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March 5, 2023



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him." - Mt 17:5b

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Family Mass Every Sunday at 9:00AM.

Adoration Every Monday 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Daily Mass

Monday, March 6

7:00 AM† Antonio, Carolina, & Francesco Cenatiempo
5:30 PM† Alyssa Collier

Tuesday, March 7

7:00 AM† Alfred Palumbo, Sr.
5:30 PM† John Dec

Wednesday, March 8

7:00 AM† Tadeusz Maslowski
5:30 PM† James Heber

Thursday, March 9

7:00 AM† Rory O'Dwyer
5:30 PM† Teresa Passarelli

Friday, March 10

7:00 AM† Al Mennino
5:30 PM† Annette Festa
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday Vigil, March 11

5:15 PM† Nicholas, Lillian, & John Morrone **Celebrant**
Fr. Ralph

Sunday, March 12

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased Fr. Ralph
9:00 AM† Peter Madaffari Fr. Ralph
11:30 AM† Patrick & Michael McGovern Fr. Mirek
5:00 PM† Mario Larracca Fr. Mirek

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2023	2022
February 26		
Collection	\$4,359.00	\$3,549.00
On-Line	\$2,248.00	\$2,545.00
Diocesan Assessment	<u>(\$1,567.00)</u>	<u>(\$1,636.00)</u>
Net Retained	<u>\$5,040.00</u>	<u>\$4,458.00</u>

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Diocesan Assessment

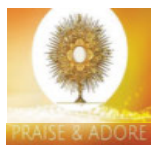
The assessment is used to cover the cost of Diocesan operations and schools. The formula is based on all gross receipts. For our 2023 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralicum Assessment is \$81,472. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,567. This represents an annual decrease of \$3,600.00 from the prior year.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. Catholics over the age of 14 years are required to abstain from meat every Friday during Lent. All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are required by Church law to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Only one full meal is permitted to persons in this age group on this day, plus two lighter meals.



The Sanctuary Candle burns
March 5th through March 11th
for The Amato's: Arthur, Sr., Mary,
Sharon, & Arthur, Jr., & the Rolland Family.



ADORATION
MONDAY NIGHT
6PM - 8PM

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, and
let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.
Please remember in your prayers:
James Lombardo
We extend our sympathy to his family & friends.



Confessions in Church
Every Saturday
4:00pm until 4:30pm

Social Distancing will be maintained.

Masks must be worn.

Rectory:

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Rev. Ralph Segura
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Everyone is cordially invited to a **Saint Patrick Dinner** sponsored by the **Jesus Meets Aristotle Group**, on Thursday, March 16th, at 6PM. A traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner will be served in our Parish Center as we discuss **“To BE or not to BE, did William Shakespeare predict the crisis of modern Metaphysics?”** Hope you can join us for an evening of good food and critical thinking. R.S.V.P. to the Parish Office so we order the proper amount of food.

Mark your calendar: Holy Week, Wednesday, April 5th, at 6PM, join us for Soup, Garlic Bread, and a Lenten Presentation: **Pieta through the Ages**. Please join us as we pray and track the Art and Devotion known as a Pieta, telling the story of Blessed Mother’s suffering at the Foot of the Cross. R.S.V.P. to the Parish Office so we order the proper amount of food.

Are you in high school?
Then come, join the fun!!
Our newly formed Youth Group will be meeting in the Parish Center Loft on Sunday, March 5th, from 4:30pm - 6:00pm. The 1st Sunday of each month will be an organizational meeting to plan the month’s event. If you would like more information or want to be added to the Youth Group email list please contact Elizabeth Squicciarino, our Youth Group Coordinator, at stthomasyl@gmail.com. ALL ARE WELCOME & BRING YOUR FRIENDS.




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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Thomas the Apostle Parishioners,


*O LORD, our Lord(...). What is man that you are mindful of him,
and a son of man that you care for him?
Yet you have made him little less than a god,
crowned him with glory and honor. See Psalm 8.*

On Ash Wednesday, so many of you came to mark the Lenten Journey for this year, and I am very thankful to all of you, my friends, for your renewed commitment to Christ Jesus. Imposition of the ashes made from burned palms from the last Palm Sunday, not only keeps us humble and serves as a powerful symbol of our penitence, but also helps us to look deeper into our hearts and present before Our Lord all that needs to be healed in our lives. In today’s Liturgy of the Word, Jesus reveals His glory to His closest friends and, I think, by analogy, to you and me on the very site where the final Parousia (Second Coming) and the Final Judgment will take place, according to traditional beliefs.



Isn’t it remarkable? Now, so many hundreds of years after the actual event has taken place, Jesus still reminds us, in this precious time of Lent, that we, too, will have many battles between good and evil in our lives. He reminds us that as we all love to dwell in the bliss of success, glory of joy, and tranquility, in other words, as we love our own state of Transfiguration, we need to also see our own Hill of Calvary. Jesus reminds us that we need to keep both hills in sight, to balance our lives between those two hills, Glory and Calvary, Transfiguration and Suffering.

Let us take Lent this year day by day, my friends, and make the best time of reflection, self-denial, prayer, mercy, and preparation for the great Solemnity of Easter in 40 Days.


fr. Minnie



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Procedure for Baptisms & Weddings

Please go to the homepage of our website, click on Parish Registration and Sacramental Requests. Choose the fillable form that you need and follow the instructions at the top of the webpage. **To reserve the church for your desired wedding date, please contact the parish office at least 9 months to 1 year in advance.**

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Rectory anytime.

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 - 4:30 PM Weekdays: By appointment



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PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF PRAYER

If you would like to be added to or removed from this prayer list, please email or call the office.

Please pray for the sick of our parish that may be restored to health and that all who ASSIST and CARE for them will be given the strength to continue their Christian service. Please remember the following in your prayers:

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