

Third Sunday of Lent

March 23-24, 2019

*“The quality of mercy is not strained, it droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven”*

From: Fr. Anthony Ligato

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The number of Shakespearian quotes I know could fill a Thimble, but there is one Shakespearian quote I do know, “The quality of mercy is not strained, it droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven.” This quote from the Shakespearian play, *The Merchant of Venice* reveals more about God’s generosity than our reflection of that mercy in our own lives. That is not to say we are not called to reflect God’s mercy, it just seems at times that we collect those drops of mercy in a rain barrel and store them away in case a drought takes hold of us.

Mercy is not rationed; it is not stored in a rain barrel in case of a drought. It flows freely and is offered to all so that their thirst is quenched. In Luke 13:1-9, we hear Jesus calling the faithful to repent of their sins and in the parable he shares we see how the quality of God’s mercy is patient and kind, “slow to anger and abounding in kindness.” (Psalm 103:10) “There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, for three years now I have come in search of fruit on this tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil? He said to him in reply, Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future.” Jesus is the gardener and the Father is the owner of the orchard. The opportunity for repentance is the theme of the Gospel reading from Luke 13:1-9 as it is in the corresponding Gospel reading from John 4:5-42 of the telling of the Woman at the Well. In both of these readings the Father sends the Son to provide the endless opportunities for repentance and as St. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12, never take the opportunity of repentance for granted. You never know when it may be too late to repent.

As Shakespeare said, mercy is as plentiful as the rain drops in a rain storm. It is mercy that provides us the opportunity to repent. After all Psalm 103:2 tells us, “The Lord is kind and merciful, he pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills.” It is the appreciation of God’s mercy that helps us not to take it for granted. Mercy then must not be stored away waiting for a dry season, rather mercy must flow forth as the waters of baptism flow forth from the cross itself. How then do we share those countless drops of mercy that fall from the throne of God?

There are two ways for us to allow the qualities of mercy to fall as a gentle rain in our lives, by living out the Corporal works of Mercy and the Spiritual works of Mercy. Lived out in our lives they become as countless as the rain drops in a rain storm. So numerous, when put into practice that we cannot them.

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**Corporal Works of Mercy:** Give food to those who are hungry, give drink to those who are thirsting, cloth those who are naked, welcome the stranger, comfort the sick, bury the dead, give alms to the poor.

**Spiritual Works of Mercy:**

Council those who are doubting in their Faith, Instruct those who are ignorant of their Faith, Counsel and Correct the Sinner, Comfort the Sorrowful, Forgive injuries, Be willing to bear wrongs done to you patiently, Pray for both the living and the dead.

Here is our opportunity to repent by being merciful as our God is merciful. The numerous qualities of mercy lived out are as countless as the raindrops. These acts of mercy can be as simple as leaving food in the box at the front door of the Church for the food pantry. To donate a case of water to one of the local communities who are struggling with clean water issues. How about provide clothing for the homeless by donating to Joseph House. We can welcome the stranger in the same way the Woman at the Well welcomed Jesus by offering him a drink. She started out by saying hello, let’s turn around right now and say hello to our neighbor who may or may not be a stranger to us. Have you ever thought about becoming a Eucharistic Minister to the sick and homebound? We always need people to help with our Bereavement and Lazarus Ministries which help with funeral preparation and at the Funeral Liturgies. You can give alms to the poor by taking note of the poor boxes at the doors of Church or volunteer to help our Christian Service Committee serve dinners at the Damian Center. These are only a few drops of mercy, but there are countless acts of mercy that we can share with others.

When we are engaged in these corporal acts of mercy we cannot help but share the Spiritual Works of Mercy. When someone is suffering, they seek reassurance of Christ’s presence in their lives and by doing so we give them comfort in their sorrow. When people do not have the opportunity to be educated they cannot succeed in life, we must step in and help people move from ignorance and bring them to knowledge in Jesus Christ. If we truly care about others, we can’t be afraid to speak the truth and that means providing people guidance and correct teaching. We may be rejected and sustain injury and persecution. The Spiritual Works of Mercy ask us to bear these injuries and bear them patiently. We can bear nothing unless we are a people of prayer, all mercy begins with prayer.

The qualities of Mercy are not random drops of rain. Just as God can count every hair on our heads he can count every rain drop that falls on our head and every act of mercy that flows from faith. The true quality of Mercy is the believer who comes to know the divine mercy of God through repentance and forgiveness. Such mercy and generosity must be shared.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Anthony

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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 Steubenville. 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 a 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 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, Margaret Hoban, Debbie Hopkins, Monique Inyard, Dorothy Jones, Mary Keeley, Edward Kehn Jr., Tayla Kreiger, 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 Officer Christopher Fox, USMC—CPL W (Mac) Harkin, RCT Patrick Long, AB Mary B. McDade, 1st Lieutenant Joe McMullen, First Sergeant Aime Moore, LCpl. Matthew T. Nero US Marines, Airman 1st Class Michael D. Jennings, Master Sergeant Richard Palasz, Specialist Joshua Abbott .**



We pray for our recently deceased parishioners and friends.

**Leslie Sharon Hepp, Mother of Timothy Hepp**

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

MARCH 24, 2019

# ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

Wynantskill, NY



## FULL DAY SUMMER PRE-SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

St. Jude the Apostle School  
42 Dana Avenue, Wynantskill, NY 12198  
[www.stjudetheapostleschool.org](http://www.stjudetheapostleschool.org)  
(518) 283-0333

Registrations are now being accepted for our Pre-K and Kindergarten Summer Program

### ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Our April meeting will be held on Sunday, April 7, 2019 after the 9AM Mass. The meeting will be held at the St. Jude Parish Center.

