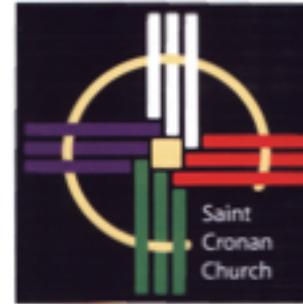


Pastoral Reflection
Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 27 2022

After hearing the Parable of the Forgiving Father, a child told their catechist, “If God is like this, that is all I need to know.” I feel the same way. The loving, compassionate, forgiving, enthusiastic, affectionate, celebratory father portrayed in this parable heals the lingering fear from my pre-Vatican II Catholic grade school religious formation. What a beautiful image when the father runs to meet his son and embraces him. No lecture. Just loving embrace. And when the elder son feels resentful, this father’s gigantic heart is big enough for both sons. The forgiving father is unusual in the honor shame Mediterranean culture of Jesus’ time. He is like a mother, showering mercy. In fact, I can imagine Jesus’ hearers enthusiastically supporting the position of the elder son.

Reconciliation is at the heart of Jesus’s message. When I sat by the Sea of Galilee where Jesus forgave Peter’s betrayal I had the insight that forgiveness is the key to the kingdom that Peter received. Forgiveness occupies the very core of the prayer of Jesus; The English rendering from his spoken Aramaic goes something like, “From the brokenness of our wrongful actions, restore us to wholeness in You, as we restore others through embracing forgiveness. Loose the cords of mistakes binding us, as we release -the strands we hold of other’s faults. Restore us to connectedness.” May this be so.

Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan



St. Cronan Catholic Church
Third Sunday of Lent
March 26-27, 2022

Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesdays – 8:00 a.m.
Masks are required for all Masses

Live-streaming continues at the 10:00 am Mass. PLEASE BE ON TIME! Live-streamed masses are available on our Facebook page any time after the 10:00 Mass, <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan>



Archdiocesan Survey: Instructions for completing the Archdiocesan Survey were sent out on Cronan Talk and are available in the Chapel. The Surveys themselves became available Wednesday, March 2. These surveys are very important to our Parish, so please complete it as soon as you can and encourage others to do so. Online is best, and if you require assistance you can make an appointment to complete it in the parish office. The link is: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/y2xk8y> If you need a paper copy, they will be available in Church. If you would like further information, you can visit the Archdiocese’s website <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/> or call our office at 314-289-9384. You can also leave comments about the process at this website.



LBGTQIA+ Listening Session: The Pope Francis Synod Committee will hold a listening session for the LBGTQIA+ Community at St. Cronan's on Sunday, March 27, 1:00-2:30 p.m. Nancy Werner, Chancellor of the Archdiocese, will attend. Registration is required: [LBGTQIA+ Listening Session](#) You can use initials or first name when registering – we only need numbers.

Preparing for Lent: This week's theme is Relationship and Reconciliation. In preparation for Lent, please pick up the reflection sheet for this week on the tables near the Bulletins, take it home, and prayerfully consider some of the suggested actions. It is available online as well. If you would like to share some of your reflections or actions with the Community, please write them on the index cards and place them in the basket. I will see that they are attached to the wall. If you have reflections and are not attending Church, email them to me at diane@stcronan.org and I will share them with the community.

Coffee and Donuts is back! Please join us in the Hospitality Room in the Parish Center after the 10:00 Mass. However, due to the listening session, Coffee and Donuts will not take place this Sunday. If you would like to visit via Zoom this week, tune in at 11:45: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81074780423?pwd=TEdlc0RlRXFsaEk0ejAvb3d4SFNRZz09>, Meeting ID: 810 7478 0423, Password: cronan

Hopefully, Coffee and Donuts will resume next week.

