



# SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH

*A Parish Family of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn, NY*

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February 18, 2018 ١٨ شباط ٢٠١٨

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## OFFICE HOURS

M-TH: 9 AM - 4PM

Friday: Office is Closed

Saturdays: By Appointment

## LITURGIES

*Daily Liturgies:*

M & W: 9 AM

T & TH: 7 PM

*Weekend Liturgies:*

*Saturday*

Vigil Liturgy @ 4 PM

*Sunday Liturgies:*

8:30 AM - Arabic

9:30 AM - English

11:30 AM - English & Arabic

## HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil Liturgy @ 7 PM

Feast Day @ 9 AM

## Sacraments of

### Baptism & Confirmation

1 month in advance with the Pastor

### Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples should make arrangements  
six months prior to the wedding date

### Sacrament of

### Reconciliation

One hour Before Thursday &

Saturday Liturgies,

or by appointment

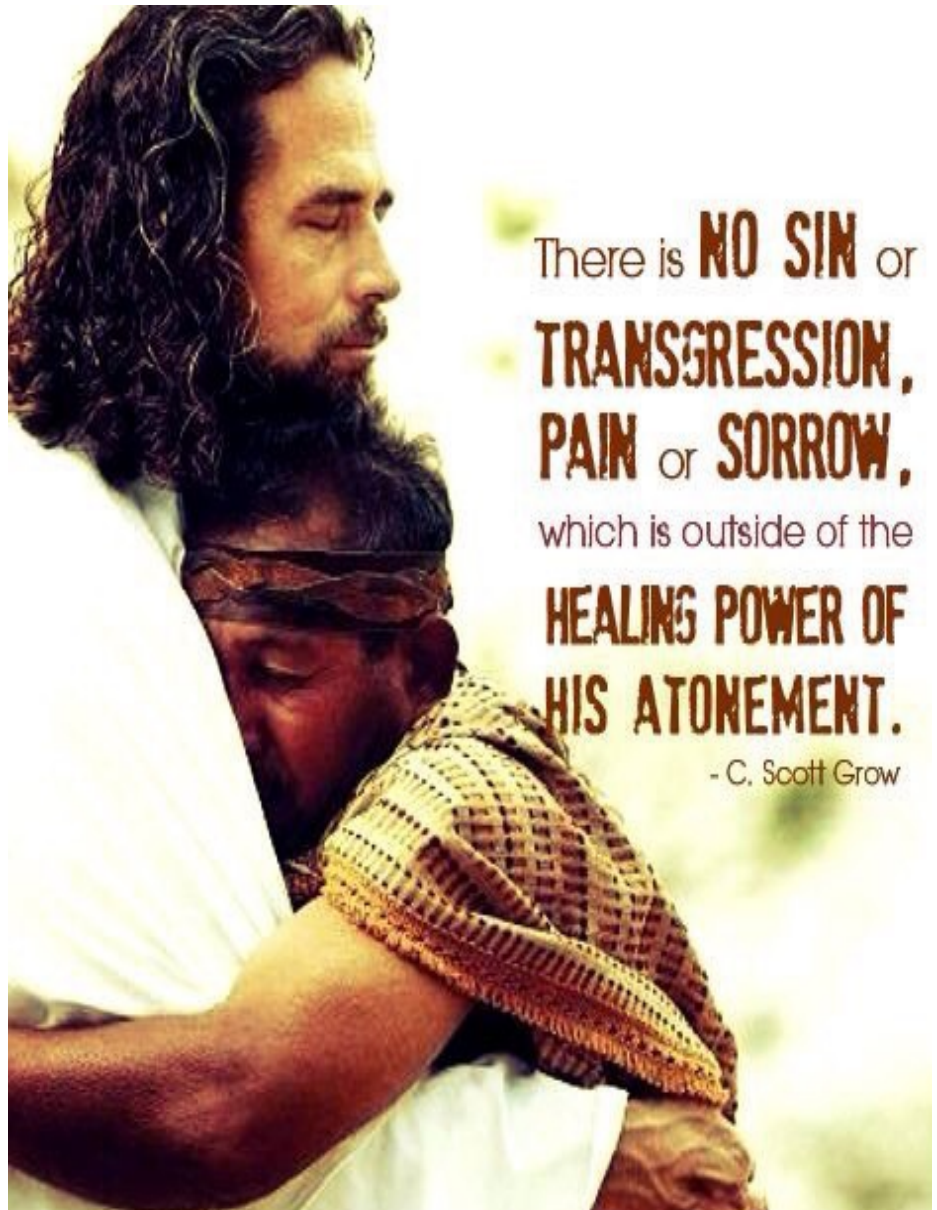
### Anointing of the Sick

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

## Great Lent

زمن الصوم الكبير



There is **NO SIN** or  
**TRANSGRESSION,**  
**PAIN** or **SORROW,**  
which is outside of the  
**HEALING POWER OF**  
**HIS ATONEMENT.**

- C. Scott Grow

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# Liturgies Intentions

*Lent*

Healing of the Leper

أحد شفاء الأبرص

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Parish Ministries

♦ Religious Education

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♦ Publishing: Bulletin

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♦ Choirs (English, Arabic & Syriac)

♦ Kids Choir

♦ Knights of the Altar

♦ Knights of Mary

♦ Maronite Youth : MYO

♦ Maronite Young Adults

♦ Bereavement Ministry

♦ Cenacle of the Rosary  
(Thursdays @ 6PM)

♦ Cenacle of Divine Mercy  
(Sundays Before the Liturgies)

♦ Sacristan (s)

|                          |          |  |
|--------------------------|----------|--|
| Saturday,<br>February 17 | 4:00 PM  | For: +Jimetta Cecilia Nahil <i>By the Pastor</i>   |