At our April 7th Rosary meeting we will have our annual shower for the women at St. Paul's Center in Rensselaer. Some suggestions are: any personal care items for example: toothpaste, toothbrush, dental floss, chapstick, tampons, kotex pads, ladies shaving cream and disposable razors, shampoo/conditioner, hand/body lotion, deodorant etc, over the counter medications (for adults and children) such as tylenol, cough medicine, pepto bismol, etc

They could also use items such as towels and wash clothes, twin bedding (sheets and pillow cases, waterproof mattress pads and pillows. Items needed for children are: disposable diapers sizes #3 through #6, coloring books, washable crayons, birthday cards for children, pens, pencils and small paper pads. We will put these items in a large reusable shopping bags (we could use these also). I am planning to put the bags together after the April meeting so if two or more ladies would stay and help, it would be appreciated.



### 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: *tuna fish, mayo, chunky soups, crackers, toothpaste, dish soap and feminine products*

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

### PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

Allergy season is here! Tree Pollen has been high this past week. Watery eyes, scratchy throat, itchy skin and nagging cough are just a few symptoms that remind us if Spring Allergies are a problem for you, start taking your allergy meds and your nasal spray.



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

March 24, 2019

9:00AM Sue DiFiore

11:30AM Kate Rodrigue

March 31, 2019

9:00AM Sue DiFiore

11:30AM Kate Rodrigue

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 31, 2019 Class at 10:30AM

April 7, 2019 Class at 10:30AM Last Class

### TEAM PATHWAYS

March 31, 2019 9th & 10th Grade Class at 10AM

7th & 8th Grade Class at 10:45AM

April 7, 2019 9th & 10th Grade Class at 10AM

Last Class 7th & 8th Grade Class at 10:45AM

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### Announced Masses

#### Saturday, March 23

**4:00PM**     **John Finelli, Family**  
**Joann Brochu, James Hannigan**  
**Catherine Hannigan, Son**  
**Anthony Carnevale, M/M Isaiah Bennett**

#### Sunday, March 24

**9:00AM**     **Alson Spain, Daughter Nancy**  
**Mary Marzola, M/M John McEvilly**  
**Nancy M. Case,**  
*Constance Ligato & Family*

**11:30AM**     **William F. Castle, Katie Baldwin**  
**Mary Marzola,**  
*Maureen, Kevin & Logan*  
**Carol Maple, Maureen, Keving & Logan**  
**Joann Brochu, Sister Maureen & Sons**

#### Monday, March 25

**8:00AM**     **Mary Marzola, 8AM Community**  
**Carol Maple, 8AM Community**  
**Thomas Cox, St. Jude Parish**  
*and School Staff*

**2:00PM**     **Deceased Parishioners of St. Jude Apts**

#### Tuesday, March 26

**8:00AM**     **Antonio Diaz, M/M Lindo Signorelli**

#### Wednesday, March 27

**8:00AM**     **Philomena Riccardi, Mary McDade**

#### Thursday, March 28

**8:00AM**     **Deceased Parishioners of St. Jude**

#### Friday, March 29

**8:00AM**     **Deceased Parishioners of St. Jude**

#### Saturday, March 30

**4:00PM**     **Joann Brochu, M/M James Premo**  
**Edward McLaughlin, Mary Ann Grace**  
**Mary Marzola, M/M Peter McMillen**  
**Carol Maple, M/M Peter McMillen**

#### Sunday, March 31

**9:00AM**     **Carol Maple, M/M John McEvilly**  
**Adela & Edger Spence Binns, Family**  
**Nancy M. Case, M/M John McEvilly**  
**William F. Castle, M/M Robert Karius**

**11:30AM**     **Isabella Rodino,**  
*Angie, Ricky, Gina & Isabella*  
*Loccisano*

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

*Weekend of March 30 & 31, 2019*

	<u>4PM</u>	<u>9AM</u>	<u>11AM</u>
<b>Lectors</b>	1. J. Flanigan 2. L. Owens	M. McDade M. Goss	Family Mass L. Burzesi
<b>Ministers</b>	H. B. Bazyk 1. A. Devine 2. T. Devine 3. K. Harriman 4. <i>Minister Needed</i>	Dcn. Warren L. Terry J. Krucznicki P. Schaeffer J. Miller	Jessica D. S. Moore S. Zimmer
	<b>(Choir)</b> H. Skiba		
<b>Altar Servers</b>	1. N. Harriman 2. A. Harriman 3. M. Pafundi	M. Bender M. Clements N. Clemenzi	G. Moore A. Burzesi S. Moore

Readings for the week of March 24, 2019

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

#### Week Ending March 3, 2019

Amount Received From Offertory Collection	\$4,658.00
Amount Received from Electronic Giving	1,969.75
Total Received Last Weekend	\$6,627.75
Budgeted Weekly Need	\$6,745.00
Last Week's Difference: <b>Over (Under)</b> Budget	<b>(\$117.25)</b>
<b>Year-To-Date Fiscal Year</b>	
Received Year - to - Date	\$206,047.14
Budgeted Year -To -Date	\$205,038.00
Year - To - Date Difference: <b>Over (Under)</b> Budget	<b>\$1,009.14</b>

#### 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

#### COLLECTION COUNTER TEAMS

**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**  
**April 28, 2019 Team #3 Bob Myron**  
**March 24, 2019 Team #4 John Waterbury**  
**March 31, 2019 Team #5 Cherie Aanonsen**