

THIS WEEK AT

The Church Of St. Anthony

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MASSES

SUNDAY MASSES:

SHRINE CHURCH - 7:00 & 10:30AM

PARISH CHURCH - 9:00, 10:15, 11:30AM,

12:45 and 7:00PM

SATURDAY MASS VIGIL:

PARISH CHURCH - 5:00PM

(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

CONFESSIONS:

SHRINE CHURCH - Saturday 4:30-5:30pm

DAILY MASSES:

SHRINE CHURCH

6:30 & 9:00AM Monday ~ Friday

9:00AM ~ Saturday

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 26, 2017

From the beginning of the Bible to its end, as the story of God and God's people is told, the question is asked in many ways. Can God be trusted? This question keeps popping up because we human beings have a hard time understanding and accepting the faithfulness of God. The Bible, of course, affirms God's trustworthiness, as today's readings make clear. Isaiah proclaims that God is more trustworthy than anyone or anything, because we are God's beloved. What might living in this trust look like? Jesus tells us we can let go of our exaggerated worries, even about our basic needs for food and clothing. We can trust God to provide what we need most. Saint Paul goes further to ask: knowing that we can trust God, how might we become trustworthy to God? How might we live so as to honor God's trust in us?

ANXIETY OR HOPE

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus touches upon deep matters of the heart. In today's Gospel passage, he names the hidden fears and anxieties of his listeners. It's likely that many of his listeners lived in poverty, with extremely limited and uncertain supplies of food and clothing. Jesus did not trivialize their physical needs. With tenderness, he invited them to trust their needs to God's care.

We are all aware that the future is uncertain. What seems solid today can evaporate tomorrow. Jesus knows of our anxieties, about what or who is trustworthy. We can build elaborate physical, financial, or emotional defenses to protect ourselves against future harm. Or, trusting in God and reaching out in vulnerability, we can build relationships of mutual care with others. We can choose to live in anxiety or in hope. As Jesus put it, we can choose to serve mammon or to serve God.

Today's Readings: Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34 (Worship Pgs. 1130)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

PARISH CHURCH 5:00 PM
MARY LOUISE & WILLIAM BUSBY

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

SHRINE CHURCH 7:00AM
FERNANDO FAMILY (LIVING)

