

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 2-3, 2019

Fr. Anthony

Sound Advice from the Scriptures?

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In years past, people would write to advice columnist such as Dear Abby and Ann Landers seeking advice on life and love. Today people go to websites and blogs to get their advice. Frankly speaking that advice is often not sound and reliable advice. People often share in an inappropriate way on these blog sites and there is no one to filter their words, words that people later will regret putting out there.

The scripture readings for this Sunday provide us with great advice that is sound and reliable which will truly help us to experience a total and complete conversion, spiritually, emotionally and physically. The readings guide us in actions, behavior, speech and the disposition of the heart. Consider the atmosphere of our culture and society today, people are rude, vulgar and coarse. Our actions have brought physical hurt to others through the violent anarchy we see on our streets. Our behaviors have wounded others through sins of omission and sins of commission. We no longer respect one another, and this is clearly seen in the language we use toward one another and the language we are exposed to today. How often have you been out and about and have heard some of the most vulgar words in the English language being spoken out loud by people who are expressing themselves? With children and other adults often in ear shot those who use this type of vulgar language could care less and if you say anything you open yourself up to a tirade of similar vulgar words coming your way. People who otherwise are good hearted people all of the sudden today have become hard hearted toward one another because we may disagree politically with one another. But now it goes beyond politics and its affects religion, race and ethnic differences. Hard hearts do not care about how actions, behavior and speech affects others, they only care about getting their own way.

The Book of Sirach reminds us of the gift of speech, “The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one’s speech disclose the bent of one’s mind. Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested.” (Sirach 27:4-7) Our speech is an invitation to others to our soul and the soul reveals the reverence and respect we have for God and in light of that respect for God how we truly respect one another. If we are concerned about the image we are presenting to others, we should be concerned about our speech. Our speech is not only heard but read. What kind of speech are we using on Facebook, twitter, in our text messages and emails? Do they reflect the image of Christ in our lives? No matter how right we might believe ourselves to be, we have no right to attack one another on social media. If we want to reflect the image and likeness of our creator, we have to reflect the sacredness of the Word made flesh. As Sirach tells us our speech becomes the measurement by which people judge us.

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Jesus in the final words of his Sermon on the Mount from Luke 6:39-45; tells us not to be judgmental, critical or foolish. Jesu tells us we need to communicate with one another and that we can never know someone’s motivation for their behavior simply by observing their actions. He tells us we need to speak to them and listen to them. “No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher.” (Luke 6:40) These are powerful words that causes us to reflect and discern if our actions, behavior and speech reflect the image and likeness of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is merciful, he does not judge but gives us the ability to repent. Jesus does not condemn rather he gives us the ability to be forgiven. St. Paul reminds us in the second reading from 1Corinthians 15:54-58 that we are called to reflect the image of incorruptibility through the actions, behavior and speech in our lives, “Therefore my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”

Important words for us to reflect on as we prepare to enter the Lenten season this coming Wednesday. Let us allow our prayer to affect our actions. Let us allow our fasting discipline our behavior and let us make our speech a true offering and almsgiving to Christ and one another.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Anthony



ASH WEDNESDAY

March 6, 2019

7:30AM	Distribution of Ashes	St. Michael
8:00AM	Distribution of Ashes	St. Jude
12:10PM	Distribution of Ashes	St. Michael
2:00PM	Distribution of Ashes	St. Jude Apts
7:00PM	Distribution of Ashes	St. Jude

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday

	<u>8AM</u>	<u>7PM</u>
Lectors	1. St. Jude School 2. St. Jude School	L. Terry M. Goss
Ministers	H. St. Jude School 1. St. Jude School 2. St. Jude School 3. Helen Skiba 4. Andy Maloney	Dcn Warren K. Rodriguez R. Palasz J. Milanese S. Moore
Altar Servers	1. St. Jude School 2. St. Jude School 3. St. Jude School	M. Frost N. Frost J. Kellar

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LENTEN REFLECTIONS

APRIL 5-6, 2019

Matthew Leonard is an internationally renowned speaker, author, podcast, film maker, and host of the worldwide smash hit Bible and the Virgin Mary video series.

