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SATURDAY: 8:30AM, 5:00PM **SUNDAY**: 8:00AM, 10:00AM

12:00 NOON, 6:00PM

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 6:30AM, 8:30AM

HOLY DAYS: as announced

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays: 9:00-10:00AM

also by appointment

ADORATION: Thursday- 9:00AM to 6:30PM

BAPTISMS: Call the Parish Office

for an appointment

MARRIAGES: Please arrange six months

in advance.

ACTIVITIES

Adult Choir Altar Servers Children's Choir

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Ushers

Youth Group

COMMITTEES

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Special Needs

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Finance

Home and School Parish Council

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St. Joseph's Men's Group

St. Vincent de Paul Society



The local conference Board of the St. Vincent de Paul Society meets regularly, with prayer and spiritual reflection, at the Parish Office, where volunteers personally serve local persons in desperate circumstances by offering prayer, personal attention and financial help. Short-term gifts can be offered to assist with rent, utilities, food and clothing. If you are in need, please call Deacon Steven DeMartino at (914) 330-3727 to make a confidential request.



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



JOIN US DURING LENT AT 7:00 PM ON FRIDAYS (3/25, 4/1, 4/8 & 4/15) IN THE CHURCH TO PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS.



We continue to pray for those who are ill in our parish and ask Our Loving God to allow our prayers to lift them up in their continued illness. Please keep the following members of our parish family in prayer: John Incatasciato, Sharon Manzo, Gertrude Pinckney, Regina Najarian and Christopher Slattery.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S YOUTH GROUP ANNUAL PLANT SALE







Palm Cross \$12.00

Hyacinth \$6.00

Easter Lily \$15.00

April 2 ~ \underline{after} 5pm Mass AND April 3 ~ 7:30 am to 1:30 pm & after 6 pm Mass

OUTSIDE THE CHURCH

Please support our Youth Group ~ they are our future!



Our Parish will host a Lenten Mission presented by

FR. BRIÂN MULLADY, O.P. March 21 ~ March 23

entitled: *Healing of Hardness of Heart*

Fr. Mullady presents the three ages of the spiritual life as progressive healing for Hardness of Heart.

Monday, March 21, @ 7 pm ~ Spiritual Childhood Tuesday, March 22, @ 7 pm ~ The Dark Nights of the Soul Wednesday, March 23, @ 7 pm ~ Spiritual Maturity



MONDAY, MARCH 21:

6:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:30 AM Rosaria Cappello/Alfredo Santucci

TUESDAY, MARCH 22:

6:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory 8:30 AM Nicolina & Edward DiRenna

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23:

6:30 AM Edguardo Lopez 8:30 AM Ronald Dube

THURSDAY, MARCH 24:

6:30 AM S. I. for all living & deceased Priests

8:30 AM Orlando Goncalves

FRIDAY, MARCH 25 (The Annunciation of the Lord):

6:30 AM James "Red" Leary 8:30 AM Dennis Manwaring

SATURDAY, MARCH 26:

8:30 AM Giuseppina, Salvatore & Francesca Bellantone

5:00 PM John & Mary Volker/Edmund Sinnott

SUNDAY, MARCH 27 (Fourth Sunday of Lent):

8:00 AM Marie Dinh

10:00 AM For all of our Parishioners & Benefactors

Joseph P. Holohan, Jr.

12:00 Noon Lawrence Rick/Shirley Perillo

6:00 PM Philip Gioio



Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of March 21 ~ 27 for Special Intentions for the

Barbera Family.



Last week's Collection \$ 11,430 Average Weekly Collection from *WeShare* Users \$ 6,627 Last week's Total Weekly Collection \$ 18,057



A huge "Thank You" to all who contributed to our special collection for Ukraine on Ash Wednesday! Due to your generosity we are able to send almost \$9,000 to help the people of Ukraine from our parish alone! Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!



We joyfully announce the forthcoming celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage and ask for a remembrance in your prayers for:

Matthew Lasorsa & Lauren Dire ~ III

LET GOD'S LIGHT SURPRISE AND REAWAKEN OUR HEARTS

VATICAN CITY--- Vatican News reported that, greeting pilgrims in Saint Peter's Square for the Sunday Angelus last week, Pope Francis spoke about the day's Gospel reading on this Second Sunday of Lent that narrates the Lord's Transfiguration while praying on a mountain when He changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And in the light of his glory Moses and Elijah appear, witnessed in awe by the apostles Peter, John and James. The Pope observed that in Luke's Gospel we read that the Apostles were "overcome by sleep" but then when "fully awake" saw the Lord's glory.

