

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 10, 2019



Monday, 6:45 AM	3/11		
Tuesday, 6:45 AM	3/12	IRENE ANDREOLI	FAMILY
Wednesday, 6:45 AM	3/13	FRANCESCA DI BONAVENTURA	GRANDDAUGHTER
Thursday, 6:45 AM	3/14	GAETANO & JENNIE DI BONAVENTURA	NIECE DEE
Friday, 6:45 AM	3/15	ROBERT FLOYD	WIFE & FAMILY
Saturday, 6:45 AM 5:30 PM	3/16	FILOMENA GIAMMARCO LAMPE	FAMILY
Sunday, 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	3/17	PARISHIONERS DR. JAMES TIGANI, III FANNIE FRABIZZIO	PETE & BETTY FERRARIO FAMILY



Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading:

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14

2nd Reading:

Philippians 3:17—4:1

Gospel:

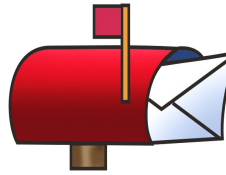
Luke 9:28b-36

"God's Plan for Giving"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 03/03/2019

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$10,177.37
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:	\$11,017.12
Actual vs. Last F/Y:	-\$ 839.75
Percent Difference This Week:	- 7.6%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	-\$32,799.58

Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

From the Sermons of Saint Francis de Sales...

"Do not seek for other arms or weapons in order to refuse consent to any temptation except to say, 'I believe'. And what do you believe? 'In God,' my 'Father Almighty'".

As this Lenten season begins, Jesus goes off to the desert, presumably with only the barest of necessities. The quote above from one of Saint Francis de Sales' Lenten sermons reminds us of the barest of necessities of our own spiritual life. As we too begin this Lenten season, how are we doing with this barest of necessities...and do we realize the richness that it brings us?

Father Mark



"Be patient with everyone, but above all with yourself. Don't be disturbed about your imperfections, but always have the courage to pick yourself up after a fall."

St. Francis de Sales



In your charity, please pray for
Mary Kirlin

Robert James Wilson

and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

Please Note:

Recently, our parishioners were mailed the special Lenten/Easter offertory packet. The packet contained a folder with upcoming events listed. Please note that the first event, **The Deanery Lenten Penance Service** has been moved from Sunday, March 10th to Sunday, April 7th. Please make note of this change.

Sodality

The Sodality's next meeting will be Sunday 3/17. Office prayers will begin at 8:45 AM, followed by the 9:00 AM Mass. The meeting will be held in the Ballad Room immediately following Mass. Light refreshments will be served.

Your Prayers and Support Requested

Kenyon Blough
Roger Chao
Charles Dauphin
Naz DiVirgilio
Christopher Ganey
John Malone
Lorraine McLaughlin
Jerry Osborne
Jack Pipa
Larry Silvestri
Robert Walton

Nancy Brown
Nancy Ciocca
Alfred DiBiasco
Tommy DiVirgilio
James Ganey
Ronald Marsilii
Eva Meriggi
Kelly Panella
James Poppiti
Eileen Swindel

Marianne Calvarese
Tori Daniello
Anita DiSimplico
Joe Formisano
Louis Jung
Ivone Marvell
Joe Meriggi
Fr. Francis Pileggi, OSFS
Deborah L. Rosenberg
Albert Vietri

...and all the sick of St. Anthony's Parish.

Catholic Forum

Are you an early riser? If so, listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 6:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and www.wdel.com. If not, after it airs, listen online anytime at www.cdown.org/CatholicForum, or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. Next Sunday, March 17th, don't miss the second part of Father Rich Jasper's Lenten series. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/catholicforum.

Second Collection

Next weekend, March 16th and 17th, there is no scheduled second collection.

Catholic Charities honors Major General Francis Vavala at Annual Tribute Dinner

Major General Francis Vavala, retired Adjutant General of Delaware, will receive the Msgr. Thomas J. Reese Award at Catholic Charities Annual Tribute Dinner on Wednesday, April 3, 2019. The Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Wilmington, will present the awards at the dinner to be held at the Chase Center on the Riverfront. To learn more about the Annual Tribute Dinner and our honoree, or to support the Tribute Dinner through sponsorships or ticket purchases, visit the Catholic Charities website at www.cdown.org/charities. You may also call Catholic Charities at 302-655-9624

Via Crucis

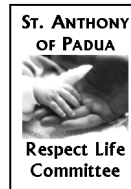


Via Crucis (Latin for "The Way of The Cross") is a living passion play presented at 7:30 PM, every Friday in Lent, ending with the Good Friday performance on April 19th. Via Crucis is presented free-of-charge, however, good will donations are accepted.

VIA CRUCIS RESERVATIONS

Groups of 10 or more may reserve pews for Via Crucis by calling the rectory at 421-3700 during business hours.

Respect Life: Fact of Life



Fathers are rarely a part of any discussion of abortion. One hurting group of fathers is ignored--those whose partners chose to abort their unborn child. The Supreme Court has ruled that fathers can have no role in the decision of a woman to have an abortion. "Abortion leaves indelible footprints in the texture of masculinity, in the recesses of a man's heart...A father is a father forever, even of a dead unborn child."

