

Fourth Sunday of Lent**March 30-31, 2019****From Fr. Anthony Ligato*****Laetare Sunday is a day for Rejoicing because we have been found!***

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Lenten season is a penitential season which provides us the way and the means by which we can be reconciled with God. The way is the cross and the means is Jesus' shedding of his blood on that cross. Lent is all about the cross because without the cross there is no reconciliation. This is the reason that the Fourth Sunday of Lent is known as Laetare Sunday. This title comes from the Latin which means rejoice! The rejoicing comes from the entrance antiphon from the Mass, "Rejoice Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning." Our mourning will end with Jesus, death on the cross, our rejoicing will come with his resurrection. For forty years the people of Israel mourned in the desert because of their lack of faith and trust in God. The first reading in the Book of Joshua 5:9a,10-12 tells how God who never withdrew his support and love of the people of Israel brings them into the Land that he promised them. "Today, I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." God reconciles Israel to the Land, "No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." The land is the outward sign of the covenant and their being able to eat from the produce of the Land is a sign that the God who provided for them in the desert now provides for them in the land that was promised them. And for this they rejoiced.

Just as God reconciled the people of Israel to the Land, Jesus provides through the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:1-3,11-32), how God will reconcile humanity to himself through his unconditional love. That reconciling love is seen in the audience who is assembled to hear Jesus' Parable of the Prodigal Son, "Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, this man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Was there ever a clearer sign of two groups that needed to be reconciled? Both groups are children of God which means they are all sisters and brothers. Jesus uses this setting to present his Parable of the Prodigal Son.

The three figures in the Parable represent the groups that are assembled to hear Jesus. The younger Son is the tax collector and sinners, the older Son is the Pharisees and scribes. And the Father is God. The tax collectors and sinners were well aware that they were seen as unclean and defiled due to sin. The younger brother was also unclean and defiled because of the choices he made in his life. He regretted those choices and wanted to return home. Something told him that his Father would welcome him home and forgive him for his disobedience. The Pharisees and Scribes do not want to be in the presence of the tax collectors and sinners, they would be defiled just by simply being in their presence according to the Law. The older brother does not want to welcome his younger brother home not because he is concerned that he will be defiled but because he is

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resentful that his younger brother wasted a third of his Father's wealth. The older brother will still inherit two thirds of his Father's wealth but he does not want to have to support the younger brother from that wealth. But it is not his wealth, it is still the Father's. The Father wants to rejoice that the younger Son has returned but the older son is filled with judgment and unforgiveness. "He said to his Father in reply, look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders, yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends." The older son could not rejoice because his heart was filled with resentment. Both the Pharisees and Scribes as well as the older brother in the Parable are filled with judgement and self-righteousness.

When Jesus tells the final portion of the Parable, he reveals God's unconditional love which is poured out on the cross. Jesus says to the tax collectors, sinners, Pharisees and Scribes, "everything I have is yours. But now we must rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again." Jesus tells us as well, that everything he has is ours; redemption, forgiveness and new life. Is there anyone in our lives who we are unwilling to forgive? Is there anyone who we are resentful of? As the Father in the Parable says, it is time to set aside our unforgiveness and resentment and rejoice, because when we forgive, we are no longer lost. We rejoice because we have found God.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Anthony

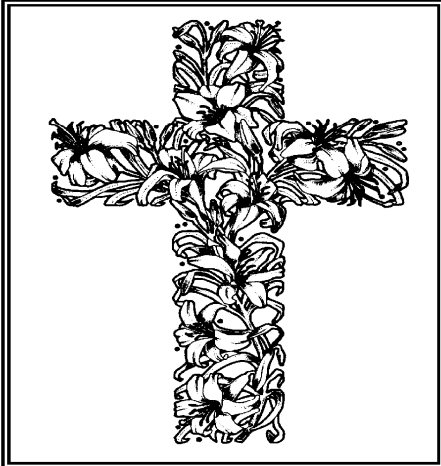
The Wisdom of Lent

First Sunday
The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news.

Second Sunday
This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him!

Third Sunday
What sign can you show us? I will raise up the temple.

Fourth Sunday
Whoever believes in him may have eternal life.



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Fifth Sunday
The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Fourth Sunday of Lent



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, 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 Inyeard, 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 Ritovoto, 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 McMullen, First Sergeant Aime Moore, LCpl. Matthew T. Nero US Marines, Airman 1st Class Michael D. Jennings, Master Sergeant Richard Palasz, Specialist Joshua Ab-**

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.

