

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 4, 2018



What are the basics of practicing Catholicism? Jesus replied to this question by appealing to the two great commandments: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22:37-38). What does the Church offer that can motivate the God-Neighbor love relationship? What is the power source for fulfilling these modes of love? I propose that is the purpose of the Precepts of the Church. They are often touted as the minimum requirements for identifying oneself as a Catholic, but I think they can be much more! The “Precepts of the Church” are likened to a scorecard. By charting our progress, we can indeed notice a growth in our ability to love God and neighbor more in sync with the Gospels:

Monday, 6:45 AM 8:00 AM	3/5 MR. & MRS. JAMES JULIAN	FAMILY
Tuesday, 6:45 AM 8:00 AM	3/6 EUGENE FRANCIA	DAUGHTER
Wednesday, 6:45 AM 8:00 AM	3/7 MICHAEL ANDREOLI	FAMILY
Thursday, 6:45 AM 8:00 AM	3/8 ANTHONY FRANCIA	SISTER
Friday, 6:45 AM 8:00 AM	3/9	
Saturday, 6:45 AM 5:30 PM	3/10 ROBERT D'ALOISE	VINCENT LARDEAR & FAMILY
Sunday, 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	3/11 PARISHIONERS DEC'D MEMBERS OF ITALO-AMERICANS UNITED ANGELO PANARIELLO	GLORIA TURANO FAMILY

1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and Holidays if obligated. This Precept requires Catholics to participate in the Eucharist when the community gathers to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection.
2. You shall confess your sins at least once a year. This Precept ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness.
3. You shall humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter season.
4. You shall keep the Holy Days of Obligation.
5. You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence.
6. The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to his/her abilities.

These “Precepts” act as sort of spiritual vitamins for the exercise of loving God and neighbor. During Lent, it is a good time to be more attentive to the “Precepts of the Church” as an ascetical GPS toward the celebration of Easter.

Fr. Nick

“When God made all things, he commanded the plants to bring forth fruit each according to its own kind. He has likewise commanded Christians to bring forth the fruits of devotion, each one in accord with his character, his station, and his calling.”

St. Francis de Sales



In your charity, please pray for
Deacon Robert Leonzio
Marcia Williamson

and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.



Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading:

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

2nd Reading:

Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel:

John 3:14-21

“God's Plan for Giving”

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 02/25/18

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$11,102.30
Budget:	\$11,361.51
Actual vs. Budget This Week:	-\$ 259.21
Percent Difference This Week:	- 2.3%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	-\$8,094.19

Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!

Your Prayers and Support Requested

Mateo Ahumada	Marianne Calvarese	Roger Chao
Anita Dauphin	Mary T. DiBiasi	Judi DiFrancesco
Thomas DiGuglielmo	Tommy DiVirgilio	Christopher Ganey
James Ganey	Denise Herron	Richard Jakotowicz
Bonita Della Rocca Jodz	Mark Johnson	Grace Marie Mataleno
Bill McNabb	William J. Nardo, Jr.	Patricia Ogonowski
Kelly Panella	Charles Rosenberg, Sr.	Jimmy Silicato
Larry Silvestri	Albert Vietri	Robert Walton
Annamarie White		

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

Answer Bishop Malooly's Invitation to Walk His Way

Bishop Malooly invites youth and young adults from all parishes and schools to join him as we come together for the ninth annual Pilgrimage on Saturday, March 24, 2018. Young people from across the diocese will carry the diocesan pilgrimage cross through the streets of Wilmington with the Bishop as a representation of Jesus' entry to Jerusalem and His journey on Good Friday to Calvary. The day begins at St. Elizabeth parish with opening prayer and a concert featuring Luke Spehar at 10:30 am. We conclude with the 5pm Mass at St. Elizabeth. Don't miss this great opportunity to wrap up your Lenten journey with hundreds of your peers. Cost for the day is \$15 per person or \$45 max per family (bring your own lunch). To register, please contact Patty Roach at proach@stanthonynet.org. For more information, visit www.cdowcym.org. Registration deadline is March 15, 2018.

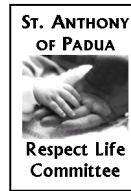
Catechetical Day

...("Call to Missionary Discipleship") with Bishop W. Francis Malooly will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at St. Thomas More Academy. Bishop Malooly will individually recognize DREs and Catechists celebrating significant anniversary years. The day includes refreshments beginning at 8:30 am and lunch at 12 noon. Presenters are Father Matthew Guckin and Dr. Louis P. De Angelo. The day concludes at 2:00 pm. The registration fee will be \$15.00 per person. Registration deadline is March 16, 2018. Please go to www.cdow.org/CatecheticalDay to find out more about the day and how to register.

