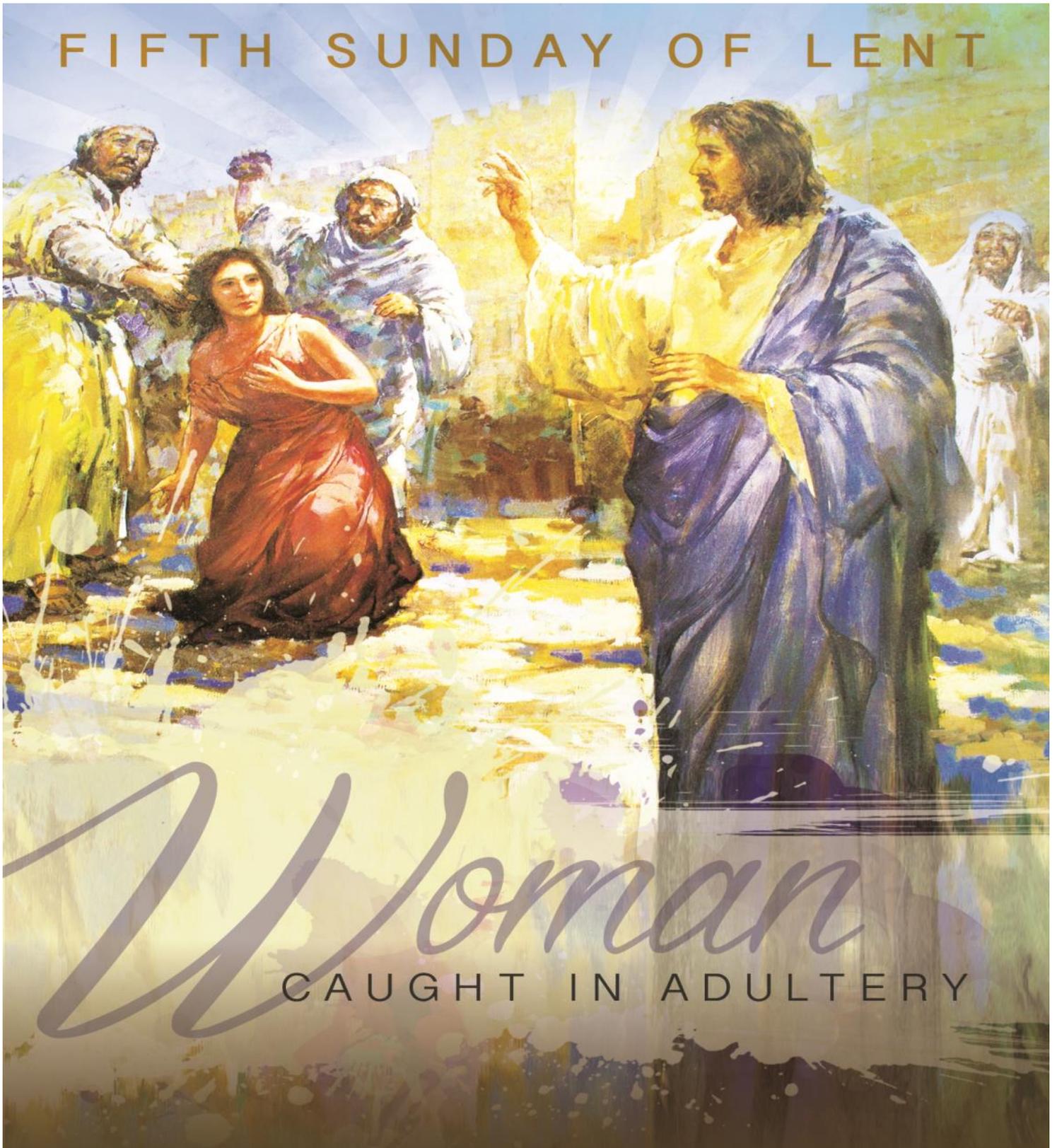


FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Woman
CAUGHT IN ADULTERY

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CORPUS CHRISTI, HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

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"The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle." The episode of the woman caught in adultery is a powerful story. We have perhaps all felt as the woman has at some point in our lives, surrounded by those who would condemn us. The beauty of Christ's mercy at the end is clear? and a welcome relief as we all struggle to be good and holy people. But have we ever imagined ourselves on the edge of the circle? Have we pictured ourselves in the sea of dusty robes? Perhaps, we hope, we're hovering at the edge of the circle of judgment. But we've all been there.

How easy it is to be righteous when someone else's reputation is at stake. When the small child is acting up in the grocery store or on the plane. When another company has a scandal break or a major error sets back their profits. Could it be easy to pick up the stone and feel its weight and heft in our hands? Because if we've got a stone in our hands, our own righteous category is clear. Our judgment is our insurance that we won't be on the receiving end of the criticism. If we can point out a wrong, surely we are firmly in the right.

'Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her' ? they went away one by one." This Lent, not only are we invited to receive God's mercy, but to show God's mercy. As the season begins to wind to a close, consider those in your life you tend to judge the most harshly. What is one concrete way you can drop your stone?



