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Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



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Weekday: (Mon through Fri) 9:00am

Saturday: 5:00pm,

Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am & 12 noon

Confessions:

Saturday - 4:00-4:45 PM in the Church

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

O Come Let Us Adore Him!



MONDAY, MARCH 14TH

7:00 - 8:00 PM in the Church

March 13, 2022

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Stewardship Thought for the Week.

As we begin another week of Lent, perhaps take up a new prayer habit—praying the Rosary. If praying a full Rosary is not possible for you at the moment, just do one decade (or 10 Hail Marys) as a beginning.

Thank you to all who so generously give to the support of our parish.
You are returning to God what God has so generously given to you.

| | <i>Stewardship</i> | <i>Envelopes</i> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Collected at Mass | 6,758 | 170 |
| Mailed Envelopes | 4,854 | 86 |
| Total Collection | \$11,612 | 246 |

Third Sunday of Lent

Gospel.....Lk 13: 1-9

Altar Bread & Wine in Memory of



Amy Grace Quaranta

Tues., Thurs. ~ 10 am –1 pm. Or call for appointment - x119.

12^{pm}
Mark Duignan
Lola Gallardo DeTapia & Jose Tapia

WE HEALED THEM ALL

Marilyn Vacchio
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Natasha Roucoulet
John Reynolds

Family members, please resubmit names for those who are ill. We will list them for 4 weeks, and then remove them unless told otherwise. Please note- due to privacy issues, we can include names given by the individual or a health care proxy only.

I want to start this reflection today with a parable from Saint Luke's Gospel, a story about going to the assistance of someone with bodily or corporeal needs.

I'm referring to the parable of the Good Samaritan. (cf. Lk 10:29-37) I call attention to the man in the story who is victimized. (cf. Lk 10:30) Specifically, this man is stripped and beaten and is left to die. (cf. Lk 10:30) After a priest and a Levite refuse to come to the aid of the badly injured man, the Good Samaritan bandages the wounds of the victim. (cf. Lk 10:34) Then, the Good Samaritan goes a step further and takes the badly injured man to an inn and cares for him there. (cf. Lk 10:34) But even then he isn't finished caring for the victim. He goes so far as to pay the innkeeper to care for the victim in the Good Samaritan's absence. (cf. Lk 10:35)

The parable closes with Jesus asking who is neighbor to the victim. The scholar of the law who provoked the parable replies, "The one who treated him with mercy." (Lk 10:37) The merciful action in the parable, we must admit, is wholly directed to physical needs. Yet, it would scarcely be possible to say that *all we have* is bodily care which is applied. No, something much more profound is at work here. To be sure, the victim is badly assaulted, but not all of the injuries are visible to the eye. There are other afflictions which are no less real but are invisible to the eye.

Getting beaten up and being left for dead not only offends against the dignity of human life, but it brings about separation and loss from one's family and community. A loss of this kind is not always tangible but it is real and not contrived. Perhaps also the loss is not permanent (presuming the person recovers); nonetheless, there is verifiable diminishment which can be temporary or enduring.

I wish to make reference at this point to the Farewell Discourse of Saint John's Gospel, a section of the Fourth Gospel. While at the Last Supper, Jesus says to the apostles, "[Y]ou will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices; you will grieve, but your grief will become joy." (Jn 16:20)

In view of the fact that the Last Supper is on the eve of the crucifixion, it's hard not to see that Jesus is referring to how the apostles will react to being separated from Him. Still, they will weep and mourn and grieve not so much because of the physical cost of the Passion to Jesus (the apostles after all are not directly enduring this kind of pain). Their weeping, mourning and grieving will be over the pain of losing that attachment to the Lord in friendship.

The Lord Himself shows us what to do in the face of affliction. In Saint Luke's Gospel, the evangelist records how Jesus comforted a grieving mother who was already a widow and is now burying her only son. (cf. Lk 7:11-17) When Jesus sees her, He is moved with pity for her. (cf. Lk 7:13) The Lord understands the magnitude of her loss, with both husband and son gone now and no one left to support her.

We cannot always restore the losses of those around us. However, our presence is still comforting to those who suffer loss, believing as Saint Paul does that "if one part [of the body] suffers, all the parts suffer with it." (1 Cor. 12:26) With the same faith, we also hold that the sufferings of the present are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. (cf. Rom 8:18)

In the Farewell Discourse cited above, Jesus promises to send the Advocate to be with the apostles always. (cf. Jn 14:16) The Holy Spirit comes to us as our Helper and Comforter. We are comforted by Him in our weakness that we might offer that same gift to those who are troubled and burdened in our midst. We then can do what is possible to bind up the wounds which are found in the Body of Christ.

O Lord, pour out your mercy upon us that we might in turn comfort our brothers and sisters in distress!