Catholic Forum

Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, March 11th, Kyle Thompson, Associate Director of the Office for Catholic Youth and Young Adult Ministry will discuss the work of his Office and the upcoming Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage taking place on March 24th. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, podcasts and more, "like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/catholicforum. Listen to past episodes of Catholic Forum online at cdow.org/communications or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple Podcasts or iHeartRadio podcasts.

Respect Life: Fact of Life



"Pray that America will wake up to the tragedy of children being killed through abortion every day in this nation."

Franklin Graham

Second Collection

Next weekend, March 10th and 11th, there is no scheduled second collection.

Parish Monthly Social This Sunday

Our next parish social will be held on Sunday, 3/4/2018, in the Ballad Room of the Grade School, following the 9AM & 11AM Masses. Stop by for food, fun, and socializing with fellow parishioners and friends. The social, as always, will feature a variety of great treats from Serpe's Bakery, delicious breakfast pizzas from Degnars Greenhill Deli, and a variety of foods.

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, March 26th**. A booklet listing all the memorials will be available in church in the weeks following Easter.

Contribution/Donation Statements

Parishioners requiring a statement showing their total contribution amount for the year ending December 31, 2017 for tax filing purposes may call the rectory at 421-3700, ext. 107. Be prepared to give your name, Parishioner ID number, and whether you wish to have the statement sent to your home or be made available for pickup at the rectory. Please allow 3 business days for processing.

BINGO - BINGO - BINGO

Friday March 9..... \$20 ticket
St. Anthony's Holy Name Society
1812 Howland St, Buck Serio Lounge
Doors open at 6PM - Bingo starts at 7PM
Door Prizes and 50/50. Lite food provided, cash bar
Reserve a table now!
Call the club - 302-651-0101



Parish Calendar

Thursday

7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal

Friday

7:30 AM, Via Crucis

Sunday

10:00 AM, PREP
(Grade School)

Monday, Mar. 5

through

Sunday, Mar. 11

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

Grade School Calendar

Friday

8:00 AM, School Mass

2:00 PM, Stations of the Cross

Saturday

7:00 PM, Casino Night (Ballad
Room & School Gym)

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 3/9/18 and 3/23/18. 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 coleslaw, 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 3/23/18 Fish Fry dinner will be hosted by Little Sisters of the Poor. The SJB Youth Group will host the 3/9/18 bake sale. Please come support the SJB Youth Group and Little Sisters of the Poor.

Spring Sports

2018 Spring sports registration is open. Go to the YAC homepage to register today. Spring sports offerings are baseball (6th-8th grade) and track (K-8th grade). We are currently also in the process of interviewing for a Head coach for Spring Track. Interested? Contact Pam or Carole (contact information is on the YAC homepage).

The Arts

Salesianum School Theater presents:

LES MISERABLES

March 9th & 10th at 7:30pm

March 11th at 2pm

To purchase tickets please visit:

<http://our.show/lesmiz>

Election of Trustees

Anthony Albence and Anthony Frabizzio have been reelected as the lay members of the Parish Trustees.

Our Lady of Fatima

... is having a Designer Bag Bingo on Sunday, April 29th beginning at 2PM in the Msgr. Dwyer Hall. Cost is \$25.00 per player with many prizes for those bringing a table of 8. Please check out the website www.olfnewcastle.com for the information sheet and to sign up. For more information you may also contact Raachel Pompetti at [302-824-4285](tel:302-824-4285).

After Parade Party

The New Castle County Irish Society, 1301 S. Rodney Street, will host an 'After Parade Party' on Saturday, March 10th from 1:00 to 6:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome to continue the festivities. The music of *John Kelly* will be featured. Admission: \$8.00 for members; \$10.00 for non-members; Free for Children 12 and under. Cash bar and food will be available.

St. Patrick's Day Ham & Cabbage Lunch/Dinner

The New Castle County Irish Society, 1301 S. Rodney Street will serve a Ham & Cabbage lunch/dinner on Saturday, March 17th starting at 11:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. The adult platter is \$10.00 and includes coffee or tea and dessert. The platter for children age 8 and under is \$5.00 and includes dessert but not coffee or tea. Take-out platters are \$10.00 and they are available all day by calling 302-658-8288 or when you come in. A **Ham Sandwich** will also be available for \$4.00 and does not include coffee, tea or dessert. Desserts are limited and will be available with the platters until we run out. The bar will be open to purchase your favorite beverage. We will have an Irish Dance Program performed by the McAleer School of Dance at 4:30 P.M.