| Sunday<br>February 18    | 8:30AM   | For: +Bert and Mary Samia. <i>By the Pastor</i>  |
|                          | 9:30AM   | For: + Gloria and Dan Sarkis, <i>By their loving family.</i>   |
|                          | 11:30 AM | For: + 40 Day Anniversary - Senora Youssef, and in Remembrance of her Husband, George Youssef, <i>By their family.</i> |

Second Week of Lent

الأسبوع الثاني من الصوم المقدس

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Monday, February 19 @ 9 AM  | <i>Private Intentions.</i>  |
| Tuesday, February 20 @ 7 PM | <i>For Health &amp; Recuperation of Rosemary Lahage, By the Pastor.</i> |
| Wednesday, February 21 9AM  | <i>For Strength &amp; Recuperation of Stephanie Ota, By the Pastor.</i> |
| Thursday, February 22 @ 7PM | <i>Private Intentions.</i>  |
| Friday, February 23 @ 7 PM  | <i>Stations of the Cross</i>  |

Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

أحد شفاء المنزوفة

|                          |          |  |
|--------------------------|----------|--|
| Saturday,<br>February 24 | 4:00 PM  | For + Dora Maria Pereira, By Joan Lannon.  |
| Sunday,<br>February 25   | 8:30AM   | Private Intentions.  |
|                          | 9:30AM   | First Anniversary for: + James T. Gabriel, <i>By his loving family.</i>  |
|                          | 11:30 AM | For: + 40 Day Anniversary - Chafic Zaarour, <i>By his daughters: Georgina, wife of Mr. Jihad Maroun, Joumana, wife of Edgar Feghali, and their children.</i> |



STATIONS OF THE  
*Cross*

EVERY FRIDAY  
@ 7PM  
DURING THE  
SEASON OF LENT



**STARTING MARCH 4TH, THE 8:30 AM  
SUNDAY LITURGY WILL BE MOVED TO  
8:15AM.**



**February 11, 2018**

|                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Sunday Collection</b>     | <b>\$ 2,510.00</b> |
| <b>Fuel</b>                  | <b>\$ 250.00</b>   |
| <b>Candles</b>               | <b>\$ 194.00</b>   |
| <b>St. Maron's Feast Day</b> | <b>\$ 786.00</b>   |
| <b>Ash Monday</b>            | <b>\$ 1,315.00</b> |
| <b>Total Deposit</b>         | <b>\$ 5,055.00</b> |

