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Masses

Saturday, 4:00 PM
Sunday: 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

Stations of the Cross

Tuesday Novena to St. Anthony at 12:00 Noon and 7:00 PM

Confessions

Will be done every Tuesday from 6:00 PM till 6:45 PM and Saturday at 3:00 PM until 3:45 Pm in the main Church, or you may call the rectory to set up an appointment

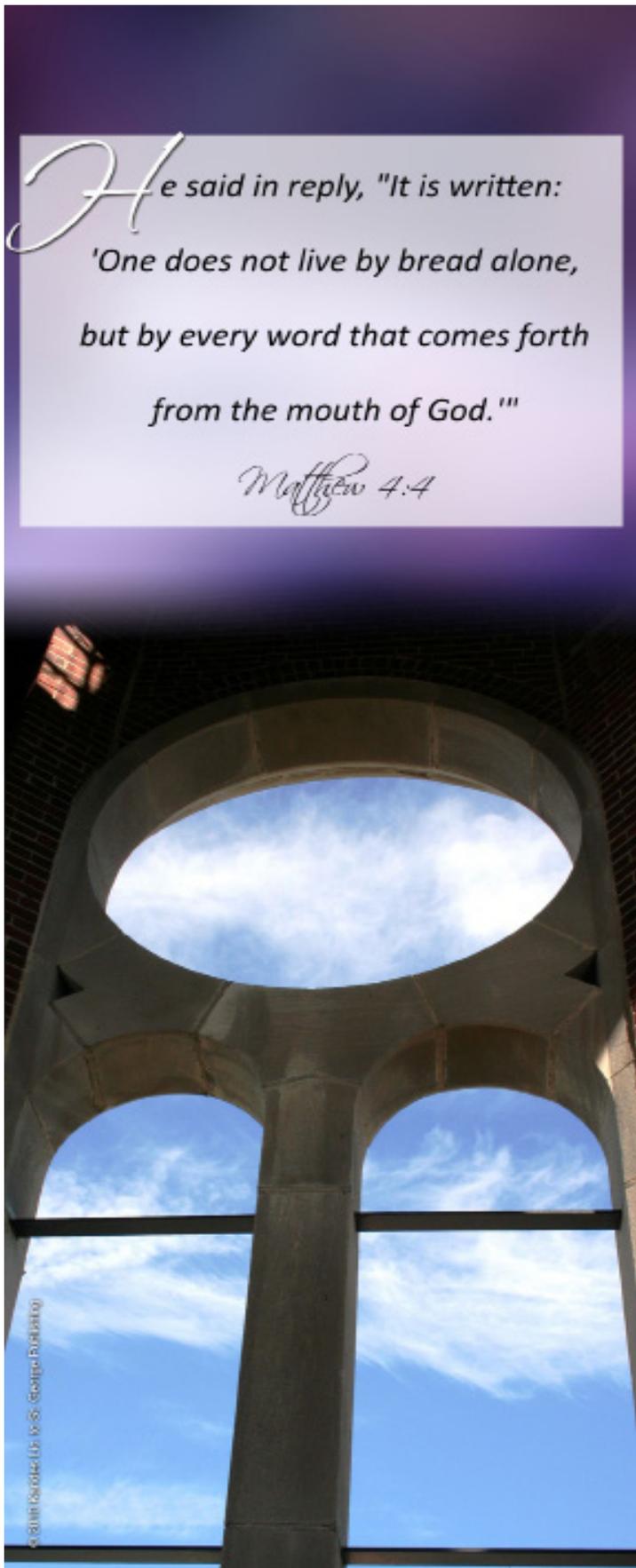
Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptism will be done on the Second and Fourth Sunday of every month at 2:00 PM in the main Church. Classes for Parents and Godparents will be held on the First Thursday of every month from 7:00 PM until 8:00 PM in the Chapel (Located on Breed Street)

You may register through our website www.stanthonysrevere.org or email: maryanngiorgio@outlook.com

Sacrament of Marriage:

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



*He said in reply, "It is written:
'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.'"*
Matthew 4:4

Pray for All the Souls in Purgatory:

Masses this Week

Donna Menard, Judith Festa, Richard Lubo

Sunday, February 26, In Church

8:00 In Thanksgiving for favor received by Linda

10:00 Anna & Michael Paci by Family

12:00 James "Jimmy" Sorrento (4th Anniversary) by wife Rita and Family

Monday, February 27, In Church

7: AM

12:PM Bob Sheehan (Birthday) by wife Claire & family

Tuesday, February 28, In Church

7: AM Luigina Sabia by Laura & John

12:PM Amerino & Amorosa Fagioli and Elizabeth & Joseph by Donna & Steven Dreezen and Loving Family