Consecration of Ukraine and Russia to Mary. This prayer was said around the world last Friday at 12:30 our time. If you missed it and would like to help dedicate the People of Ukraine and Russia to Mary's protection, it is available on our website: <https://www.stcronan.org/>

Help Me With Vital Statistics We are updating our data bases in the Parish Office and we need your help. We have noticed that many parishioners do not have a "joined date" entered in their profiles. If you remember the date you joined St. Cronan as an active parishioner, please shoot Mary a short email mary@stcronan.org or give her a call 314-289-9384. Even if it's just the year. That way we can update our data base. We don't know if we will need this important info for "All Things New" or not, but certainly, these vital statistics are needed for other purposes. Thank you so much for your assistance.

Do You Use Your Church Giving Envelopes? Thank you so much for your generous contributions to St. Cronan. We are conducting an audit of our giving envelope system. If you are no longer using your giving envelopes in the collection basket, or you are giving only on-line, please let Mary know. We can remove you from the paper envelope mailings and cut down on the paper use. Thank you.

The Gardening Committee, who take care of the Church grounds, are in need of pots for thinning plants. You can leave them on the side of the rectory.

Bill Barret's Service: Bill's Funeral Service will take place on Saturday, April 2, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Cronan Church. We are having a lunch reception in the Hospitality Room following the service. I am glad that we can gather as a community to celebrate Bill and share a meal with Laurel and Gavin and his family and friends. Please let me know if you can bring a dish/dessert to share. I would also appreciate a couple people to serve and clean up after the reception. Contact Maggie at: ofccomp17@gmail.com

Stations of the Cross in Atonement for Abuse and for the Healing of All will be offered online on Friday March 8 at 3:00 p.m. They will be available on our Website.

Live Meetings: We are opening up for live meetings. If your committee or organization would like to meet live in the Coffee and Donut room or conference room at the Parish Center, please contact Mary, mary@stcronan.org to schedule your date and time.

Donations for Ukraine: There will be a second collection for Ukraine on March 27, which will go to Catholic Relief Services. Also remember Ukrainian Children's Aid and Relief Effort, Inc. or UCARE, Inc., a charity serving the needy and orphaned children of Ukraine. If anyone wants to financially help the Ukrainian situation, please consider this charity. The website is www.ucareinc.org. Bob Hoffman has worked with this group for years.

Compassionate St. Louis: St. Cronan has become a member of this movement to help make our city a more compassionate place. You will be seeing their logo on our bulletins and signs. For further information, please visit their website: <https://www.compassionate-stl.org/about-us>

CronanTalk: As we begin the journey for "All Things New," it is important that we are able to communicate with each other online. CronanTalk is our way of sharing information as a community. We understand that it can be overwhelming to have so many emails when people are commenting on prayer requests and other issues. Please, if you feel the need to comment, do so to the person who sent the request by using "reply" instead of "reply all." If I sent the request, send your reply to me (Diane) and I will forward to the person involved. This will cut down on needless email streams and keep CT for important business. To be included in Cronan Talk, please email Mary, mary@stcronan.org

Prayers Please: Laurel Hayes; Laurel Hayes' parents, Jerry and Nancy; Bill's brother in law, Dave Rose; Robert Nathe's Mother, Eileen; Colleen Wallace's godson, Lachlan; Michelle Frank; Jennifer Lyle and Krista Rakers; Jessica; Nick Ambrose; Al Sprehe; Phil Milner; Leslie Conway; Mike's grandson, Jack; Jim Gorman; Andrew Viraugh's Father,; Sharon Orlet's sister, Betty; Nancy Buck's daughter, Jeanne; Kathy Bayless; Tom Kuciejczyk-Kernan's brother, Steve; Barry Buchek's wife, Mary; Trish Curtis' mother and brother; Gaven Hayes-Barrett; Barb Sopp's cousin, Patty Struckhoff; Marie and Roland Martir's granddaughter, Maggie; David Gaillardetz' father, Richard; Fr. Gerry's classmate, Fr. Pat O'Laughlin.