**Online Donation—Contribute to Our  
Parish Growth. Apply Online:**

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/>

*Refer to Page 9 For more info*

## Hafli Outcome

Gratitude to all those who helped and contributed to the success of our Saint Maron/Valentine's Hafli. The Gross Income is **\$12,142** (without the expenses).

The Hafli proceeds will be distributed among our ministries, including: MYO, CCD, MYA, Knights of Mary, Choirs, Daughters of Saint Anthony, etc..

May God Bless you and your families for your dedication and hard work towards your Spiritual Home.



### **Left Sanctuary Lamp**

*In Honor of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Samia.*

### **Right Sanctuary Lamp**

*In Memory of Bert and Mary Samia.*

## ALTAR SERVERS

| <u>Date</u>                             | <u>Time</u>    | <u>Altar Servers</u>  |
|---|----------------|---|
| <b>Saturday, February 17</b>            | <b>4:00 PM</b> | <b>Elias Saab<br/>Sharbel Saab</b>                                    |
| <b>Sunday, February 18</b>              | <b>8:30 AM</b> | <b>Volunteers</b>   |
| <b>Sunday, February 18</b>              | <b>9:30 AM</b> | <b>George Hbaiter<br/>Max Sheehan</b>                                 |
| <b>Sunday, February 18<br/>11:30 AM</b> |                | <b>Anthony Chaya, Charbel Merheb<br/>Charbel Yammine, Geryes Geha</b> |

| <u>Date</u>                             | <u>Time</u>    | <u>Altar Servers</u>   |
|---|----------------|--|
| <b>Saturday, February 24</b>            | <b>4:00 PM</b> | <b>Fadi Chahine<br/>Youssef Chahine</b>                              |
| <b>Sunday, February 25</b>              | <b>8:30 AM</b> | <b>Volunteers</b>  |
| <b>Sunday, February 25</b>              | <b>9:30 AM</b> | <b>Joseph Safi<br/>Sebastian Ramey</b>                               |
| <b>Sunday, February 25<br/>11:30 AM</b> |                | <b>Anthony Sadek, Charbel Sadek<br/>Ryan El Khoury, Samir Maroun</b> |



## Lectors

| <u>Date</u>                             | <u>Time</u>    | <u>Lectors</u>  |
|---|----------------|---|
| <b>Saturday, February 17</b>            | <b>4:00 PM</b> | <b>Joel Habib</b>                                       |
| <b>Sunday, February 18</b>              | <b>8:30 AM</b> | <b>Guita Bou Habib</b>                                  |
| <b>Sunday, February 18</b>              | <b>9:30 AM</b> | <b>Sub-Deacon Jim Demers</b>                            |
| <b>Sunday, February 18<br/>11:30 AM</b> |                | <b>English: Raghida Ramey<br/>Arabic: Claudine Raad</b> |

| <u>Date</u>                             | <u>Time</u>    | <u>Lectors</u>                                      |
|---|----------------|---|
| <b>Saturday, February 24</b>            | <b>4:00 PM</b> | <b>Nancy Bistany</b>                                |
| <b>Sunday, February 25</b>              | <b>8:30 AM</b> | <b>Mona Hbaiter</b>                                 |
| <b>Sunday, February 25</b>              | <b>9:30 AM</b> | <b>Elaine Ferris</b>                                |
| <b>Sunday, February 25<br/>11:30 AM</b> |                | <b>English: Elias Azzi<br/>Arabic: Sleiman Ramy</b> |

# PARISH MINISTRIES & NEWS

## Religious Education - Sunday School

*There will be no CCD on Sunday February 25, due to the winter school holiday. CCD will resume the following Sunday, March 4*

A Parent or guardian must be in the lobby to pick up children from CCD. We understand that this is a church parish and that many of the children are comfortable meeting you in the hall or in the parking lot, however, unless we see an adult we are not doing our best job to keep your child safe. I understand that it is an extra effort to come in and meet us in the lobby, but, for the safety of your child, I ask that you honor this request.

