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# Church

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St. Anthony's Parish is a Catholic Faith Community rich in Cultural Diversity. Our Mission is to foster spiritual growth in our community by actively living our Faith throughout our daily lives. We do this through celebrating the Liturgy and following the example of Christ by serving others using our God—given gifts.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## March 9, 2025

## We do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Lent is a time for us to get back to basics, to replenish the soil in which our Christian faith grows. The word of God and, in a special way, the gospel today states that there is more to life than the satisfaction of our appetites and material things. In the desert, our Lord turned his back on all that stood in the way of doing his Father's will. Lent is a time for reflection, and prayer may help us to discover the presence and the will of God in our lives. Fasting and self -denial, backed up by alms-giving, keep us growing in friendship with God. Let us make this Lent a time for us to become better people. Our prayer should be, 'Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.'

#### I DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA

E' iniziato, con il mercoledì delle ceneri, il tempo forte della Quaresima. Siamo chiamati a mettere in atto le tre pratiche della pietà cristiana: il digiuno, la preghiera e le opere di carità fraterna. Siamo chiamati in questo periodo a vivere scelte di vita cristiana e a crescere nella fede in Cristo Gesù. Questi 40 giorni di deserto del nostro mondo gia' prefigurato e presente nel racconto dell'Esodo nella Bibbia ci aiutino a diventare persone migliori. Nel nostro viaggio della vita ci saranno sempre tentazioni e difficolta'. La Quaresima e' un tempo speciale per incontrare Dio, per purificare la nostra fede e per migliorare i nostri rapporti con gli altri.



Parish	Office Hours: Monda	y, Wednesday & Friday 8:30am-12 noo	n 1:00pm- 4:30pm
SATURDAY:	For Daily 8 5:00 PM (English)	Weekend Mass Intentions see insic SUNDAY: 9:00 AM (Italian - English)	

Registration:	Parish Census Forms at Church entrance or call the Office.
<u>Baptism:</u>	Parish Membership & Baptism class required. Please contact the Office.
<u>Marriage:</u>	Parish Membership & Preparation required. Call Office 6 months in advance.
<b>Reconciliation - Confession:</b>	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:	Wheelchair & Washroom Facilities available. Hall: (807) 768-9368

### With God all things are possible.

Lent opens with the account of Jesus' temptations. Placed at the threshold of his public ministry, they are in some ways the anticipation of the many contradictions that Jesus will have to undergo in his



itinerary. In them is revealed the authenticity of Christ's humanity, who, in complete solidarity with man, undergoes all the temptations through which the Enemy seeks to divert him from his complete submission to the Father. "Christ tempted by the devil! But in Christ it is you who are tempted" (St. Augustine). Christ inaugurates a path that is the itinerary of every human being. For every man, the sovereignty of his life is in a free recognition of his dependence on God. It is in obedience to God that man's freedom resides. With God all things are possible.

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LADIES OF ITALIAN SOC. OF P.A.: General Meeting on Monday, March 10th at 7:30pm.

<u>COLUMBUS CENTRE TAKE OUT:</u> March 20, Apr. 3 & 17, May 1 & 15, June 5 & 19

**LENTEN RETREAT:** with Fr. Terry Sawchuk, Mon., March 10th, from 6:30pm-8:00pm in Saunders Hall. Theme is "The Joy of Jubilee-Living a Holy Year." All are welcome. Please bring a non-perishable food item in support of Dew Drop Inn soup kitchen.

**ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL:** presents **School of Rock**, based on hit 2003 movie. May 5-10 with nightly shows at 7pm. Tickets \$25/ea. can be purchased at school main office between 8:30am-3:30pm. Proceeds in support of Underground Gym & Youth Centre. Nightly 50/50 raffles in support of St. Pat's Needs A Hat campaign for our Cathedral.

**ST. PADDY'S BRUNCH:** Sunday, March 16 from 10:30am-1:00pm at St. Andrew's Parish Saunders Hall. Cost is \$20 adults, \$15 Students & \$10 Children under 10 years. Meal includes: Finn Pancakes, sausage, quiche, corned beef, Irish potatoes, dessert, coffee & tea. Proceeds are in support of the parish's Boiler Replacement Project. All are welcome.

<u>9:00am MASS-MUSIC IN ITALIAN:</u> The hymns for March 16th 9:00am Mass will be sung in Italian. Benvenuti a tutti

**2025 CWL MEMBERSHIP**: \$35.00 may be paid for at the office, meetings or weekend masses.

**<u>CWL MEETING</u>**: Wednesday, April 2nd at 7:30pm. The theme is *REJOICE IN THE LORD*. April & July birthday girls will be acknowledged and desserts are always welcomed.

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:** "Turn Debt Into Hope" We respond to Pope Francis's call: "In the spirit of this Jubilee Year, I urge the international community to work towards forgiving foreign debt in recognition of the ecological debt existing between the North and the South of this world". Sign our petition at <u>devp.org/</u> <u>dept</u>. Thank you for your solidarity.

LIFE TEEN YOUTH MINISTRY: This program is designed to lead teens & their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus through prayer, worship & fellowship. Grades 9 to 12. <u>Our</u> <u>next meeting is Friday, March 21st</u> from 7:30pm-9:00pm

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: meeting, Sunday, March 16th following the 9:00am Mass

**2024 DONATION TAX RECEIPTS:** All tax receipts that have not been picked up this week, will be mailed soon. Thank you for your patience.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION:** \$ 1,995.00 Thank you Parishioners & visiting friends for your continued generosity & support. Donations can also be made online. Onetime or automatic monthly donations by credit card:





