

WEEKLY BULLETIN - March 29, 2020

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

You are welcomed and loved by St Anthony Community. We are transformed through prayer, acts of love, forgiveness, service and stewardship.

MEET OUR PRIESTS

Pastor

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SACRA MENTS

Baptism & Confirmation:

1 month in advance with the Pastor

Donations:

Church & Priest: \$200

Matrimony:

Couples should make arrangements six months prior to the wedding date

Donations:

Church \$500 Priest : Free Will Reconciliation

One hour Before Thursday & Saturday Liturgies, or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the Rectory if a member of your family is ill, hospitalized, or unable to come to Church and would like to receive communion at home

Please refer to our website for more Sacrament Celebrations Guidelines

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

Daily Liturgies M&W: 9AM

Tue. & TH: 7 PM

Weekend Liturgies:

Saturday: 4 PM Vigil

Sunday Liturgies:

8:15 AM -Arabic 9:30 AM - English 11:30 AM - English& Arabic

Holy days of obligation:

Vigil Liturgy @ 7 PM

OFFICE HOURS

M-TH: 9 AM - 4PM **Friday:** 9 AM-2 PM

Saturdays: By Appointment

PARISH SECRETARY:

Pat McKeever:

rectry@stanthonylawrence.org

MEET OUR DEACONS

Deacon Nadim B. Daou Visiting Deacon Michael Charchaflian Sub-Deacon James T. Demers Sub-Deacon Antoine Nammour

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT-HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN

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Sat	Mar.28	4:00 PM	For: + Ida Thomas By Mr. & Mrs. Louis M. Lahoud Jr.		
Sun	Mar.29	8:15 AM	For: 1st Anniversary-Elias El Khoury By Claudine Raad and Family		
			For: + Afif Moussa By his wife Antoinette and Family		
		9:30 AM	For: + Antoinette, Daniel, & Michel Hachem By the Family		
		11:30 AM	For: + Anthony Pastore By His sister Teresa wife of Jamil Kamari and Family		
Mon	Mar. 30	9:00 AM	For: In Honor Elie and Samera Ata (Anniversary)		
Tue	Mar. 31	7:00 PM	For: +Souls in Purgatory, Larry, Dora maria By Dora Pereira		
Wed	April 1	9:00 AM	For: In Honor Antoine and Nada Asmar (Anniversary)		
Thu	April 2	7:00 PM	For: + Wadih, Jennifer & Tony Abourjeili By Jean Abourjeili and Family		
Fri	April 3	7:00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS		
			أحد ألشعانين PALM SUNDAY		
Sat	April 4	4:00 PM	For: + Ferris, Carpenter, Martin Family & Joseph Russo By Zakia Russo & Family		
Sun	April 5	8:15 AM	For: The Health, Protection and Safety of Our Parishioners		
		9:30 AM	For: The Health, Protection and Safety of Our Parishioners		
		11:30 AM	For: The Health, Protection and Safety of Our Parishioners		

A message from Saint Anthony's Parish Council.

On behalf of the Council we pray for everyone's safety and health. We are the liaison between the parishioners, church organizations, ministries and pastors. There are many ways for Saint Anthony's community to stay connected during these unsettled times. Live streaming of all the weekday and weekend liturgies works well. This can be done thru Facebook or a direct link to the internet. Here is the direct link: <u>LIVE Stream</u>. The ministries will be organizing ways to communicate within their membership via "goto meeting". More information will be forthcoming from your organizational lead.

"Where is God during this pandemic?" He is in our homes, hospitals, and with our first responders etc. providing them the strength to help those in need. We need to continue to pray and practice our faith and belief in God. During these unsettled and unprecedented times, it is more important than ever to embrace our faith rather than reject it because fear is what helps faith grow. God helps us work through that fear. Attending liturgies within our beautiful Church may be "cancelled", but we can never cancel God.

MONTHLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

Weekly Collection Needed	\$6,250.00
Monthly Operational Costs	\$25,260.25
Total Eparchial Dues	\$3,721.67
Total Maintenance & Utilities	\$ 6,278.58
SALARIES & INSURANCE	\$ 15,260.00



TREE OF LIFE

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES BY PUTTING THEIR NAMES ON TREE OF LIFE BRASS ALUMINUM PLAQUES SIZES:

1.5" X 3" = \$75 / 3"X 6" = \$150 / 4"X8" = \$250

Please submit your request either by

phone: 978.685.7233

E-mail: rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

FORMED Parish Code: N3CCNK Stanthonychurch.formed.org



<u>WELCOME</u>: Formed.org has been purchased by our parish for you, as a parishioner, to enjoy a multitude of media, at no cost to you! It includes movies, documentaries, books, audiobooks, podcasts, study materials, and so much more!

<u>WHAT IS IT?</u> Think of it like Netflix for Catholics. And there is a lot to see and hear! And best of all, there is no charge to you.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

SAINT ANTHONY'S Parish depends on donations from our parishioners and benefactors to live and expand our Mission, "Loving as Christ Loves, Serving as Christ Serves."

Your donations fund the many ministries and activities of the parish: Sunday and weekly Masses; faith formation for children, youth and adults; fellowship for our welcoming community; and outreach to those in need.

We deeply appreciate your important role within the Church, your integral part of St Anthony's Parish, and the giving of your special gifts of time, prayer, and monetary donations.

Together we glorify God in thanksgiving for the wonderful gifts we have been given.

STEP UP YOUR WEEKLY / MONTHLY / ANNUAL GIVING COMMITMENT

REGISTER FOR ONLINE DONATION: TO KEEP UP WITH OUR NEEDS AND, NOT TO FALL SHORT OF OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP GOAL.

Apply Online:

stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/

A Coronavirus Prayer

Loving God, Your desire is for our wholeness and well being.

We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world at this time.

We grieve precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened.

We ache for ourselves and our neighbors, standing before an uncertain future.

We pray: may love, not fear, go viral.

Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good.

Help us to practice social distancing and reveal to us new and creative ways to come together in spirit and in solidarity.

Call us to profound trust in your faithful presence, You, the God who does not abandon.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Religious Education

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Knights of Mary

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Maronite Youth: MYO

myo@stanthonylawrence.org

Publishing: Bulletin

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Choirs (English, Arabic & Syriac)

Daughter's of St. Anthony

Family of St. Sharbel

Kids Choir

Knights of the Altar

Maronite Young Adults

M-WINE

Bereavement Ministry

Cenacle of the Rosary

Cenacle of Divine Mercy

Sacristan (s)

Sunshine Committee

Women's Ministry

PARISH RESOURCES

AVAILABLE ONLINE

www.stanthonylawrence.org

Membership Registration

Under Welcome

Baptism & Confirmation:

Guidelines & Registration

Under Sacraments -Baptism

Sacrament of Marriage:

Guidelines, Foccus & Pre-Cana *Under Sacraments-Marriage*

Banquet Hall Guidelines:

Contract Form & Donations

Under Events

Burial Guidelines:

Charges, Fees & Lot Sales

Under Cemetery

CALENDAR & EVENTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Susan Veilleux ccd@stanthonylawrence.org

Hello Religious Ed families.

I hope this weeks update finds all of our families in Religious Ed well. During this difficult time, I urge you to continue to pray as a family. This week some grades received work from their Religious Ed teachers. We just wanted to keep our focus moving forward as all educational institutions are.

First Communion families. We will be sending updates as we receive them. At this time we are not making any date changes until we see if the ban is lifted after the upcoming quarantine period.

Continue to enjoy this time home as a family.

<u>Rice Bowls</u>: Our Religious Education program, along with 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States, will participate in a life changing Lenten journey with CRS rice bowls. **Bowls had been distributed Sunday, February 16, and will be collected back when**

Meetings & Events

bans are lifted.

The Religious Education Team

GOING LIVE:

https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/weekly-bulletin/

Facebook: St Anthony Lawrence

REGISTER BY ENTERING YOUR FULL NAME AND EMAIL ADDRESS

Live Stream of Liturgies, Rosary, Adoration and Stations of the Cross

- ⇒ SATURDAY 4:00 PM LITURGY
- ⇒ SUNDAY LITURGIES 8:15 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM LITURGIES
- ⇒ ROSARY PRAYERS- EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:30 PM
- ⇒ LITURGY AND ADORATION THURSDAY AT 7:00 PM
- ⇒ STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAY AT 7:00 PM

What Should I do if I Can't go to Mass?

Catholics are encouraged to make a 'spiritual communion'. St. John Paul II writes that "it is good to *cultivate in our hearts a constant desire for the sacrament of the Eucharist*. This was the origin of the practice of 'spiritual communion', which has happily been established in the Church for centuries and recommended by saints who were masters of the spiritual life.



Palm Sunday -Holy Week - Easter

Liturgical Celebrations for:

- ⇒ Palm Sunday
- ⇒ Holy week
- ⇒ Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday

will be updated very soon and you will be informed by text message, e-mail and social medias

M WINE PRAYER

In the name of God, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
AMEN

- May God of strength be with us, holding us strong and loving hands.
- May we be the sacrament of god's strength to those whose hands we hold, may the blessing of strength be with us .
- May God's tenderness shine through us to warm all who are hurt and sick delighting them with sunrise and sunset, enchanting our senses, filling our hearts, giving us whole-open eyes that we may see the splendor in both the humble and majestic.
- May we all together open the eyes and hands and hearts of the blind and deaf.
- We do need to thank you God for the challenges, the emotions, the struggle; For in all this, we grow closer to you, we see your light in our fear, we feel your strength!
- We'll always feel your spirit surrounding us in Safety.

GOD HAVE MERCY ON US!!!

The M-WINE ministry (Maronite Women In the New Evangelization)

MINISTRIES & SPIRITUALITIES



Easter Flowers—Donation Form



During the Easter season

Flowers will gracefully decorate our church and help bring us into a joyful spirit of Christ's Resurrection. If you would like to contribute money toward the purchase of flowers in memory or in honor of your loved ones complete the form below and return it to the Church Office with the contribution.

Contact Pat McKeever at the Parish Office with any further questions at 978.685.7233 or rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

Easter Flower dedication: (Please print, as the name/names will be listed in the Bulletin)

Contribution l Phone Numbe Email:	er:				
Cash	Check_	Amount: \$			
In Memory of (Deceased):					
In Honor of (L	iving):				

Ronald Rolheiser

LOVE IN THE TIME OF COVID 19

In 1985, Nobel Prize winning author, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, published a novel entitled, *Love in the Time of Cholera*. It tells a colorful story of how life can still be generative, despite an epidemic.

Well what's besetting our world right now is not cholera but the *coronavirus, Covid 19*. Nothing in my lifetime has ever affected the whole world as radically as this virus. Whole countries have shut down, virtually all schools and colleges have sent their students home and are offering classes online, we're discouraged from going out of our houses and from inviting others into them, and we've been asked not to touch each other and to practice "social distancing". Ordinary, normal, time has stopped. We're in a season that no generation, perhaps since the flu of 1918, has had to undergo. Furthermore, we don't foresee an end soon to this situation. No one, neither our government leaders nor our doctors, have an exit strategy. No one knows when this will end or how. Hence, like the inhabitants on *Noah's Arc*, we're locked in and don't know when the flood waters will recede and let us return to our normal lives.

How should we live in this extraordinary time? Well, I had a private tutorial on this some nine years ago. In the summer of 2011, I was diagnosed with colon cancer, underwent surgery for a resection, and then was subjected to twenty-four weeks of chemotherapy. Facing the uncertainty of what the chemotherapy would be doing to my body I was understandably scared. Moreover, twenty-four weeks is basically half a year and contemplating the length of time that I would be undergoing this "abnormal" season in my life, I was also impatient. I wanted this over with, quickly. So I faced it like I face most setbacks in my life, stoically, with the attitude: "I'll get through this! I'll endure it!"

I keep what might euphemistically be termed a journal, though it's really more a *Daybook* that simply chronicles what I do each day and who and what enters my life on a given day. Well, when I stoically began my first chemotherapy session I began checking off days in my journal: *Day one*, followed the next day by: *Day two*. I had done the math and knew that it would take 168 days to get through the twelve chemo sessions, spaced two weeks apart. It went on like this for the first seventy days or so, with me checking off a number each day, holding my life and my breath, everything on hold until I could finally write, *Day 168*.

Then one day, about half way through the twenty-four weeks, I had an awakening. I don't know what specifically triggered it, a grace from above, a gesture of friendship from someone, the feel of the sun on my body, the wonderful feel of a cold drink, perhaps all of these things, but I woke up, I woke up to the fact that I was putting my life on hold, that I wasn't really living but only enduring each day in order check it off and eventually reach that magical 168th day when I could start living again. I realized that I was wasting a season of my life. Moreover, I realized that what I was living through was sometimes rich precisely because of the impact of chemotherapy in my life. That realization remains one of the special graces in my life. My spirits lifted radically even as the chemotherapy continued to do the same brutal things to my body.

I began to welcome each day for its freshness, its richness, for what it brought into my life. I look back on that now and see those three last months (before day 168) as one of richest seasons of my life. I made some lifelong friends, I learned some lessons in patience that I still try to cling to, and, not least, I learned some long-overdue lessons in gratitude and appreciation, in not taking life, health, friendship, and work for granted. It was a special joy to return to a normal life after those 168 days of conscripted "sabbatical"; but those "sabbatical" days were special too, albeit in a very different way.

The coronavirus has put us all, in effect, on a conscripted sabbatical and it's subjecting those who have contracted it to their own type of chemotherapy. And the danger is that we will put our lives on hold as we go through this extraordinary time and will just endure rather than let ourselves be graced by what lies within this uninvited season.

Yes, there will be frustration and pain in living this through, but that's not incompatible with happiness. Paul Tournier, after he'd lost his wife, did some deep grieving but then integrated that grief into a new life in a way that allowed him to write: "I can truly say that I have a great grief and that I am a happy man." Words to ponder as we struggle with this coronavirus.

Coronavirus Dispensation and Prayers

Many people feel powerless in the face of this pandemic. We see in a devastating way how widely a virus spreads person to person. We have confidence that God allows the good that we do, our prayer and our actions, to make a positive impact on brothers and sisters. As Pope Francis encourages us, "Let us call upon him today, firmly rooted in prayer, for without prayer all our activity risks being fruitless and our message empty." (Evangelii Gaudium, no. 259)

What is a Dispensation from Mass?

A dispensation from the diocesan Bishop releases Catholics from fulfilling their Sunday obligation (Mass). Since public Liturgies are cancelled until further notice, the right thing to do is to stay home for your safety and the safety of others. Though there is a sadness for not being able to participate at Liturgy, one should not feel guilty for not going to Liturgy. You have a free conscience to stay home. Catholics are encouraged to offer up their sickness or pastoral care for the sake of those who are seriously ill and for those who have died.

How Do I Make a Spiritual Communion?

Below are recommendations for how to make a 'spiritual communion' when unable to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Liturgy. The recommendations can be adapted based upon personal and family needs.

Gather with others in your household and begin a time of prayer with the sign of the cross.

Take time to read and reflect upon the readings from Sunday Liturgies. You can find the readings at https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/weekly-bulletin/. Additionally, a weekly televised Sunday Liturgy is available to watch at St Anthony Facebook Page

Share prayer intentions quietly or aloud.

Pray the Lord's Prayer.

Pray one of the following prayers of spiritual communion (see below).