7: PM

Wednesday, March 1, In Church

7: AM

12:PM June Rose Morabito (Month's Mind) by Mike & Phyllis Prizio

Thursday, March 2, In Church

7:AM

12:PM Angelo Nocella (1st Anniversary) by family

Friday, March 3, In Church

7: AM Antonio, Maria and Anna Lardiera by daughter & sister-in-law Susan

12:PM John White (Birthday) by daughter Claire

Saturday, March 4, In Church

9:AM Community Mass

4: PM Santo & Mary DiBiasso and Frank & Kay Prizio by Mike & Phyllis Prizio

Masses next Sunday March 5, In Church

8:00 Mary Gaito (35th Anniversary) by family

10:00 Edith Marra (5th Anniversary) by family

12:00 Richard J. Picardi (6Th Anniversary) by the Family of Anna Picardi Dermardosin

Saturday Community Mass 03-04-2023 @ 9:AM

1. Napoli and D'Arco Families
2. Rev. Edward J. Gaudette
3. Galla Family by son William
4. Philip & Evelyn LaCascia & Carol LaCascia White by family
5. Gina & Antonio Pepe by The Pepe Family
6. Susan E. D'Angelo Bouchard by family
7. Special Healing for James A. DeAngelo Jr by brother
8. Special Healing for Paula DeAngelo by brother
9. Genisio & Cristina Spina by family
10. Lucia Antonelli by daughter
11. Camillo Antonelli by daughter
12. Sandra Anzalone by sister Joann
13. Five Special Souls and All The Souls In Purgatory
14. Irving, Lydia & Thomas Rubin and All the Souls in Purgatory
15. Cedric Igor Jean-Phillpe by Sabine Jean Louis
16. Rosa DeNapoli by family
17. Rita Giangregorio by Norina DeSimone
18. Robert J. Vassallo by St Anthony
19. Lorna King by St. Anthony
20. James (Jamie) Mantia II by The Bougiouris Family
21. In Thanksgiving To All The Saints for prayers answered by Elaine
22. Giuseppe Della Vecchia by Lina & Bill Desmond
23. Rosaria Caradonna by husband and daughters Daniela & Giuliana
24. Horis (Sonny) Ferrara by Vin Conti & family
25. Alberto Caruso by Anna & Pasquale Sirignano
26. Charlie Tinnirello by Ernestina Sirignano
27. Lil & Robert LaCava, Mary & Martin Compiano and Norbert Bengtson by Gilda
28. Vincent Mercurio & Alexander Bevilacqua by Gilda
29. Edith & Jay Bevilacqua by Gilda
30. Adiego, Adelina, Charles & Laura Bevilacqua by Gilda
31. Horis (Sonny) Ferrara by St. Anthony
32. Josephine Celona by family



**Every Friday during Lent at 3:00 PM
in the main Church**

1st Sunday of Lent

Bible Study & Book Club



St. Jerome says,

“IGNORANCE OF THE SCRIPTURE IS IGNORANCE OF CHRIST.”

The Bible is the base and center of our spiritual life.

To enrich our spiritual life, our parish introduces two courses
Bible Study and Book Club.

The courses will be conducted by Fr. Heniston Washington
every week alternatively on

Wednesday 6.30 PM to 7.30 PM

Those who want to participate in the courses,
please register your name
to either our business manager,
Maryann Giorgio or Fr. Heniston Washington.

COURSES WILL START ON MARCH 01, 2023.

Surrender

“You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in You.” St. Augustine

We all are longing to have peace of heart in our lives. Peace of heart is the fundamental quest of every human being. Most of the time we are not able to enjoy it due to our own preoccupations, desires, and worries. We draw a false image and idea within ourselves and begin to work to have peace of heart-based on the false image and idea. This process always leads to restlessness and emptiness. No Peace of Heart and Mind.

St. Augustine in his confession says, “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in You.” To put it in simple terms, we have peace of heart when we surrender ourselves totally to God. Sometimes, we are happy by fulfilling external laws of our Christian life like the Pharisees. Unfortunately, this kind of happiness becomes a bubble. We want to lead a good life and do good things, but we are not. Because our interior Christian life is always a constant battle within ourselves against evils and temptations. Bishop Yvon Ambroise says our interior Christian life is not a cakewalk but a constant fight until death.