*If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Susan Veilleux, [ccd@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:ccd@stanthonylawrence.org)*

## MYA -Maronite Young Adults

*Next Meeting Friday, February 23rd*

## Knights of Mary Schedule

*Upcoming Meetings: February 17th March 3rd*

*All Events run from 5PM - 7PM After 4PM Liturgy  
\*Dates are Subject to change\**

## Children's Choir

*February 24th, March 10th*

*Practices are held from 5:00PM - 6:30PM*



## MYO Schedule of Events 2018

|                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Sunday, March 4 <sup>th</sup>    | MYO Youth Liturgy<br>Faith Formation           |
| Saturday, March 17 <sup>th</sup> | Merrimack Valley Catholic<br>Youth Conference* |
| Friday, April 13 <sup>th</sup>   | MYO Youth Liturgy<br>Faith Formation           |
| Saturday, April 28 <sup>th</sup> | Regional MYO/MYA Retreat*                      |
| Friday, May 11 <sup>th</sup>     | Faith Formation                                |
| Saturday, May 26 <sup>th</sup>   | Social Outing                                  |

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|                   |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Faith Formation   | 5:15pm-7:30pm          |
| Community Service | 5:00pm-7:30pm          |
| Special Events    | Details To Be Provided |

\*These events may involve additional cost not included in the Registration Fee

## Dabke Meeting

*Sunday, February 18th  
from 5-7PM*



*This Vestment is  
in Memory of  
Bomar Kramer.*

*It was Donated by  
his Loving wife,  
Barbara Azzi Kramer.*

*May he rest in peace  
and his memories  
be eternal.*



## Bible Study

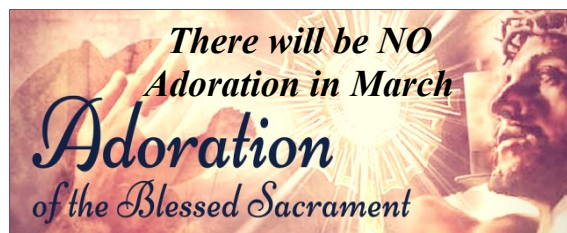
everyone is welcome

*Tuesday, February 27, 7 PM - ENGLISH  
Wednesday, February 28, 7 PM - ARABIC*

*مواعيد السهرات الإنجيلية:  
باللغة الإنكليزية: الثلاثاء 27 شباط الساعة 7 مساء.  
باللغة العربية: الأربعاء 28 شباط الساعة 7 مساء.*

**Rosary Group**  
**Every Wednesday @ 6PM**

**صلاة المسبحة الوردية:**  
**الأربعاء من كل أسبوع الساعة السادسة مساء**



*There will be NO  
Adoration in March*

**Adoration**  
*of the Blessed Sacrament*



Please Read Carefully this communiqué addressed to every Maronite parishioner in the Eparchy of St Maron of Brooklyn, NY.

Your contribution will outreach to all the charities cited below. Thank You for Your Generosity.

**Our Parish Contribution and dues toward our Eparchy are divided into:**

**1-Bishop Appeal: \$7,500.00. Must be paid by Good Friday March 30, 2018**

**2-Eparchial Assessment: \$25,000.00. Divided into 10 Payments**



**EPARCHY OF SAINT MARON OF BROOKLYN**

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Lent 2018

Prot. No. 100/1/18 S

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Eparchy of Saint Maron exists to serve you, the Maronite faithful, and to preach the Gospel to all people. We can only do this effectively with your financial support.

