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3rd
SUNDAY
OF LENT

*I, the Lord,
am your God*

*"I, the LORD, am your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery.
You shall not have other gods besides me." Exodus 20:2-3*

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Masses

Sunday: (Saturday, 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM ZOOM)
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 Noon
Holy Day: (Eve 4 PM) 7 AM, 12 Noon & 7 PM
Daily: 7AM and 12:00 Noon
Every Friday 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Adoration & Benediction

Confessions

Will be down on Tuesdays and Thursday by appointment
only please call the rectory to make an appointment

Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptism will be done every Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 PM
Classes for Parents and Godparents will be held on the First
Thursday of every month from 7:00 PM until 8:00 PM on
(ZOOM)

These are the three ways you can register through our web-
site at www.stanthonysrevere.org
email: stanthonysrevere@stapr.org, or call the rectory.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Preparation for Christian Marriage begins at least one year
prior to the planned date of the Wedding. Couples contem-
plating marriage please go on-line to www.bostoncatholic.org
to find out date and time for Transformed in Love.

Pray for All the Soul in Purgatory:

Masses this Week

**Joseph Botticelli Jr., John Alesio Perrella Jr.,
Nancy A. DeMaino, Edith DiRienzo and Dino Carfagnini**

Sunday, March 7, In Church

8:00 Gregory Aufiero (Anniversary) by Aunts Ann Ciampa and Clare

10:00 Santo & Mary DiBiasso & Frank & Kay Prizio by Mike & Phyllis Prizio

12:00 Edith F. Marra (3rd Anniversary) by family

Monday, March 8, In Church

7: AM Steven Giorgio by family

12:PM Michael and Marion Pagliarulo by daughter

Tuesday, March 9, In Church

7: AM

12:PM

Wednesday, March 10, In Church

7: AM

12:PM

Thursday, March 11, In Church

7: AM Armando Di Lando (17th Anniversary) by daughter Amanda Di Lando

12: PM Marion and Josephine Gregorio by family

Friday, March 12, In Church

7: AM Robert Maglione by family

12: PM

Saturday, March 13, In Church

9: AM Community Mass

4: PM The LaBella & Ciulla Families by Suzanne

Masses next Sunday March 14, In Church

8:00 John & Janice Pino by The Pino Family

10:00 Nunzita (19th Anniversary) & Michael Casale by Lina Guarino & family

12:00 Angela, Rocco and Clelio Oliviero by The Oliviero Family

Saturday Community Mass March 13, at 9:AM

1. Vincent & Catherine Napoli
2. Lucy DeMasse
3. Rev. Edward J. Gaudette
4. Galla Family by son William
5. Philip LaCascia & Carol LaCascia White by family
6. Bobby, Vinnie and All the Souls in Purgatory
7. Special prayers for Joel Colegrove by family
8. Gina & Antonio Pepe by The Pepe Family
9. Susan E. D'Angelo Bouchard by family
10. Genesio Spina by family
11. Lawrence Enright by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Russo
12. Gerald J. Lepore (6th Anniversary) by daughter Rosemarie DeStefano
13. Charlie Santo by Marie Buckellow
14. Santo DiBiasso, Kay Prizio & Eddie Rodriguez by Mike & Phyllis Prizio
15. Marie Cejka by Mike & Phyllis Prizio
16. Dino Carfagnini by Mike & Phyllis Prizio
17. Special Healing for Lisa, Rita and Kori by Mike & Phyllis
18. Thomas Dinsmore by St. Anthony
19. Mr. & Mrs. Leo Mirasolo by Peter Marino
20. Harriet Portly by Peter Marino
21. Patricia E. Rayos by Diana D'Amore
22. Angelo Mazzola by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Murray & Frankie Novello and family
23. Bella Bruno by Nancy Pardi & Joanne Krik
24. Judith May DeVellis by Ernie Latanzi
25. Judith May DeVellis by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Mercurio and family
26. Joseph Botticelli Jr. by St. Anthony
27. Alice, Carl and Carl Gerhard by Marie
28. Carl R. Gerhard by Marie
29. Luigi & Josie Colerico by Marie
30. Peter P. Colerico by Marie
31. Ralph Boccuzzi & Family by Marie
32. Evelyn O'Leary by Les
33. Alice & Charles Frazier by Les
34. John T. Gibson by Mitchell Cordone

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News from the wheel-House

“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love” – Mother Teresa.

Hello Everyone,

How are you? May God bless you and your family.

This weekend on March 7, 2021 we are starting the 3rd week of Lent. This weekend gospel speaks about how zeal for God’s house consumed Jesus. We hear that He cleansed the house of God and calls us to clean the house of God (our soul). St. Paul in his first letter to Corinthians says “Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst?” (1Cor 3/16) I hope that you are doing your best to cleanse your soul by doing the Lenten observances and getting ready for the right and worthy celebration of Easter. Hereby I want to bring to your kind attention the word of God which warns us that we should not be taking light the invitation of cleaning and guarding our soul, the temple of God, “If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person” (1Cor 3/17). May God help us to guard our soul!

