

THE 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT—MAR. 21/22, 2020

TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH IS
FATHER CANNIO'S BIG DAY

happy
birthday
to you!



***WE ALL WISH HIM A WONDERFUL DAY AND A YEAR FULL
OF GOD'S BLESSINGS***

PLEASE NOTE: NO MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

**PLEASE NOTE ALL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS
ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!**

**CONVALIDATION
OF MARRIAGE**

If you have been civilly married (not in Church) & would like to convalidate your marriage, please contact either Father Steny or the Parish Office.

OFFER YOUR PRAYERS FOR:

1. The families of *Pat Crane and Giuseppina Rota* (Maria Morisseau's mother) who both went home to God. May they rest in peace in the comfort of our Heavenly Father. Our heartfelt condolences to the families.
2. Those who have been diagnosed with COVID-19; especially our parishioners.
3. For Father Cannio as he celebrates his birthday.

HEALING ON THE SABBATH...

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind. ~ excerpt from Loyola Press

Please note your Mass Intentions will be offered & prayed for at the private Masses of Father Steny & Father Cannio

MASS INTENTIONS

MON. 23 at 7:30am:	No Intention
9:00am:	Spec. Intention Father Cannio by Zofia Bronowska
TUES. 24 at 7:30am:	+Repose Adrian van Essen by Emma
9:00am:	+Repose Joyce Horton by STA Staff & Students
WED. 25 at 7:30am:	No Intention
9:00am:	+Repose Chris Farrell by Sue Farrell
THURS. 26 at 7:30am:	No Intention
9:00am:	Spec. Intention of a relative by Andrew Oberti
FRI. 27 at 7:30am:	Spec. Intention Estelle Harriott by Barbara Stuart
9:00am:	+Repose Mike Diplock by Bev Watson
6:30am:	Stations of the Cross
7:00pm:	Mass (No Intention)
SAT. 28 at 9:00am:	No Intention
4:30pm:	+Repose Mattia Fiorvento by family
SUN. 29 at 8:00am:	+Repose Mom & Dad Fiorvento by family
at 9:30am:	+Repose Domenico & Carmela Maglieri by daughter Pasqualina
at 11:00am:	+Repose Luz Lammoglia by Elisa & John Bueno