Msgr. Bob Batule
Pastor

From the Pastor's Desk



We wish to announce that adult Catholics who have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation and wish to do so are going to be able to do just that on Sunday, June 5th at the 12 noon Mass. In advance of that day, there will be catechesis offered on Wednesday nights beginning April 27th at 7:30 PM in the parish center building. The sessions will last five (5) weeks and conclude on May 25th. If you have not yet contacted us, please do so that you may be included in the conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation on the Solemnity of Pentecost.

We invite any interested adult parishioners who are already confirmed to join us for these sessions. We will consider the following topics over the five weeks: Faith, Christ, Church, Sacraments and Morals. We anticipate each session going about 75 – 90 minutes.

Msgr. Batule and Fr. Patrick will lead the sessions.

Parishioners who use envelopes to support Saint Margaret should be aware that we have switched envelope companies. You will notice a new style and a new packaging for your envelopes when they arrive in your mailbox. Kindly use the envelopes as you always have, and always support our parish **generously** and **sacrificially**. The new company is named F.J. Remey and it is located in Mineola, New York.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent ~ 7:00 pm



March 18, 25 ~ April 1, 8, 15

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays during Lent ~ 3:00 ~ 4:00 pm

March 16, 23, 30 ~ April 6



Diocesan Day of Reconciliation

Monday, April 11

2:00 ~ 4:00 pm and 6:00-9:00 pm

Opening Night of Prayer

Saturday, March 5, 2022

7:00pm to 8:30pm

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Mid-point Gathering: March 19, 10am-12pm

450 Waverly Avenue, Patchogue

Closing Ceremony: April 9, 10am-12pm

450 Waverly Avenue, Patchogue



every life is
worth saving



Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Worldwide Marriage Encounter announces an in-person experience in New England. This non-residential weekend takes place at St. Gabriel The Archangel Church 151 Mendon St., Upton, MA from Friday, March 18- Sunday, March 20, 2022 . Couples can drive to the experience from their homes or stay at one of several hotels in the area. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple shares together whether they've been married only a short time or many years. This in-person experience will be conducted in accordance with CDC safety protocols including social distancing. To apply contact Joe & Ginny Vatalle at 800-710-9963 or visit wwmema.org.

For those wishing to participate in a virtual experience, there is one beginning on March 9, 2022. It will be on seven Wednesday evenings (concluding on April 20) from 7:00 PM to about 9:00 PM. To apply, contact Jimmy & Bernice Acevedo at 877-697-9963 or visit bq-wwwme.org.



Congratulations Honor Roll Students

St. Margaret's Parish family would like to congratulate the Honor Roll students from
St. Anthony's High School, Huntington



Nelson Beausoleil, Tiffany Bosch, Sean McMillin,
Daniel Sawicki, Aelish Symonds,
& Donovan Symonds

We commend their efforts to excel!

Vacation Bible School

Save the Date!

July 11 ~ 15, 2022



St. Sylvester CYO Spring Track

St. Sylvester CYO Spring Track begins the week of March 21st. All boys and girls enrolled in kindergarten through 8th grade are eligible. For info contact Jerry at 631-585-4048; jrigoros8@gmail.com or Staci at 631-457-0726; sta2100@aol.com

United Way Scholarship

United Way of Long Island is pleased to share our scholarship opportunities.. The application is available on our website at www.unitedwayli.org under the education tab. Application deadline is March 31, 2022.

From the Pastor's Desk

Once again, there will be a blessing of food on Holy Saturday (April 16th) at 11:00 AM. In the event of a funeral service in the morning at that time, the blessing will take place outdoors (presuming the weather is favorable).

Blessings to all on Saint Patrick's Day (March 17th) and Saint Joseph's Day (March 19th). May these men intercede for us and remind us of the Communion of Saints to which we already belong by virtue of Baptism and to which finds its fulfillment in heaven.

We encourage you to join us on Friday nights at 7:00 PM in the church for Stations of the Cross. We mark the Passion and Death of Our Lord with this devotion. It is a good way to maintain our Lenten focus and prepare us for the Liturgies of Holy Week.

On the Sunday after Easter (April 24th), the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 PM in the church. All are invited to join us.

This is a reminder that a priest is available in the church on most Wednesday afternoons during Lent between 3:00 and 4:00 PM for those who would like to go to sacramental confession. We are providing this opportunity because Lent is a season of penance and for those who are unable to come to the church on Saturday afternoons at 4:00 PM.



Further down the road, in the Easter Season, we will have a May Crowning of the Blessed Mother on Sunday, May 8th following the 12 noon Mass.

And in June, on the 19th, when the Church marks the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, there will be a Procession with the Blessed Sacrament following the 12 noon Mass.

Msgr. Batule ~ Pastor



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Adoration is the highest act of worship. By sitting quietly before His presence in the Blessed Sacrament, we offer to God what is most personal and pleasing – our time and our hearts. This allows our gracious God to draw us lovingly to Himself. By joining our adoration to prayer and praise, we celebrate that we are the Body of Christ. Come experience the beauty of this holy exchange heart to heart.

