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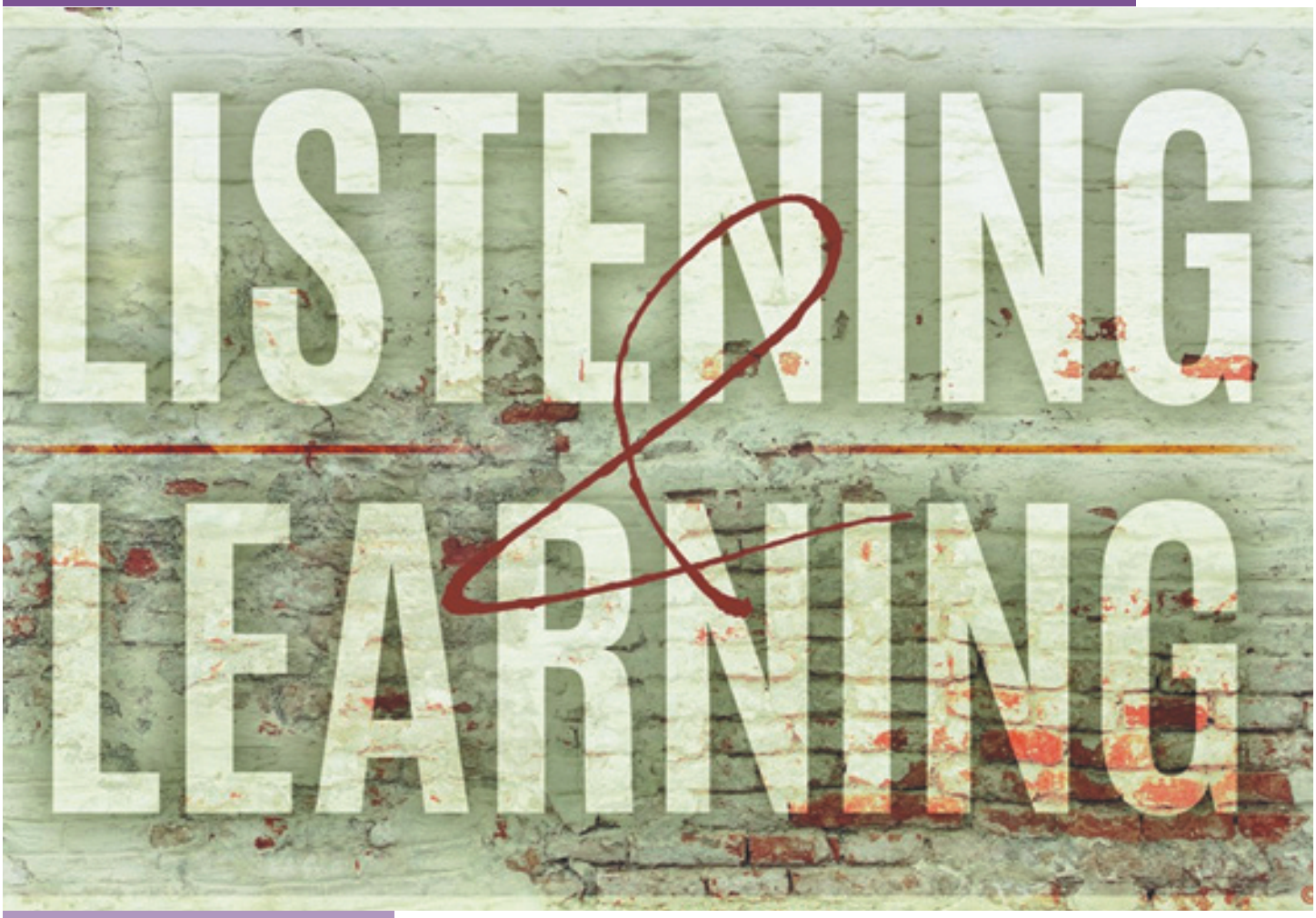

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Mass Intentions

Third Week of Lent | March 7-13, 2021

Saturday - March 6th
4:00 pm Myra & George Hawie

Sunday - March 7th
8:00 am Joyce A. Walker
10:00 am Deceased Members of the Spiteri Family
12:00 pm Thomas H Crowhurst
Special Intentions for Annette Schaffer

Monday - March 8th
8:00 am Eva Golian
12:05 pm Rev. Gerald Marchand

Tuesday - March 9th
8:00 am People of the Parish
12:05 pm Larry Palys

Wednesday - March 10th
8:00 am John & Mary Kuhtik
12:05 pm Special Intention for Anna Lake

Thursday - March 11th
8:00 am 2020 Project Babies in the Womb
12:05 pm Mary Maughan

Friday - March 12th
8:00 am The Soul of Mr. Paige
12:05 pm Michael Harrington

Saturday - March 13th
12:05pm Joseph Zebrowski

Fourth Week of Lent | March 14 - 20, 2021

Saturday - March 13th
4:00 pm Carmine Villani

Sunday - March 14th
8:00 am Otilia & Lola Esteves
10:00 am Armand Colucci
12:00 pm Eva Peron (1st Anniversary)

Monday - March 15th
8:00 am People of the Parish
12:05 pm Members of the Tomasino Family

Tuesday - March 16th
8:00 am Manny Fernandes
12:05 pm Charles Klett

Wednesday - March 17th (St. Patrick)
8:00 am Manny Fernandes
12:05 pm Joseph C. Guzzi