Drowsiness at key moments

The drowsiness of the disciples around extraordinary moments, such as this one or when they fell asleep during Jesus' anguished prayer in Gethsemane, is surprising, the Pope observed. But during this circumstance, they fell asleep right before the Transfiguration began, while Jesus was in prayer, and perhaps the disciples were also in prayer with Him until sleep overcame them. We can experience this in our own lives as well, the Pope pointed out, an "ill-timed slumber" when we wish to be alert, perhaps to pray after a busy day or interact with family, but we do not have the strength. We struggle to stay awake, be more attentive and involved.

Awakening our inner lethargy

The Season of Lent offers an excellent opportunity to awaken our inner lethargy, the Pope explained, but we cannot do it ourselves, it is a grace for which we must pray. We can overcome the tiredness of the body with the strength of God's spirit, he noted. He added, that when this is difficult, we should ask the Holy Spirit for help; Come Holy Spirit, help me, I wish to encounter Jesus and to be attentive and awake. And just as the three disciples shows us in today's Gospel in being unable to stay awake by their own strength, they woke up right during the Transfiguration, when the light of Jesus surrounded them.

"We too are in need of God's light, that makes us see things in a different way: it attracts us, it reawakens us, it reignites our desire and strength to pray, to look within ourselves, and to dedicate time to others."

Allow the Lord to reawaken our hearts

During Lent, let us always try to place ourselves in God's light and give the Lord "the chance to surprise us and to reawaken our hearts," the Pope suggested, whether by reading the Gospel for guidance and inspiration. Or by contemplating the crucified Jesus and experiencing the wonder of God's boundless love, "who never tires of us and has the power to transfigure our days, to give them a new meaning, a new and unexpected light." In conclusion, he prayed that the Virgin Mary may help us keep our hearts awake and welcome this time of grace God offers us.

POPE, IN TOUGHEST COMMENTS YET, CALLS UKRAINE INVASION 'ARMED AGGRESSION'

VATICAN CITY --- Reuters reported that Pope Francis issued his toughest condemnation yet of the invasion of Ukraine, saying on Sunday the "unacceptable armed aggression" must stop. Speaking to thousands of people in St. Peter's Square for his Sunday blessing, Francis also said that the killing of children and unarmed civilians was "barbaric" and with "no valid strategic reason". He called the besieged city of Mariupol a "martyred city" and again appealed for "truly secure humanitarian corridors" to allow residents to evacuate. "In the name of God I ask you: stop this massacre!," the pope said, adding that Ukrainian cities risked "being reduced to cemeteries". The pope has not used the word "Russia" in his condemnations of the war since Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered the invasion on Feb. 24. But his choice of words, such as "armed aggression" and "no valid strategic reason," appear aimed at contesting Moscow's justifications for the invasion. Russia calls its action a "special military operation". Last Sunday Francis implicitly rejected that term, saying it could not be considered "just a military operation" but a war that had unleashed "rivers of blood and tears". Moscow says its action is designed not to occupy territory but to demilitarize and "de-Nazify" its neighbor. It has also denied targeting civilian areas.

PAPAL NUNCIO TO UKRAINE: 'THIS WAR IS NOT A PURELY HUMAN INVENTION, THERE IS SOMETHING DEMONIC ABOUT IT'

ARCHBISHOP VISVALDAS KULBOKAS, APOSTOLIC NUNCIO TO UKRAINE, spoke with Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) about the situation in Kyiv, the humanitarian crisis, solidarity among the population and the drama of war.

What is the situation in Kyiv?

Since February 24, every day and every night there have been missile attacks on several points of the city. We at the nunciature are not in a central area, so for now we have not seen any of the bombings from up close. We have witnessed some street fighting quite nearby, not so much these days, but in the previous days. But it is very likely that things will get worse in the coming hours. In other cities like Kharkiv the residential areas have been badly affected. Nowadays nobody in Ukraine can feel safe. What will the next few hours, or the next few days be like? Nobody knows. Nonetheless, Kyiv is relatively calm, in some respects, when compared to other cities: Irpin, which is a suburb of Kyiv, or Kharkiv, Chernihiv or Mariupol. Kyiv is still connected to the outside world. However, the humanitarian crisis is very severe here, and in some other cities in Ukraine. And then there is something that weighs on us, it is not always possible to help. Sometimes not even agencies like Caritas or the Red Cross, not even government agencies are able to do anything.

Let's speak about the war. It had been announced for weeks, but nobody really believed it would begin. What was your first reaction on the 24th?

We were very concerned that there might be a war, because the signs were there. But it still causes a huge impact, it is surreal, like living in a film. So, I say to myself, and also to many believers I speak to, that our main weapons, so to speak, are humility, surrendering ourselves totally to God, solidarity, and love. Because in any case if we are here for each other, if we are close to God, if we are faithful, He will look after us. And so it is during this war, which is not a purely human invention, there is something demonic about it — as there is in all violence. And we can only defeat the evil in this war together, all over the world, through fasting, prayer, much humility, and love.

