Joseph Payne, Shace Paljusevic, Noreen Pidgeon, Jerry Rourke, Etta Rooney, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, (Baby Ty) Reilly, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Shaun Stein, Patricia Steiper, Janet Tamburro, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing. (Recollect Friars of Union City New Jersey).

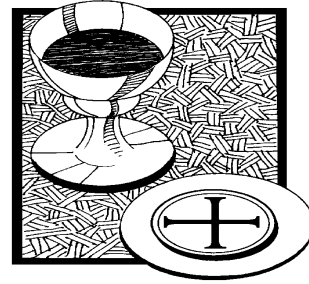


FOR OUR ARMED FORCES & FIRST RESPONDERS OF ALL KINDS, AND OUR DOCTORS & NURSES

We pray for all the men and women serving our country AND especially the sons and daughters, grandchildren and loved ones of our parishioners.

**ALTAR MEMORIALS
MARCH 21, 2021**

**Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of
JOHN AND ERLA SCHNABEL**



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

**9:00AM DAILY – (MONDAY – FRIDAY)
SUNDAYS
8:30AM, 11:30AM, 1:00PM AND 5:30PM
10:00AM – (SPANISH)**

**LIVE STREAMED ON OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.SACREDHEARTPARISH.ORG**

SATURDAY, MARCH 20 VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Frank Salveggi / Patricia Diamond

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

8:30am – Michael Fattet / James Halloran

10:00am – Spanish

11:30am – Glenn & Dylan Pape

1:00pm – Concordio & Magdalena Penaflo

5:30pm – Parish Memorial / All Parishioners

MONDAY, MARCH 22

9:00am – Thomas Howard

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

9:00am – Catherine & Daniel Greeley /
Andrew Statham

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

9:00am – Teresa Schmitt

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

9:00am – Fr. Jack Oldfield, OAR

7:00pm – Annunciation Mass – (Spanish) No Stations

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

9:00am – Pauline Caprioglio

7:00pm – Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

12:00pm – Holy Rosary

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

5:30pm – Vigil Mass

Eugene & Rose Magurno /

Joan Cummings & Elaine Dusold

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

8:30am – Spec. Intentions Irene, Kevin & Jake

10:00am – Spanish

11:30am – Margaret Fletcher / William Halloran

1:00pm – Albert & Carmela LaBruna

5:30pm – Parish Memorial / All Parishioners



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones:
**Mirella Cosentino, Anne Van Orden,
John Malone, Joseph Pica,
Charles Kodoche and Diane Chrastil.**