

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**February 16-17, 2019****From Fr. Anthony Ligato****Are you a person of Blessings or Woe?**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Many years ago, I was assigned to hospice ministry while in Seminary. One of the hospice patients assigned was a Mother of three children ranging in age from 12 to 6 years old. The Mother had been living with cancer for 6 years and she had been told she only had a short time to live. I was brought in to help the children to talk about their Mother's illness and to help support the Mother as she explained to her children she was going to die.

In one of my conversations with the Mother, we talked about how her time was coming to an end. We were having this conversation while her 6-year-old daughter laid on the bed with her. The Mother was weak and could not lift herself off the bed, but with all the energy she could muster, she held her youngest daughter in her arms. We were talking about her concern for her children and having to leave them. I asked her if she was angry about not being healed. Her answer blew me away. She said, I have received my miracle, I have had 6 years longer than I was supposed to have. She went on to tell me how she was diagnosed after she gave birth to her youngest daughter and that her prayer was to have long enough with her children so that they would remember her. This remarkable woman had every reason to be filled with woe, but instead she shared her blessings with all who came her way.

This woman had every reason to not trust in God, but rather she placed all her trust in God. The prophet Jerimiah tells us in today's first reading, "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit." (Jer.17:5-8) Her blessing was that she could still trust in the Lord even though she knew that she was not going to be healed, nor see her children grow up.

What enables a person to see blessings rather than woe? The person who knows Jesus, knows what he preached and what he lived is able to trust in God and does not have to settle to trust in human precepts. "Thus, says the Lord, cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh." (Jer. 17:5-8) As people of Faith we are called to know the Jesus of history, so that we can come to better know the Jesus of Faith.

Who is the Jesus of Faith? The Jesus of Faith is the one who preached the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:17-20) within human history. Jesus preaching announces the closeness of God. "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours." (Luke 6:17-20) Our Lord is always close to us, but we have the choice whether we are going to allow the Lord to be close. The woes enter in to our lives when we place our trust in human precepts, such as material goods and riches and do not allow the Lord to be close to us.

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Woe to us who do not let the Lord in to our lives. Woe to those who have had Christ preached as raised from the dead and still cannot trust and believe. (1Cor.15:12) Our woe comes from not trusting, that Mother trusted in the Jesus who was raised from the dead and because she trusted she was blessed.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Anthony

**NEW HARDWOOD FLOORING AND VESTMENT
AND ALTAR LINENS CLOSETS**

We will be installing the new hardwood flooring in the sanctuary of the Church during the next two weeks. The new hardwood flooring will replace the laminate flooring that is currently in the sanctuary. The extensions to the sanctuary which were built a few years ago will be made permanent extensions when the new hardwood flooring is laid.

We are also adding two new vestment and linen closets to the existing closets in the back sacristy. These new closets will provide storage space for vestments and for linens as well as for banners and other liturgical items.

With the completion of these two projects and the new parking lot fencing which will be installed in the spring behind the church, all the work from the 2016 Capital Campaign will be completed. This includes the new security and energy efficient windows which were installed in the School/Faith Formation Facility. The new brick walkways leading to the Church. The parking lot upgrades and repairs.

Thank you for your generous support of the 2016 Capital Campaign.

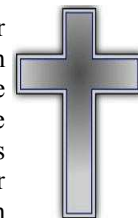
Yours in Christ,

Fr. Anthony Ligato

EASTER CROSS MEMORIAL

It may seem early but we have to begin planning for the Easter Cross Memorial. The offering for each cross will remain the same (\$10.00) and this year we ask you to have your requests in as soon as possible due to the fact that we will only have 400 crosses available for the Easter Cross Memorial. The date for having your requests in by is **April 1, 2019** or when crosses run out. Please make sure and **PRINT** the name of the person you are remembering and the name of the person who is requesting the memorial. Please remember to keep the character letters on each cross to no more than 22 letters, characters including spaces. Please remember there are only 400 crosses available and it will be based on a first come, first served basis, so get your request in as soon as possible.

Please fill out the sheet & include your payment and drop it off at the Parish Office. If you purchased a cross last year and would like to have the same name again, please indicate that on your sheet and please include your \$10.00 payment with it. Sheets are available at the Parish Office or the front entrance of the Church.