Archbishop Kulbokas (courtesy Office of the President of Ukraine)



LAETARE SUNDAY ~ THE GOLDEN ROSE

Next Sunday is Laetare Sunday, the "Rose Sunday" of Lent ~ the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Priests are given the option to wear rose-colored vestments at Mass held on this day in place of the violet vestments normally worn during Lent. The term "rose" is used to describe this lighter shade of the color violet in the Roman Catholic Church.

In the western liturgical system, purple is the color of Lenten penance, while white is the color of feast days. Rose is the color of Laetare as the color obtained naturally by mixing purple and white. It is a day of relaxation from normal Lenten rigors; a day of hope with <u>Easter</u> at last within sight. Traditionally, weddings (otherwise banned during Lent) could be performed on this day, and servants were released from service for the day to visit their mothers (hence 'Mothering Sunday'). The Lenten fast is allowed to be broken, according to Roman Catholic practice, from nightfall on Laetare Eve until sundown on Laetare Sunday. Many people break the Lenten fast with foods and beverages which are the rose color of the feast, such as <u>strawberry</u>-based products and cream soda.

MARCH 20, 2022



Join us for a listening session! Participate in Synod 2021-2023 with others from our area. What's a listening session, you ask? It's time we have set aside to gather and share our thoughts on how we as a Church "walk together" and how we can better live out our mission of bringing others to know Jesus. Most importantly, it's a time for us to spend

together praying and listening to the Holy Spirit and to each other. You can learn more by visiting, www.archny.org/synod.

The sessions are part of the worldwide synodal process. Our Holy Father has invited everyone to participate. The information gathered from the sessions will be shared at the Synod of Bishops meeting in 2023 when our bishops will gather and share what is being discussed within their dioceses.

What will be discussed? Our Church during the time of the pandemic; how we are practicing synodality; the ways in which our parishes invite others to serve God and neighbor; and exploration of how we can better live out our mission of bringing others to know, love & serve Jesus.

What is my role? You are invited to pray and share with us. It is not a time for changing our Church teaching, but for practicing synodality, which is walking together, listening to each other.

What will come from it? We hope, a parish and a global Church that is more open to listening to the Holy Spirit and each other than ever before!

Where/when is it? St. Patrick's Main Church, 137 Moseman Ave., Yorktown Hgts., NY on Saturday, March 26th, at 9:30 am.

Be-Informed - March 20: We hope you are enjoying the parish subscription to www.formed.org which gives parishioners and members of the community free 24/7 access to over 300 quality Catholic on line programs, 99+ movies, 101+ audios, & 98+ E-Books. Simply register with parish code **W3JKWN**. Today is the 3rd Sunday in Lent. Friday is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Study: The Bible and the Virgin Mary, Lesson 1: A Biblical Introduction to Mary, Lesson 2: Handmaid of the Lord, or The Wild Goose, Segment 4: The Spirit and Our Lady. Watch: A Bible Study on the Annunciation, Mary of Nazareth or Listen to: Mary: Handmaid of the Lord, Mary the Indispensable Mother of God, or The Virgin Mary Revealed Through Scripture.



SNEAKER FUNDRAISER: The Troop 49 High! Adventure 2022 Crew is partnering up with i GotSneakers to collect and recycle old sneakers!! Every pair donated will help the environment and raise money for their kayaking trip this summer! Have sneakers you no longer wear or a new pair

you don't want, please bring them to St. Augustine's Church and place them in the collection box in the vestibule or St. Augustine School in the front lobby.

Healing Weekend



Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley is Experience inviting men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation to a 48 hour in-person

retreat held at St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon, NY from April 22 to 24. For info or to register, please call Janice at (845) 490-7466 or Denise at (845) 325-3147.



The Golden Eagles will have a "Coffee & Social" on March 30th. We will meet in the parish hall from 9:30 to 11am to gather and enjoy each other's company! welcome. If you would like, bring a baked goodie to share! If there is a question about

the weather regarding snow/ice, please call the hotline 914-923-2268 for an outgoing message. We will also email if there is snow or ice. Ouestions comments? We be reached at golden.eagles@staugny.org or on the hotline at 914-923-2268.



Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2022 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 5th, from 2:30 to 3:30 PM. Pre-registration is required. Please contact Joan Pires in the Parish Office at (914) 941-0067 to register. The closing date to register for the Mass is Monday, May 16, 2022. If you have any questions,

call (646) 794-2000 or send an email to specialevents@archny.org.

Couples who will be celebrating their 50th and 25th anniversary this year will be honored in our Parish on Sunday, October 2nd, during the 12:00 NOON Mass. If this is your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary, please notify Joan Pires in the Parish Office (941-0067) as soon as possible.



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