

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 8TH, 2015



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY MARCH 7TH:

5:00 pm Salvatore and Libera Mazzella

SUNDAY MARCH 8TH:

7:30 am Sam J. Langone

9:00 am Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

10:30 am Intentions of Dwight Boston

NOON Bernice Ludwigzen

MONDAY MARCH 9TH:

7:15 am For Our Parishioners

8:30 am Ray and Nita Cantori

TUESDAY MARCH 10TH:

7:15 am Watson Ladd

8:30 am Leo Vinje

WEDNESDAY MARCH 11TH:

7:15 am Stefan & Wanda Wroblewski

8:30 am Anthony Pinnisi, Jr.

THURSDAY MARCH 12TH:

7:15 am Stewart Wroblewski

8:30 am For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY MARCH 13TH:

7:15 am Mary Granese

8:30 am Nacinovic, Celestina and Franceska Salamon

SATURDAY MARCH 14TH:

8:00 am Felice and Maria Procaccio

5:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Hsammer

SUNDAY MARCH 15TH:

7:30 am Deceased Members of the Cashin Family

9:00 am Marciano V. Papa

10:30 am Tim and Mary Horgan

NOON Paolo Cacciatore

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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



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.



MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 8TH:

The **MAIN ALTAR CANDLES** burn this week in memory of:

MARIANO V. PAPA

requested lovingly of his family.



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

EASTER BREAK: NO CCD classes on April 7th and 8th.

Confirmation Children's Retreat will be this coming Sat. March 14th from 11 am to 3:00 pm at the Schoenstatt Shrine. They will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation at this retreat.

Grade 4 will be receiving their Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wed. March 11th during class time.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - MAY 9TH @ 10 & 11:30 AM
CONFIRMATION - MAY 14TH @ 12 NOON

MARRIAGE BOOK FOR 2016

The Marriage Schedule Book 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.**

PRE-CANA CLASSES-ST. PATRICK'S ON SI

Couples preparing for marriage are required by the Catholic Church to attend a Pre-cana program. St. Patrick's parish on Richmond Rd. is offering Pre-cana sessions at their school. One class is on March 22nd and the other is on July 19th. Both classes run from 11 am to 5:30 pm. To register for either of the sessions call 718-979-4227.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"The weakness of God is stronger than human strength." Today's second reading advises us not to rely on our own strength. Marriage can be very difficult to sustain in today's society. Come and tap into the graces that are available to you on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter. For information call 1-877-NYS-WWME (Ext. 3).

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.

HIS WORD TODAY

“Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks seek for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but for those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God”... “His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, ‘Zeal for your house consumes me.’”

St. Paul was a fighter, taking on all adversaries, persecuting the first Christians and forming many newly found Christian communities. The focus of his work was the Person of Jesus Christ. The sign for him was found in the cross of Jesus Christ, one whom he had never met until God’s intervention on the Damascus road. The wisdom for Paul came from direct revelation received from the same Christ, the ‘Jesus you are persecuting.’

Continuing our Lenten journey and reflecting on our own spiritual life we too seek signs and wisdom. We wish to know Christ Jesus in our lives, to deepen our relationship with Him and to know that we are one with Him.

Look at the cross, the sign of God’s never tiring mercy for us, and express gratitude for His saving power at work in us today. Begin this third week of Lent asking for the grace to be zealous in living the holy period, which will never be the same again. Why wait?



JOHN 2:13-25

Jesus went to the temple of Jerusalem to find merchants there selling sheep and doves. He knocked over their tables and drove the animals away. The merchants asked Him for a sign that He was authorized to do this. He told them to ***“destroy this temple (referring to His Body) and in three days I will raise it up.”*** The merchants misunderstood, and did not believe He could rebuild in three days what had taken nearly 50 years to build. Still many believed in Him, after seeing the miracles He had performed.

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.parishpay.com or call 1-866-727-4741 Ext. 1.

ST. PAUL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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.

JOHN J. BRUNO CHILDREN’S LUNCHEON

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-St. Benedicta School invites you to join them in honoring and celebrating children everywhere on March 21st. Join them in honoring people who make a difference in the lives of our children, with a luncheon at 12 Noon at the Staaten. Cost: \$75 per adult and \$25 per child. For reservations or for journal ads call 718-981-5131.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY MARCH 14TH:

5:00 pm M/M R. Geronimo

SUNDAY MARCH 15TH:

7:30 am M/M B. Madaio

9:00 am M/M V. Violetta

10:30 am R. Skelton – N. Terracino

NOON M/M G. Mannino

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY MARCH 14TH:

5:00 pm C. Daniels

SUNDAY MARCH 15TH:

7:30 am M. Ponterella

9:00 am I. Bialza

10:30 am L. Buttacavoli

NOON S. Bilardi

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY MARCH 14TH:

5:00 pm C. Baria – J. Inigo – M. Tubay

SUNDAY MARCH 15TH:

7:30 am J. Bosco – M. Santa

9:00 am J. Clyne – J. Tango – C. Rodriguez

10:30 am R. Whalen – J. Venditto – M. Zerega

H. Bailey – M. & I. Maguire

NOON N. Lopez – R. Eckman – L. & S.

