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St. Anthony's Parish is a Catholic Faith community rich in cultural diversity with a strong flavor of identity. Our mission is to foster a strong spiritual growth of life and faith in our families, community and society by sharing the gift of our time, treasures and talents. We hope to do this with a Spirit of Christian generosity that brings us closer to the blessing of unity, peace and reconciliation. Like St. Anthony called to love and to serve - we try our best in following Christ on the road of this world using God-given gifts for his glory and for the good of our brothers and sisters.

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## **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**February 18, 2024**

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

The challenge for this Lent Season that is put to us not just this week but every time we gather to celebrate is to believe the good news. During Lent, we are being challenged to hear and believe that we have become children of God through baptism and that God says to each of us: 'You are my beloved.' It is hard to accept this, and many voices try to convince us that it is not the truth. So Lent is a wonderful opportunity to rediscover our worth and the wonder of coming to life in Christ. Let that be the focus of all we undertake during this journey of Lent.

## **I DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA**

La sfida per questa stagione di Quaresima, che ci viene posta non solo questa settimana ma ogni volta che ci riuniamo per celebrare, è quella di credere alla buona notizia. Durante la Quaresima, ci viene chiesto di ascoltare e credere che siamo diventati figli di Dio attraverso il battesimo e che Dio dice a ciascuno di noi: "Tu sei il mio amato". È difficile accettarlo e molte voci cercano di convincerci che non è la verità. La Quaresima è quindi un'opportunità meravigliosa per riscoprire il nostro valore e la meraviglia di venire alla vita in Cristo. Facciamo in modo che questo sia il fulcro di tutto ciò che intraprendiamo in questo cammino di Quaresima.



<b>Parish Office Hours:</b> Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30am-12 noon 1:00pm- 4:30pm For Daily & Weekend Mass Intentions see inside
<b>SATURDAY:</b> 5:00 PM (English) <b>SUNDAY:</b> 9:00 AM (Italian - English) & 11:00 AM (English)

**Registration:**

Parish Census Forms at Church entrance or call the Office.

**Baptism:**

Parish Membership & Baptism class required. Please contact the Office.

**Marriage:**

Parish Membership & Preparation required. Call Office 6 months in advance.

**Reconciliation - Confession:**

Saturday 4:00pm & 30 min. before each Mass or on request.

**Anointing of the sick:**

Every First Friday of the Month during the Mass & on request.

**Church & Hall at one level:**

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### Lent: time to train ourselves.

Stage I of Lent leads us into the desert. Mark's very concise Gospel passage consists of two parts: the account of Jesus' temptations and the proclamation of the kingdom of God. Jesus is thrust into the desert by the same Spirit that descended upon him at the baptism in the Jordan. In the desert, he undergoes the temptations of Satan, whose purpose is to divide and separate from others, especially from God. The temptations, that Jesus faces at the beginning of his mission (not described by Mark), are indicative of all the difficulties that will mark his life. Jesus is ready for a mission and proclaims the kingdom of God. He begins from Galilee, a difficult place where different religious realities coexist. Fortified by the desert experience, Jesus does not desist in the face of any mission difficulty. Every Christian, to overcome temptations, like Jesus, is called to live Lent as an opportunity to train himself to face the difficulties of life, trusting God and his word.

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**LENTEN RETREAT** with Fr. Terry Sawchuk on Monday, March 4th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at St. Andrew's Church Baxter Hall. The theme for the retreat is "The Way of the Cross; 14 Principles for Personal Growth." All are welcome but seating is limited, so please call the Parish Office 807-345-5202 to register. Please bring a non-perishable food donation in support of the Dew Drop Inn soup kitchen.

**ITALIAN SOCIETY OF P.A. SPAGHETTI TAKE-OUT:** February 25th, from 12:00noon—5:00pm

### **COLUMBUS CENTRE UPCOMING EVENTS:** **SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL TAKE OUTS:**

Feb. 22, March 7, 21, April 4, 18, May 2, 16, 30  
**CORNEBEEF TAKE OUT:** Thurs., March 14, preorder by Wed., March 13. \$22.00  
For more information call the Columbus Centre: 807-623-3252

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:** The theme for this year is "Reaping our Rights". Learn more about this important program and donate at [www.devp.com](http://www.devp.com)



### **FAMILY DAY:**

Monday, February 19.  
The office will be closed. Have a safe & relaxing Family Day.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** every Friday during Lent after Mass (English & Italian)

