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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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## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**March 19, 2023**

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.*

The blind man in today's gospel stands for all humanity. "Born totally in sin" he is made a new creation by the saving power of Christ. As God fashioned the first man from the clay of the earth, Jesus gives the blind man new life by anointing his eyes with clay. As God breathed the spirit of life into the first man, the blind man is not healed until he washes in the waters of Siloam, a name that means "Sent." In the sacrament of Baptism Jesus has refreshed our souls. He has anointed our heads with the oil of Confirmation and spread the Eucharistic table before us. With the once-blind man, we enter His house to give God the praise, to renew and profess our faith: "I do believe!"



## **IV DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA**

Il cieco dalla nascita, insieme alla luce degli occhi, acquista anche la luce della fede: ha chiesto una luce e ne riceve due. Ognuno sceglie la luce della propria strada. Il cieco imbocca decisamente la strada verso la luce della fede ("l'uomo che si chiama Gesù mi ha guarito... è un profeta!... io credo, Signore, che sei il Figlio di Dio"). La buona notizia è che nel Regno di Dio sono invitati i ciechi e i poveri. La fede, molto prima di essere una conquista è un dono da accogliere. Per guarire il cieco Gesù usa fango e saliva, una strana medicina che ci ricorda il tempo della nostra creazione. È lo Spirito di Dio che ci dà luce e vita. Abbiamo bisogno di nuovi occhi di fede per vedere bene.

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

**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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## Let there be light ...

The "light" is one of the original symbols of Scripture. It proclaims God's salvation. It is not without reason that light was the first to be created to put an end to the darkness of chaos (Gen. 1:3-5). Here is the profession of faith of the author of the Psalms, "The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom shall I be afraid?" (Ps. 28:1). Therefore,



one should not be surprised if the Gospel of St. John refers the symbol of light to Jesus. Already its prologue says of the divine Word, the Logos: "In him was life, and the life was the light of men; the light shines in the darkness, but the darkness did not receive it" (Jn. 1:4-5). Light is that which illuminates the darkness, that which frees from the fear that darkness inspires, that which gives direction and enables one to recognize the goal and the way. Without light, there is no life. The account of the healing of the blind man is a "story of signs" characteristic of St. John. Jesus is "the light of the world", that he is the revelation in person and the salvation of God - offered to all.

**ABOUT DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:** D & P supports women in their search for social and economic justice.

**ITALIAN SOCIETY OF P.A.:** Spaghetti Take Out  
March 26 from 12-5pm

**COLUMBUS CENTRE: TAKE OUT THURSDAYS:**  
March 23 pickup 2:00-5:30pm

**MSGR. P. STILLA'S BIBLE STUDIES:**  
"Understanding Our Faith—The Miracle of Jesus in the Bible", March 23 at 7:00pm at the Diocese Pastoral Office. Space is limited.

**LENTEN RETREAT:** with Fr. Terry Sawchuk at St. Andrew's Church, March 27 & 28 from 7:00-8:00pm in Baxter Hall. Seating is limited, please call office to register 345-5202. There is no fee, a suggestion of bringing a non-perishable food item in support of the Dew Drop Inn soup kitchen.

**LADIES OF THE ITAL. SOC. OF P.A.:** **Cancer Tea** **scheduled** for **April 23** Lets make this Annual Cancer Tea a continued success.

**COMMUNION** for those physically unable to attend Mass due to poor health are welcome to contact the office to request to receive Holy Communion in their homes.

**SOLIDARITY SUNDAY:** On Sunday, March 26th we celebrate the 5th Sunday of Lent and Solidarity Sunday. This is the day when we have the special collection for Development and Peace, which is our major outreach as a Catholic church community to the people in the developing countries of the south. The theme this year is **CREAT HOPE—STAND FOR THE LAND.** Your generosity is appreciated.

**MINI LENTEN RETREAT:** at **St. Anthony's**, every Wednesday after our 7:00pm Mass. Video presentation: **"How To Pray For Your Sons, Daughters & Loved Ones"** with Vernon Robertson. Everyone Welcome!

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** During Lent, parishioners are invited to meditate on the Stations of the Cross every Friday following the 7:00pm Mass.