Today, I ask you to make a sacrificial gift to the Eparchy's Annual Lenten Appeal. The proceeds of this year's Appeal will go for the following needs of the Eparchy:

- ✓ **Seminarians:** Our seminarians are our future. We need your help so we can invest in their education and formation. We currently have four seminarians and three men in discernment. Each seminarian costs about \$40,000 per year, in the form of tuition, books, room, board and insurance. **40% of your contribution to this year's Annual Appeal** will go for Seminarian Expenses.
- ✓ **Retired Priests:** Collectively, the 15 retired priests of the Eparchy served the faithful for over 500 years. Now, we help them with a modest pension of \$1,800 per month. **20% of your contribution will go to support Retired Priests.**
- ✓ **Helping in Lebanon and the Middle East:** The Eparchy assists Lebanon and Syria in countless ways, for example: by applying for grants to American foundations and donors, advocating for them with the U.S. government, and channeling and providing direct financial assistance. **10% of your contribution** will go to support Christians in Lebanon and the Middle East.
- ✓ **Endowment:** The Eparchy's Endowment Fund provides a source of income each year for the needs of the Eparchy and ensures that the Eparchy will have solid resources in the future. It also provides a "rainy day fund" in case of disaster. **30% of your contribution will be deposited into** the Eparchy's Endowment.
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Please open your heart once again to help with these critical needs. Your gift makes a positive difference in the lives of so many throughout the 16 states of the Eparchy, stretching from Maine to Florida. Any gift you make will have a positive effect.

Thank you very much. May God bless you for your generosity! I wish you a holy Lent and a blessed Easter.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+Gregory J. Mansour

*PS: Please also consider remembering the Eparchy and your parish in your estate plan, or as the beneficiary of an insurance policy, retirement plan or charitable gift annuity. Thank you.*



## Romans 6:12-23

## Healing of the Leper

رومة 6:12-23

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

لَا تَمْلِكَنَّ الْخَطِيئَةُ بَعْدَ فِي جَسَدِكُمْ الْمَائِتِ، فَتُطِيعُوا شَهْوَاتِهِ. وَلَا تَجْعَلُوا أَعْضَاءَكُمْ سِلَاحَ ظَلَمٍ لِلْخَطِيئَةِ، بَلْ قَرَّبُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ لِلَّهِ كَأَحْيَاءٍ قَامُوا مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَأَجْعَلُوا أَعْضَاءَكُمْ سِلَاحَ بَرٍّ لِلَّهِ. فَلَا تَتَسَلَّطْ عَلَيْكُمْ الْخَطِيئَةُ، لِأَنَّكُمْ لَسْتُمْ فِي حُكْمِ الشَّرِيعَةِ بَلْ فِي حُكْمِ النِّعْمَةِ. فَمَاذَا إِذَا؟ هَلْ نَخْطَأُ لِأَنَّا لَسْنَا فِي حُكْمِ الشَّرِيعَةِ، بَلْ فِي حُكْمِ النِّعْمَةِ؟ حَاشَا! أَلَا تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّكُمْ عِنْدَمَا تَجْعَلُونَ أَنْفُسَكُمْ عِبِيدًا لِأَحَدٍ فَتُطِيعُونَهُ، تَكُونُونَ عِبِيدًا لِلَّذِي تُطِيعُونَهُ: إِمَّا عِبِيدًا لِلْخَطِيئَةِ الَّتِي تُؤَوِّلُ إِلَى الْمَوْتِ، وَإِمَّا لِلطَّاعَةِ الَّتِي تُؤَوِّلُ إِلَى الْبَرِّ. فَشُكْرًا لِلَّهِ لِأَنَّكُمْ بَعْدَمَا كُنْتُمْ عِبِيدَ الْخَطِيئَةِ، أَطَعْتُمْ مِنْ كُلِّ قَلْبِكُمْ مِثَالَ التَّعْلِيمِ الَّذِي سَلَّمْتُمْ إِلَيْهِ. وَبَعْدَ أَنْ حُرِّرْتُمْ مِنَ الْخَطِيئَةِ، صِرْتُمْ عِبِيدًا لِلْبَرِّ. وَأَقُولُ قَوْلًا بَشَرِيًّا مُرَاعَاةً لِضَعْفِكُمْ: فَكَمَا جَعَلْتُمْ أَعْضَاءَكُمْ عِبِيدًا لِلنَّجَاسَةِ وَالْإِثْمِ فِي سَبِيلِ الْإِثْمِ، كَذَلِكَ أَجْعَلُوا الْآنَ أَعْضَاءَكُمْ عِبِيدًا لِلْبَرِّ فِي سَبِيلِ الْقُدَّاسَةِ. فَلَمَّا كُنْتُمْ عِبِيدَ الْخَطِيئَةِ، كُنْتُمْ أَحْرَارًا مِنَ الْبَرِّ. فَأَيُّ ثَمَرٍ جَنَيْتُمْ حِينَئِذٍ مِنْ تِلْكَ الْأُمُورِ الَّتِي تَسْتَحُونُ مِنْهَا الْآنَ؟ فَإِنَّ عَاقِبَتَهَا الْمَوْتُ. أَمَّا الْآنَ، وَقَدْ صِرْتُمْ أَحْرَارًا مِنَ الْخَطِيئَةِ وَعِبِيدًا لِلَّهِ، فَإِنَّكُمْ تَجْنُونَ ثَمَرًا لِلْقُدَّاسَةِ، وَعَاقِبَتُهَا الْحَيَاةُ الْأَبَدِيَّةُ. لِأَنَّ أَجْرَةَ الْخَطِيئَةِ هِيَ الْمَوْتُ. أَمَّا مَوْهِبَةُ اللَّهِ فَهِيَ الْحَيَاةُ الْأَبَدِيَّةُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ رَبَّنَا.