Close with the sign of the cross.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

During the time of communion, recite the following in place of receiving physical communion:

O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties. Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At this time I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, but I choose to live in union with him and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. I offer my day, my daily life, my joys and sorrows to you, for those around me, and for the whole world. Be with us O life-giving Triune God, for we know that nothing in this world has power over us. O Lover of all people, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Prayer to the Most Holy Redeemer (Anima Christi)

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, embolden me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within thy wounds hide me. Never permit me to be parted from you. From the evil Enemy defend me. In the hour of my death call me. and bid me come to thee, that with your saints I may praise thee for age upon age. Amen.

Farewell to the Altar

I leave you in peace, O holy Altar, and I hope to return to you in peace. May the offering I have received from you be for the forgiveness of my faults and the remission of my sins, that I may stand without shame or fear before the throne of Christ. I do not know if I shall be able to return to you again to offer another sacrifice. I leave you in peace.

EPISTLE READING - 2 CORINTHIANS 10:1-7

Brothers and sisters, I myself, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold towards you when I am away! I ask that when I am present I need not show boldness by daring to oppose those who think we are acting according to human standards. Indeed, we live as human beings, but we do not wage war according to human standards; for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ. We are ready to punish every disobedience when your obedience is complete. Look at what is before your eyes. If you are confident that you belong to Christ, remind yourself of this, that just as you belong to Christ, so also do we.

GOSPEL READING - Saint Mark 10,46-52.

They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

RIGHT & LEFT Sanctuary Lamps will burn: In Memory of Anthony Pastore

Offered by His Sister Teresa wife of Jamil Kamari and Family

AS WE PRAY ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

April 1: Iliana Bourouphael, Mary Francis, Danielle Garcia, Simon Kanaan, Gaby Maroun, Najla Purcell

April 2: Elham Azzi, Dany Karam, Barbara Kramer, Danny Maroun, Charles Nehme

April 3: Alyssa Hajj, Jeanette Merheb

April 4: Mitchel Alghoul, Celia Ephrem, Vivian Hunnfeld, Alexander Nazarro

April 5: Kimberly Azzi, Marie Haddad, Livia Kellan, Camryn Khoury, Monique Najjar, Leonard

Ramey, Carole Saad, Marisa Safi, Rita Touma

AS WE PRAY ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY

April 2: Asmar, Antoine & Nada

April 5: Ata, Elie & Samera

رسالة القدّيس بولس الثانية إلى أهل قورنتس 7-10,1

يا إخوِقِي، أَنَا بُولُسُ نَفْسِي أُنَاشِدُكُم بِوَدَاعَةِ المَسِيحِ وَحِلْمِهِ، أَنَا المُتَواضِعُ بَيْنَكُم عِنْدَمَا أَكُونَ جَريئًا، حَاضِرًا، والجَريءُ عَلَيْكُم عِنْدَما أَكُونُ غَائِبًا. وأَرْجُو أَلاَّ أُجْبَرَ عِنْدَ حُضُورِي أَنْ أَكُونَ جَريئًا، بِالثِّقَةِ الَّتِي لِي بِكُم، والَّتِي أَنْوِي أَنْ أَجْرُو بِهَا عَلَى الَّذِينَ يَحْسَبُونَ أَنَّنا نَسْلُكُ كَأْنَاسٍ جَسَدِيِّين. بِالثِّقَةِ الَّتِي لِي بِكُم، والَّتِي أَنْوِي أَنْ أَجْرُو بِهَا عَلَى الَّذِينَ يَحْسَبُونَ أَنَّنا نَسْلُكُ كَأْنَاسٍ جَسَدِيِّين. الْأَنَّ أَسْلِحَةَ جِهَادِنا لَيْسَتْ أَجَلَ، إِنَّنا نَحْيَا فِي الجَسَد، ولكِنَّنا لا نُحَارِبُ كَأْنَاسٍ جَسَدِيِّين؛ لأَنَّ أَسْلِحَةَ جِهَادِنا لَيْسَتْ جَسَدِيَّة، بَلْ هِيَ قَادِرَةٌ بِاللهِ عَلَى هَدْمِ الحُصُونِ المَنيعَة؛ فإنَّنا نَهْدِمُ الأَفْكَارَ الخَاطِئَة، وكُلَّ جُسَدِيَّة، بَلْ هِي قَادِرَةٌ بِاللهِ عَلَى هَدْمِ الحُصُونِ المَنيعَة؛ فإنَّنا نَهْدِمُ الأَفْكَارَ الخَاطِئَة، وكُلَّ شُمُوخٍ يَرْتَفِعُ ضِدَّ مَعْرِفَةِ ٱللهِ، ونَأْسُرُ كُلَّ فِكْرٍ لِطَاعَةِ المَسِيح. ونَحْنُ مُسْتَعِدُونَ أَنْ نُعَاقِبَ كُلُ عُصْيَان، مَتَى كَمُلَتْ طَاعَتُكُم إِنَّكُم تَحْكُمُونَ عَلَى المَظَاهِر! إِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ وَاثِقًا بِنَفْسِهِ أَنَّهُ كُمُ الْ فَلْسِهِ أَنَّهُ كُمُ وَلِلْكَ نَحْنُ أَيْضًا.