Guidelines for Fasting & Abstinence

All Catholics who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from Ash Wednesday and Good Friday fast and abstinence.

Sunday, Mar 13, 2022 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT A heart-warming witness

She was divorced—twice. Mary Clarke Brenner (1926-2013) lived in Beverly Hills: not an address associated with holy living. Yet this remarkable woman would go on to become the “Prison Angel,” dedicating her life to criminals in a maximum-security jail. Mother Antonia, as she was later known, didn’t just visit the incarcerated; she moved into the jail and lived among them for years. Others sought to imitate her generous spirit and formed the Eudist Servants of the Eleventh Hour—mindful that any of us might need saving in the end. “Warm the coldest heart,” was her prayer. Pray for prison ministries. TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 9:28b-36 (27)*. “*Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.*”

Monday, Mar 14 LENTEN WEEKDAY Take a reverent knee in solidarity

The BBC named 45-year-old Xaverian Sister Ann Rose Nu Tawng of Myanmar among the news agency’s list of “100 inspiring and influential woman from around the world” for 2021. Stunning news photos and videos showed her kneeling with arms outstretched before security forces, asking them to shoot her instead of peaceful protesters of the country’s military takeover. Two of the armed police dropped to their knees and folded their hands. On this, the last day of National Catholic Sisters Week, it’s a dramatic example of the selfless sacrifice of religious women who give their lives in service to and love of Christ. The vast majority don’t become sensations for their acts, but they are still heroes. TODAY’S READINGS: *Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38 (230)*. “*For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.*”

Tuesday, Mar 15 LENTEN WEEKDAY A cardinal’s titular role

It was a huge honor for the United States when—on this day in 1875—Pope Pius IX elevated New York’s Archbishop John McCloskey to become the first-ever cardinal from the United States. It meant American Catholics finally had a seat at the table. All cardinals belong to the College of Cardinals, which elects and counsels the pope. And all cardinals automatically assume honorary leadership of dioceses and parishes around Rome—meaning they, too, could be promoted bishop of Rome one day. While our church preserves such hierarchical traditions, God sees beyond rank to the quality of service we render, regardless of station. Pray for all to serve the church with wisdom and love. TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12 (231)*. “*Do not be called ‘Master’; you have but one master, the Christ.*”

Wednesday, Mar 16 LENTEN WEEKDAY Be bold in your witness for justice

On this day in 1877, the renowned black Catholic scholar and activist Dr. Thomas Wyatt Turner was born in Hughesville, Maryland. The first African American to earn a Ph.D. in botany (or in any subject from Cornell University), Turner would go on to co-found both the NAACP in 1909 and the Federated Colored Catholics in 1924. Via both organizations, he would lobby to end segregation at the Catholic University of America as well as in U.S. seminaries (especially that of the Josephites, an order founded to serve African Americans). He died in 1978 at the age of 101. May his legacy be for all of us a model of defiant witness for the oppressed. TODAY’S READINGS: *Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28 (232)*. “*Remember that I stood before you to speak in their behalf.*”

Thursday, Mar 17 MEMORIAL OF PATRICK, BISHOP, MISSIONARY Have you answered the call?

In the modern Western world, middle-class people rarely face death by starvation or religious persecution. Saint Patrick, the great evangelizer of Ireland in the 600s, faced both these threats when he finally acted on his long-avoided calling to bring the Christian message to the people of Ireland. Have you ever inconvenienced yourself to carry out something God called you to? Take a moment today to reflect on your own calling in life and the sacrifice it entails. TODAY’S READINGS: *Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31 (233)*. “*If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.*”

Friday, Mar 18 MEMORIAL OF CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH The doctor prescribes some “me time”

In a series of lectures known as the Catechesis, Saint Cyril of Jerusalem instructed fourth-century catechumens in the faith. His lessons continue to be enlightening: “The present is the season of confession,” Cyril writes of Lent. “Confess what thou hast done in word or in deed. . . . Forsake things present and put your trust in things to come. Have you run so many circles [over] the years busied in vain about the world, and have you not 40 days to be free for prayer, for your own soul’s sake? ‘Be still, and know that I am God,’ says the Scripture. . . . You are running for yourself, see to your own interest.” Note well: You have the permission of a saint and doctor of the church to go off the grid for a time and tend to your own spiritual well-being. TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46 (234)*. “*Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.*”

Saturday, Mar 19 SOLEMNITY OF JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY First spouse

On May 1, 2013, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments instructed that the name of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, be inserted into all the Eucharistic Prayers of the Mass. So now when the priest invokes the name of the Mother of God during the prayers at the altar, he includes “with Blessed Joseph, her spouse.” Joseph is our model of the just man, the good husband. Pray for husbands everywhere, that Joseph be their model and a source of strength. TODAY’S READINGS: *2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a (543)*. “*He did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.*”



Parish Outreach



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POSSIBLE. SINGLE SUPPLEMENT NO
LONGER AVAILABLE**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required.

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