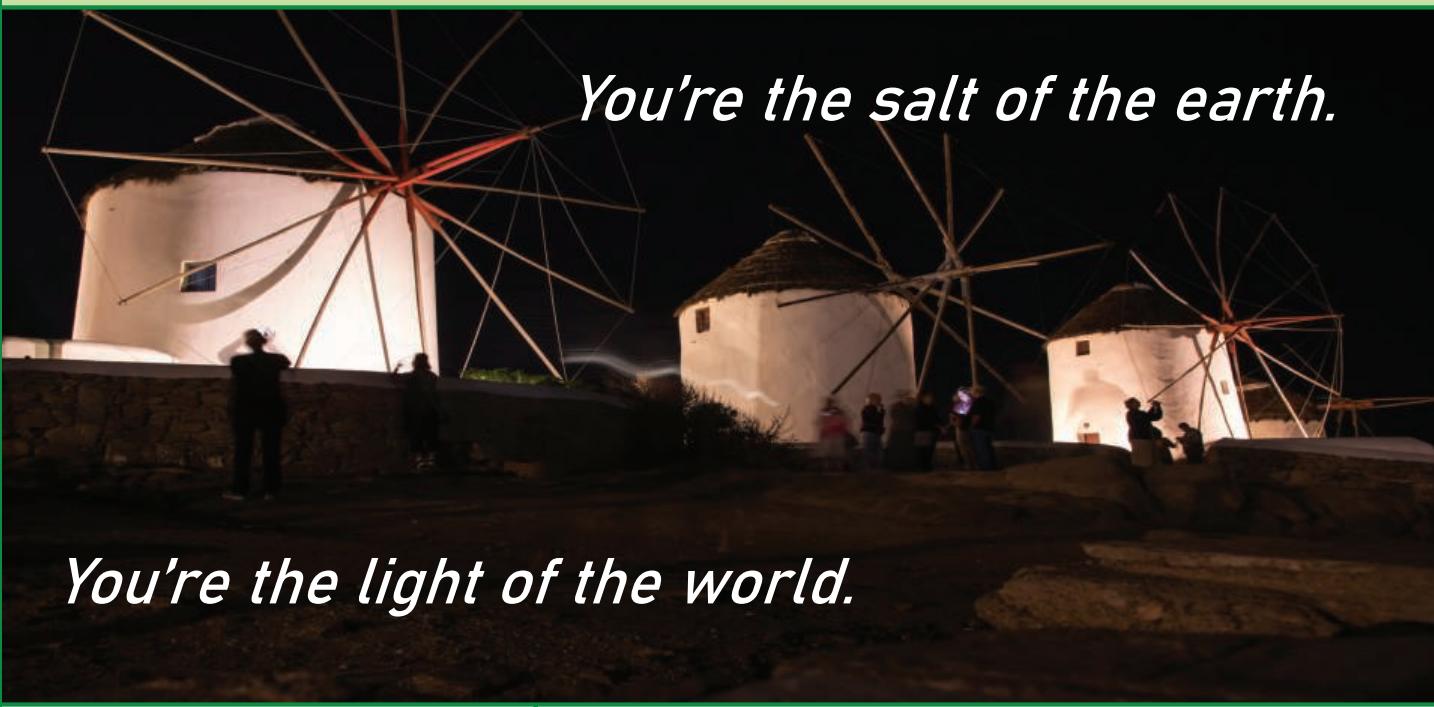


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Saturday

530PM (*Sunday Vigil Mass*)

Sunday

8AM, 1030AM & 12NN

Weekday

Monday—Thursday 7AM & 8AM

Friday & Saturday 8AM

Every **4th Sunday** at 5PM
Filipino Mass

SACRAMENTS

Confession

Saturday 4:30-5:15pm
and by appointment

Baptism

3rd Sunday of the month at 130pm, except Eastertime
Parents and sponsors must attend a baptismal preparation program held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 130pm in Ferraro Hall. Please arrange for baptism and the preparation program by calling the office as soon as possible.