إنجيل القدّيس مرقس 52-10:46

بَيْنَمَا يَسُوعُ خَارِجٌ مِنْ أَرِيحا، هُوَ وتَلامِيذُهُ وجَمْعٌ غَفِير، كَانَ بَرْطِيمَا، أَي ٱبْنُ طِيمَا، وهُوَ شَحَّاذُ أَعْمَى، جَالِسًا عَلَى جَانِبِ الطَّريقِ. فلَمَّا سَمِعَ أَنَّهُ يَسُوعُ النَّاصِرِيّ، بَدَأَ يَصْرُخُ ويَقُول: »يَا آبْنَ دَاوُدَ ٱرْحَمْنِي! . «فَٱنْتَهَرَهُ أُنَاسٌ كَثِيرُونَ لِيَسْكُت، إِلاَّ أَنَّهُ كَانَ يَزْدَادُ صُرَاخًا: »يَا ٱبْنَ دَاوُدَ ٱرْحَمْنِي! . «فوقَف يَسُوعُ وقَال: »أَدْعُوه! . «فَدَعَوا الأَعْمَى قَائِلِين لَهُ: »ثِقْ وٱنْهَضْ! إِنَّهُ ٱرْحَمْنِي! . «فوقَف يَسُوعُ وقَال: »أَدْعُوه! . «فَدَعَوا الأَعْمَى قَائِلِين لَهُ: »ثِقْ وٱنْهَضْ! إِنَّهُ يَدُعُوك . «فطَرَحَ الأَعْمَى رِدَاءَهُ، ووَثَبَ وجَاءَ إلى يَسُوع. فقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوع: »مَاذَا تُرِيدُ أَنْ أَصْنَعَ لَكَ؟ . «قالَ لَهُ الأَعْمَى: »رَابُّونِي، أَنْ أُبْصِر! . «فقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوع: »إِذْهَبْ! إِيْمَانُكَ خَلَّصَكَ . « ولْلُوقْتِ عَادَ يُبْصِر. ورَاحَ يَتْبَعُ يَسُوعَ في الطَّرِيق.

Scholarship Application

Applications are now available for the **DCG Scholarships** for incoming CCHS Freshman, 2020-2021, school year. If you have been accepted into CCHS and you are a parishioner of Saint Anthony's, to download the scholarship application, please visit **www.dcgfoundation.com**.