### **FIRST COMMUNION:**

**Reconciliation Classes** (in hall, during 11:00am Mass): Sunday, April 7 & Sunday, April 14

**Prayer Service:** Sunday, April 21 at 2:00pm

**First Communion Classes:** Sundays, Apr. 28, May 5 & May 26 (in hall, during 11:00am Mass)

**FIRST COMMUNION DAY:** Saturday, June 1st at 2:00pm & 5:00pm.

**CONFIRMATION 2024:** A special Confirmation ceremony for registered Candidates of Bishop E.Q. Jennings & Bishop Gallagher will be held on Fri., May 3rd at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

**YOUTH CHOIR:** Anyone ages 10+ are welcome to join. Next Youth Choir Practices are: Feb. 18th & March 17th after the 11:00am Mass. Please contact Cassandra Colistro (807-632-4499) or Shea Niemi ([sciemi@lakeheadu.ca](mailto:sciemi@lakeheadu.ca)) for further information. Thank you

**YOUTH GROUP:** The next youth meeting will be February 25th from 7:00pm-8:30pm. We will be enjoying a pancake dinner for a late Shrove Tuesday. Please RSVP to [cccolist@lakeheadu.ca](mailto:cccolist@lakeheadu.ca). All Youth grade 7 & up are welcome. Bring your friends.

**C.W.L. NEWS: 2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES:** may be paid for at the office. (\$35.00)

**WARM ARTICLES:** CWL collecting NEW warm articles (hats, mitts, neck warmers, scarves & socks. All sized appreciated. Collection box is located in church lobby.

**C.W.L.MEETING:** There is no meeting in February but the **next General Meeting is March 5, 2024** with a speaker from the Alzheimer Society.

### **VALENTINE'S FUNDRAISER FOR CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN:**

Thank you to all who purchased chocolates for this special fundraiser. Total funds raised over the two weekends was \$3,012.00. All proceeds will go to Children Helping Children.

### **SUNDAY COLLECTION:**


\$2,600.00

Thank you Parishioners & visiting friends for your continued generosity & support. God Bless!


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**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**February 19—25, 2024**

**Monday, February 19**  
All Parishioners  
John Mauracher  
Tony Rucchetto

**Tuesday, February 20**  
Beatriz Cacciatore  
Maria & Angelo Barfi & Carlo Iorio  
Giulia & Giuseppe Roccatani  
Chris & Debbie Hacio  
Giulio Scocchia

**Wednesday, February 21**  
Giuseppe Garro

**Thursday, February 22**  
Luigi Fragale

**Friday, February 23**  
Pina Ferrari  
Maria Pia Maccadanza  
Vincenzo & Angela Clasadonte

**Saturday, February 24**  
**5:00pm**  
Angelo & Livia Nardari & Kerry Murphy  
Vincenzo Romeo & Deceased Bruzzese & Angela Sgromo Currado  
Umberto Pascuzzo & Peter Pascuzzo  
Costanza, Domenico & Eva Sacchetti

**Sunday, February 25 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**9:00am Mass**  
Eva Sacchetti  
Carina Nelli  
Bruno DeStefano  
Carmine & Antonietta DeGrazia  
Santo & Rachele Costanzo  
Michele Costanzo

**11:00am Mass**  
Nazzareno & Marietta Larizza  
Marisa Mancuso  
Natalina Quinn & Deceased Sacchetti & Bobby Carvalho, Jose & Anna Rodriguez  
Antonio Arruda  
Caterina Paola Ruberto & Giovanni Ruberto

**9:00am English**  
Pastor  
wife Maria  
Julie & Family

**7:00pm Italian**  
Family  
S. & F. Roccatani  
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Family

**7:00pm English**  
M. Fragale

**7:00pm Italian**  
E. Sacchetti

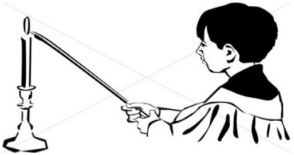
**7:00pm English**  
M. & U. Larizza  
Remo  
Son

Family  
Romeo Family  
D. & M. Albanese & Fam.  
Family  
E. Sanzo

Family  
M. & S. Frattaroli  
Family  
Dina  
Wife  
Family

† *Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Amalia Gigliotti & Rita Fabiano who recently passed away.*

*Our 11:00am Mass can be viewed by live stream  
with the link being found on the church website:  
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