PARISH CHURCH 9:00AM
EUGENE MULLAHY

PARISH CHURCH 10:15AM
CHRISTINE STAFIEJ

SHRINE CHURCH 10:30AM
GIOVANNA SURACE

PARISH CHURCH 11:30AM
MISSA PRO POPULO

PARISH CHURCH 12:45PM
SALVATORE FIDANZA

PARISH CHURCH 7:00PM
GERARD KELLY

MONDAY

6:30 AM FELICIDAD CRESPO
9:00 AM DOMENICA SORBO

TUESDAY

6:30 AM FRED VERO
9:00 AM ROBERT LEANDRY

WEDNESDAY ~ASH WEDNESDAY

6:30 AM RUDOLPH SCOTTO
9:00 AM (PARISH) EUGENE MIELE
NOON (PARISH) LOU OTTAVIANO

THURSDAY

6:30 AM ISABELLA KEOWN
9:00 AM MARGARET E. McDONAGH
NOON (PARISH) LOU CORBO

FRIDAY

6:30 AM GARO SPENJIAN
9:00 AM NICK & ANGIE VECCHIARELLI
NOON (PARISH) FRANCES YACOPINO

SATURDAY

9:00 AM JOSEPH F. McNAMARA
5:00 PM FRANK & SANTA MILLO
& FRANK AIELLO

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR
SUNDAY, MARCH 5**

SHRINE CHURCH 7:00AM
MARRICCO FAMILY

PARISH CHURCH 9:00AM
CARRIGAN E. JOHNSON

PARISH CHURCH 10:15AM
BARBARA KOSTRZEWA

SHRINE CHURCH 10:30AM
GABRIELE MADDALENA

PARISH CHURCH 11:30AM
MISSA PRO POPULO

PARISH CHURCH 12:45PM
SALVATORE AIRO

PARISH CHURCH 7:00PM
LISA DILORENZO

BLESSED MOTHER SODALITY

The Blessed Mother Sodality of St. Anthony's Church will hold its next meeting on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 7:30pm. The meeting will be held in the school cafeteria. Our guest speaker will be Deacon Maloney whose topic will be Lent 2017. Refreshments will be served. All women are invited to attend and to join Sodality. For further information, please call Sally Donnelly at 548-5708.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
MANDATORY MEETING**

There will be a mandatory Eucharistic Ministers meeting on March 11th at 10:00am in the Shrine Church Basement. Please RSVP to 845-623-2138 ext.6 or Send email to stanthonys.church@verizon.net.

ST. ANTHONY'S SENIOR TRIP

St. Anthony Seniors will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Tuesday 3/14/17 at the Brownstone in Patterson N J. The Menu includes 2 comp. drinks, Pea Soup, Salad, Corned Beef & Cabbage, Lemon Chicken, Vegetable, Potato, Dessert, Soda, Coffee, & Tea. Music, Singing & Dancing. The Cost is \$50.00 per person which includes bus & gratuity. BUS TIME 9:15am. Please call Kathy (914-393-0184) OR COME ON WEDNESDAY TO SHRINE HALL TO SIGN UP. Come & enjoy this great day. Parking near mausoleum (DO NOT PARK IN ROW IN FRONT OF MAUSOLEUM).

**ANNUAL LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION
Ushers, EMHC, Lectors, Blessed Mother Sodality,
Seniors, Children's Liturgist, Catechists,
Fil-Am, Steering Committee, Members of the Adult
Choir and Faculty & Staff of St. Anthony's School**

To enhance our spiritual growth and allow us to enter more meaningfully in this Lenten journey towards the Easter celebration, I invite you again to join us in our Annual Day of Lenten Recollection on Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. This spiritual encounter will be facilitated by Fr. Joe Dietz. To help us in the preparation, please reply ASAP before the 26th of March to email: stanthonys.church@verizon.net or call 845-623-2138. Ext.6.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Is someone you know thinking about becoming a Catholic? Baptized in another denomination? Not baptized yet? St. Anthony's is currently holding information sessions on the RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults] process for those thinking about joining our parish. Please call Barbara Peters at (845)598-1136 if you are interested.

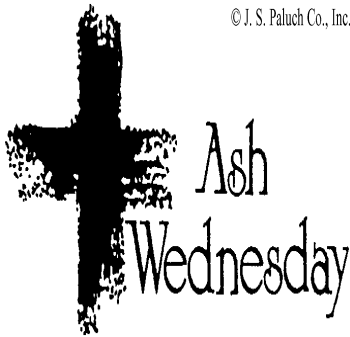


This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday! We pray that as individuals and as a Parish Family that we have an “intentional and productive” Lent. What are we going to do this Lent to grow in our relationship with Jesus in the Sacraments of Confession and Eucharist? What are we going to do to help Jesus who is present in the needs of others around us? Are we going to give God quiet time every day? Let us pray for one another as we enter into Lent!

We pray for Our Lady’s and St. Anthony’s continuing intercession in the life of our Parish Family!

With Prayer and Gratitude, Fr. Jerry

TITHING NEWS: Last week our collection totaled \$19,339.00. Last year our collection totaled \$20,570.00. Thank you!



ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE ~ MARCH 1, 2017

MASSES: SHRINE CHURCH ~ 6:30AM
PARISH CHURCH ~ 9AM & 12Noon

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

DURING the 6:30AM Mass in the Shrine Church.
DURING the 9:00AM and 12 Noon Masses in the Parish Church.
DURING the 3:30 & 7:30PM Prayer Services in the Parish Church.