In our interior battle, we have our own records of victories and defeats and we are in a state of confusion. This is the right moment to surrender ourselves to God totally. Turning towards God in such moments makes us experience God’s love, protection, forgiveness, mercy, etc...

In his book, *The Purpose Driven Life*, Rick Warren states, “there are three barriers that block our total surrender to God: fear, pride, and confusion.

It is natural to be fearful and to confuse ourselves in difficult situations. But we often fail to realize God’s hand in our lives due to fear and confusion. But throughout the Bible, we notice God’s protective care: “Don’t be afraid,” “I am with you,” etc....

St. Augustine says, “It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels.” Sometimes when we achieve something great or have a high reputation or status in society, we ignore God’s grace and underestimate the help of fellow beings. This attitude ruins our lives. In the Bible, we read that whenever the people of Israel went to war believing in God’s protective care and strength, they were victorious. But when they went to war believing in their own strength and greatness they were defeated.

Take great personalities in the Bible: Abraham, Judith, David, Mother Mary, etc. who surrendered themselves in the fearful and confused moments and they never took pride in their achievements. Let us surrender ourselves like them and challenge the difficult moments with God’s protective care and grace.

Prayer: Loving God, I thank You for all the blessings in my life. I feel sorry for not surrendering myself to you. Give me grace and blessings to surrender my life to you and the strength to face the challenges with your guidance and care. I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr. M.A. Heniston Washington

1st Sunday of Lent



*Sanctuary Candle
February, 2023
Donated*

*In Loving Memory
of*

Frank and Mark Pellino

by

Mary Pellino & Family



*Eucharistic Hosts
February, 2023
Donated*

In Loving Memory

of

Tom Deamelio

by

*wife Sandy, children and
grandchildren*



*My Brother's Table
February, 2023
Donated*

In Loving Memory

of

Peter & Margaret Spolsino

by

*Daughter Sandy, children, grandchildren
&
great grandchildren*



*Readings
To-Go!*

*1st Sunday of Lent
February 26, 2023*

*Scan QR code to see
this week's readings!*

Faith Formation News

“Sign us with ashes, the sign of your cross. Give us the grace to know your mercy Lord. Renew our spirits and open our hearts. Help us remember the love you gave us.”

Lent 2023 has begun! In biblical times, ashes were a sign of repentance, and they still are today. This simple tradition of ashes on our foreheads marks the beginning of a 40 day journey to the cross of salvation and the greatest feast of all... Easter! I pray that you and your families will join our parish family in the many services and prayers here at St. Anthony's.

Today, we welcome back all of our students in Grades 1-8 and First Holy Communion. Our First Communion students are learning all about the Mass and the sacrament of the Eucharist. They have begun working on the hymn that they will sing at First Communion, “One Bread, One Body.” Please keep them in your prayers!

Looking ahead to March: Wednesday, March 15th at 6:00 in the Main Church we will be doing the Stations of the Cross along with a Penance service for all of our Confirmation Year 1 and 2 students with their parents, sponsors and families. Please mark your calendars to be present.

On Sunday, March 19, students in grades 3-8 will meet in the church for their class to make the Stations of the Cross. Students should come to the Main Church at 11:00 for class, check in with their teacher and participate in the Stations. Dismissal will be at 11:45 from the Main Church. Families are welcome to join us!

First Holy Communion Retreat: Our First Holy Communion Retreat will take place on Saturday, March 25 from 9:45 until 2:00. Children and parents should come to the chapel at 9:45 to register. The children will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation that afternoon at 1:30 in the Main Church. More information to follow.

PASSION PLAY 2023: This afternoon at 4:00, we will begin the rehearsals for this year's Passion Play which will be presented at all Masses on Palm Sunday weekend. Children in grades 3-8 are welcome to join our Confirmation 1 and 2 students as we prayerfully present the Passion of Our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Please know that you are in my daily prayers!

Donna Felzani

1st Sunday of Lent

Reading 1

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being. Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the LORD God had made. The serpent asked the woman, "Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman: "You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil." The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me.

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

For I acknowledge my offense,
and my sin is before me always:
"Against you only have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight."

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Give me back the joy of your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.
O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Reading 2

Rom 5:12-19

Brothers and sisters:

Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned. For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one,

how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression

condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.

Verse Before the Gospel

Mt 4:4b

**One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.**

Gospel

Mt 4:1-11

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply,

"It is written: One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you,

lest you dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus answered him, "Again it is written,
You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test."

