

Monday Notes **March 7, 2022**

Mass Schedule

5:00 p.m. Saturday
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday
8:00 a.m. Wednesday

The Mass on April 3 will be recorded and available on our Website on Saturday afternoon. That Mass will be uploaded to our Website: www.stcronan.org

The Masses for the rest of March will be live-streamed at 10:00 on Sundays and posted on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan/>
Masks are required for all Masses. This is to protect our unvaccinated children.

If anyone might be available to read on Thursday, March 31, at 9:30 a.m. for the recorded Mass, please contact Diane, diane@stcronan.org or (314) 941-4933.

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.

Lenten Journey: "Embracing God's Abundance." The reflection sheet for this past weekend is attached and can be found on Cronan Talk as well.



ALL THINGS NEW

All Things New: Instructions for completing the Archdiocesan Survey are available online. The Surveys themselves are also available on the "All Things New" website. These surveys are very important to our Parish, so please complete it as soon as you can. Online is best, and if you require assistance you can make an appointment to complete it in the parish office. 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 email any of the people on our leadership team listed here:

The Five Key Parish Leaders appointed by the Parish Council:
David Gaillardetz – davidgaillardetz@gmail.com
Melanie Ernst – ernst.melanie@wustl.edu
Justin Lorenz – jmlorenz@gmail.com
Teresa Sullivan – tsullivan731@gmail.com
Andrew Viragh – andrew.viragh@gmail.com

The Point of Contact Person (Coordinator) appointed by Fr. Jack:
Sister Chabanel Mathison, O.S.U. - chabanelm@gmail.com

Please refrain from sharing your opinions concerning the Survey on CronanTalk; it can influence other's ability to be open-minded as they complete the survey. Please feel free to express your

concerns to any of the Key Parish Leaders listed above. They will have opportunities to voice these concerns to the Archdiocese.

If you take the online survey and have no children, you will automatically skip some questions, which will show at the end as you having completed 93% of the survey. This is a flaw in the survey itself, and you can submit the survey as is without being in any way penalized.

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.

If anyone knows of a better way for the community to communicate, please contact Diane, diane@stcronan.org We are always open to new ideas!

Parish Council: The Parish Council minutes for 2021 and 2022 to date have been placed on our website under “Parish Council.” The members will be listed there as well.

HELP IN THE GARDEN. The crocuses are blooming! You may not know that St. Cronan’s started and now maintains the garden at Norfolk and Boyle, a few steps from our church and rectory. It started about 25 years ago when Trish Curtis and others wanted to show the neighborhood that good things could happen south of Manchester. Since then many have helped, including Penny and Bob Barnicle, Dorrit O’Hallaron, Joan Jordan (whose ashes are in the garden) Leslie Conway, Irene and John Meyer, Warren Wimmer, Sheryl Renken and Paul DeHart. We’ve had support from Gateway Greening and Growing Green. Two of us are currently working. We meet most Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 or so from late March to early October. But we are flexible and could let others know what needs to be done and they could work at their convenience. If you can help contact me, Mike Forst at 314-533-0182 or maforst@sbcglobal.net. Thank you!

Listening Session for those who have left the Church: The Archdiocese is sponsoring a listening session designed to elicit meaningful feedback for the Church from people who have left the Church and/or feel left by the Church. This is part of Pope Francis’ call for a Synod on Synodality; he wants to hear from everyone so the Church can learn how to better live its mission to the ends of the earth.

This listening session is scheduled for:

Saturday, March 12, 2022, 9:30-11:00

The Commons at Aquinas Institute

23 South Spring Avenue

Saint Louis, Missouri 63108

The guiding questions for the session are:

1. Based on your personal experience, what fills your heart about the Catholic Church?
2. What breaks your heart about the Catholic Church?

3. How can the Church better listen to people who are marginalized or socially excluded, including cultural-ethnic groups, women, those living with disabilities, those experiencing poverty and those identifying as LGBTQ+?
4. From your small group sharing, name one insight where you heard the voice of the Holy Spirit today?

If you are interested in participating and have further questions, please contact

Fr. Mitch Doyen
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St. Louis, Missouri 63116
(314) 353-1255x103
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Donations for Ukraine: Ukrainian Children's Aid and Relief Effort, Inc. or UCARE, Inc., is 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. For further information, please see Bob's email, attached.

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>

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.

Join Us!!! Bill Bommarito with St. Peter Catholic Church's Racial Unity team would like to invite you to join St. Peter and the Archdiocese of St. Louis at this very special Mass on Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. The main celebrant for this Mass will be Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski. The Mass will take place at St. Peter, 243 W Argonne Dr, St. Louis, MO 63122. To view the live-stream, click one of these links: <https://stpeterkirkwood.org/todays-mass>
<https://www.youtube.com/stpeterkirkwood>
<https://www.facebook.com/STPKirkwood/live>

Human Trafficking Programs: St. Margaret of Scotland Living Justice Ministries and the Archdiocesan Office of Peace and Justice are hold a 2 night program on zoom on Human Trafficking focused on St. Louis. For further information and to register, please click on the QR code attached.

