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March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent

*And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up. –John 3:14*

Office Hours:

St. Anthony

Tuesday • Thursday • Friday
10 am – 1 pm

St. Margaret

Tues & Thurs 9am-Noon
Friday 8am-Noon

Anointing of the Sick:

Emergencies only.
Please contact 414-748-7773 and leave a message.

Reconciliation:

½ hour before mass

Adoration:

1 hour before weekday masses

No reconciliation/adoration before Tues and Wed a.m. masses at St. Anthony.

Church open for silent prayer at St. Anthony
Tues-Wed 8:00am-5:00 pm
Thursday 10:00am-5:00pm

Weekend Masses:

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. @ St. Margaret
Sunday - 9:00 a.m. @ St. Anthony
Sunday - 11:30 a.m. @ Sacred Heart

Weekday Masses:

Monday – no masses
Tuesday – 7:30 am & 5:30pm @ St Anthony
Wednesday – 7:30 am & 5:30 pm @ St. Anthony
Thursday – 10:00 Maryhill
Thursday – 5:30 pm @ St. Anthony
Friday – 9:00 am @ St. Margaret
1st Saturday – 10:00 am @ St. Anthony

Mon. Mar 15	Tues. Mar 16	Wed. Mar 17	Thurs. Mar 18	Fri. Mar 19	Sat. Mar 20	Sun. Mar 21
		St. Patrick	St. Cyril of Jerusalem	Solemnity of St. Joseph		
Isa 65:17-21; Ps 30:1-13; John 4:43-54	Ezek 47:1-12; Ps 46:1-9; John 5:1-16	Isa 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-18; John 5:17-30	Exod 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; John 5:31-47	2 Sam 7:4-16; Ps 89:1-29; Rom 4:13-22; Matt 1:16-24	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:1-12; John 7:40-53	Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-15; Heb 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

Staff

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Sacramental Preparations

Baptism, Confirmation & 1st Eucharist: Please contact office.

Marriage: Please call at least 6 months before desired date

Holy Orders: Call Fr. Mark Mleziva or Dcn Peter Gard at Diocese.

PRAYER IS POWERFUL

Please pray for those in need of prayer.

Jase Suther, Earl Scheidt, Charles & family, Mike Michaud, Kim Geib, Dave Schultz, Kadyance M. Gilbert, June Anderson, Dennis Schiefelbein, , Nick DalSanto, Mary Stewart, Cheri Sweig, Blake Fleury, Boots Mills, Jerry Worman, Mark Endres, John Geib, Jeff, Peter N., Bob Hurzeler, Lucinda Simone, Sandy Lesperance, Diane Rock, Baby Nevaeh, Bev Dragosh, David Rock Sr., Geri Scheidt , Jeremy and Paula Conery, Dave Holmes, Nathan Glime & family, Elias Zarate, Bob Wollenberg, Riley Lestrud, Diane Firkell, Elijah, Duke family, Neil Anderson, Christopher Schoon, Mark Gunville, Joe Panis, Jenna Erno, Dan Wetzal, Jean Zychowski, Jeanette Rice, Eric Frantz, David Kinsella

Asst. Living: Dorothy Richards – Maryhill

Those at home/Recovering: Carol Shier, Sandra Pluskota



Please keep our soldiers in your

prayers: AJ Sonnenberg, Adam Valeski, Sarah Mills, David Phillips, Emily Phillips,

Tony Wodenka, Sam Dorn, Drew Schiefelbein, Benjamin Oratch

Prayer Requests

Phone Tree: Rose Bousley 715-251-3249.

E-mail Tree: office.stanthonyniagara@gmail.com

CANDLE INTENTIONS

St. Anthony Altar – available for intentions
Sacred Heart – Gavin Johnston



Mass Intentions

St. Anthony

Tues, Mar 16 – Jacob Brunclik(am); Rodger Phillips(pm)

Wed, Mar 17 - James Degenhardt(am); Cindy Pilon(pm)

Thurs, Mar 18 – Lisa Nelson(pm)

Sunday, Mar 21– For the People

Sacred Heart

Sunday, Mar 21 – Lindsey Valeski & Doug DeWitt

St. Margaret

Fri, Mar 19 – Bob Fusco family

Saturday, Mar 20– Harriet Beffa

Ministry Schedule Mar 20/21

St. Margaret

Sacristan – Mary Lou Neumann

Lector – Jerry Neumann

Servers – Ed Nowland

Ushers – Gerard Kwasny

St. Anthony

Check email for New Schedules

Sacristan – Mike Michaud

Lector – Patti Sparapani

EME – Jim Hoogland

Ushers – Jim & Linda Hoogland

GROUP MINISTRIES

Karen's Pantry ** NEW NUMBER 906-239-4662 **

Prayer Shawl Ministry – March 17th at 10:00am. Meets in 220 Room at Parish Center. All are welcome to join.