Marriage

Arrangements should be made at least one year before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call 973-481-1991 to receive this sacrament. We will also gladly bring Holy Communion to the homebound upon request.



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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, February 4

5:30p Anthony Camuso by Carmen Fornarotto

SUNDAY, February 5

8:00a People of the Parish
10:30a Deceased Members-Castillo & Legaspi Families
by Linda & Fidel Legaspi
12:00n Marilu Navarro by Chit de la Rama

MONDAY, February 6

7:00a Corazon Montifar by Evangeline Doldi
8:00a JoAnn Nouri by Toni Marino

TUESDAY, February 7

7:00a Narding Miranda by Evangeline Doldi
8:00a Romualda Guirrie by Evangeline Doldi

WEDNESDAY, February 8

7:00a Aurora & Teresita Sychua (Healing) by Lulu Sychua
8:00a Virginia D'Anton by Valerie Lasky

THURSDAY, February 9

7:00a Roselina Chavez by Rose & Noli Chavez
8:00a Patrick Lasky & Mary Christie by Valerie Lasky

FRIDAY, February 10

8:00a Juana Mancia by Nelson Aguilar

SATURDAY, February 11

8:00a Abelardo Llave by Edeza Llave
5:30p Lourdes Sychua (Birthday) by Lulu Sychua

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

February 5 - February 11, 2023

The Altar Bread & Wine will be offered for the Intention of
Roselina Chavez

The Altar Candles will be offered for the Special Intention of
People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Lamp will be offered for the Intention of
People of the Parish

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lydia Salzano, Jean Giordano, Joseph Doria, Gerry Baltazar, Pedro Esguerra, Rosina Coppola, Vito Cifelli, Assunta Gencarelli, Edward McNulty, Jimmy Ragab, Laurmando Paleracio, Empson Venturi, Nida Andre, Joyce Risoli, Cynthia Magno, Boy Cagoco

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Collections - \$ 3,048.36
(January 29, 2023, including online)

Special Collection: Snow Removal- \$ 398.00

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERINGS! YOUR SUPPORT TO OUR PARISH IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED!

"God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7)

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PRAYER FOR HEALING TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES

O ever-Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy,
health of the sick, refuge of sinners,
comforter of the afflicted,
you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings;
look with mercy on me.

By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes,
you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary,
whence you dispense your favors;
and already many sufferers have obtained
the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal.

I come, therefore, with complete confidence
to implore your maternal intercession.

Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests.

(mention your petition)

Through gratitude for your favors, I will endeavor
to imitate your virtues, that I may one day
share your glory, and bless you in eternity. Amen.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

XXXI WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

11 February 2023

"Take care of him"

Compassion as a synodal exercise of healing

Dear brothers and sisters!

Illness is part of our human condition. Yet, if illness is experienced in isolation and abandonment, unaccompanied by care and compassion, it can become inhumane.

When we go on a journey with others, it is not unusual for someone to feel sick, to have to stop because of fatigue or of some mishap along the way. It is precisely in such moments that we see *how* we are walking together: whether we are truly companions on the journey, or merely individuals on the same path, looking after our own interests and leaving others to "make do". For this reason, on the thirty-first World Day of the Sick, as the whole Church journeys along the synodal path, I invite all of us to reflect on the fact that it is especially through the experience of vulnerability and illness that we can learn to walk together according to the style of God, which is closeness, compassion, and tenderness.

In the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel, the Lord speaks these words that represent one of the high points of God's Revelation: "I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God.. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak [...] I will feed them with justice" (34:15-16). Experiences of bewilderment, sickness, and weakness are part of the human journey. Far from excluding us from God's people, they bring us to the center of the Lord's attention, for he is our Father and does not want to lose even one of his children along the way. Let us learn from him, then, how to be a community that truly walks together, capable of resisting the throwaway culture.

The Encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* encourages us to read anew the parable of the Good Samaritan, which I chose in order to illustrate how we can move from the "dark clouds" of a closed world to "envisaging and engendering an open world" (*cf. No. 56*). There is a profound link between this parable of Jesus and the many ways in which fraternity is denied in today's world. In particular, the fact that the man, beaten and robbed, is *abandoned* on the side of the road represents the condition in which all too many of our brothers and sisters are left at a time when they most need help. It is no longer easy to distinguish the assaults on human life and dignity that arise from natural causes from those caused by injustice and violence. In fact, increasing levels of inequality and the prevailing interests of the few now affect every human environment to the extent that it is difficult to consider any experience as having solely "natural" causes. All suffering takes place in the context of a "culture" and its various contradictions.

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Monday, February 6

Pastoral Council Meeting

7:00 PM

Ferraro Hall

Tuesday, February 7

Annual Appeal Committee Meeting

7:00 PM

Ferraro Hall

Wednesday, February 8

A Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking is observed today.

Saturday, February 11

Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes

Pope John Paul II designated this day as **World Day of the Sick**. A special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church.

Sunday, February 12

World Marriage Day

This day is observed by the Catholic Church to highlight the promise of a marital union and the beauty of being a lawfully wedded couple under the eyes of Christ.



LET'S CELEBRATE MARDI GRAS 2023

Tuesday, February 21 @ 6:30 PM in Ferraro Hall

After the 6:00 PM Benediction

FUN, FOOD, MUSIC AND DANCING

Only \$30 per person (children 14 and under FREE)

RSVP by February 17 (event may be cancelled if less than 30 participants)



8th GRADE CCD SERVICE PROJECT

Donations for our 2023 CCD Service Project will be collected at Church or at the CCD Office on Sunday mornings. This year the 8th Graders will be accepting donations for Foster Pets. They would like pet food, toys, collars, leashes, blankets, towels, pet supplies etc. Thank you for your kind and generous cooperation to support our CCD students.

TRAVELING CHALICE



Today the Traveling Chalice will be received by the **ALLENDE Family** at the 10:30am Mass. Their family will be praying for vocations this week and present to the **AMISTOSO Family** next week. With these families, let us continue to pray for priestly & religious vocations in our parish! To participate in this program, please contact the Parish Office.

Sponsor A New Hymnal for St. Anthony of Padua

Hymnals Still Available!

Just in case you haven't purchased a hymnal in memory or in honor of a loved one, we have extra copies available. Your dedication will not only honor your loved one, but it will also help with the cost of these beautiful new hymnals for our Church.

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ANNUAL APPEAL 2023

The Annual Appeal will fund essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission in our four counties – namely to proclaim the gospel, to pass on the faith to future generations, particularly through the celebration of the sacraments, and to care for the poor and those on the margins.

Our parish goal this year is \$21,091

APRIL 23, SUNDAY AT 12NN MASS

INSTALLATION OF FATHER NOL AS PASTOR and CELEBRATION OF HIS 30TH PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARY

Reception will follow at

The Brookside Banquets

41 Broughton Ave., Bloomfield, NJ 07003

RSVP by March 23, 2023 at 973-481-1991 (parish office)

Contribution \$65pp

Tree of Life Leaf Memorials



Have you ever noticed our Tree of Life Memorial at the church entrance by the sacristy?

This special memorial tree was created for us by Sanford Werfel Studios and first introduced for our 100th Anniversary. Since then we have had a good amount sold. But, there are still some available leaves.

Based on the original price and procedure, each leaf would cost \$1,200 (which could be paid over a period of 12 months). Once payment is completed, we will send the leaf to the original artist to engrave it with your personal inscription.

Purchasing one of these memorial leaves would give your loved one or family a permanent remembrance at our church and, of course, help our parish in this time of need. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Pope's Message...