See Page 5 for details on The Lenten Season

BAPTISMS: First and Fourth Sundays of the month at 2:00 PM. Instructions for parents of children to be Baptized must be arranged with the Priests of the Parish. Only instructed Catholics should be invited as Godparents. A copy of the child’s birth certificate and sponsor certificates for the Godparents are required when you meet with the priest.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday afternoon 4:30 - 5:30 PM in the Shrine Church.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements should be made at least six months before the marriage takes place.

SICK CALLS: Any time. Do not neglect to call a priest to a person seriously ill (while the person is conscious, if possible).

NOCTURNAL ADORATION: Each First Friday 7:00pm until 8:00pm in the Shrine Church.

NOVENAS: To St. Anthony: Tuesdays after the 9AM Mass; Miraculous Medal: Monday at 8PM in the Shrine Church.

HOLY HOUR - EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, BENEDICTION: on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00pm in the Shrine Church.

SOCIETIES:

BLESSED MOTHER'S SODALITY: Meeting on Monday after 3rd Sunday, at 7:30 PM in the School Cafeteria.

SHRINE TO THE UNBORN AT ST. ANTHONY’S - A Shrine to the Unborn is installed in St. Anthony’s Shrine Church. The centerpiece of the shrine is an image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. A Book of Life is enshrined there. Those who have suffered the loss of an unborn child, through stillbirth, miscarriage or abortion, or of a child who lived for just a short time, may have his or her name inscribed in the Book. If you wish to have an unborn child included; applications are available at St. Anthony’s Church office 623-2138 between 8:30am & 3:30pm. There is no fee but donations will be received with gratitude.

TODAY: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD at the 9:00 & 10:15am Masses will be for Kindergarten thru 4th Grade.
 SECOND COLLECTION will be for Evangelization
 JUNIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL from 2:00pm- 3:00pm in the Parish Church.

MONDAY: MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA at 8:00pm in the Shrine Church.

TUESDAY: NOVENA TO ST. ANTHONY following the 9:00am Mass in the Shrine Church.
 HOLY HOUR from 7:00-8:00pm in the Shrine Church.
 P.R.E.P. Classes for 4th & 5th year students from 7:00 - 8:30pm.
 P.R.E.P. Classes for 8th year students ~ sign-in before 6:20pm (doors will be lock at 6:20pm).

WEDNESDAY: ASH WEDNESDAY ~ DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE ~ see schedule on page 3.
 SENIOR CLUB MEETING from 12:00pm-3:00pm in the Shrine Church Hall.
 P.R.E.P. Classes for 6th & 7th year students from 7:00 - 8:30pm.
NO ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL.

THURSDAY: BIBLE STUDY from 10:00- 11:00am in the Rectory.

FRIDAY: STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:00pm in the Shrine Church followed by FIRST FRIDAY ~ NOCTURNAL ADORATION.
 POLISH AMERICAN CREATIVITY SOCIETY FOR CHILDREN - from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the School.

SATURDAY: P.R.E.P. Classes for 1st 2nd & 3rd year students from 9:00 - 10:30am.
 CONFESSIONS from 4:30 to 5:30pm in the Shrine Church.

NEXT SUNDAY: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD at the 9:00 & 10:15am Masses will be for Kindergarten thru 4th Grade.
 JUNIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL from 2:00pm- 3:00pm in the Parish Church.

PRIEST - CELEBRANTS FOR MARCH 4TH & 5TH

**SCHEDULE:
SATURDAY, MARCH 4**

CONFESSIONS: 4:30 -5:30PM FR. RONELO
FR. JERRY

MASS SCHEDULE:
PARISH CHURCH 5:00PM FR. CRESUS

**MASS SCHEDULE:
SUNDAY, MARCH 5**

SHRINE CHURCH	7:00AM	FR. RONELO
PARISH CHURCH	9:00AM	FR. ED
PARISH CHURCH	10:15AM	FR. JOE
SHRINE CHURCH	10:30AM	FR. ED
PARISH CHURCH	11:30AM	FR. JOE
PARISH CHURCH	12:45PM	FR. JERRY
PARISH CHURCH	7:00PM	FR. CRESUS



