

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 22nd, 2015



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21st:

5:00 pm Rose Macari and Anthony Latorre

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22nd

7:30 am Sandra Perazzo

9:00 am Gloria Creazzo

10:30 am Billy and Molly Horgan

NOON Angela Guarino

MONDAY FEBRUARY 23rd:

7:15 am For Our Parishioners

8:30 am Robert Yeno

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24th:

7:15 am Rev. John E. Mercer

8:30 am Margaret Montalbano

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25th:

7:15 am Michael Esposito

8:30 am Victor Martino

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26th:

7:15 am Lillian Magliocco

8:30 am Imelda S. Medida

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27th:

7:15 am Ken Theisen

8:30 am The Intentions of Linda Buttacavoli

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28th:

8:00 am Diane Mina

5:00 pm Anthony Scandaglia

SUNDAY MARCH 1st:

7:30 am Patricia Hermansen

9:00 am Lucy DeBartoli

10:30 am Francesca Romeo

NOON Gargano family

BEREAVEMENT

"Blessed are those who mourn; for they shall be comforted."

-Matthew 5:4.

Our Bereavement Minister, Deacon Michael Venditto, is available to assist anyone who has experienced a loss. Call the rectory (718-761-5421) weekdays between 9 am and 5 pm to set up an appointment with Deacon Michael.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Anyone desiring a Certificate to serve as a sponsor for a Sacrament must be a Roman Catholic who has received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. They must be registered in the parish for at least 3 months or known by one of the priests. **Certificates are distributed only after weekend Masses in the sacristy NOT IN THE RECTORY.**

RCIA PROGRAM

Are you or a friend interested in becoming Catholic? Or perhaps you need to be confirmed. The RCIA Program invites you to meet every Wed. at 7:30 pm in our Parish Center. No registration necessary. There is NO FEE for this program.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



The Stations of the Cross in our parish are recited every Friday evening at 7:30 pm during Lent. Benediction follows.

MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF FEB. 22nd:



The **FLOWERS** this week were donated in memory of:

GLORIA CREAZZO

requested lovingly by her daughters Diane and Gloria.

JOIN THE CHOIRS



The **Adult Choir** holds practices on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 pm in the Parish Center. **NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.**



Children's Choir: Do you like to sing? Children (from second grade or older) practice on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. Join the Choir and make new friends.

CCD PROGRAM

CCD Parents Meeting for our **Confirmation Children** will be held on **Wed. March 4th at 7:30 pm in Church.**

One or both parents (or guardian) must attend this meeting.

Our next **CCD Family Day** will be on Saturday, February 28th from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. Register with Sister Marcia at 718-494-0308.

Grade 5 Class Mass will be Sunday March 8th at 10:30 am.

The annual safety classes will be offered on Tuesday, March 10 and Wednesday, March 25.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - MAY 9TH @ 10 & 11:30 AM

CONFIRMATION - MAY 14TH @ 12 NOON



LENTEN RETREAT

Thursday, February 26, 2015, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm at the Schoenstatt Marian Shrine, 337 Cary Avenue, 10310. Holy Mass, talk and discussion. Spend a little extra time with the Lord this Lent. For reservations call 718-727-8005. Free-will offering.

MARRIAGE BOOK FOR 2016

The Marriage Schedule Book here at our parish for the year 2016 weddings is now open. Please call the rectory to set up an appointment to set your marriage date. In order to be married at our Church, your family must be registered here at the parish. **Pre-cana books are in the rectory.**

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless Glory." As we begin the holy season of Lent, why not schedule time to examine your marriage and improve your communication with each other on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? For information call 1-877-NYS-WWME (Ext. 3).

GORETTI GROUP

This group consists of young men and women who will be meeting on March 6th at 7 pm at Holy Family Church. Their social and refreshments begin at 7 pm and Mass is at 9 pm.

St. Paul's will be hosting a reunion for classes of 1974, '75 and '76 at LiGreci's Staaten on Sat. March 21st at 7 pm. Cost: \$75 per person. Interested please call 718-490-9470.

HIS WORD TODAY

“Beloved: Christ suffered for our sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh he was brought to life in the Spirit.... It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience.” ... “The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.”