Applications are due April 15th

To download your application, visit their website or contact Ken @ 508-633-0704

www.americanlebaneseawarenessassociation.org/scholarships/guidelines

Sections 1–6 must be completed in full, mailed and postmarked on or before March 1, 2020 and forwarded to ALAA, P. O. Box 2244, Methuen, MA





COMMUNICATION

GOING LIVE: LITURGIES AND DEVOTIONS

Dear St. Anthony Parishioners,

We are writing to provide Parish updates considering the latest safety measures implemented by MA Governor Charlie Baker across the state and the most recent directive received from our Shepherd, The Most Reverend Bishop Gregory J. Mansour. We want to ensure that we do not play a role in allowing this pandemic (Coronavirus) to spread further. Effective immediately:

All Ministries, Parish Events, Social Gatherings, Meetings (including Bible Studies) are cancelled.

The Clergy will continue to offer daily Divine Liturgy (as attendance is generally under 25 people)

Weekend Liturgies will be offered via <u>live-stream</u> —Parish Facebook at 4:00pm (English-Saturday), 8:15am (Arabic), 9:30am (English) and 11:30am (English/Arabic) via our Parish Facebook Page.

The church will be opened but attendance is limited to 25 people. The families requesting the Liturgy intentions are given priority.

For those watching live-stream, **Spiritual Communion** is recommended. <u>Please see below for the prayer to be recited in place of receiving physical communion.</u>

Please note that **our Bishop has granted dispensation** to all the Faithful, relieving them of attending to their Sunday Liturgy Obligation during this time (dispensation means that not attending Sunday Liturgy will not be considered a sin).

- On **Wednesdays**, at **6:30pm**, we will *live-stream* the recitation of the **Holy Rosary** and invite you all to pray with us from home.
- On Thursdays, following the Divine Liturgy until 9:00pm, we will <u>live-stream</u> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and invite you all to pray with us from home.
- On **Fridays, at 7:00pm**, we will *live-stream* **Stations of the Cross/Benediction of the Cross** and invite you to pray with us from home.
- The church will be opened daily from 9am-4pm for private prayer (entrance will be through the Chapel side-door).
- We encourage anyone who is feeling ill, exhibiting flu-like symptoms, or considered part of a vulnerable health population to **stay home** in consideration of their health and that of others.
- We encourage you to continue to follow the updates and guidelines put forth by the **Centers for Disease**Control and Prevention (CDC)

When Watching Liturgy from Home

We encourage you to treat Liturgy with the same reverence that you would at the church.

Eliminate distractions during the Liturgy by silencing/turning off your cell phone.

Gather the family to pray together.

Stand/sit at the same times you would during an in-person Liturgy (especially during the proclamation of the Gospel and Consecration)

Listen attentively and prayerfully

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

During the time of communion, recite the following in place of receiving physical communion:

O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties. Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At this time I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, but I choose to live in union with him and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. I offer my day, my daily life, my joys and sorrows to you, for those around me, and for the whole world. Be with us O life-giving Triune God, for we know that nothing in this world has power over us. O Lover of all people, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

في 2020/3/2020

تدبير راعوي مؤقّت خاص برعيّة مار أنطونيوس – لورانس

الى جميع أبناء وبنات الرعيّة

نظرًا لتفاقم الأزمة الصحيّة التي خلّفها وباء فيروس كورونا وحرصًا منّا على تطبيق القرار الصادر عن ولاية ماساتشوستس بتاريخ 15/3/2020 وانسجامًا مع نداءات صاحب السيادة المطران غريغوري منصور السامي الإحترام وانطلاقًا من واجبنا الإنساني بالحد من إنتشار هذا الوباء نُحيطكم علمًا بالتدابير الراعويّة التالية علمًا أنّها لأسباب وقائيّة وبصورة مؤقّتة:

أوّلًا: بقرار من راعي الأبرشيّة المطران غريغوري منصور السامي الإحترام يُفسّح استثنائيًا وبصورة مؤقتة ولأسباب وقائيّة من فريضة الإشتراك بالقدّاس الإلهي يوم الأحد.

ثانيًا: بالرغم من هذا التفسيح، يعوّض عنه بالصلاة البيتيّة في العائلة والإشتراك بالقدّاس الإلهي عبر وسائل التواصل الإجتماعي.