DeMartino

YOUNG ADULTS (30’s-40’s-50’s)

Our Lady of Pity parish is in the process of forming a Young Adult Group who met last Sat. in the Parish Center. All parishes in the NY Archdiocese were asked by our Cardinal to refrain from having any socials during the Lenten Season. Therefore, future meetings for this new group will start-up again after Easter. For further information and dates of future meetings, call Rosemarie Archer @ 917-636-2187 or Maryann @ 917-547-7845.

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. For Information and/or reservations call 718-494-5475.

LITURGY AND BRUNCH FOR CATHOLIC TEACHERS WORKING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The NY Archdiocesan Catechetical office will be holding their 9th Annual Brunch for Catholic Teachers on Sat. April 11th from 9 am to 1 pm. Liturgy will be celebrated by Msgr. Edward Weber. Dr. JoAnn Paradise will speak on “The God of Love Who Creates in Love.” Afterwards enjoy a delicious brunch facing the Palisades and overlooking the Hudson River. All who attend will gather at The Riverview, 1 Warburton Ave., Hastings-on-Hudson, NY. Donation \$30.00. Registration due by March 27th. If interested call Sr. Catherine Ryan at 212-923-0950. Registration forms are available (with directions) at the rectory.



REMEMBER ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT ARE DAYS OF ABSTINENCE (NO MEAT). GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF BOTH FAST AND ABSTINENCE.

B.O.L.D. FOOD DRIVE

Our parish will again join with parishes and schools to help re-stock the food pantries on Staten Island. Last year, our parish collected 54 cartons of food. This year's harsh weather has depleted the supplies at the pantries which serve the Island's poor and elderly. So, it is important that we be even more generous this year. Collection boxes will be in the vestibule of the Church on the weekend of March 21-22nd. Remember the words of Jesus: **"For I was hungry and you gave me food."** (Matt.25:35)

ROSAMARIA BAKERY

Very often we run affairs here at the parish at which we serve cookies or cake. A very special thank you must be given to Joe Silvestro from Rosamaria Bakery for his kindness in greatly discounting the merchandise for a particular event. Thank you for your generosity to the parish.

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.**

CARDINAL'S 2015 APPEAL

To date our parish has received **\$25,370.00** in pledges/gifts toward the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal, from **113** families. This 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 and to help us to reach our goal of **\$71,000.00**. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you once again for your kind support.

PEACE, POWER, PASSION AFTER DIVORCE

The NY Archdiocese is offering for men or women seeking healing from a divorce, professional help from counselors, theologians and priests. Practical advice from other couples as well. You will also obtain from this course a better understanding of the annulment process. Dates: Wed. April 8 – June 24th from 7 pm to 9 pm at St. Barnabas Center located at 413 E.241 St., Bronx. Registration fee is \$35, which includes light refreshments and handouts for the 12 evening course. For reservations and/or information call Denise at 646-794-3188.

WOODLOCH PINES – POCONO MTS.

Deluxe bus trip to Pocono Mountains on Wed. April 24th – 25th. Trip includes transportation, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners, nitely entertainment and daily activities. A visit to the Mt. Airy Casino on trip coming home. Cost: \$445 for Dbl. occ. and \$415 for triple occ. For reservations call Lena at 718-761-5421. Bus departs at 8 am from 134 Sommer Ave.

ORLANDO FLORDIA TRIP

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 from the front of our Church. \$75.00 due upon reserving, final payment due May 1st. To reserve call Agnes at 718-494-5475.

50TH JUBILEE COUPLES

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2015 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sat. June 20th or Sun. June 21st. Both Masses will be at 2:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. Please call the rectory between the hours of 9:30 am and 4:30 pm Mon. through Fri. The closing date to register for the Mass is Tues. May 19th.

LENT

PRAY: In personal prayer we open ourselves to God's inbreaking. By participating in parish liturgies during Lent, we invite the prayer of the Church and parish community to sustain our own lives. Lent is also the time to pray more often as a family. Practice silence, try not to put the radio on in the car, no TV during supper time. Listen to what is good around you. Try to claim a half hour a day to be alone and restore your resilience.

BIBLICAL THEME SONGS

On the light side...each week during Lent I will post a few Songs that will lighten the day for each of us...

NOAH "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head"
ADAM AND EVE "Strangers in Paradise"
LAZARUS "The Second Time Around"
ESTHER "I Feel Pretty"
JOB "I've Got A Right to Sing the Blues"
MOSES "The Wanderer"

LA FESTA DI SAN GIUSEPPE

St. John's University SI Campus invites you to celebrate with them in honoring St. Joseph. Event is on Wed. March 18th at 12 noon luncheon and entertainment in the Kelleher Center. RSVP Fri. March 13th. Guests pay at door (\$30 per person). No one under 12 admitted. For special rates and for information call 718-390-4448.

THE SICK

Prayer Request for Sick Parishioners

Every worshiping 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, Paul Davis, Michael Delfino, Carol Devine, Margaret Ryan Galeoto, Nicole Giambone, 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.

**THE QUESTION WAS ONCE PUT TO ARISTOTLE
HOW WE OUGHT TO BEHAVE TO OUR FRIENDS,
AND HIS ANSWER WAS...**

"AS WE SHOULD WISH THEM TO BEHAVE TO US."