

# Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart; for I am gracious and merciful. (Joel 2:12-13)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

This Sunday we begin the period known as Passiontide. We begin now to meditate more intently on the Lord's upcoming Passion, Death and Resurrection. Let us enter fully into the final weeks of the Lenten liturgy so that we may joyfully celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.

Here is our monthly report on our financial debts:

Elevator: Debt of \$150,000.00. This is what remains on our loan.

Foundation: Debt of \$26,300.00. Borrowed to pay off current bills.

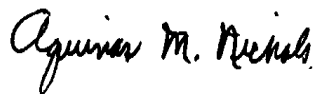
It is extremely important that we watch the weekly summary in the bulletin to meet our weekly obligations. Our bills have to be paid in a timely manner. Roughly \$15,000.00 a month must go to the schools and also to pay our insurance. The bulletin clearly states what is needed each week in order to stay current with everything. I thank you for your fiscal contributions. We are doing fairly well, all things considered. Let us remember that it is the responsibility of all of us to keep the parish financially sound.

Let us continue to go forth with faith and trust as we meet the daily challenges of this world, confident that the Lord is always with us.

There will be a second collection this weekend for our local St. Vincent de Paul Chapter. Please do what you can to help.

Come and join us for our remaining Friday Fish Fry Suppers, followed by the Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. This is an excellent way to meditate on the Lord's Passion during these final weeks of this holy season. May the Lord grant you many graces and blessings as we approach the great solemnity of Easter!

Devotedly in the Lord,



Pastor

**REMAINING ELEVATOR DEBT: \$150,00.00**

**DEBT TO FOUNDATION: \$26,300.00**

**REMAINING ADA DEBT for 2019: \$89,179.00**

**THANK YOU:** To my parish family for all the prayerful support at the time of my surgery and the month of recovery. I so appreciated the help with errands, meals and uplifting cards, especially when my daughter became so ill. Please continue to pray for her and now my mother in hospice care in New Mexico. Blessing to all of you. Melody Taninies, OFS

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE APRIL 6 TO APRIL 14

### TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

<b>SAT 06</b>	4:00PM +Donna Blaskovich 6:00PM Spanish Mass
<b>SUN 07</b>	8:30AM + Rev. Cletus Healy, S.J. 10:30AM Parish & Benefactors
<b>MON 08</b>	2:00PM +Mary, Joseph, & Don Hiatt
<b>TUE 09</b>	12:00PM +Phero Nguyen Hai Phong
<b>WED 10</b>	12:00PM +Lucille Molloy
<b>THU 11</b>	12:00PM +Andrew Rettinger
<b>FRI 12</b>	12:00PM +Mary Jean & Walter Gouger- Parents of Mary McManus
<b>SAT 13</b>	9:00AM Living/Deceased Members of Altar&Rosary and Basilica Seminarians
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(Vigil Mass)	
4:00PM +Travis Crouse	
<b>SUN 14</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b> 8:30AM +Kathryn Mauro 10:30AM Parish & Benefactors



THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN STREAMING ONLINE:  
[www.BasilicaofStJohn.org](http://www.BasilicaofStJohn.org) and click on the link...  
..... "LIVE TELECAST" tab

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Do you know someone who is in need of prayer? The Basilica Prayer Chain can help. To request prayers email Deacon Luke Tieskoetter at [tieskoetterluke3@gmail.com](mailto:tieskoetterluke3@gmail.com) or Terri at 321-2743 or [sinc2@aol.com](mailto:sinc2@aol.com).

### CATECHISM CORNER:

*Question: What can the consecrated life give to the mission of the church?*

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church. (Look for the answer in next weeks)





*The Basilica of St. John*  
*Fifth Sunday of Lent*  
*April 7, 2019*

Respect  
Life



**YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK**  
**APRIL 8 THRU APRIL 14**

MON 9:00AM Adoration Begins@  
 08 4:00PM Organ Practice##  
 5:30PM Finance Council Mtg.%  
 6:30PM RCIA\*\*  
 7:00PM 4th Degree KC Mtg+

TUE 8:00AM Organ Practice##  
 09 5:00PM Organ Practice+++  
 5:00PM H.S. Humanities\*\*  
 6:30PM Divine Mercy Study\*\*