Here it is especially important to recognize the condition of loneliness and abandonment. This kind of cruelty can be overcome more easily than any other injustice, because – as the parable tells us – it only takes a moment of our attention, of being moved to compassion within us, in order to eliminate it. Two travellers, considered pious and religious, see the wounded man, yet fail to stop. The third passer-by, however, a Samaritan, a scorned foreigner, is moved with compassion and takes care of that stranger on the road, treating him as a brother. In doing so, without even thinking about it, he makes a difference, he makes the world more fraternal.

Brothers and sisters, we are rarely prepared for illness. Oftentimes, we fail even to admit that we are getting older. Our vulnerability frightens us and the pervasive culture of efficiency pushes us to sweep it under the carpet, leaving no room for our human frailty. In this way, when evil bursts onto the scene and wounds us, we are left stunned. Moreover, others might abandon us at such times. Or, in our own moments of weakness, we may feel that we should abandon others in order to avoid becoming a burden. This is how loneliness sets in, and we can become poisoned by a bitter sense of injustice, as if God himself had abandoned us. Indeed, we may find it hard to remain at peace with the Lord when our relationship with others and with ourselves is damaged. It is crucial, then, even in the midst of illness, that the whole Church measure herself against the Gospel example of the Good Samaritan, in order that she may become a true “field hospital”, for her mission is manifested in acts of care, particularly in the historical circumstances of our time. We are all fragile and vulnerable, and need that compassion which knows how to pause, approach, heal, and raise up. Thus, the plight of the sick is a call that cuts through indifference and slows the pace of those who go on their way as if they had no sisters and brothers.

The World Day of the Sick calls for prayer and closeness towards those who suffer. Yet it also aims to raise the awareness of God’s people, healthcare institutions and civil society with regard to a new way of moving forward together. The above-quoted prophecy of Ezekiel judges harshly the priorities of those who wield economic, cultural, and political power over others: “You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fatlings; but you do not feed the sheep. You have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound up the injured, you have not brought back the strayed, you have not sought the lost, but with force and harshness you have ruled them” (34:3-4). God’s word is always illuminating and timely; not only in what it denounces, but also in what it proposes. Indeed, the conclusion of the parable of the Good Samaritan suggests how the exercise of fraternity, which began as a face-to-face encounter, can be expanded into organized care. The elements of the inn, the innkeeper, the money and the promise to remain informed of the situation (*cf. Lk 10:34-35*) all point to the commitment of healthcare and social workers, family members and volunteers, through whom good stands up in the face of evil every day, in every part of the world.

These past years of the pandemic have increased our sense of gratitude for those who work each day in the fields of healthcare and research. Yet it is not enough to emerge from such an immense collective tragedy simply by honoring heroes. Covid-19 has strained the great networks of expertise and solidarity, and has exposed the structural limits of existing public welfare systems. Gratitude, then, needs to be matched by actively seeking, in every country, strategies and resources in order to guarantee each person’s fundamental right to basic and decent healthcare.

The Samaritan calls the innkeeper to “take care of him” (*Lk 10:35*). Jesus addresses the same call to each of us. He exhorts us to “go and do likewise” (*Lk 10:37*). As I noted in *Fratelli Tutti*, “The parable shows us how a community can be rebuilt by men and women who identify with the vulnerability of others, who reject the creation of a society of exclusion, and act instead as neighbors, lifting up and rehabilitating the fallen for the sake of the common good” (No. 67). Indeed, “we were created for a fulfilment that can only be found in love. We cannot be indifferent to suffering” (No. 68).

On 11 February 2023, let us turn our thoughts to the Shrine of Lourdes, a prophetic lesson entrusted to the Church for our modern times. It is not only what functions well or those who are productive that matter. Sick people, in fact, are at the center of God’s people, and the Church advances together with them as a sign of a humanity in which everyone is precious and no one should be discarded or left behind.

To the intercession of Mary, Health of the Sick, I entrust all of you who are ill; you who care for them in your families, or through your work, research and volunteer service; and those of you who are committed to weaving personal, ecclesial, and civic bonds of fraternity. To all, I impart my heartfelt blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 10 January 2023

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