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PRAYERS

We will pray for those who are ill, hospitalized, recuperating and all those who are in need of prayers. If you know someone who could use prayers, please call the Parish Office and leave their name for inclusion in the bulletin. Please make sure you have their permission to do so. This week we pray for the following people:

Jacqueline Ackner, Anne Antdomi, Raymond Bagley, Carol Bennete, Colleen Bornhorst, Ann Burke, Bryce Chapman, Bob & Rose Davignon, Michelle Darcy, Chester DeBell Sr., Tina Demczar, Edward Doin, Edward Dworakowski, Theresa Dworakowski, Ric Dworakowski, Joseph Esposito, Thomas Esposito, Ralph Esposito, Donna Flinton, Brenda Flynn, Dick Galvin, Marilyn Gorman, Dave Grinko, Pat Harley, Tony Huneau, Mary Ellen Gibson, Kris Gordan, Lynn Gorman, Margaret Hoban, Debbie Hopkins, Monique Inyeard, Dorothy Jones, Mary Keeley, Edward Kehn Jr., Tayla Kreiger, Lucy Langelier, Anthony Mainello, Craig Maloney, Jimmy Margo, Charlie Martinec, Mary McMahan, Chuck Miorin, Debra Moulton, Anne McHugh, Morgan McEvilly, Stella Muzicka, Christine Pangburn, Dawn Perlmin, Mary Phibbs, Jack Reid, Bonnie Ritrovoto, Laney Robillard, David & Roni Ruppert, Christopher Russell, Jason Russell, Kirstin Shoemaker, Kenny Schroeder, Kaleb Schwartz, Derrick Senior, Margaret Shields, Mary Signorelli, Courtney Sims, Anne Stevens, John Sullivan, Shirley Talbot, Joseph Tenzyk, Anthony Valenti, Ashley Valenti, Madeline Valenti, J. Van Amburgh, Holly Wait and Sharon Wiliking.

ACTIVE, RESERVE AND NATIONAL GUARD PRAYER LIST

We would like to pray for all our military personnel in our Parish and we would like to include their names in the bulletin each week. We request that you assist us by submitting the names to the Parish Office so that these service members can be included in our prayers. **SFC. Michael Baker, Matthew S. Cannon, SRA Jordan Correll USAF, SRA Colton Correll USAF, Third Class Petty Officer Christopher Fox, USMC—CPL W (Mac) Harkin, AB Mary B. McDade, 1st Lieutenant Joe McMillen, First Sergeant Aime Moore, LCpl. Matthew T. Nero US Marines, Airman 1st Class Michael D. Jennings, Master Sergeant Richard Palasz, Specialist Joshua Abbott.**

SANCTUARY VOTIVE CANDLE

St. Jude the Apostle Church provides the opportunity for a sanctuary votive candle intention. This intention is the same cost as a mass intention. The sanctuary candle is in memory of a particular person. It will appear weekly at the top of the daily mass intention in the bulletin. If you would like to have a sanctuary votive light please call the Parish Office.

We pray for our recently deceased parishioners and friends.

David Manning III, Brother of Marguerite McMillen

May he and all our departed loved ones, friends, relatives, and parishioners enjoy forever the brightness of the eternal light.



SANCTUARY VOTIVE LIGHT

February 17 through February 23, 2019

Bob Geiger by Mary Ellen Hunt, Pat & Jim Schaeffer



Come join us every Tuesday Morning at 7:30AM for group recitation of the Rosary for vocations.



FEED THE HUNGRY

DOORS OF HOPE

This is our local food pantry that aids our community members. The needs of those who are struggling never diminish. Please give generously to help our community pantry provide food and personal care items to those in need. Suggested items needed are: *peanut butter, jelly, rice, instant potatoes, ready to serve puddings disposable razors diapers and feminine products.*

11 bags were received and brought to Doors of Hope last week. Thank you for your generosity.



CHILDREN'S Liturgy of the Word

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

February 17, 2019

9:00AM NO SESSION

11:30AM NO SESSION

February 24, 2019

9:00AM NO SESSION

11:30AM NO SESSION

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held during the 9:00 a.m. & 11:30a.m. Mass. Children's Liturgy of the Word is for 3-8 years old.

K-6 FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

February 17, 2019 No Class
February 24, 2019 No Class
March 3, 2019 Class at 10:30AM
March 10, 2019 Class at 10:30AM
March 17, 2019 NO SESSION

TEAM PATHWAYS

February 17, 2019 No Class
February 24, 2019 No Class
March 3, 2019 Class at 10:30AM
March 10, 2019 7th & 8th Grade Class at 10:45AM
9th & 10th Grade Class at 10AM
March 17, 2019 NO SESSION

FEBRUARY 17, 2019



Luck of the Irish Raffle!

- St. Jude the Apostle School is raffling off \$100.00 every day in March!
- The lucky winner on *St. Patrick's Day* will receive \$1,000.00!
- All winners will be re-entered into the raffle, so your ticket can win more than once!
- Tickets cost \$10 and are tax-deductible. Checks can be made out to St. Jude the Apostle School.
- Winners will be posted daily on St. Jude's school website stjudetheapostleschool.org
- Tickets will be sold at the end of all Masses in February.
- Tickets are also available at St. Jude's school and church offices, so pick up your lucky tickets today!
- We are so very grateful for your generous support of St. Jude the Apostle School. May the Luck of the Irish be with you!*



Upcoming RCIA sessions: All sessions are Thursday evenings beginning at 6:30. We meet in the School Music Room.

03/07/19 Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation, Anointing, Marriage, & Holy Orders

03/14/19 Prayer & Lent

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

Do you know someone in need of help with substance abuse issues? If so, take down this number to share. Rensselaer county is very fortunate to have a help line for information, resources and referrals for any substance abuse issue. The number which is operational from 9AM until 9PM every day of the year is 1-833-HOPE-123 or 1-833-467-3123. Trained volunteers are available during those hours to answer any questions anyone has in regards to substance abuse issues. Call are strictly confidential

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 6, 2019

7:30AM	Distribution of Ashes	St. Michael
8AM	Distribution of Ashes	St. Jude
12:10PM	Distribution of Ashes	St. Michael
2PM	Distribution of Ashes	St. Jude
7PM	Distribution of Ashes	St. Jude



PALMS FOR ASHES

Baskets are at all entrances of the Church for you to drop off last year's palm's. We will collect these palms throughout the month of February and we will burn those palms to make ashes for Ash Wednesday next year.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross are Friday's during Lent at 7PM



Blessed Palms

Whatever you do, don't throw them away!

After leaving church on Palm Sunday, you may have come home with several long palm branches from the celebration of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

You may be asking yourself, "Well, what should I do with these?" Whatever you do, don't throw them away!

According to the Code of Canon Law, blessed items are not to be discarded in a trash can, but treated with respect (cf. #1171). At Mass these palm branches were set apart by a blessing from Fr. Anthony and all priests and made into a "sacramental," an object that is meant to draw us closer to the celebration of the seven sacraments. Throwing them in the trash ignores their sacred purpose and treats them like any other object we no longer need.

The obvious question then becomes, "So if I can't throw them away, what am I to do with all these branches?"

Decorate

Over the years many people have used palm branches to decorate their homes. It could be as simple as tucking them behind a religious painting or crucifix, or as complex as a making them into a palm rose. The benefit of using them as decorative pieces in your home is that the palm branches will be a constant reminder of Palm Sunday and bring to mind the Passion narrative that was read at Mass. This is a perfect way to stay connected to Holy Week throughout the year and honor Christ as the Messiah who came to save us from sin and death.

Burn or bury

Most sacramental's, like palm branches for example, can be burned or buried in order to properly dispose of them. This type of disposal honors their sacred purpose and returns them to the earth in a dignified way. Anyone can do this, but if you don't have the ability to burn or bury them, simply drop off your palm branches at the Church and place in designated basket.

I encourage our parishioners to return palm branches to the Church so that we can burn the branches and make ashes for Ash Wednesday. This way the liturgical year remains connected and nothing goes to waste.