We embarked on the Lenten journey, listening to the identical words addressed to us as ashes were placed on our foreheads. Our rich traditions and spiritual customs are designed to lead us to God. What began on Wednesday is directed to the Paschal Mystery, the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

As I begin this first week of the Holy Season I want to look at myself and live with a clear conscience. Surely there is something to be found which requires remedial action, change or conversion. I can kid myself and presume that everything is in order. If it is, wonderful, but where is there need for improvement?

We go to a doctor for a check up, often we are sent to a specialist for further study, who proposes a series of tests. Although they do not want to alarm us, they have our best interest at heart. Only a foolish person would not pursue their directive.

How is my spiritual health? My need at this time is to look and take my spiritual well-being seriously. Christ's suffering, in the words of Peter, is to lead me to God.



Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Mark briefly tells of Jesus' stay in the desert, where he was tested by Satan. He did not give in to temptation, but reappeared in Galilee to proclaim the good news.

ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP

The upcoming bus trip to the "Resorts Casino" will be on Wed. March 4th. Cost: \$38-back 25. Bus departs at 9 am in front of the Church. If interested call Agnes at 718-494-5475.



MORNING DEVOTIONS

Following the 8:30 am weekday Mass is the Recitation of the Rosary and spiritual devotions. On Fridays there is the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour. On First Fridays there is Benediction. On Sat. following the 8 am Mass, novena prayers are said.

ELECTRONIC GIVING (Parish Pay Program)

This is an alternate means of supporting your parish instead of using the envelope system. This program will collect monthly contributions from your checking, savings or credit card accounts. There is **NO COST** to you, the parishioner, to participate in this program. Log onto www.paritypay.com or call 1-866-727-4741 Ext. 1.

ST. PAUL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28TH:

5:00 pm M. Salcedo – M. O'Brien

SUNDAY MARCH 1ST:

7:30 am M/M B. Madaio

9:00 am V. Laperuta – J. Porto

10:30 am M/M D. Marro

NOON M/M M. Terracino

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28TH:

5:00 pm M. Salcedo

SUNDAY MARCH 1ST:

7:30 am C. Daniels

9:00 am D. Konczynski

10:30 am S. Bilardi

NOON J. Magliocco

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28TH:

5:00 pm J. Venditto – M. Zerega – H. Bailey

D. Pangilinan

SUNDAY MARCH 1ST:

7:30 am C. Rodriguez – J. Clyne – J. Tangco

9:00 am J. Carristo – M. Santa – J. Bosco

10:30 am N. Lopez – R. Eckman – D. Boniface

C. Baria

NOON R. Whalen – M. and I. Maguire

A. Rivas

YOUNG ADULTS (30's-40's-50's)

Our Lady of Pity parish is in the process of forming a Young Adult Group which will be meeting in the Parish Center on Sunday evenings after the 5:00 pm Mass. The first meeting will be on Sun. Feb. 28th. Coffee will be served and members are asked to please bring a snack! For further information call Rosemarie Archer @917-636-2187 or Maryann @ 917-547-7845.

LENT

The Season of Lent is a penitential time of prayer, fasting, almsgiving and personal sacrifice meant to draw Christians more deeply into the sacred mysteries of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

During Lent, the Church calls the faithful to bring a spirit of penance into their lives through fasting and abstinence.

Good Friday is a day of both fast and abstinence. **All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.**

Fasting requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other, smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals combined should not equal a full meal in quantity. The ages of obligation for fasting is **from 18 through 59.**

Abstinence prohibits the eating of meat on a particular day. Abstinence is an obligation for all Catholics beginning at age 14 and continues throughout one's lifetime. Those who are not specifically obliged to fast or to abstain (who are ill) are encouraged to join in those disciplines to the extent that they are able.

WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT

Our parish is once again running a Spring Retreat for Women on April 24-26th at St. Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch, NJ. Information/reservations call 718-494-5475.

information to follow in upcoming bulletins. For further information call Agnes at 718-494-5475.

CARDINAL'S 2015 APPEAL

To date our parish has received \$16,725.00 in pledges and gifts from 67 families. This amounts to 23% of our \$71,000.00 goal. For this Appeal to be truly successful, we must have support from all of our families. The Appeal is a vital source of funding for the programs and ministries that sustain the parishes across our Archdiocese. It is not too late to make your gift. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you for your kind support. You can make your gift online at www.cardinalsappeal.org. May God bless you for your support to this campaign.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the Good News!

