

**Monday Notes**  
**March 14, 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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. 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](mailto:diane@stcronan.org) and I will share them with the community.

**Memorial Prayer Service** for those who have been affected by COVID will be held at St. Cronan on Monday, March 21, at 6:30 p.m. It will also be live-streamed on our Facebook Page. Please join us as we pray for the suffering endured by us all in the last two years.

**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](#) We need numbers, not names, so please feel free to use first name, initials, or “anonymous” when registering.

**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](mailto:davidgaillardetz@gmail.com)

Melanie Ernst – [ernst.melanie@wustl.edu](mailto:ernst.melanie@wustl.edu)

Justin Lorenz – [jmlorenz@gmail.com](mailto:jmlorenz@gmail.com)

Teresa Sullivan – [tsullivan731@gmail.com](mailto:tsullivan731@gmail.com)

Andrew Viragh – [andrew.viragh@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.viragh@gmail.com)

The Point of Contact Person (Coordinator) appointed by Fr. Jack:

Sister Chabanel Mathison, O.S.U. - [chabanelm@gmail.com](mailto: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. You can also email your comments to the All Things New Commission on their website.

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.

**Human Trafficking Program** –Join St. Margaret of Scotland Living Justice Ministries Immigration Team and the Archdiocese Office of Peace and Justice , co-hosts, for a two-night, virtual presentation on human trafficking. Participants will learn about its impact on victims & society, hear how area organizations are addressing the problem, & discover opportunities to personally take action in St. Louis & beyond. March 15 | 6:30-8pm | “It’s Here, It’s Now” March 22 | 6:30-8pm | “It’s Here, Let’s Act” Visit the event website or scan the QR code attached to register & learn more! You need to register for each night. HYPERLINK "<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/human-trafficking-its-here-its-now-lets-act-registration-267084566127>" HUMAN TRAFFICKING: It's Here, It's Now, Let's Act Registration, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite

**Welcome Migrants** On Monday March 21st from noon-1pm Archbishop Rozanski and other faith leaders are hosting a webinar on ways to welcome migrants and refugees to our region. There will be short presentations by 10 different organizations on volunteer/donation/family sponsorship opportunities in the St Louis metro area. The webinar is being sponsored by the Archdiocese of St Louis and the Interfaith Partnership of Greater St Louis. For further information, please see the flyer attached. Registration at: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_CM47INm5SEWc4\\_yP5V0IFg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CM47INm5SEWc4_yP5V0IFg)

**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](mailto:mary@stcronan.org).

If anyone knows of a better way for the community to communicate, please contact Diane, [diane@stcronan.org](mailto: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](mailto:maforst@sbcglobal.net). 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.

**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](http://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](mailto: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>

**Men's Retreat** will take place on Saturday, March 19, 9:00 a.m – 3:00 p.m. via Zoom. For more information please contact Rocky Sieben, [rockysieben@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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.catholicracialjustice.org](http://www.catholicracialjustice.org).

**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](mailto:trishquita1952@gmail.com), or Kim Madden: [kim.madden514@gmail.com](mailto: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:** 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; 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.

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](mailto: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](mailto:ofccomp17@gmail.com)

## Homily Reflection:

Lent always begins in the desert, and the second week is always the Transfiguration on Mt. Tabor, so we travel from the Desert to the Mountain. The Transfiguration signifies a mystical experience and is actually the metamorphosis of Peter, James and John. They changed in the way they looked upon Jesus. They saw Jesus as the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. Their change of focus made them fishers of people. Transfiguration was not just for Jesus' disciples. Abram, the first to know God, had an AHA moment through the Covenant Ceremony of walking between animals cut in half. God gave Abram land and people. Abram's life changes when he believes in this One God. Transfiguration occurs for all of us. We have mystical moments that open the eyes of the soul and we get a glimpse of heaven. Prayer is what God does to us and we are changed. The moment can't be sustained and we can't make it happen. We can only allow our hearts to be there. Transfiguration moments change our choices and we experience a pivotal change in our lives. We over-consume to the point where our choices are not sustainable. Our mind is on earthly things. Transfiguration gives us direction that has depth. We see a deeper, truer life. What are our pivotal moments? We embrace moments from God. (From Fr. Jack's homily)

Also attached is Teresa Sullivan's Pastoral Reflection.

Blessings!

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