

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 11 (3591) March 16th, 2025

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT - C



On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration.

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospels, there is reference to conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel explains that this conversation is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as his exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection with the Israel's Exodus from Egypt.

On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus "master" instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death. (loyolapress.com) †R.R.

*The Lord is my light and my salvation;
the Lord is my light and salvation.*

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

- 9 a.m. †request grace of health for Elena, Terese and Valentina (friend)
11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners
for peace in the world
†Ona and Juozapas Vydmantas (granddaughter)
†Rimantas Anskis (Stanevicius family)
†Albina Laurinaitis (daughter)
†Silvija Freimanas (V.Puzeris)
†Antanas Kavaliauskas (5th anniv.) (L.D.Laurinavicius)
†Diana Vengriene (niece)
special intention (Daiva)
for Gindrienis' and Laurinavicius' deceased family members (L.D.Laurinavicius)
request grace of health for Marius Rusinas (family)

2025

April 4 - 6

Lenten Retreat

April 13

Lithuanian food day

April 17-20

Holy week

April 20

Easter

April 26

*"Volunges sparnais..."
concert*

April 27

Parish Annual Meeting

May 2-3

Spring Rummage Sale

May 4

First Communion

June 7

Run for Hope

June (date TBD)

Confirmation

June 22

St. John's day

Camp Kretinga

July 6-19 (En.)

July 20 - August 2 (Lith.)

October 24-25

Fall Rummage Sale

November 8

Annual Dinner

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

December 14

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Zibute Janeliunas,

Ted Chornomaz, Zita Nausedas

11 AM - Lile, Lina & Aleksia Vadauskas

organist - Ilona Beres



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.

The week's Holy Masses

MONDAY (March 17): 7 p.m. †Petras Murauskas (daughter Ramona); †Adele Storyk (6th anniv.) (daughter);

TUESDAY (March 18): for living and deceased benefactors; †Kristina Pylypiv (Ruta G.);

WEDNESDAY (March 19): 7 p.m. †Eugenijus Cuplinskas (family); †Juozas and Antanina Morkunas and deceased family members (A.Morkunas);

THURSDAY (March 20): 7 p.m. †Sarunas Stankevicius (V.Zaleckaite); †Kristina Pylypiv (friends); request grace of health for Marius Rusinas (family);

FRIDAY (March 21): 7 p.m. †Vitas and Matilda Mazulaitis (Buozis family);

SATURDAY (March 22): 9 a.m. †Brone and Jurgis Galinis (VBaliunas); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (March 23): 9 a.m. †Kristina Pylypiv (S.Brough); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; (L.D.Laurinavicius); †Genute and Romas Simkus (GJ); †Marija Gudelis and Sakevicius' deceased family members (D.Gudelis); †Tomas Prakapas (family); †Monika Bumbulis (100 years of birth) (family); †Ona and Juozas Baliunas (V.Baliunas); request grace of health for Marius Rusinas (family).

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R.J.Birgiolas \$ 50

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"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

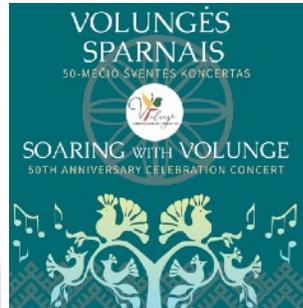
**Sunday (03.09) & "Vilnius Manor"
Collections**

38 envelopes - \$ 1,130

No envelopes - \$ 58.25

Direct deposit - \$ 1,610

THANK you for your generosity...



Let's Soar with Volungė –

A 50th Anniversary Celebration

Join us as we celebrate 50 years of tradition and song with Toronto's Lithuanian choir Volungė and the Volungė Song Festival 2025 Choir.

On **April 26, 2025**, we invite you to a special anniversary celebration featuring a **choral performance** followed by a **festive dinner**.

Date: April 26, 2025 at Resurrection Parish Hall.

Doors Open: 5:00 PM (cash bar/snacks)

Concert and Dinner: 6:00 PM

Tickets: \$75 per person (advance purchase required). Order tickets by email at volunge50@yahoo.com or in person at Resurrection Parish after Sunday Masses from March 9th until April 13th.

For ticket information, contact: volunge50@yahoo.com.

eTransfer: volungebank@gmail.com.

Come celebrate five decades of music, memories, and community.

Let's soar together with Volungė!



The XI North American Lithuanian Song Festival "One Family - One Nation",

will take place in Cleveland from June 27-29 of this year.