FOOD BOX

The food that you donated and put into the box provided in the vestibule of our Church will be distributed to the needy that often come to the rectory doors during the cold season. Thank you all once again for your generosity.

SEA VIEW ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE PROGRAM

Sea View Hospital Rehabilitation Center and Home offers the **SEA VIEW ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE PROGRAM** for chronically ill or disabled persons 21 years of age and older living in our community. There is a separate component addressing the needs of individuals affected by Alzheimer, Dementia and related disorders. The program is open Mon. thru Sat. from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Transportation is provided to and from the program.

Payment plans include Medicaid, Veteran Administration, Medicaid Managed Care Plans, Managed Long-Term Care Plans, private insurance plans or private pay based on a sliding scale fee. The Veteran Administration will pay for a Veteran to attend the ADHC program two days a week.

For 30 years Sea View Adult Day Health Care has provided this "Medical Model" program for thousands of Staten Island residents. Clients have access to all Sea View medical clinics including dental, podiatry, ophthalmology, optometry, nursing rehabilitation and others.

They are located on Brielle Ave. "close to home". For further information call 1-718-317-3249.

ST. PETER'S BOYS HS CHINESE AUCTION

St. Peter's HS will sponsor its Annual Chinese Auction on Fri. March 6th in their school gym at 200 Clinton Ave. Doors open at 6 pm. Admission: \$5.00. Anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. No children under 12 admitted. For information call 718-447-1676.

LET'S GO TO ORLANDO FL

A trip is in the works for a 7 day 6 night bus trip to Orlando FL. Cost: \$579 per person, double occupancy – add \$180 for single occupancy.. Date: Sun. July 5th to Sat. July 11th. Bus departs at 8 am on July 5th from the front of our Church. \$75.00 due upon reserving, final payment due May 1st. More

TRUE LENTEN DISCIPLINES

Fast from judging others; **Feast** on Christ dwelling in them.
Fast from fear of illness; **Feast** on the healing power of God.
Fast from discontent; **Feast** on gratitude.
Fast from anger; **Feast** on patience.
Fast from negative; **Feast** on alternative.
Fast from bitterness; **Feast** on forgiveness.
Fast from self-concern; **Feast** on compassion.
Fast from suspicion; **Feast** on truth.
Fast from gossip; **Feast** on purposeful silence.
Fast from problems that overwhelm; **Feast** on prayer that sustains.
Fast from worry; **Feast** on faith!

RCIA

On Sunday February 22nd parishioners from our parish who are to be baptized at the Easter Vigil here at our Church, will be present with Cardinal Timothy Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral to sign their name in the Book of the Elect, they are:

Anthony Beam
Melani Beam
Kaila Velez
Elisa Wagner

On March 1st at 3:00 pm Bishop O'Hara will be at our Church for the Rite of Continuing Conversion for those candidates from all parishes on Staten Island who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. The members from our parish are:

Suzanne DeLuca
Cristina Flanagan
Lawrence Meloro, Jr.
Christina Rodriguez

Keep these people in your prayers during these last weeks of preparation to receive their Sacraments.

THE SICK

Prayer Request for Sick Parishioners

Every worshipping community is called to pray for the sick or elderly in their parish. It is a privilege to ask Our Lord to heal and strengthen the sick. **The Prayer List for the Sick** is our way of reaching out to our parishioners, young and elderly, who have received a critical diagnosis and are unable to go about the routines of life:

Maryann Azzarello, Brook Balacco, Nora Bonilla, Sally Caputo, Rosalie Carroll, Vera Cerullo, Jared Choset, Josephine Cordaro, Michael Delfino, Carol Devine, Margaret Ryan Galeoto, Nicole Giambrone, Donna Hazen, John Hudson, Vanessa McIntosh, Ralph Moceo, Dianne Rivera and Ann Volpe.

The listed names above for those asking for prayers has been updated according to months on the list. Those remaining have been reinstated by parishioners calling after the six month period. If anyone wishes to put a name back or to add a new name of a parishioner who is sick please contact the rectory Mon.-Fri. from 9 am to 5 pm.

SHUT-INS

If any member of your family is homebound and unable to attend Mass, notify the girls at the rectory and if you wish, a priest or an extraordinary minister will bring you the Eucharist on the first Friday of the month.

**YOU CANNOT REPENT TOO SOON BECAUSE
YOU DO NOT KNOW HOW SOON IT MAY BE
TOO LATE!**