ثالثًا: تعليق جميع اللّقاءات والنّشاطات الخاصة بمنظمات الرعيّة من ضمنها السهرات الإنجيليّة.

رابعًا: سيقوم كهنة الرعيّة بإقامة الذبيحة الإلهيّة اليوميّة بحسب المواعيد الإعتياديّة إذ أنّ عدد المشاركين لا يتخطّى ال 25. خامسًا: قداسات أيّام السبوت والآحاد وجميع الصلوات (راجع بند 6) سوف تُنقل مباشرة من خلال رابط خاص موجود على كافة صفحات التواصل الإجتماعي الخاصة بالرعيّة.

الموقع الإلكتروني للرعيّة: /https://www.stanthonylawrence.org

صفحة ال Saint Anthony Maronite Church Lawrence MA :Facebook

صفحة ال St Anthony Maronite Church :Instagram

علمًا أنّ الكنيسة ستبقى مفتوحة أمام المؤمنين الراغبين في المشاركة بالذبيحة الإلهيّة خاصة الذين تقدّم من أجلهم ومن أجل أحبّائهم شرط ألّا يتخطى عدد المشاركين ال 25 مؤمن.

وذلك بحسب البرنامج التالى:

السبت الساعة 4,00 م باللغة الإنجليزيّة -الأحد الساعة 8,15 ص باللغة العربيّة -الأحد الساعة 9,30 ص باللغة الإنجليزيّة -الأحد الساعة 11,30 ص باللغتين الإنجليزيّة والعربيّة

ولكلّ من يرغب في المشاركة بالنبيحة عن بُعد (عبر صفحات التواصل الإجتماعي): يُستعاض عن المناولة الفعليّة بالمناولة الروحيّة مع تلاوة الصلاة الخاصة بالمناولة الروحيّة (راجع الملحق).

كما يُرجى التقيُّد بالإرشادات التالية: إعتبار المنزل كنيسة بيتيّة -مشاركة كافة أفراد العائلة مشاركة فعّالة- التقيّد بالروبريكات (الوقوف والجلوس) سادسًا: ندعوكم للمشاركة بالصلوات التاليّة:

المسبحة الورديّة يوم الأربعاء الساعة 6,30 م –ساعة السجود يوم الخميس بعد قدّاس السابعة مساءً –صلوات درب الصليب وزياح الصليب الساعة 7,00 مساءً

سابعًا: تفتح الكنيسة أبوابها يوميًا من الساعة 9.00 ص حتّى الساعة 4.00 مساءً (الدخول من باب الكنيسة الصغيرة – الب<mark>اب</mark> الجانبي المحاذي لمدخل المكتب)

نرجو تفهّمكم، ونشجّعكم على التحلّي بروح الحكمة، والإلتزام بأقسى درجات الحماية والوقاية الصحيّة. نسأل الله، بشفاعة أمنا مريم العذراء والقديس أنطونيوس، أن يحميكم من كلّ مكروه ونرفع صلاتنا ودعاءنا إلى الربّ كي يشفي جميع المرضى ويمنح الأطباء وكلّ العاملين في القطاع الطبّى النِعم اللازمة لمتابعة رسالتهم بكلّ تفان ومحبّة.

صلاة المناولة الروحيّة

يا اله الخير والرحمة والرأفة، يا من بك تعتصم جميع الخلائق. لقد دعوتنا أن نتحد بك كما تتحد الأغصان بالكرمة، فنحمل ثمارًا تليق بأبناء الملكوت. أهلنا يا ربنا في وقت الضيق والشدة أن نتقدّم بنقاوة وقداسة من المناولة الروحيّة عوضًا عن المناولة الفعليّة. وامنح بها يا أيّها الثالوث القدوس الإله الواحد مغفرة للخطايا ومحوًا للذنوب وشفاءً للنفس والجسد. بشفاعة أمنا مريم العذراء والقديس أنطونيوس وجميع القديسين إرحمنا

وإرحم العالم أجمع. آمين