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence,

and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written:

The Lord, your God, shall you worship

and him alone shall you serve." Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

1st Sunday of Lent

News from The Wheel House

Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God, For he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting in punishment”. (Joel 2/13)

Dear parish family,

May the God of love and compassion bless you and your family. Last weekend on Saturday after the vigil Mass as per the plan we had the “Volunteers Appreciation Party”. It was full of fun and joy. Without any exception everybody had a good time. Though we couldn’t have all the volunteers of St. Anthony’s at the party yet we had a good turnout. Mr. Allen La Bella as usual did an exceptional and remarkable job as DJ. He made everybody to get on the floor to dance. You know, though I am not good at dancing, me too got on the floor to dance. O what a fun! to see everybody dancing and enjoying the Music. The food was delicious and terrific. We had the food from A La Carte Catering by Mr. James Digianvittorio. The way he had set up the table with all the catering techniques of coming up with the food and vegetable arts was superb. Hereby I want to thank our parish business manger Ms. Maryann Giorgio, Ms. Linda Torregrossa, Mr. Michael Auciello, Mr. Allen La Bella, Mr. James Digianvittorio and all those who put together the things and made the party a successful one. We did that party to show our appreciation from the church to all the volunteers for what they are doing to the church and our faith community selflessly round the year not looking for any return. God bless them all!

“Repent and Believe in the Gospel”: I hope you all remember this caption, “Repent and Believe in the Gospel” that we heard at the church when we received the ashes on our forehead on Ash Wednesday. We all know that with the Ash Wednesday we have entered into a beautiful and powerful season of Lent. Lent is primarily the time of intense spiritual preparation for conquering our temptations, using the means Jesus used during his forty days of preparation in the desert for his public life. It is also the time for repenting of our sins and renewing our lives for the celebration of Easter with our Risen Lord who conquered sin and death by his suffering, death and Resurrection. The liturgical readings of this “First Sunday of Lent” teach us that we are always tempted by the devil, by the world, and by our own selfish interests. So, we need to cooperate actively with God’s grace to conquer our temptations and practice prayer, self-control, and charity.

Today’s Gospel especially teaches us how the “desert experience” of fasting, praying, and soul-strengthening enabled Jesus to confront his temptations successfully and then to preach the Good News of salvation. The tempter urges Jesus to turn stones into loaves of bread. But Jesus rejects that temptation to mistrust His Father by satisfying his own immediate, temporal needs — thus reducing His Divine mission to self-satisfaction!

The tempter then suggests that Jesus prove that he is really the Son of God by jumping off the parapet of the Temple. Jesus rejects this as a temptation to act as God’s superior and demand He prove His Trustworthness! Finally, Jesus rejects the temptation to idolatry, even if worshipping Satan would enrich and empower Jesus with all kingdoms of the world.

We are to confront and conquer temptations as Jesus did, using the means he employed. Every one of us is tempted to seek sinful pleasures, easy wealth, and a position of authority, power, and glory, and to use any means, even unjust or sinful ones, to gain these things. Jesus serves as a model for us in conquering temptations by strengthening himself through prayer, penance, and the effective use of the Word of God. Hence, during this Lent, let us confront our evil tendencies with prayer especially by participating in the Holy Mass which is the highest form of prayer, with penance, and with meditative reading of the Bible.

Let us not waste away this Lent, a special time of grace, with some peripheral and external foregoing like giving up the sweets and meat but do everything as a true believer to implement the gospel values like turning away from sinful ways and live a good and holy life. Please remember here the above quote from the book of prophet Joel, “Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting in punishment”. Working on the call of the Ash Wednesday let us return to our Lord renewed in Christ that we may have the worthy celebration of Easter 2023!

Reminder about the Black Book: I hope that you are all using and enjoying the Lenten Tool – Black Book that you received from our church to shape yourselves of God’s own in this season of Lent. If you have been using it, kindly keep it going that you may have fruitful Lent and wonderful Easter 2023, if not, I strongly encourage you to start it today that you may not lose the blessings of this season.

Big Thanks: As you know, last weekend we had a special collection for the relief of the victims of the Syria and Turkey earthquakes. We collected \$2500.00 for that great cause to show our care for them. I sincerely thank and appreciate your generosity and care.

Catholic Appeal 2023: Every year we support all the central ministries done by our Archdiocese of Boston through the Catholic Appeal fundraising. Last year we reached our goal and got the appreciation and thanking letter from the archdiocese. This year also those central ministries need our support. This year the goal that has been set for our parish is \$ 29,000.00. Next weekend you will hear more about it from me. Kindly be generous and support it. 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!

Happy & Blessed Lent!
Your Administrator, Fr. Xavier