Matthew hosts a very popular podcast on I-tunes titled “The Art of Catholic”, which is heard in more than 170 countries around the world. He also holds a Masters in Theology from Franciscan University of Catholic and Prayer Works! Getting A Grip on Catholic Spirituality. Matthew lives in Ohio with his wife Veronica and their six children. Learn more about him at MatthewSLeonard.com

April 5 Begins with Stations of Cross at 7PM

St. Michael the Archangel Church

Love Hurts: The Truth Behind Redemptive Suffering

Unfortunately, no one can escape suffering. But don't be discouraged! Christ proclaims a new idea of love that gives meaning to human suffering, penance, and ultimately, death. In fact, there's a powerful secret that unlocks how we can “rejoice in the Lord always” just like St. Paul, no matter what happens! After all, there is absolutely no reason Catholics shouldn't be the most joyful people on earth regardless of earthly circumstances

April 6 Begins with Mass at 9AM

St. Jude the Apostle Church

Confirmed in Truth: A Conversion Story

How does a Protestant Pastor's kid and former missionary to Latin America preaching to Catholics end up Catholic himself? Matthew Leonard describes his road into the arms of Mother Church, including many of the issues he had to deal with. It's a journey filled with study, a few tears, and some big laughs.

Pray Like a Saint Wisdom for Growing Closer to God

According to Scripture, every one of us is called to “be perfect” and to “pray without ceasing.” Prayer is the path to God and we've been doing it all our lives. But are we really praying? Are we really progressing toward holiness, perfection, and deep relationship with God? In this talk we will define and discuss the three traditional modes of prayer as taught by spiritual greats like St. John of the Cross, St. Teresa of Avila, and St. Francis de Sales. We won't just talk theory, but lay out the practical steps to achieve union with God through deep prayer even in the midst of this busy distracting world. Because if you are not praying, you are not living.

Spiritual GPS: The 3 stages of the Spiritual Life

Many spiritual writers refer to the “science of sainthood.” It's defined process by which we achieve union with God, our ultimate destiny—a mode of life beyond what anyone can imagine. This talk explains the three traditional stages of Catholic Spiritual life as taught by spiritual life as taught by spiritual greats like St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Thomas Aquinas, and so many others. I also explain how to achieve a life of true peace and happiness in the craziness of this world as you move through the stages of the spiritual journey. This is what life is all about—now and forever!

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 McEvelly, 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 Office Christopher Fox, USMC—CPL W (Mac) Harkin, RCT Patrick Long, 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.**

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Our March meeting will be on Sunday, March 3, 2019 in the Parish Center following the 9AM Mass. The Rosary will be recited at 8:15AM. All old and new members are welcome. We will be having our annual shower for St. Paul Center in Rensselaer in April. Details will follow.

MARCH 3, 2019

ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

Wynantskill, NY



Bowling Club End-of-the-Year Tournament

February marked the end of another bowling season with a Hi-Low tournament that challenged the bowlers with higher averages to coach and encourage their lower average partners. The support, sportsmanship, and encouragement was heartwarming to see among our bowlers. *The winners of the tournament were Raffaele Lombardi & Myleigh Ryan.* All bowlers received a trophy with their high game and high series scores. The 2018/2019 *1st place team was Max Freyssinier, Harrison Daley, George Karame and Michael Cioffi.* Thanks to all the bowlers and parents for another fun and successful season!



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

On Friday, March 8 at 7PM, the Nurse's Way of the Cross will be presented as our first Stations of the Cross presentation this year. Nurses from St. Jude the Apostle, St. Michael the Archangel and Sacred Heart Churches will present this moving program regarding patients and the correlation to Christ's Suffering. This presentation truly shows the compassion we have as nurses for our patients.

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.