Parish Stewardship "Treasure Report"

March 31:

Envelope Total: \$ 9,992
Electronic Giving: \$ 2,007

Week Total: \$11,236

2018-Apr. 1: \$35,292 (Easter Sunday)

Thank you for your continued generosity.

ADORERS NEEDED

Adorers are needed. If you can devote an hour with the Blessed Sacrament, please call Rita at (201) 288-5210.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. PAT....

Now that four months have passed since we made our New Year's resolutions, some of us can look back and lament our weaknesses. We try, we fail and sometimes prevail. We may console ourselves by shrugging, "We're only human," as others condemn us with their eyes. We may feel shame because we are all the woman who was brought before Jesus.

But, no matter how many times or how we fail, Jesus says to us the words that close today's Gospel reading: "Neither do I condemn you." In that hope we can claim our salvation and walk in his grace.

Today's readings are filled not only with examples of God's abundant mercy and love, but of right living. Paul reminds us that everything outside of the pursuit of Christ is rubbish. If we are to call ourselves followers of Christ, we must keep focus on what lies ahead. Let us begin by letting go our judgments and our earthly desires so we may enter this time with our minds and hearts lifted completely to God.

St. Augustine comments about the end of the Gospel, only two were left: misery and mercy. That may summarize not just the incident, but the whole of the Christian Scriptures. Humanity has developed an expertise at creating misery. As country singers sing about it, we look for love in all the wrong places. Whether the woman was seeking affection or pleasure or desperately selling her body for the sake of survival, her behavior was not designed to bring her satisfaction; she was involved in a fruitless quest.

Like mansions built on sand, relationships that preclude commitment too often wound the people involved as they fall apart. Deep down she probably already knew that. All Jesus needed to offer her was mercy: "Neither do I condemn you." It was as if he told her, "Go, create something new."

The woman was easier to save than the crowd. Perhaps, the most effective thing Jesus accomplished with the crowd was to disperse them.

Following the example of Pope Francis, our first question in these situations should be, "Who am I to judge?" The next and equally vital question is, "Who is suffering in this situation, and what are we called to do about it?"

Please join us for our Communal Penance Service this Monday, April 8th, at 7:30pm in the Chapel. The Sacrament is also available on Saturday, April 13th, from 1-2pm, and on Saturdays 4-4:45.

God Bless,
Fr. Pat

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 4-45pm (Chapel)

**Monday, April 8th:
Communal Penance Service
7:30pm (Chapel)**

**Saturday, April 13th:
1-2pm (Chapel)**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE HELD EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT AT 7PM IN THE CHURCH. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts, our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support Church needs helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for our own honor.

The 32nd Annual Liturgy for Parents Whose Child Has Died will be held on Friday, May 3rd, at 7:30pm at Notre Dame RC Church, 359 Central Avenue, North Caldwell. All parents who have suffered the death of a child of any age are invited to attend with their families and friends. During the mass, each child will be mentioned by name during the intercessions. A personal witness will be given after the mass. Attendees must register at: <https://conta.cc/2TzdN4n> or call Lauren Egan (973-497-4327).

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Academy of the Holy Angels, 315 Hillside Avenue, Demarest, Wed. April 10th, 6-8pm. Contact Michele McGovern (201) 768-7822, ext. 216

St. Joseph Regional, 40 Chestnut Ridge Road, Montvale, Wed. May 1st, 6:30-9pm. Contact the school (201) 391-3300 or pre-register at www.sjrnj.org.

Mary Help of Christians Academy, 659 Belmont Avenue, North Haledon, Thurs. May 2nd, 6:30-8:30pm. Contact Katie Caufield, (973) 790-6200 or email admissions@maryhelp.org

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS....

The next General Meeting of the Rosary Society is Thursday, April 11, in the school cafeteria following the recitation of the Rosary and Mass at 7:15pm in the Chapel. This is our annual Baby Shower for the benefit of Birthright. The donations are to be new and unwrapped (no toys). Birthright is in particular need of the following items: spring and summer clothes (size 18 mos, 24 mos, 2T & 3T), onesies (all sizes), infant-size items, diapers (all sizes, especially 4-5), wipes, baby wash and shampoo, diaper cream, corn starch powder, pacifiers and formula (Enfamil). Gift cards for Target and Shop Rite are always appreciated. Members of the parish are welcome to contribute shower gifts. For information please contact Karen McDowell at (201) 288-5738. The women of the parish are invited to the Baby Shower, and we encourage you join our members in devotion to the Blessed Mother and service to the parish and community.

CARE WALK 2019 COOLEY'S ANEMIA FOUNDATION

Come walk with us in support of our son and the Cooley's Anemia Foundation. A.J. Vigliotti was born with a rare genetic blood disorder known as Thalassemia Major (aka Cooley's Anemia). He needs everyone's help to find a cure that is now on the horizon.

Join Team AJ in the Fight for a Cure
<https://tinyurl.com/TeamAJ2019>
Sunday, May 5th

11am-3pm, Woodland Park
2 Cleveland Avenue, HH
\$20 registration fee

Call Lisa (201) 306-2951 with any questions.
Join us after the walk for food, face painting, balloon artist, blood drive, photo booth and more!