In order to encourage and strengthen our Parish's devotion to the great Saint Joseph, the Blessed Mother Sodality is sponsoring its sixth **ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE**, on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 6 pm in St. Anthony's School Cafeteria. We will be serving a meatless meal of traditional dishes. Dessert and beverages are included. An offering of \$15.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds (after expenses) will be donated to People to People and Scholarships for St. Anthony's school students. Tickets will be sold after the Masses on March 4th and 5th and March 11th and 12th. Tickets will also be available at the rectory beginning February 27th **during business hours only: 10:00am to 12noon & 1:30pm to 3:30pm.** **Please note: when purchasing at the rectory, please have the exact amount for the tickets. For further information, please call Diane at 623-3939. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR DUE TO LIMITED SEATING.** Please join the Blessed Mother Sodality in celebrating this beautiful tradition honoring the Patron of the Universal Church and thanking him for his many blessings.

LENTEN SEASON

THIS WEEK ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, we begin the season of Lent. Canon Law urges all the Christian Faithful to offer special prayers, to perform works of piety and charity, and to mortify themselves by fulfilling their responsibilities more faithfully. They are likewise encouraged to perform acts of fast and abstinence.

FASTING requires that only one full meal a day be taken. Two smaller meals may be taken to maintain strength but these taken together should not equal another full meal. Fasting obliges from the 18th to the 59th birthday.

ABSTINENCE prohibits individuals the eating of meat. Abstinence obliges from the 14th birthday on. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE/ FASTING ARE: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

WHY ASHES? On this day the Church invites us to receive a cross of ashes on our foreheads as a sign that during the coming season of Lent we will make sincere efforts to cleanse our lives of sin and to discipline ourselves through prayer and fasting.

WHO MAY RECEIVE ASHES? Baptized individuals who have reached the age of reason and Catechumens may receive ashes. Babies and young children who have not yet received the Sacrament of Penance should not be presented to receive ashes as ashes are intended for those who are capable of personal sin.

ASHES AND THE WORD OF GOD - As with all material things which are used as religious symbols, the symbolism of ashes is complex. In themselves ashes have little meaning. The "dust" into which we shall return, taken by itself can be perceived as just a morbid reminder that one day we will die and can even become an empty superstition rather than a religious act. But received in light of God's revealing Word, ashes can become for us as Christians the biblical symbol they are intended to be. It is for this reason that the Church has placed the reception of ashes within the framework of the reading of Scripture. Ashes recall that we are mortal and subject to death. God's Word reminds us that it is not the death of the body, but rather the death of the soul that is to be feared. Through the Scripture reading God calls us to return to him with our whole heart. In the light of these readings the reception of ashes becomes for us the symbol of hearts that desire to turn to God, a God who is "gracious and merciful, rich in kindness and relenting in punishment."

DAILY MASS

There is an additional **12 Noon Mass in the Parish Church** during Lent: Monday thru Friday.

HOLY HOUR - EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT/BENEDICTION

On Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm in the Shrine Church, we will continue to have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Adoration and Reflection, followed by Benediction. Why not take advantage of this quiet time with the Blessed Sacrament during this Lenten season?

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Why not include the celebration of the Stations of the Cross in your Lenten spiritual program? This devotional practice invites us as Christians to walk with Christ on the road to Calvary. Please join us each Friday evening during Lent, at 7:00pm, starting March 3rd in the Shrine Church.



As we did at Christmas, anyone who would like to donate to the Easter Flowers in memory of a deceased loved one, may pick up an Easter Flowers Envelope in either Church. We will again print the names of those in whose memory the flowers have been donated.

Please return the envelope by **Wednesday, March 29th**.

We will **not be able to add any names received after April 2nd** as the list will be sent to the printer on **April 3rd**.