WED 9:00AM Adoration Begins@  
 10 8:30AM Catholic School House\*\*  
 10:00AM Bible Study+  
 5:30PM Foundation Mtg%  
 6:15PM Religious Ed. +, \*\*  
 7:30PM St. Jude's Class

THU 8:00AM Organ Practice  
 11 10:00AM Catechesis Class\*\*  
 10:00AM Divine Mercy Study\*\*  
 10:30AM Organ Practice+++  
 5:45PM Choir Room in use+++  
 7:00PM Choir Practice+++

FRI 9:00AM Adoration Begins@  
 12 9:00AM HS Humanities\*\*  
 4:45PM Lenten Fish Fry until 6:45pm

SAT 8:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy##  
 13 9:45AM Altar & Rosary Mtg+  
 10:00AM Carmelite Mtg+  
 10:00AM Secular Franciscan Mtg.##

SUN 8:00AM Vietnamese Prayer Group+  
 14 12:00PM Pro Life Mtg+



**Daily Scripture Readings for the week of April 8, 2019:**

**Monday** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:12-20  
**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30  
**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42  
**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59  
**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42  
**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56  
**Sunday:** Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56

**LIFELINES: 127** research studies over **50** years, from **34** countries, confirm that **ABORTION** causes a huge increase in **PREMATURE BIRTHS** in future pregnancies, ranging from a **31% risk** to a **320% risk**. Premature births are a leading cause of **Cerebral Palsy**, and **infant death**. --*Journal of Reproductive Medicine (LifeNews.com, June 2015)*

**BASILICA FUNDRAISING AT THE I-CUBS CONCESSION STANDS:**

We all love the Basilica and want to help them out. One way we can do this is by volunteering for 2-3 shifts at the ballpark. We have chosen several game dates, most of which are considered "large crowd" nights, which means more sales and more earnings for us. The dates are April 26th, May 18th, June 7th, June 21st, June 23rd, July 5th, July 26th and August 10th (provide us with your 1st, 2nd & 3rd choices for the games). In addition to our earnings, each large stand earns 20 points. If we can earn 300 pts. this season, we will get an additional \$1000 for our church. All 16 yr. olds & older can sign up. So, come one, come all and let's get signed up for a fun time raising money for the Basilica. (My experience working there has been a very positive and enjoyable one.) We will have sign ups after Mass or text me, Mary at 515-975-2534 or Seth at 515-402-9480.

**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL:** There will be no school on **Monday, April 8**, due to a Diocesan Professional Development in-service day for our teachers.

**THE CAMINO WAY:** Have you ever wondered what it would be like to walk the Camino Way (Camino de Santiago)? Is it something that is on your "bucket list"? On April 13<sup>th</sup> Harry and Michelle Hillaker will be sharing their experiences of this once in a lifetime event. Come and find out what it takes to prepare and the adventures they had along the Camino Way. This event is sponsored by Altar & Rosary and will be in place of the monthly meeting starting at 9:50 a.m. with the Rosary. All are welcome, so please plan to attend April 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:50 a.m.

**DIOCESE AT LARGE**

**The Relics of Saint Pio** – better known as Padre Pio- will be available for viewing at St. Ambrose Cathedral, on Wednesday, May 8th, from 8:30 am to 4:30pm. A Mass in honor of Saint Pio will be celebrated at 5pm by Bishop Richard Pates. Please note: the relics will not be available for veneration after the Mass. The relics of Saint Pio include: Saint Pio's glove, Saint Pio's crusts of the wounds, cotton-gauze with Saint Pio's blood stains, a lock of Saint Pio's hair. Saint Pio's mantle, and Saint Pio's handkerchief soaked with his sweat hours before he died. The Saint Pio Foundation, which is sponsoring this event, will provide books and items related to Padre Pio in the Catholic Pastoral Center at 601 Grand Avenue, just south of the Cathedral. For more information, contact Nancy at 515-288-7411 x 201 and leave your name, message, and email address, for information to be forwarded to you.

**Bishop Drumm Garage Sale:** Thursdays, from May 2-September 27th, 8:30am-12:30pm at the Bishop Drumm Retirement Center garage, 5834 Winwood Drive. Donations will be accepted after April 16th. Items needed: household goods, children and adult clothing, furniture in good condition, toys, books. For questions please call Sue Jansen, 515-279-1843. Proceeds go to the needs of the Bishop Drumm Care Center.