The festival organizers and the Lithuanian community of Cleveland are excited to welcome up to 65 choirs from the USA, Canada, and Europe, along with 1,400 singers and over 100 dancers and theatre artists. This will be a historic event! For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the official Song Festival website: dainusvente2025.com

Invitation from the Toronto Lithuanian Youth Ensemble "Gintaras"



On March 23, after the 11 a.m. Mass, a concert and lunch for the children and youth of the Toronto Lithuanian Youth Ensemble "Gintaras" will take place in the parish hall. Everyone is invited to enjoy a short performance by the youngest dancers, buy some favourite cepelinai, and support the "Gintaras" ensemble, which is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year.

We invite you to come on **March 30 at 4 p.m.** to the Resurrection Parish Hall to enjoy a musical afternoon -

“A Classical Tribute to Spring.”

Works by Brahms, Banoncini, Gluck, Chopin, Liszt, Piazzola, and Martin will be performed.

The program artists are:

Aleksia Vadauskas (mezzo-soprano),

Ruta Melkis (violin),

Carlos Andara (cello), **Danius Verbyla** (piano),

Ilona Damasius-Beres (piano).

Admission is by donation.



“Auksinis klubas” will meet on Tuesday, March 25th, 1:00pm in the church cafeteria.

We will bake a snack - “bread with garlic”.

(Everything is in Lithuanian).

SAVE THE DATE ST. JOHN'S FEAST

Sunday, JUNE 22nd,

after 11am MASS

St. John's Feast

“Picnic in the Parking Lot”



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.

IN MEMORIAM

Last week, we bid farewell to our beloved parishioners

†**SIGUTE STUOPIS**, 82 and †**JURGIS KISKUNAS**, 99

May They Rest in the Peace of Christ.

Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit!

Come, strength and sweetness of God!

Come, You, movement and peace!

Renew our courage,

Fill our solitude in the world,

Create in us intimacy with God!

We no longer say, like the prophet:

“Come from the four winds”,

As if we did not yet know from where you came;

We say: Come, Spirit from the pierced side

of Christ upon the cross!

Come from the mouth of the

Risen One!

Pope Francis marks 12th anniversary of pontificate in hospital



As Pope Francis recovers from bilateral pneumonia at Rome’s Gemelli Hospital, we recall the many expressions of pastoral care for the universal Church he has carried out over the past year.

In the twelfth year of his pontificate, Pope Francis marked several key events for the Catholic Church, during which he turned 88 years old. He has spent the past month receiving treatment for bilateral pneumonia at Rome’s Gemelli Hospital. Before this health-induced pause, the Pope recited the Angelus or Regina Coeli with the faithful 45 times, held 32 General Audiences, presided over 30 Masses, and held nearly 230 meetings.

He opened the Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica on December 24, 2024, to inaugurate the Jubilee of Hope. Two days later, he opened the Holy Door at Rebibbia prison, symbolically extending the Jubilee into areas of life most in need of reconciliation.

Throughout October, Pope Francis led the final session of the Synod on Synodality, which closed the three-year process to engage all corners of the Church in discussions on listening and participation.

In September, the Pope undertook his longest-ever Apostolic Journey, which took him to Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste, and Singapore. That same month, he visited Luxembourg and Belgium, and then in December he travelled to the French island of Corsica.

The Holy Father also made three pastoral visits to the Italian cities of Venice, Verona, and Trieste between May and July. During the year, Pope Francis published his fourth encyclical, *Dilexit nos*, focusing on the role of Jesus Christ’s heart in modern society.

He also presided over his tenth Consistory, creating 21 new cardinals from countries such as Iran, Japan, Chile, the Philippines, and Algeria.

Throughout the year, the Pope sent letters and telegrams to Church leaders in conflict zones and disaster-stricken areas, never tiring of appealing for everyone to seek peace.

Then, on February 14, he was admitted to hospital after suffering for several days from a bout of bronchitis. After the most critical part of his illness had passed, the Pope sent an audio message to the faithful praying for him in St. Peter’s Square on March 6.

“I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your prayers for my health from the Square,” he said in Spanish. “I accompany you from here. May God bless you, and may the Virgin protect you. Thank you.”

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Q: What is the name of the parish?

A: Resurrection; (indicating to whom the donation is addressed) or on the parish site www.prisikelimas.ca/give.

Through banks - RCU and Parama by direct deposit.

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Writing Cheques payable to **Franciscan Fathers** in the MEMO: Capital Fund, Renovation fund, by bequest, Monastery, Soup kitchen, Camp "Kretinga", Oncology centre Klaipeda, Franciscan Fathers projects in Lithuania.



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SAVE THE DATE

RCU ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

1 Resurrection Rd.
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62nd RCU Annual General Meeting will take place in person.
Details to follow.

Pastor: Fr. Jonas Sileika, OFM

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