

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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3rd SUNDAY IN LENT - B



In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem.

Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the

Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel.

Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.

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†R.R.

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

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| 9 a.m. blessings of the Lord for Slivinskas family | (NS) |
| 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners
for peace in the world | |
| †Ona and Stasys Dackus | (granddaughter) |
| †Nijole, Algimantas and Algirdas Banelis | (Cuplinskas family) |
| †Fr. Kazimieras and Janina Kaknevicus | (A.Jurcevicus) |
| †Jeronimas Pleinys | (Pleinys family) |
| for Kuliesius' deceased family members | (R.J.Kuliesius) |
| †Kristina Rudaitis | (S.Gruchalla & I.Matus) |
| †Juozas Leknys and Albertas Butvila | (B.Tamosiunas) |

2024

March 8-10

Lenten Retreat

March 28-31

Holy week

March 31

Easter

April 7, 2pm

*Choirs "Balsas" and
"Volunge" concert*

April 21

Annual Parish Meeting

April 26-27

Spring Rummage Sale

May 5

First Communion

May 26

Confirmation

June (date TBD)

Run for Hope

June 7-9

Camp "Kretinga" -

Work Weekend

Camp Kretinga

July 7-20 (En.)

July 21 - August 3 (Lith.)

Family Camp

August 17 - 24

October 18-19

Fall Rummage Sale

November 9

Annual Dinner

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

December 1

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Zibute Janeliunas & Ted Chornomaz

11 AM - choir "Svaja"

organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

MONDAY (March 4): 7 p.m. requesting grace of health for Deacon Kazimieras Ambrozaitis (family);

TUESDAY (March 5): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Ona Dackus (granddaughter);

WEDNESDAY (March 6): 10 am "Labdara" †Anna Larkin (GK); 7 p.m. †Elena Jankeliunas deceased family members (A.Kuncaitis);

THURSDAY (March 7): 7 p.m. †Teodoras Stanulis (I.Kavanagh); †Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis (R.J.Balaisis);

FRIDAY (March 8): 7 p.m. †Dana Puzeris (V.A.Narusis);

SATURDAY (March 9): 9 a.m.; 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Simas Baltrusaitis and deceased family members (E.Shishkus);

SUNDAY (March 10): 9 a.m. †Alida Groen in't Woud (family); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Ona and Juozapas (granddaughter); †Bronius Matusевичius (38th anniv.) (family); for Gindrienis' and Laurinavicius' deceased family members (L.D.Laurinavicius); in thanksgiving (R.J.Kuliesius); †Balbina Tamulaitis (D.Nausedas); †Monsignor Jonas Staskevicius (Cuplinskas family); †Antanas Bumbulis (family); †Regina Piecaitis (4th anniv.) and Julius Jankauskas (V.V.Baliunas); requesting grace of health for Irena (GJ).

Capital Fund - 371,345

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday (02.25) & "Vilnius Manor"

Collections -

40 envelopes - \$ 1,082

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THANK you for your generosity...



Every Thursday during Lent, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:30 p.m. will take place before the evening Holy Mass.

Please come and spend an hour with the Lord.

Reflections on the Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent at 6:15 p.m. before the evening Holy Mass. Let us in prayer accompany Jesus on his sorrowful journey.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CASIMIRS.

WE WISH YOU HEALTH, FAITH AND BLESSINGS OF THE LORD

Prayer

St. Casimir, in your great devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary, queen of heaven, who many times showed a special care for our homeland, may the merits of our Saviour and the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary

obtain for us the grace from the Lord.

May faith and mutual love kindle our hearts, may our young people understand the beauty of a chaste and virtuous life.

We pray that the Lord's fatherly providence leads our nation on the path of righteousness to peace and well-being.

Amen.



Congratulations to ALL scouts on St.Casimir's day and St.Casimir's Fair. All the best to all and God's blessings...

TODAY all are invited to visit **St.Casimir's Fair,**

organized by the Lithuanian Scouts.

Savour the treats, admire the handiwork, play the lottery.

Have a good time and support our scouts!



NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH, CLOCKS GO 1 HOUR FORWARD



Spring is a time of rebirth and a beautiful opportunity to continue with the Lenten spirit of giving; doing good deeds for others. We invite everyone to write heartfelt Easter greeting cards for the seniors living at “Labdara” nursing home. Your greetings will bring them hope, love, happiness, and a feeling of close connection to our community.