Fr. Anthony

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Announced Masses

Saturday, February 16

4:00PM Thomasine Pisanello,
Anne & David Cannon
Nancy Hannigan, *Ed & Maureen Kehn*
Eleanor Simmons, *Patti Embree*
Ray Lyons, *Joe & Bea LaClair*

Sunday, February 17

9:00AM Carol P. Maloney, *Husband*
Harriet Spain, *Daughter Nancy*
Anthony Carnevale,
M/M Giuseppe Carbonaro

11:30AM Carol Maple, *Allison Hartwich*
Elizabeth Reed, *Julie Mullen*
Stephen Finelli, *Roger & Daryl St. Cyr*

Monday, February 18

8:00AM NO MASS
2:00PM NO MASS

Tuesday, February 19

8:00AM Angelo & Carmella Ligato,
Ligato Family
Marjorie Richmond,
Richmond Byrne, Kurtz & Terpaning Families

Wednesday, February 20

8:00AM Josephine Sickles, *Melinda Halse*

Thursday, February 21

8:00AM Daniel Keating, *Wife Norma*

Friday, February 22

8:00AM Deceased Parishioners of St. Jude

Saturday, February 23

4:00PM Walter Reilly, *Bennett Family*
Mary Marzola, *Joe & Carol Tenzyk*
Carol Maple, *Joe & Carol Tenzyk*
Anthony James Carnevale,
Bill & Joy Bassett

Sunday, February 24

9:00AM George Geiger, *Mary Ellen Hunt*
& Pat & Jim Schaeffer
Carol Maple, *Andrew Maloney*
Nancy C. Case, *Fr. Ligato*

11:30AM Thomas M. Cox,
M/M Joseph Krucznicki
Joan Madden, *Sister, Ruth*
Mary Marzola, *Helen Skiba*
Michaela Cornacchia, *Daughter*

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Weekend of February 23 & 24, 2019

	<u>4PM</u>	<u>9AM</u>	<u>11AM</u>
Lectors	1. C. Tenzyk 2. A. Short	L. Terry M. McDade	C. Harris R. Donnelly
Ministers	H. Dcn Warren 1. A. Devine 2. T. Devine 3. J. Flanigan 4. K. Harriman	Dcn. Warren J. Krucznicki P. Schaeffer M. Sullivan A. Maloney	Dcn. Warren B. Harris MH. Donnelly
	(Choir) J. Milanese		
Altar Servers	1. S. Short 2. N. Harriman 3. A. Harriman	E. Hansen J. Hepp I. Joseph	N. Premo J. Roberts C. Dean

Readings for the week of February 17, 2019

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [17a]/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [20b]/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [cf. 1]/Mk 9:2-13

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Week Ending February 10, 2019	
Amount Received From Offertory Collection	\$5,151.00
Amount Received from Electronic Giving	-
Total Received Last Weekend	\$5,151.00
Budgeted Weekly Need	\$4,977.00
Last Week's Difference: Over (Under) Budget	\$174.00
Year-To-Date Fiscal Year	
Received Year - to - Date	\$177,641.00
Budgeted Year -To -Date	\$176,617.00
Year - To - Date Difference: Over (Under) Budget	\$1,024.00

COLLECTION COUNTER TEAMS

February 17, 2019 Team #7 Rose Galipeau
February 24, 2019 Team #1 Mary Ellen Hunt
March 3, 2019 Team #2 Peter McMillen
March 10, 2019 Team #3 Bob Myron
March 17, 2019 Team #4 John Waterbury
March 24, 2019 Team #5 Cherie Aanonsen
March 31, 2019 Team #6 Tanya Halse
April 7, 2019 Team #7 Rose Galipeau

Mass Schedule for our Local Catholic Community

Sacred Heart	Sat. 4PM, Sun. 8:30AM & 10:30AM Weekday Mon.-Fri. 9AM
St. Jude	Sat. 4PM, Sun. 9AM & 11:30AM Weekday Mon.-Fri. 8AM
St. Michael	Sat. 5:15PM, Sun. 7:30AM & 10:15AM Weekday Mon.-Thru. 12:10PM
Van Rensselaer Manor	Tuesdays at 1:45PM