A NIGHT OF WORLD-CLASS OPERA

Featuring...

Sara Louise Petrocelli
Mezzo Soprano

&

Nelson Ebo
Tenor



Saturday, May 4th, 7:30pm
Corpus Christi Chapel

Tickets—\$30/pp & available for purchase at the Parish Center

Visit our website: www.corpuschristihh.org for a complete bio on each of these accomplished performers. **A fundraising concert for Corpus Christi Church—This is a night you do not want to miss!** Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria following the performance.



ANTICIPATED MASS, APRIL 6

5:00 PM Murray Mascis

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

8:00 AM Mario Giaquinto
 10:00 AM Robert T. Murphy
 12:00 NN Frank Robbins
 6:00 PM Eneida Navarro

MONDAY, APRIL 8

6:30 AM Mary Malley
 8:00 AM Theresa Zuber

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

6:30 AM Rozalia Wojciechowski
 8:00 AM Elaine Moran

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

6:30 AM Joshua Neu
 8:00 AM Aileen Giannelli

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

6:30 AM Alexander Ronald Naclerio
 8:00 AM V. Muriel McGovern

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

6:30 AM Ricarda Pacifico
 8:00 AM Ann Gatto

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

8:00 AM Philomena Gelsomino

ANTICIPATED MASS

5:00 PM Martino Picinic

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

8:00 AM Gail Canavatchel
 10:00 AM Susan & William McKeever
 12:00 NN Janice Baccola
 6:00 PM Francesca Costanzo (1st Anniv)

CANDLES FOR THE WEEK

The candles to be burned on our altars this week were donated in loving memory of **George K.** from the Bo Nielsen.

HOSTS FOR THE WEEK

The hosts to be consecrated at all the Masses were donated in loving memory of **Dolores Borelli** from the Cocco Family.



PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Please remember the deceased members of our families, friends and community, especially Frank Cocco, David Roche

ACCTm

ACCTm will meet this Sunday (4/7) at the Hayes Center in Assumption. All high school teens are welcome to attend.

Our Crumb Cake Sale will take place after all Masses this weekend, April 6/7—it is **Fr. Pat's Famous Crumb Cake—don't miss out!** Proceeds benefit ACCTm's Year-End Retreat.

May the Holy Spirit sustain those who are poor and oppressed, the sick, suffering, and sorrowing of all ages, especially, Justin Duffy, Margaret Marchetta, Antonio Salcines, Albert DeBenedictis, Mary Nichols, Cosmelina Cammarata, Fred Baxter, Baby Adrian Victor Sanfilippo, Paul Giordano, Debbie Murphy, Gary Ryan, Christine Ryan, Dee Sullivan, Bing Savkov, Bonnie Poznar, Danielle Delfino, Patricia Kunzmann, Christine Ryan (daughter), Michael Heitmann, Christina Belej, Patricia Casey, Noreen Ryan, Joseph Cooney, Elaine Adamkiewicz, Mishelle Kitlinger, Raimunda Martins, Teresa Ontra

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS...

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

ACCTm Bake Sale After Masses
 LTWC—10:15 AM/UpCaf

MONDAY, APRIL 8

Adoration—11 AM to 11 PM/Adoration Chapel
 Cafeteria Off-Limits after school
 Confirmation Classes—6:45 PM/School
 Communal Penance Service—7:30 PM/Chapel

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

Adoration—11 AM to 11 PM/Adoration Chapel
 Volleyball Clinic —3:30PM/Gym
 Pastoral Council Mtg—7 PM/PC2ndFLLG
 AA—8 PM/ECLC

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Adoration—11 AM to 11 PM/Adoration Chapel
 Cub Scouts—6:30 PM/ECLC
 Men's Cursillo—7:30 PM/PC1stFLCR

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

Adoration—11 AM to 11 PM/Adoration Chapel
 Volleyball Clinic—5 PM/Gym
 Rosary Society Mass & Mtg—7:15 PM/Chapel, Caf
 Boy Scouts—7:30 PM/ECLC
 Men's Bball—9 PM/Gym

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Adoration—11 AM to 11 PM/Adoration Chapel
 Cub Scouts—6:30 PM/ECLC
 Stations of the Cross—7 PM/Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

LTWC—10:15 AM/UpCaf
 ACCTm—7 PM/ECLC

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Your annual pledge helps us forecast, with confidence, the level of financial support our congregation will offer in the year ahead. It is through the contributions of our members that we are able to carry on our work here at Corpus Christi.

As you consider your weekly contribution, we remind you that we offer Electronic Giving as a way to automate your offerings. It is convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for the church. Collection basket offerings can fluctuate significantly from week to week, but, when contributions are automated, the church receives funds on a steady, uninterrupted basis.

Visit our website, www.corpuschristihh.org, click on Electronic Giving, and enroll today. If you switch to e-giving and are receiving envelopes, please call the Parish Center to stop the mailings. Thank you for your continued support of Corpus Christi Church.