

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 11, 2018



This Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, is also known as Laetare Sunday. The association that was given to the meaning of the name and the day has lost ground as the season of Lent has evolved. With the revival of the RCIA rituals, one would think that the term would have seen a comeback. It was a day of rejoicing in the Church on the occasion of the “handing over” of the *tradition symboli*, (The Symbol of Faith) i.e., *the Apostles Creed* to the people who were waiting to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. The Apostles Creed was, as we still know it, the official (orthodox) statement of the Catholic Faith. Back then, only the Baptized could speak its statements because they alone understood it and promised adherence to the truths they conveyed. The practice of “handing on the Creed” is still a special ritual within present RCIA ceremonies. Its traditional terminology, once used to express the joy of the event, has blended into the general baptismal renewal character of the entire Lenten season - one that calls everyone to baptismal renewal. You will notice rose as the Liturgical color of the day and the opening song of the Liturgy is one of rejoicing and happiness.

Historically, as a symbol of the joy of the day, popes carried golden roses in processions to churches that, for various reasons, had achieved a certain distinction during the course of time. Thus, the day was given an additional name – *Rosen Sonntag* – *Sunday of the Rose*. The Golden Rose represented Christ in the shining splendor of His majesty.

Laetare, in England was known as “Mothering Sunday.” Boys and girls, working away from home as apprentices and servants, returned for a few days to visit the Church where they were baptized. Besides bringing flowers to adorn the altar of their baptismal Church, they brought flowers and cakes as gifts for their mothers. They also did the housework for her during the course of their home visit.

Laetare Sunday will pass for us as yet another Sunday within the season of Lent. Might it not be a good opportunity for us to pause for a moment to rejoice for something good that the Lord has done for us?

Fr. Nick

“The occasions for great gains come but rarely, but of little gains many can be made each day; and by managing these little gains with judgement, there are some who grow rich.”

St. Francis de Sales

We welcome the recently Baptized:

**Gino Cincinnatus Arcaro**

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In your charity, please pray for

**Denise Herron**

and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.



## Next Sunday's Readings

### 1st Reading:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

### 2nd Reading:

Hebrews 5:7-9

### Gospel:

John 12:20-33

### “God's Plan for Giving”

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 03/04/18

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$15,446.80
Budget:	\$11,361.51
Actual vs. Budget This Week:	+\$4,085.29
Percent Difference This Week:	+ 36%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	-\$4,008.90

*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	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](mailto:proach@stanthonynet.org). For more information, visit [www.cdowcym.org](http://www.cdowcym.org). Registration deadline is March 15, 2018.

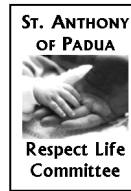
## Catechetical Day

...("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](http://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](http://www.wdel.com). Next Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, tune in to listen to highlights from the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Mass to celebrate the opening of the Diocese of Wilmington's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, podcasts and more, "like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/catholicforum](http://www.facebook.com/catholicforum). Listen to past episodes of Catholic Forum online at [cdow.org/communications](http://cdow.org/communications) or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple Podcasts or iHeartRadio podcasts.

## Respect Life: Fact of Life



"Abortion is a uniquely intimate form of violence – but violence with bitter public consequences."  
Archbishop Charles Chaput

## Second Collection

Next weekend, March 17th and 18th, there is no scheduled second collection.

## 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.

## 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).

## Parish Easter Egg Hunt 2018

The annual Parish Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Palm Sunday, 3/25, after the 11:00AM Mass (approximately 12:30PM start time) in the Ballad Room of the Grade School. Categories for: up to age 2, ages 3-5, ages 6-10, & a prize basket for each age category. Also a special appearance by a tall character with floppy ears is scheduled! Enjoy the full array of delicious refreshments offered at parish socials (Serpe's donuts & tomato pie, Degnars breakfast pizza, & much more)!

Please RSVP with number of children, children's names and ages, and a contact phone/e-mail by Thursday, 3/22/2017. Please RSVP to Anthony Albence via e-mail to [cua20064@aol.com](mailto:cua20064@aol.com) or via phone to (302) 983-3200. (Please leave voicemail with info if no answer.) Include child name, age, parent name & email/phone #.

**AGAIN THIS YEAR: all participants & their families are invited to attend the 11AM Mass & bring their Easter Baskets to Mass, where they will be blessed.**

**ALSO RETURNING THIS YEAR: The annual Scholastic Book Sale benefitting the Grade School library will be open during the event. A perfect place to pick up an Easter gift that will also help our school!**



## Parish Calendar

### Monday

6:00 PM, First Eucharist Mtg.  
(Ballad Room)

### Tuesday

6:45 PM, Baptism Class (Rectory)

### Thursday

7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal

### Friday

7:30 AM, Via Crucis

### Sunday

9:00 AM, Sodality Mass

10:00 AM, Sodality Meeting  
(Ballad Room)

10:00 AM, PREP

(Grade School)

3:00 PM, Lenten Penance Service

Monday, Mar. 12

through

Sunday, Mar. 18

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

## Grade School Calendar

### Wednesday

6:30 PM, Home & School

General Mtg. (Ballad Room)

### Friday

8:00 AM, School Mass

2:00 PM, Stations of the Cross

## The Arts

Salesianum School Theater presents:

LES MISERABLES

March 10th at 7:30pm

March 11th at 2pm

To purchase tickets please visit:

<http://our.show/lesmiz>

## Our Lady of Fatima

... is having a Designer Bag Bingo on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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).

## Lenten Dinner

March 16, 5:30 - 8 PM

Holy Angels (Fremont Hall), 82 Possum Park Road, Newark. Take-outs available. Fish tacos, taco dorado, eggplant parmesan, cauliflower ceviche, lentil soup, chocoflan/flan, beer/wine/soda. Items are purchased á la carte and range from \$2-\$7. (Note: Pre-orders are required for the baked salmon meal. \$12.) Reservations are not needed but a head count is always helpful. Stations of the Cross in the Chapel at 7 PM in English and 8 PM in Spanish. Call the Parish for more information at (302) 731-2219.

## Parish Council Update

The Parish Pastoral Council met on Tuesday, 2/27. Key topics covered:

- The parish will move forward with planning a workshop to ensure the most youth- & young adult-friendly environment. Parishioners who work with young people will be invited to attend. Other parishes in the area will be invited to participate as well.
- The parish will resume the traditional schedule of Masses & liturgical services for the Easter Triduum. More information on the schedule will be forthcoming.

## Sodality

Next Sodality Mass: 9:00 AM, Sunday, Mar. 18

Next Meeting: Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>, Ballad Room, after Mass

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2018

### Sacrament of Penance

#### Deanery Lenten Penance Service

##### Sunday, March 18

3:00 PM (at St. Anthony's this year)

Saturday, March 24

4:00 to 5:15 PM

#### NO CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 31

### Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

#### Saturday, March 24

Solemn Blessing of Palm and Procession

at 5:30 PM Mass

#### Sunday, March 25

Masses: 7:00, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

Solemn Blessing of Palm and Procession

at 11:00 AM Mass

### Holy Week: March 26, 27, & 28

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Daily Masses: 6:45 and 8:00 AM

### Holy Thursday, March 29

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 PM

Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 11:00 PM

### Good Friday, March 30

Church open for prayer & reflection:

12:00 Noon through Lord's Passion

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 PM

Via Crucis: 7:30 PM

Gesù Cristo Morto Procession: 8:30 PM

### Holy Saturday, March 31

Solemn Easter Vigil: 7:30 PM

### Easter Sunday, April 1

Masses: 7:00, 9:00, & 11:00 AM