Action requested for Truth in Education: Please consider sending an email to the Missouri General Assembly and/or your state representative asking that they remove language from legislation that restricts the teaching of accurate history in our schools, especially regarding racism. A sample letter is attached, along with a QR code. If you click on the code with your phone, you should be taken to a site to voice your concern.

Men's Retreat will take place on Saturday, March 19, 9:00 a.m – 3:00 p.m. via Zoom. For more information a please contact Rocky Sieben, rockysieben@sbcglobal.net

Catholic Racial Justice Collaborative: Be the change you wish to see.

As Catholics, it is our spiritual duty to combat the sin of personal and institutional racism. Could you use additional resources to understand and identify what it means to be anti-racist in your life?

Follow the [@Catholic Racial Justice Collaborative](#) on Facebook at Catholic Racial Justice Collaborative or visit our website at www.catholicracialjusticestl..

Black Lives Matter Vigil: The St. Cronan Social Justice Committee is hosting a Vigil as a way of atoning for past racism. It will be held every third Friday evening of the month - 5:00 -6:00 pm at the corner of Kingshighway and Manchester. We will be gathering Friday, March 18. Please feel free to bring your own signs. If you have questions, please contact Trish Curtis: trishquita1952@gmail.com, or Kim Madden: kim.madden514@gmail.com

St. Mary Recycle Mission Group recycles used religious items. They will be in our area on March 28. If you have religious items at home that you would like to recycle, please see the attached letter for details. We will have a box in the Chapel for your items.

Wills: Please remember Saint Cronan's in your will. Title is St. Cronan's Catholic Church-1202 South Boyle Ave.- St. Louis, MO 63110. Our Federal I.D.# 43-0653457

Prayers Please: Mary Truetken, Laurel Hayes, Laurel Hayes' parents, Jerry and Nancy, Bill's brother in law, Dave Rose, Bill's friend, Jim Forest, 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, 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.

Don Lorenz, Justin's father, passed away last week. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

If you know of anyone who is feeling disconnected from our Community or has left, please let me know by clicking here: diane@stcronan.org. Please do not reply to this email, because we don't want the names going to everyone. We will reach out to them.

COFFEE AND DONUTS IS BACK!!!! Please join us for Fellowship and community in the COFFEE AND DONUT ROOM after the 10:00 Mass THIS SUNDAY! No more virtual coffee or virtual donuts – we will have the real thing! Many thanks to Maggie Hart-Mahon and Dorothy Strathman-Lucy for organizing. If you are interested in taking one weekend a month to host, please contact Maggie: ofccomp17@gmail.com

Homily Reflections:

Each year, Lent begins in the desert. In Deuteronomy, Moses ancestor was a wandering Armenian. That was Jacob, who wandered because he deceived his brother Esau and tricked his Father, Isaac, so he was running away. On his travels, he wrestled with his conscience in the form of an Angel and his hip socket was thrown out. When you face the depth of evil, you are never the same. Jesus faced evil in the desert and was never the same. He came out to begin his public ministry. When we wrestle with the depth of evil in Lent, we are never the same. When Fr. Jack went camping in the desert, he felt small, but when he put his foot into the Persian Gulf, he was touching water that touches many countries. He was small but connected to humanity by the water. In a psalm it asks, Can God prepare a table in the desert? Yes, God can. The connected life leads to the abundant life. We've forgotten how to respond. May we weep with all those today, especially the Ukrainians. Let us allow God to come to us, to our very depths, so that we come out of Lent changed. (from Fr. Jack's homily)

Our logo for this season of Lent is "Embracing God's Abundance" - the heart of the cosmos – God – is beating with love for all creation, for all of us who are part of this creation. This lent, we are asked to explore ways for us to repent. To repent is to "think again." We have plenty to reflect on: Ukraine, coronavirus, the divisions in our country and our world, the climate crisis, and so many more. The theme about which we are to think again this first week of Lent is simplicity. This is the 3rd time I have been asked to preach on Simplicity. Is God sending me a message? We need to think again. We are one of the richest countries in the world, and we are focused on consumption. What temptations surrounding consumption face us today? As we reflect on the Gospel, we see it is time to go into the desert – a place of silence and focus to consider Jesus as he was fasting. Fasting is not about food so much as it is him considering his purpose in life, his ministry. As he faces the temptations of food, power, and God's ability to save, he considers the question: Does he live for himself and his own needs or does he engage in service/ministry for all people? These are temptations we also face – living primarily for self or for others? The Cronan Community understand this and practices this. How are we called to grow this Lent, to deepen and renew this commitment? Personally? Communally? Now is the time to re-think what we do and how we live. Time to go to our desert space...the needs are too urgent to ignore. As temptations and conflicts come, what sustains you and enables you to resist the demons? Jesus drew on his Scripture tradition from Deuteronomy. What word of God sustains you? A key one for me is from chapter 3 of Lamentations: *The steadfast love our God never ceases. God's mercies are made new every morning.* If none come to mind, this could be a good time to find a word or phrase that speaks to you.

God calls us to abundant life – not as the world gives – but as God gives. Reflect again on our Logo: the cosmic heart – God's heart, our hearts – together embracing God's abundance, God's abiding love. (From Sr. Lynne's homily)

Also attached is Sr. Lynne's Pastoral Reflection.

Blessings!
Diane