## Mark 1:35-45

## أحد شفاء الأبرص

مرقس 1:35-45

In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons. A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, 'If you choose, you can make me clean.' Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.' But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

قَامَ يَسُوعُ قَبْلَ طُلُوعِ الْفَجْرِ، فَخَرَجَ وَذَهَبَ إِلَى مَكَانٍ قَفْرٍ، وَأَخَذَ يُصَلِّي هُنَاكَ. وَلَحِقَ بِهِ سِمْعَانُ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ، وَوَجَدُوهُ فَقَالُوا لَهُ: «الْجَمِيعُ يَطْلُبُونَكَ.» فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «لِنَذْهَبَ إِلَى مَكَانٍ آخَرَ، إِلَى الْفُرَى الْمُجَاوِرَةِ، لِأَبْشَرَ هُنَاكَ أَيْضًا، فَإِنِّي لِهَذَا خَرَجْتُ.» وَسَارَ فِي كُلِّ الْجَلِيلِ، وَهُوَ يَكْرِزُ فِي مَجَامِعِهِمْ وَيَطْرُدُ الشَّيَاطِينَ. وَأَتَاهُ أْبْرَصٌ يَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْهِ، فَجَثَا وَقَالَ لَهُ: «إِنْ شِئْتَ فَأَنْتَ قَادِرٌ أَنْ تُطَهِّرَنِي!» فَتَحَنَّنَ يَسُوعُ وَمَدَّ يَدَهُ وَلَمَسَهُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «قَدْ شِئْتَ، فَأَطْهَرُ!» وَفِي الْحَالِ زَالَ عَنْهُ الْبَرَصُ، فَطَهَّرَ. فَأَنْتَهَرَهُ يَسُوعُ وَصَرَافَهُ حَالًا، وَقَالَ لَهُ: «أَنْظُرْ، لَا تُخْبِرْ أَحَدًا بِشَيْءٍ، بَلْ أَذْهَبْ وَأَرِ نَفْسَكَ لِلْكَاهِنِ، وَقَدِّمْ عَنْ طَهْرِكَ مَا أَمَرَ بِهِ مُوسَى، شَهَادَةً لَهُمْ.» أَمَّا هُوَ فَخَرَجَ وَبَدَأَ يُنَادِي بِأَعْلَى صَوْتِهِ وَيُذِيعُ الْخَبَرَ، حَتَّى إِنَّ يَسُوعَ لَمْ يَعُدْ قَادِرًا أَنْ يَدْخُلَ إِلَى مَدِينَةٍ عَلَانِيَةً، بَلْ كَانَ يُقِيمُ فِي الْخَارِجِ، فِي أَمَاكِنَ مُقْفَرَةٍ، وَكَانَ النَّاسُ يَأْتُونَ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ كُلِّ مَكَانٍ.