"The Hollow Men: Male Grief and Trauma following an Abortion," pamphlet by Vincent Rue, Ph.D.

ROCK-A-THON

As the Little Sisters of the Poor continue celebrating their 150th anniversary of serving the elderly poor in America, we look forward to sharing our "home" with the community through various events during the remainder of 2019. Please join us on March 30th for our Rock-A-Thon fundraiser from 1:00 to 5:00 pm at Jeanne Jugan Residence, 185 Salem Church Road, Newark, DE 19713. All proceeds will be used to purchase new wheelchairs for our Residents. Individuals, youth groups and other organizations are invited to form teams and collect sponsors for this fun-filled event. Participants and guests will enjoy music, dancing, face painting, karaoke, door prizes and games. Food and refreshments will be available for sale as well as 50/50 raffles. For more information, please visit our website (www.littlesistersofthepoordelaware.org) or contact Mikayla at 302/368-5886 or colsn Newark@littlesistersofthepoor.org.

Contribution Statements for Taxes

Donors requiring a statement of contributions to St. Anthony's for 2018 should call Lisa Serio at 421-3707. If you get her voicemail, please indicate if you wish to pick up your statement at the rectory or have it mailed to you. Please allow 3 business days for processing.

Lenten Guidelines

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The Fridays of the year outside Lent remain days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial or personal penance. All those who are 14 years old and older are bound to the law of abstinence. The law of fast binds all who are 18 years old and not yet 59 years old.

Parish Calendar

Monday
6:15 PM, Confirmation
Registration (Ballad Room)

Tuesday
6:30 PM, Baptism Class (Rectory)

Wednesday
6:00 PM, YAC Meeting

Thursday
7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal

Friday
7:30 PM, Via Crucis

Sunday
10:00 AM, PREP (Grade School)

Monday, Mar. 11

through

Sunday, Mar. 17

(All events listed in the Parish Calendar are in church unless otherwise noted.)

Grade School Calendar

Monday through Friday
Renaissance Star Testing Week

Wednesday
Noon Dismissal

Friday
8:00 AM, School Mass
2:00 PM, Stations of the Cross

Holy Boldness

The Diocese of Wilmington is presenting a multimedia Lenten series titled, "Holy Boldness: A Journey through Lent with Four American Saints," that will be distributed via digital video, radio broadcasts, and podcasts. Written and hosted by Fr. Rich Jasper, Associate Pastor of Saint Ann Church in Wilmington, the four-part series uses the lives and examples of four holy Americans to help individuals and families get the most out of the Season of Lent and prepare spiritually for the celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter. Each 15 minute presentations will debut on Saturday afternoons at 5:00 p.m. during the first four weeks of Lent on the diocesan YouTube channel, [YouTube.com/DiocesefWilm](https://www.youtube.com/DiocesefWilm). The next morning, the presentation will be included on Catholic Forum on WDEL and available via podcast at [cdow.org/CatholicForum](https://www.cdow.org/CatholicForum) or by searching Catholic Forum on Apple, Spotify or iHeartRadio podcasts. The videos, podcasts, and additional Lenten resources are also available at [cdow.org/lent](https://www.cdow.org/lent).

St. Ann's Church & School Presents... "The Wizard of Oz"

Tickets now on sale for St. Ann's Church & School's performances of *The Wizard of Oz*. The shows are April 5th at 7pm and Saturday April 6th - matinee at 1pm and a final evening performance at 7pm. You may purchase tickets by calling the rectory at 654-5519 or email jmatyger@thesaintannschool.org. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 10 or under. Limited tickets may be for sale at the door. For more info, email or call Jane using the above listed numbers. Hope to see you there!

PREP Re-Registration

This Sunday, March 10th, our Parish Religious Education Program will be conducting a re-registration for students for the 2019/2020 program year. Parents should go to the Ballad Room at 10:15 AM to complete the re-registration process.

Lenten Fish Fry at St. John the Beloved

The St. John the Beloved (SJB) Knights of Columbus will be holding Lenten Fish Fry dinners on 3/22/19 and 4/5/19. Dinners will be served from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in SJB Hall, and include fried or baked flounder, a choice of baked potato, french fries or macaroni & cheese, a choice of cole slaw, green beans or applesauce, and a dinner roll. Dinners are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. Take-outs are available. The bake sale for the 4/5/19 Fish Fry dinner will be hosted by Little Sisters of the Poor. The SJB Youth Group will host the 3/22/19 bake sale. Please come support the SJB Youth Group and Little Sisters of the Poor and their ministry to care for the aged and infirm.

Easter Flowers Memorials



Once again, we are presenting our Easter Flowers program. This effort helps to fund the Easter Flower church decorations. As in years past, we ask \$15.00 per memorial. Send your memorials marked "Easter Flowers" to the rectory no later than **Monday, April 8th**. A booklet listing all the memorials will be available in church in the weeks following Easter.