We welcome everyone to the parish cafe March 17th, and 24th. After each Mass, you will have an opportunity to make some greeting cards. All materials will be provided.

For further questions, please contact Vida Dirmantaite-Groen in 't Woud vidag@primus.ca

We thank you for your continued generosity.

2024 CAMP “KRETINGA”



English camp

July 7th - 20th

Lithuanian camp

July 21st - August 3rd

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We can't wait to see

YOU ALL!

Our parish “Labdara” committee CONTINUES The FOOD DRIVE in aid of the needy in Toronto and **INVITES ALL to participate.**

NON-PERISHABLE Food may be brought and left in the box provided, at the parish door.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations.

Letter for the Day of Prayer for Lithuanians in the World



Dear Fellow Lithuanians,

May this letter reach all those of Lithuanian descent living in the Homeland or living in many different countries around the world. We are united by one Lithuania, which we cherish, love and for which we pray. It is meaningful that the World Day of Prayer for Lithuanians is associated with the Feast Day of St. Casimir, the patron saint of Lithuania. This year marks 540 years since his death. Modestly commemorated in Lithuania four decades ago because of the restrictions imposed by the occupiers, the Saint's jubilee was joyously celebrated by Lithuanians abroad and stimulated Catholic awareness and the desire to liberate our homeland. This reminds us, once again, of the importance of activism and unity of all compatriots, wherever we live. Each of us can contribute to the strengthening of Lithuania in our own way. This remains very significant as we watch, with concern, the continued aggression of our Eastern neighbour against Ukraine.

This year also marks the 75th anniversary of the Lithuanian Charter of 1949. The Charter laid the foundations of the World Lithuanian Community, bringing together and giving meaning to the efforts of Lithuanians living outside Lithuania to fight for Lithuania's independence and to maintain not only family and kinship, but also national ties. It stressed the importance of various societies, including religious ones. Lithuanians who went to other countries always tried to create organizations and parishes which became significant both in their religious/secular and national/cultural activities. We invite you to continue to be active members of parishes and communities, to take part in their activities, to come together, to cherish faith and prayer.

The Catholic Church will celebrate its Jubilee Year in 2025. As we approach it, Pope Francis has invited us to prepare ourselves for this event of grace, so that we may experience the power of God's hope. The year of preparation for the Jubilee is called the Year of Prayer and is intended to rediscover the great value of prayer and its necessity in personal life, in the life of the Church, and in the world. This Year encourages us to take time to concentrate, to read the Scriptures, to pray together in our families and communities. So let us live this time in a meaningful way, praying for Lithuanians and Lithuania and for peace in the world, not only on the first Sunday of March, but every day of the year.

We want and need to be active participants in history, responsibly deciding the future of our country, guided by fundamental moral values. Therefore, we urge all Lithuanian citizens to actively participate in this year's elections, as well as in the important referendum on May 12th on the retention of Lithuanian citizenship while acquiring citizenship of another country friendly to Lithuania. Let us remain strong in spirit, so that we may not be diminished, and let us trust in Divine Providence, whose protection we have experienced many times in the history of our homeland.

On Sunday, March 3rd at 12:30 p.m. Lithuanian time, Mass for Lithuanians around the world will be broadcast on Radio Maria.

+ *Archbishop Gintaras Grušas*

President of the Lithuanian Bishops' Conference

+ *Archbishop Lionginas Virbalas, SJ*

Delegate of the Lithuanian Bishops' Conference for pastoral ministry of Lithuanians abroad

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RCU Board of Directors Candidate Nominations

2024 elections

NOMINATION PERIOD:

Opens: February 1, 2024

Closes: March 15, 2024 at 12:00 noon

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Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

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SAVE THE DATE

March 4, 2024

1573 Bloor Street West

Parama's Annual General Meeting



Pastor: Fr. Jonas Sileika, OFM

Associate Pastor/Parish economist:

Fr. Raimundas Bukauskas, OFM

Serving Priest: Fr. Augustinas Simanavicius, OFM

Deacon: Dr. Kazimieras Ambrozaitis

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