Thursday - March 18th
8:00 am Sister Kathleen Murphy
12:05 pm Open for Intention

Friday - March 19th (St Joseph)
8:00 am Open for Intention
12:05 pm Joe & Jay Guzzi

Saturday - March 20th
12:05pm Alejandra "Dandy" Tesoro

Memorials

Week of March 7, 2021

Sanctuary Lamp
Msgr. Thomas Ivory

Week of March 14, 2021

Altar Candles/Altar Bread & Wine and Sanctuary Lamp
Matilda "Tillie" Bajgier (5th Anniversary of Death) by Jean Callahan

LENTEN
HOLY HOUR

ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT
(3PM - LIVESTREAM ONLY)

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Daily after the noon Mass
Monday - Saturday (12:30 AM - 1:00 PM)

BEFORE THE 4PM VIGIL MASS
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

Lenten Communal
PENANCE SERVICE

March 27, (Saturday)
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

Financial News

Offertory Collections — February 14th
Deposit/Donations - $ 3,316.00

Offertory Collections — February 21st
Deposit/Donations - $ 3,996.00
Weekly Amount Needed to Stay on Budget *$ 3,800*

Online, E-Giving Donations through "We Share"
Our online giving platform:
https://sainteonline.weshareonline.org/

Restricted Donations from Weekly Envelopes

Offset Winter Heating Bill	$ 1,076.00
Offset Diocesan Tax/Assessment	$ 176.00
Ash Wednesday	$ 195.00
Central & Eastern Europe	$ 681.00

the 2021 Annual Appeal
Catholic Stewardship *in* Action

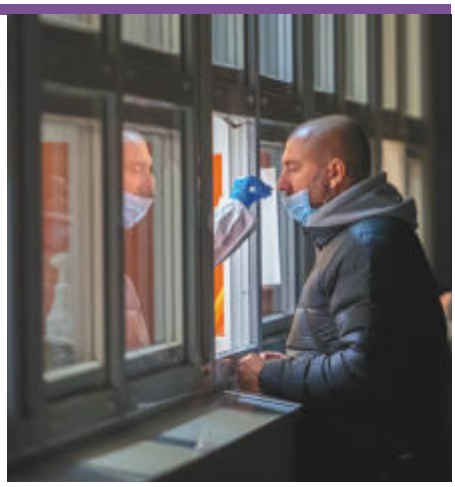
2021 Cardinal's Appeal Parish Goal: $ 29,000
Collected to Date: $ 15,000
This year's Cardinal's Appeal has begun. Please give as generously as your means allow in order that we might meet our goal.

School Tenant Update

As announced in an earlier bulletin, the Finance Council approved in this year's budget some much needed repairs in the school building. All the original bathrooms were replaced with new sinks and new toilets/urinals. Hot water lines were run to all the bathroom sinks. All new security doors were replaced in the classrooms and the fire doors at the entrance of each floor were replaced as well. The air conditioner and all duct work were replaced in the gymnasium with state of the art, remote programming thermostats. Led lights were replaced throughout the entire building and fixtures or ballasts replaced where necessary. The hot water heater was replaced.

Protective covers were installed over all exposed steam heating units and all the water fountains in the building were replaced. The parish invested over half a million dollars in this renovation project. Market value to rent school buildings in Elizabeth and nearby towns is $14 a square foot (some schools are getting $17.) We are currently renting to the Linden Board of Ed for $9 a square foot. However, they are currently requesting less rent and insist on a clause to sell them the building in 5 years. The Finance Council has unanimously rejected that request. As a result, their lease runs out June 30th of this year and they have not signed a new 5-year lease as of the date of this publication. Our parish has been more than transparent and clear during negotiations with the Board of Ed since October. We also think the lease terms are more than fair. We will keep you informed.

Free Covid-19 Testing at St. Elizabeth's 2nd & 4th Tuesdays



Hudson Medical Plaza is offering free Covid-19 testing. On the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, between the hours of 2-4pm, anyone in the community can have a nasal swab test done in the basement of the Church and the results will be emailed to them within 48 hours.

Because Union County is one of the harder hit counties in the State, testing is one way to lower the spread of the virus and is being offered for free. Those interested should call the main office and reserve a time (15-minute intervals) and come with your mask on keeping six feet distance on any line you may experience. Historically, most of those tested were able to do so in less than 15 minutes.

GOSPEL MEDITATIONS

Third Sunday of Lent: Mar. 7, 2021

Many prefer a "create as you go" approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a "you can't tell me what to do" attitude prevailing.

Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other's space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of "anything goes" and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on "relativism island" where only a possible suggestion to "love and do not harm" may be the only standard able to be preached.

While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships.

Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus' display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond,

dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view.

Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life's preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track.

In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change.

We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost. ©LPi

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GOSPEL MEDITATIONS

Fourth Sunday of Lent: Mar. 14, 2021

Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude.

While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience?

As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn.

There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world.

There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just

wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself.

Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come."

Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way.They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin. ©LPi

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Current Mass Schedule

Saturdays: 4PM = Anticipatory Mass for Sunday

Sundays: 8AM = Sunday Mass
10AM = Sunday Mass
12noon = Sunday Mass

Also live streamed for those at home on our Facebook:
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