## 2017 Tax Statements

Those who would like a statement of their 2017 contributions, please call the office and we will be happy to forward it to you so you can claim it on your tax return. Keep in mind, if you have not used your weekly envelopes or have not contributed by checks, it is impossible for us to generate a record or statement with your donations and offerings.

## ALAA Scholarships are now Available

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### Weekly offering envelopes for 2018

will be mailed to your home on a quarterly basis. You will receive envelopes every 3 months. For those who have signed up for online donations, you may disregard them or drop your empty envelope in the collection basket.

### Guidelines:

Baptismal Guidelines: (Check our Website)

- ♦ Guidelines & Registration Form

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- ♦ Guidelines & Check List Forms

Banquet Hall Guidelines:

- ♦ Contract Form (Check our Website)
- ♦ Banquet Hall Usage Donations:
  1. \$500 (For 6 Hours)
  2. \$250 For Registered & Active parish-ioners (with contribution history)
  3. Security Deposit \$250 (Returned after the event, if no Damages)
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<http://stanthonylawrence.org/member-information-form/>

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### Upcoming Events:

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/upcoming-events/>

### Monthly Calendar:

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/upcoming-events/calendar/>

## Saint Anthony Burial Guidelines

### Burial Charges and Fees:

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/charges-and-fees/>

The following charges for cemetery services are in effect January 1, 2017 at St. Anthony Cemetery and are subject to change without notice.

- Adult Opening – Graveside (Summer) \$875.00
- Adult Opening – Graveside (Winter) \$875.00
- Child Opening – (one to eight years) \$100.00
- Infant Opening – NO CHARGE
- Saturday & Holiday Overtime \$75.00
- Burial of Cremated Remains \$550.00
- Cremation Burial Unit \$350.00

When arrangements are made with a family and they wish to purchase a lot, we ask that you call the cemetery office (978) 985-7233 and arrange an appointment for them. Financial arrangements for new lot sales will be handled directly with the family.

Cemetery charges for grave openings are due and payable to the cemetery the morning of the funeral, unless charged to the funeral director's account. Cemetery charges billed to the funeral director's account are due and payable to the cemetery in 10 days

### Lot Sales

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/>

Saint Anthony Cemetery offers affordable payment plans to fit any family's budget. Please call us at 978-685-7233 or email [rectory@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org) for more information about availability.

### Burial Pre-Arrangements

Making arrangements for a burial in advance should be no more difficult than providing insurance or having a will. It is a sensible thing to do. By pre-arranging your burial, you can avoid the unnecessary confusion plus the financial and emotional stress that death often brings.

Funeral pre-arrangements are available and recommended with guarantees of no increase in cemetery charges at the time of interment. Pre-Arrangement Funds are placed in a separate account and are withdrawn at the time of the interment. An interest free Time-Payment Plan is available for your convenience.



### POPE PRAYER INTENTIONS - FEBRUARY 2018:

**Universal: Say "No" to Corruption:** That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.



**SEEING IN A DEEPER WAY**  
BY RONALD ROLHEISER

Sometimes you can see a whole lot of things just by looking. That's one of Yogi Berra's infamous aphorisms. It's a clever expression of course, but, sadly, perhaps mostly, the opposite is truer. Mostly we do a whole lot of looking without really seeing much. Seeing implies more than having good eyesight. Our eyes can be wide open and we can be seeing very little.