**2023 C.W.L. MEMBERSHIPS** may be paid at the office or to any executive member. **(\$35.00)** You may also use CWL envelopes available in our lobby for your 2023 Dues payment and deposit in our collection box at entrance of church.

**BEST YOUTH ON HILLS:** Meeting is rescheduled to Sunday, March 19 from 7pm-8pm in the church meeting room. We will have a brief discussion about Lent and enjoy a pancake dinner.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING:** Sunday, March 19 after the 9:00am Mass.

**GENERAL ABSOLUTION:** here at St. Anthony's on Saturday, March 25 at 5:00pm followed by Mass.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** **Sunday, June 11, 2023**

**Preparation for children:** April 16th, 23rd and 30th for in-person classes.. Please remember to attend Mass every Sunday as this is the best preparation for your child's Sacrament.

**CONFIRMATION:** Retreat will be Sat., April 29th starting at 1:00pm

**Confirmation will be Sat., May 6, 2023**

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:** For the time being, we will continue to use the Collection Box in the foyer for parishioners to deposit their envelopes when attending Mass. For those that do not have a personalized set of envelopes, there are donation envelopes available in the foyer. You may also request envelopes by contacting the parish office. You are also welcome to make donations online by visiting the parish website.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION:** **\$ 2,195.00**

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

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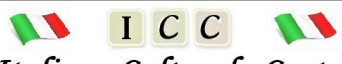
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## MASS INTENTIONS March 20 – 26, 2023

### Monday, March 20

All Parishioners  
Giulio Scocchia

### 9:00am English

Pastor  
Family

### Tuesday, March 21

Ron & Fay Allen

### 7:00pm Italian

N. Marson

### Wednesday, March 22

Luigi Fragale  
Fiore Coccimiglio  
Michele Turco

### 7:00pm English

C. & I. Tassone  
G. & F. Pucci  
Family

### Thursday, March 23

Pina Ferrari  
Marietta Larizza  
Antonietta DiGiuseppe  
Antonio Berti

### 7:00pm Italian

M. & R. Stefanile  
R. & E. Massei  
Family  
M. Berti & Family

### Friday, March 24

Marcello, Franca & Domenico Donato & Deceased Family Family  
Vincenzo Romeo & Deceased Bruzzese & Romeo Family  
Donato & Antonio DiGiacinto Family

### 7:00pm English

### Saturday, March 25

Bobby Carvalho, Jacinto, Jose Luis Jacinto Carvalho Dina  
Natalina Quinn & Deceased Sacchetti & D'Angelo Family  
Giuseppe Tassone Family  
Elio Bisignano Family  
Fortunato & Caterina Valela figlio Antonio  
Nicola Tucci Wife  
Bruna Rizzo J. & L. Tassone  
Giuseppina Brutto J. & L. Tassone  
Maria Rosa Tassone C. & R. Marino  
Emilia Francella Family  
Giovanna Chiarelli late E. Rucchetto  
Antonio & Francesca Stefanile M. & R. Stefanile

### 5:00pm English

### Sunday, March 26, 2023

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

#### 9:00am Mass

Angelo Nardari  
Carmine & Antonietta DeGrazia  
Mario Amendola  
Bruno Larizza  
Nella Badolato

Livia & Family  
P. & F. Bloskie & Mario D.  
M. & S. Frattaroli  
Family  
Family

#### 11:00am Mass

Defunti Filice  
Domenico Foresta  
Salvatore Sanzo  
Maria Adelina Pereira  
Gabriele Menei  
Marcel Nigro  
Giuseppe Bradizza  
Anna & Francesco Garofalo  
Antonietta & Gaspare Coccimiglio  
Raffaele Bonazza

Family  
M. Rucchin  
Eva & Family  
A. Arruda  
A. Menei & Family  
Lina  
Family  
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Wife

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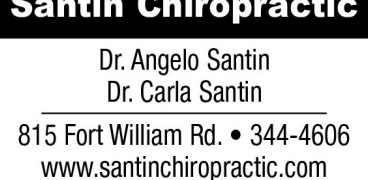
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