To insure the correct spelling, **PLEASE PRINT NAMES ON THE ENVELOPE ~ Thank you!**

CATHOLIC SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

The John Cardinal McCloskey Council of the Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce its Twelfth Annual Scholarship Competition for current Eighth Grade Students who will enter a Catholic High School in the fall. Registered parishioners of St. Anthony, St. Augustine and St. Francis are eligible to apply. The application deadline is April 24, 2017. Two scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each will be awarded. For further information, or to receive and application, please email the scholarship committee at McCloskeyScholarship@yahoo.com.

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH - SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

St. Joseph



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Solemn Mass ~ Sunday, March 19, 2017 at 10:15 AM MASS

We will be celebrating a Solemn Mass in honor of St. Joseph at 10:15AM Mass in the Parish Church.

There is a St. Joseph Dinner the evening before on Saturday March 18th in the School Cafeteria sponsored by the Blessed Mother Sodality.

TICKETS TO THE DINNER MUST** BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE**
(SEE THIS WEEKS BULLETIN PAGE FOUR FOR DINNER DETAILS)

Please mark your calendar to join us for this Mass honoring the Foster Father of Our Savior & the Patron Saint of the Universal Church.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL REGION
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REMAINING

TOURING TUESDAYS: March 14, and April 4 from 9-11 am.

Prospective families interested in applying for grades Pre-K 3 to Grade 8 can apply and learn about scholarships and financial assistance in several ways:

- online at www.ApplyCatholicSchoolsNY.org
- By phone at 646-794-2885
- In person, at the school of interest

To learn more about our faith-based Pre-K, Kindergarten or elementary school programs, visit www.buildboldfutures.org or call 646-794-2885 to speak with a Catholic School representative.

ELIZABETH SETON WOMEN'S CENTER

Want to do some good in the world, or just want to form some friendships and try some new things? Join us at our next Rockland based meeting of the Elizabeth Seton Women's Center on Wednesday, March 15th from 7 to 9 pm, at Seton Village Community Center off Convent Road in Nanuet. The Women's Center is sponsored and supported by the Sisters of Charity of New York and intended to help women support themselves and each other through friendship, spirituality, and through meaningful social and helping activities. For more information, please email at director@elizabethsetonwomenscenter.org or stop by our March meeting.

H.A.N.D.S. (Healing and Nurturing Distraught Survivors)

H.A.N.D.S. sponsors a **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** for parents who have lost a child. It is facilitated by Ann Carucci, founder of H.A.N.D.S. who lost her son & daughter-in-law in a boating accident. Their bodies were never recovered. All groups meet from 6:30 to 8:00pm. The next meetings are March 1st & March 21st. They will be held at International Headquarters, 9 Scott Drive, New City, NY 10956. Services are free of charge. Ann is also available for personal one-on-one counseling sessions.

H.A.N.D.S also now has a **WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS GROUP** facilitated by Ann Carucci, who lost her husband. These meetings are held every Monday at 9 Scott Drive, New City. For further information please contact Ann Carucci at 634-6706.

THE RACHEL MINISTRY

Every 20 seconds an unborn child is aborted in the United States. In the 30 years since Roe vs. Wade, the U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion on demand, the death toll has reached over 55 million. But the statistics do not document the other casualties: the mothers, fathers, grandparents and friends who are emotionally and spiritually affected. The Rachel ministry is a CONFIDENTIAL ministry for those scarred by abortion, miscarriage or stillbirth. Come and heal every third Monday of the month at the Marian Shrine in the Cafeteria Building in West Haverstraw, at 7:00pm. The next meeting is on March 20th. For more information call 845-429-2077 or the Marian Shrine at 845-947-2200.

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS

If you have a family member or friend with mental illness...you are not alone. Come to a NAMI FAMILY – A Family Support Group Meeting on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm at the Dr. Robert L. Yeager Health Center, Building F, Room 119, Sanatorium Road, Pomona, NY. For further information call 845-359-8787.