I've always been intrigued by how scripture describes Paul immediately after his conversion. We always assume that it tells us that Paul was struck blind by his vision, but, I think, the text implies more. It tells us that Paul got up off the ground with his eyes wide open, seeing nothing. That doesn't necessarily equate with physical blindness. He may well have been seeing physically, but he wasn't seeing the meaning of what he was getting himself into. Someone had to come and open his eyes, not just so that he could see again physically but especially that he could see more deeply into the mystery of Christ. Seeing, truly seeing, implies more than having eyes that are physically healthy and open. We all see the outer surface of things, but what's beneath isn't as automatically seen.

We see this, for instance, in what's contained inside the healing miracles of Jesus. In the Gospels, we see Jesus perform a number of healings. He heals lame people, deaf people, mute people, people with leprosy, and two women who for different reasons are unable to become pregnant. What's important to see in these various miracles is that, almost always, there's more at issue than mere physical healing. Jesus is healing people in a deeper way, that is, he is healing the lame so that they can walk in freedom and in service of God. He is healing the deaf so that they can hear the Good News. He is healing the mute so that they can open their mouths in praise. And he is healing those who are hemorrhaging interiorly so that they can bring new life to birth.

We see this most clearly at those times when Jesus heals people who are blind. He's giving them more than just physical sight; he's opening their eyes so that they can see more deeply. But that's only an image. How might it be unpackaged? How can the grace and teachings of Jesus help us to see in a deeper way? Here are some suggestions:

- By shifting our eyes from seeing through familiarity to seeing through wonder.

G.K. Chesterton once affirmed that familiarity is the greatest of all illusions and that the secret to life is to learn to look at things familiar until they look unfamiliar again. We open our eyes to depth when we open ourselves to wonder.

- By shifting our eyes from seeing through paranoia and self-protection to seeing through metanoia and nurture. It is not incidental that the first word out of Jesus' mouth in the Synoptic Gospels is the word "metanoia", a word that opposes itself to "paranoia". We open our eyes to depth with we shift from a posture of self-protection to a posture of nurture.

- By shifting our eyes from seeing through jealousy to seeing through admiration.

Our perception becomes distorted whenever we move from the happy state of admiration to the unhappy state of envy. Our eyesight is clear when we delight in admiration.

- By shifting our eyes from seeing through bitterness to seeing through eyes purified and softened by grief.

The root of bitterness is wound and the way out of bitterness is grieving. Tears clear our eyesight because they soften a heart hardened by wound.

- By shifting our eyes from seeing through fantasy and auto-eroticism to seeing through appreciation and prayer.

One of the key movements within our spiritual lives is the movement from fantasy to prayer, a movement that ultimately frees us from wanting to press to ourselves all that's beautiful to appreciating beauty for its own sake. We can only really see and appreciate beauty when we stop lusting for it.

- By shifting our eyes from seeing through relevance to seeing through contemplation.

Our longing for relevance makes us look out at the world with restless, dissatisfied eyes. We practice mindfulness and see the richness of the present moment only when our disquiet is stilled by solitude.

- By shifting our eyes from seeing through anger to seeing through forgiveness.

Nothing taints our eyesight as much as anger. It's the most debilitating of all cataracts. And nothing cleanses our vision as much as forgiveness. Nobody holding a grudge sees straight.

- By shifting our eyes from seeing through longing and hunger to seeing through gratitude.

Longing and hunger distort our vision. Gratitude restores it. It enables insight. The most grateful person you know has the best eyesight of all the people you know.

Love is the eye! So say the medieval mystics, in wisdom that needs to be added to the medical vocabulary of contemporary optometry. Seeing straight has more dimensions than we normally imagine.



## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR



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