MARCH 31, 2019

ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

Wynantskill, NY



Are you a St. Jude the Apostle parishioner who could use help in your yard with Spring clean-up? If you live within a ½ mile radius of the School, our Student Ambassadors would love to help! Please contact Kris Hoffay at (518) 283-0333 if you are interested.

"Use your gifts to serve one another" 1 Peter 4:10



HELP SUPPORT LOCAL CHARITIES

St. Jude the Apostle Knights of Columbus have teamed up with 6 Center Redemption Center located at 461 Main Avenue in Wynantskill to accept qualifying bottles and cans donations to support local charities and those in need. Simply bring your clean, qualifying empties to 6 Center Redemption in Wynantskill and say they are to support the St. Jude Knights of Columbus. They do the rest, That's It! Thank you for your support!

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

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

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

Isn't it amazing to see the difference in ourselves and in others now that daylight is longer and the temperatures are getting warmer? It may have not been the snowiest winter in recent years, but it seems to have been a long one! We are enjoying going outside now and leaving the boots and winter coats home! Spring brings new life into all we see and do! Now let's hope Spring stays around as long as winter did and summer's heat and humidity takes it's time to get here! Enjoy!

EASTER EGG HUNT

St. Jude the Apostle Parish will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019 after the 9AM Mass. Please join us on the School Grounds to find all the eggs that the Easter Bunny has Hidden. Children ages 1-8 only. Please bring a basket to collect your eggs!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

March 31, 2019

9:00AM Varsha Joseph
11:30AM Carmella Moore

April 7, 2019

9:00AM Sue DiFiore
11:30AM Varsha Joseph

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

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

TEAM PATHWAYS

April 7, 2019 9th & 10th Grade Class at 10AM
Last Class 7th & 8th Grade Class at 10:45AM

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Announced Masses

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

Monday, April 1

8:00AM Mary Marzola, *Keri Stern*
Carol Maple, *Keri Stern*

2:00PM No Mass

Tuesday, April 2

8:00AM James Madden, *Maureen Hannigan*

Wednesday, April 3

8:00AM Philomena Riccardi,
Tom & Betty Zemanick

Thursday, April 4

8:00AM Frederick & Theresa Case,
Ligato Family

Friday, April 5

8:00AM Sr. Elizabeth Gregware, *Bruce Walsh*

Saturday, April 6

4:00PM David Manning Jr., *Wife & Family*
Mary Marzola, *Gail Manning*
Carol Maple, *Gail Manning*
Anthony Carnevale, *Carm Petrocofski*
& Anthony Petrocofski

Sunday, April 7

9:00AM William Castle, *Fox Family*
Helena Ryan, *Son Brian & Family*
Larry Heffner, *Tom & Mary Phibbs*

11:30AM Joseph Frost, *Al & Patti Mugrace*
Thomas Ostrowski, *Norma Keating*
Dennis Walters Sr., *Family*

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 April 6, 7, 2019

	<u>4PM</u>	<u>9AM</u>	<u>11AM</u>
Lectors	1. A. Short	M. Sullivan	Family Mass
	2. M. Ghent	J. Miller	R. Donnelly
Ministers	H. L. Owens	R. Palasz	Jessica D.
	1. J. Rogers	B. Zemanick	S. Bonanni
	2. M. Hunt	D. Clement	MH Donnelly
	3. B. Bazyk	H. Skiba	
	4. B. Dedrick	P. Binck	
	(Choir) M. Kruczlnicki		
Altar	1. J. Ziobrowski	E. Parker	N. Premo
Servers	2. A. McNiel	D. Parker	J. Roberts
	3. M. Fresyssinier	M. Clements	C. Dean

Readings for the week of March 31, 2019

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

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Week Ending March 3, 2019

Amount Received From Offertory Collection	\$4,834.16
Amount Received from Electronic Giving	-
Total Received Last Weekend	\$4,834.16
Budgeted Weekly Need	\$4,977.00
Last Week's Difference: Over (Under) Budget	(\$142.84)
Year-To-Date Fiscal Year	
Received Year - to - Date	\$210,366.80
Budgeted Year -To -Date	\$210,015.00
Year - To - Date Difference: Over (Under) Budget	\$351.80

COLLECTION COUNTER TEAMS

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
May 5, 2019 Team #4 John Waterbury
May 12, 2019 Team #5 Cherie Aanonsen
May 19, 2019 Team #6 Tanya Halse

SANCTUARY VOTIVE LIGHT

March 31 through April 6

Deceased Parishioners of St. Jude Church