Catholic Appeal 2021: We all know that every year in our archdiocese, our Cardinal Sean O’Malley virtually does this “Catholic Appeal” to raise funds to take care of the expenses of the various ministries taken forward from the Archdiocese (Central Ministries). Every year each church in the archdiocese is set with the goal for the fundraising. Last year we were given the goal of raising \$31,000.00 and we were able to raise only \$ 29,000.00. Hereby I want to thank and appreciate you all for contributing generously for the Central Ministries moving beyond your financial strains during the pandemic. This year the Archdiocese, adding up the \$2000.00 which we didn’t raise last year, has set the goal of raising \$33,000.00. If we don’t raise that money again this year too, we will be losing money from our savings. Kindly take notice of this and please do your best to reach the goal. This weekend to do this Catholic Appeal we are doing the “Catholic Appeal Video” in place of the homily at all Masses. Though, this year you will not be doing the pew contributions and pledge, the archdiocese will be sending the pledge envelopes directly to your homes with our Cardinal’s letter co-singed by me. At this point I want to remind you of the above quote of St. Mother Teresa, “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love”. When we contribute to the “Central Ministries”(the big things) we ourselves are going to do big things in a small way but with great love. Kindly do it! I sincerely pray that God may reward you for all that you are doing to St. Anthony’s and the Archdiocese.

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St. Anthony’s is becoming safer for worship: As you all know that here at St. Anthony’s we do everything to keep our beautiful church as a safe place for worship. This week one of our St. Anthony’s devotees has donated a “Sanitizing Vapor Gun” with all the needed accessories to make our church safer for worship. I am telling you that we are going to use it and ensure that our church continue to be a safer place for you to worship and receive God’s grace more and more.

Mass of Thanksgiving for Frontline Workers on Wednesday, March 17 at 7:00 pm at Saint Theresa Church (North Reading MA): Our North region Bishop Mark O’Connell is putting together a “Mass of Thanksgiving” for all the Frontline Workers. This Mass is going to be done to thank God for all the great and courageous Frontline Workers who have been putting their lives in harms way for the safety and betterment of our society. It is also going to be a Mass of Appreciation and thanksgiving to these great people and invoking God’s continual support and protection. If any frontline workers from our parish would like to join the Mass, please call the rectory before March 15th that we may submit your names to have the seats reserved for you. Thank you.

Well, here goes the bell calling me to go and hold the Wheel. Before I go let me say, “God bless you” and assure you of my continual prayers for your greater good!

Your Administrator,
Fr. Xavier

Every Wednesday during this Lent, we will have the lights on for confession from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. This year we are going have the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the silent adoration at that time.

Every Friday during this Lent at 3:00 PM we are going to have the Stations of the Cross and following that we will have Benediction. Because we have the stations of the cross, we will not be able to have the Eucharistic adoration which we have been doing to mark the “Year of the Eucharist”. We will resume it after the Lent.

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Faith Formation Update:

**March is here! Spring must be just around the corner!
I pray that all of you are well!**

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion Class for their completion of the study of the Sacrament of Reconciliation! They completed the six lessons with help at home from their families and attended 4 ZOOM sessions with our amazing catechists and Father Xavier. In just a few short weeks, they will make their First Penance. Please keep these beautiful children in your prayers. “The Lord is Kind and Merciful”

All students in grades 1 through 8 have received their next online lessons from Project Nazareth. Students in grades 6-8 are working on the Gospels of Lent, and our students in grades 1,3,4 and 5 are doing “Good News-Redemption.” Thank you to the families who despite all the challenges are sharing the faith with their children.

Confirmation 1 and 2 candidates should be finishing up their Winter Syllabus with Session 6 and a Spring Syllabus will be sent shortly. Confirmation 1 students should be praying and thinking about choosing their sponsor and confirmation name. A form will be sent home in March for you to fill out and return. Confirmation 2 students, you will be receiving information regarding Confirmation in June very soon!

We will again have the Family Stations of the Cross on Friday night March 12th at 7:00! We had many families attend the one on February 26th and we hope to have many more on March 12th!

**Here we are...the Third Sunday of Lent! Spend some time in prayer this week!
“Lord, help me to quiet my mind so I can hear your voice more clearly this week. Amen”**

**Donna Felzani
Administrator of Faith Formation**

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today’s Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus’ action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshippers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.

Jesus’ action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus’ arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus’ public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John’s Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus’ ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus’ relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John’s Gospel.

Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus’ cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post-Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John’s Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus’ authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John’s Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus’ miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus’ passion, death, and Resurrection.

Third Sunday of Lent, Year B

READING 1 EX 20:1-17 OR EX 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: "I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers' wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain.

"Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

"Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 19:8, 9, 10, 11

R. (John 6:68c) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;

The decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;

the command of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eye.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true,
all of them just.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

They are more precious than gold,
than a heap of purest gold;
sweeter also than syrup
or honey from the comb.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

READING 2 1 COR 1:22-25

Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL JN 3:16

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

GOSPEL JN 2:13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me*. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

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*Sanctuary Candle
March, 2021
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*In Loving Memory
Of
Santo & Mary Di Biasso
&
Frank & Kay Prizio
by
Mike & Phyllis Prizio*

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Kenneth M. Beardsley
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