SACCW - TBA

SVdP – Spiritual Meeting every 1st Friday of the month at 9:00am mass at St. Margaret. Monthly meeting every 3rd Monday of the month at 3:00pm at St. Anthony. SVdP President Jim Crandall 715-324-5394

Knights of Columbus – TBA

St. Anthony Pastoral Council – TBA

Tri-Parish Finance Mtg – TBA

St. Margaret Christian Women – TBA

St. Anthony FINANCES

COLLECTIONS Weekend Mar 7
Bishops Appeal Goal \$13,178
Collected: \$3,570

Average Weekly Expenses per
Budget \$(2,761.06)

Regular	1,026.00
Reg. On-Line	2,150.00
Loose & Child	144.00
Candles	50.65
Fundraisers	96.00
Mass Stipends	80.00
Hall Rental	1.00
Heat & Maint	180.00

Weekly Income \$3,827.65

Net \$ 1,066.59

Funds Held for others:

St. Margaret's-Online \$20

Karen's Pantry \$50

SVdP \$25

Bishops Appeal \$250

Trustees: *Becky Aderman & Bill Moreau*

LENTEN PRAYER TIMES

St. Anthony - Every Friday of Lent 3:00-11pm. Divine Mercy, Stations of the Cross, rosary, etc. Please see schedule posted in Narthex and on Facebook.
Confessions at 6:00pm

St. Margaret – Every Tuesday of Lent, 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

St. Margaret FINANCES

Bishops Appeal Goal \$4,290
Collected: \$3,760

COLLECTIONS Deposit Mar 9

Regular	905.00
Visitor	32.00
Candles	7.00
<u>Weekly Income</u>	\$ 944.00

Funds Held for others:

Karen's Pantry 15.00

Subtotal \$ 15.00

Net \$ 959.00

Trustees: *Andy VandenBush & James Crandall*



Your accumulated offences do not surpass the multitude of God's mercies: your wounds do not surpass the great Physician's skill.

~ St. Cyril of Jerusalem

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS WITH THE CHURCH FATHERS

March 14, 2021 - John 3:14-21

THEOPHYLACT. (in loc.)

See then the aptness of the figure. The figure of the serpent has the appearance of the beast, but not its poison: in the same way Christ came in the likeness of sinful flesh, being free from sin. By Christ's being lifted up, understand His being suspended on high, by which suspension He sanctified the air, even as He had sanctified the earth by walking upon it. Herein too is typified the glory of Christ: for the height of the cross was made His glory: for in that He submitted to be judged, He judged the prince of this world; for Adam died justly, because he sinned; our Lord unjustly, because He did no sin. So He overcame him, who delivered Him over to death, and thus delivered Adam from death. And in this the devil found himself vanquished, that he could not upon the cross torment our Lord into hating His murderers: but only made Him love and pray for them the more. In this way the cross of Christ was made His lifting up, and glory.

Thomas Aquinas. (1845). *Catena Aurea: Commentary on the Four Gospels, Collected out of the Works of the Fathers: St. John.* (J. H. Newman, Ed.) (Vol. 4, p. 114). Oxford: John Henry Parker.

THE WORLD'S POOR

"At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in." - Mother Teresa

We spend a great deal of time pursuing our hopes and dreams. There is nothing wrong with this. But, we must remember that God does not value the things of the world. He values love. Let us each ask ourselves, "How do we help the least of God's people? Do I give food and shelter to the hungry and homeless (either directly or through financial support)?"



St. Joseph

Despite his humble work and means, Joseph came from a royal lineage. Luke and Matthew disagree some about the details of Joseph's genealogy but they both mark his descent from David, the greatest king of Israel (Matthew 1:1-16 and Luke 3:23-38). Indeed the angel who first tells Joseph about Jesus greets him as "son of David," a royal title used also for Jesus.

When the angel came again to tell him that his family was in danger, he immediately left everything he owned, all his family and friends, and fled to a strange country with his young wife and the baby. He waited in Egypt without question until the angel told him it was safe to go back (Matthew 2:13-23).

We know Joseph loved Jesus. His one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. Not only did he leave his home to protect Jesus, but upon his return settled in the obscure town of Nazareth out of fear for his life. When Jesus stayed in the Temple we are told Joseph (along with Mary) searched with great anxiety for three days for him (Luke 2:48). We also know that Joseph treated Jesus as his own son for over and over the people of Nazareth say of Jesus, "Is this not the son of Joseph?" (Luke 4:22)

Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public life, at his death, or resurrection, many historians believe Joseph probably had died before Jesus entered public ministry. Joseph is the patron saint of the dying because, assuming he died before Jesus' public life, he died with Jesus and Mary close to him, the way we all would like to leave this earth.

Joseph is also patron saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers (pregnant women), travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers, and working people in general.

(excerpt from Catholic.org)



Prayer to St. Joseph

*Blessed Joseph, husband of Mary,
be with us this day.
You protected and cherished the Virgin;
loving the Child Jesus as your Son,
you rescued Him from the danger of death.
Defend the Church,
the household of God,
purchased by the Blood of Christ.*

*Guardian of the Holy Family,
be with us in our trials.
May your prayers obtain for us
the strength to flee from error
and wrestle with the powers of corruption
so that in life we may grow in holiness
and in death rejoice in the crown of victory.*



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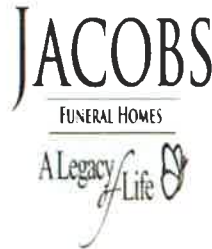
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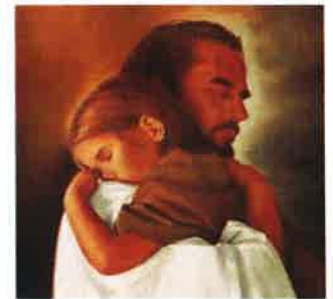
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