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: *canned vegetables & fruits, pasta, pasta sauce, toilet paper, laundry soap and feminine products.*

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

BIBLE BASICS



An introduction to the Bible for those with little or no previous experience. We will meet on the four Thursdays of March, 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. In St. Jude the Apostle Parish Center conference room.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

March 3, 2019

9:00AM Sue DiFiore
11:30AM Carmella Moore

March 10, 2019

9:00AM Jennifer Foust
11:30AM Carmella Moore

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

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

TEAM PATHWAYS

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 Class
March 24, 2019 7th & 8th Grade Class at 10:45AM
9th & 10th Grade Class at 10AM

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Announced Masses

Saturday, March 2

4:00PM Charles Dessinger, *Wife Peg*
Walter & Margaret Grace,
Daughter Mary Ann
Anna Passonno, TJ & Jan Jackson

Sunday, March 3

9:00AM Carol Maple, *Petra Carbonaro*
Anthony Carnevale,
Betty Farina & Family
Donald Groff, Tom & Mary Phibbs
11:30AM Joseph Frost, *Al & Patti Mgrace*
Anthony Carnevale,
Mary, Rita & Ned Pascocci

Monday, March 4

8:00AM Michael J. Fox, *Family*
Thomas Cox, St. Jude School Board
2:00PM Deceased Residents of St. Jude Apts

Tuesday, March 5

8:00AM Nancy Case, *Andrew Maloney*

Wednesday, March 6

8:00AM Deceased Parishioners of St. Jude
2:00PM Deceased Parishioners of St. Jude Apts
7:00PM Deceased Parishioners of St. Jude

Thursday, March 7

8:00AM Lena Zullo, *Vicky Marchetti*

Friday, March 8

8:00AM Deceased Parishioners of St. Jude

Saturday, March 9

4:00PM Joseph Elligott, *Peg Dessinger*
David Manning Jr., Wife & Family
Mary Marzola, Eileen Burton
Anthony Carnevale,
Doyles & Silveri Families

Sunday, March 10

9:00AM Mary Marzola, *Randy & Debbie Moore*
Carol Maple, Randy & Debbie Moore
Ann Conroy, Randy & Debbie Moore
William Castle, Tom & Mary Phibbs
11:30AM Mary Marzola, *Phyllis Devery*
Ken Burton, Family
Anthony Carnevale, Phyllis Devery
Nan & Linda O'Mealy, Family

SANCTUARY VOTIVE LIGHT

March 3 through March 9

Nancy Hannigan by Husband

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Weekend of March 9 & 10, 2019

	<u>4PM</u>	<u>9AM</u>	<u>11AM</u>
Lectors	1. J. Flanigan 2. L. Owens	I. Joseph E. Parker	Family Mass A. Frost
Ministers	H. B. Dedrick 1. K. Caruso 2. P. Caruso 3. A. Devine 4. T. Devine	Dcn. Warren J. Krucznicki M. Krucznicki J. Miller M. Sullivan	MH. Donnelly S. Moore Jessica D.
	(Choir) L. Terry		
Altar Servers	1. M. Fresyssinier 2. A. Hein 3. M. Pafundi	I. Joseph M. McDade M. McDade	S. Moore T. Frost G. Moore

Readings for the week of March 3, 2019

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [11a]/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Week Ending February 24, 2019

Amount Received From Offertory Collection	\$3,633.00
Amount Received from Electronic Giving	-
Total Received Last Weekend	\$5,866.00
Budgeted Weekly Need	\$4,799.00
Last Week's Difference: Over (Under) Budget	(\$1,344.00)
Year-To-Date Fiscal Year	
Received Year - to - Date	\$187,140.39
Budgeted Year -To -Date	\$188,339.00
Year - To - Date Difference: Over (Under) Budget	(\$1,198.61)

COLLECTION COUNTER TEAMS

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
April 14, 2019 Team #1 Mary Ellen Hunt
April 21, 2019 team #2 Peter McMillen