

February 8, 2015

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASSES for the WEEK

*"It is a holy and wholesome thing to pray for the living and the dead." (II Mac. 12:46)*Sunday, February 8, 2015

7:00 AM Anthony Costa
Req. John & Louise Sgobbo

8:30 AM Jack O'Connor (1st Anniversary)
Req. Rick & Laura Donovan

10:00 AM Borino & Sangiovanni Families
Req. Mr. & Mrs. Peter Borino

11:30 AM Merritt Crayton (15th Anniversary)
Req. Wife, Gloria

1:00 PM Joan & Bill Kane
Req. Olive Kearney

Monday, February 9, 2015

7:00 AM Charles Warren
Req. A. Gerlewski

8:30 AM Mary Kubala
Req. Mary De Tora

9:30 AM Multiple Intention Mass

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

7:00 AM Joseph Busse
Req. Carol A. Matthews

8:30 AM Thomas San Antonio
Req. Wife, Terry

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

7:00 AM Sister Vincent Marie (MSBT)
Req. Rita Wever

8:30 AM Thomas E. Aiosa
Req. Wife and Family

Thursday, February 12, 2015

7:00 AM Colleen Steele
Req. Family

8:30 AM William H. Barry
Req. Wife, Jean and Family

Friday, February 13, 2015

7:00 AM Lena Anderson
Req. Husband, Frank

8:30 AM Madilyn Callahan
Req. John & Carmella Albanese

Saturday, February 14, 2015

7:00 AM James Tirone
Req. Wife, Jay

8:30 AM Vincenzo & Marie LaMilia
Req. Family

4:00 PM Evelyn S. Kroeper
Req. Husband, Dick

5:30 PM Alvaro DaCosta
Req. John and Millie

Sunday, February 15, 2015

7:00 AM John Rescigno
Req. The Rescigno Family

8:30 AM Stanley Burzynski
Req. Wife, Marianna & Family

10:00 AM Eleanor & James Deane
Req. Eleanor & Al Ugarte

11:30 AM Riccio & Guerin Families
Req. Patricia Guerin

1:00 PM Thomas Candalino
Req. The Cotrono Family

**Multiple Mass Intention
Monday at 9:30 AM
February 9, 2015**

In Memory of: Rev. Francis E. Santitoro
The Santitoro Family (*Living & Deceased*)
Rev. Frank Porazzo, & Porazzo Family
Kathleen & Anthony Jackomin
Frances & Harold LaSalle
Anna Dorothy & Cornell Karapura
Joseph P. Flaherty
Steven Kilianski (*Speedy Recovery*),
Req. Grandmother
Monsignor William B. Naedele,
Req. Monica Branham
Frances Salerno, *Req. Joyce Barrett*
Stephen & Sarah Bederka & Family,
Req. Ann Bederka
Vincent Mascolo (23rd Anniversary),
Req. Wife, Blanche
Felicia Chuck, *Req. Daughter, Helen*
Kwiatkowski
Laura & Harry Bloise, *Req. Children*
Dec'd. Mbrs. of the Cioffero Family,
Req. Maryann White
Valerie O'Leary (*Healing*),
Req. Husband, John
Harry Kent, *Req. Wife, Catherine*
Anna K. Paull, *Req. Daughter, Anne*
Robert F. Stockwell, *Req. Thursday Bingo*
Workers
James Tirone, *Req. Wife, Jay*
Thomas Gannon, *Req. Lisa Valvano*

Eugene Wefer, *Req. Wife, Lucille*
Claire & Robert Peterson, *Req. Lucille*
Wefer
Bridget Coakley, *Req. Sue & Stas Kowalski*
Patrick Riley, *Req. Vera O'Keefe*
Guido Campana, *Req. Bertha Glatz and*
Elizabeth Kelly
Patrick Riley, *Req. Sharon & Harold*
Kessler
Mickey Fertitta, *Req. Millie Tulodsecki*
Rose Gonzalez, *Req. Daughter, Rose*
Thomas J. Clarke, *Req. Sean & Nancy*
O'Brien
Deacon Stan Kwiatek (*Living*),
Req. Alina & Zenon Kowalski
Gundy Burg, *Req. The Maier Family*
Dec'd. Mbrs. Henn and Maier Families,
Req. Trudy & Norbert Maier
In Thanksgiving, *Req. Maria & Joe*
Fanizzi
Sylvia D. Nuzzi, *Req. Joseph E. Dec*
Dorothy Dec & Donna (*Daughter*),
Req. Husband and Father
Rosemarie Gembka, *Req. Paul & Anita*
DeDominicis
Dennis Gayzik, *Req. Nancy Giordano &*
Gina Miller
Marge Lanelli (*Living*) In Thanksgiving,
Req. Rose Delgaudio
Vincent Anthony (*Living*) In Thanksgiving,
Req. Great Grandma & Great Grandpa

SPECIAL INTENTIONS – WEEK of February 7, 2015 to February 13, 2015

Bread & Wine – Church
Catherine, Angelo LaFalce & Dec'd. Mbrs.,
Req. Rose Kot, Sister
Bread & Wine – Chapel
William Pagano, Sr., *Req. Dom & Terry*
Pagano
Altar Candles – Church
Sylvia Pacitti (*Healing*), *Req. Ann Corsaro &*
Beatrice Cagelosi

Sanctuary Candles – Church
Rev. Francis E. Santitoro,
Req. Andre & Ann Santitoro-Vispetti
Sanctuary Candles – Chapel
In Thanksgiving St. Gerard & St. Anthony
Req. Angela & John Immersi

PARISH NEWS

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

The meeting for the Altar Rosary Society will be on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 1:00 PM. Cake and coffee will be available prior to the meeting.

Our monthly Mass will be held on Sunday, March 1, 2015 at 8:30 AM. The Rosary will be recited prior to the 8:30 am Mass.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS Council #2449

Due to inclement weather the meeting for Catholic Daughters on January 26th has been rescheduled for:

Monday, February 23rd at 1:00 PM.
All members are urged to attend this important meeting. Refreshments will be served.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 12:30 PM.

The Holy Name Society is in dire need of new and active members. Our monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 12:30 PM in the Parish Hall.

We do not have meetings during the months of July and August.

We also have Pizza and Sandwich parties during the year and when possible guest speakers; and at every meeting we enjoy coffee and cake. Andy Turco: (732) 286-6353

MAUSOLEUM

Christ the King Mausoleum has been opened since November 2013 for Section One. If you are interested in a final resting place for a loved one or yourself, kindly call our Parish Office during regular business hours.

If you would like additional information about our seasonal flower program which we are implementing for our mausoleum, kindly call Maria at the Parish Office.

(732) 914-0300

PARISH NEWS

ATLANTIC CITY TRIP TO RESORTS

Date: March 2, 2015

Cost: \$23.00 Coins: \$25.00

Tickets are sold by the Parish Auditorium on Tuesdays from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. or call: Mr. Sandy Monda (732) 349-0143
The bus leaves for Atlantic City from St. Maximilian Kolbe Church promptly at 9:15 A.M.

Note: All Cancellations are non-refundable.

ADORATION

The Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary service is held every Friday in our Chapel from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 P.M.

During Lent, and continually during the Lenten Season, the Stations of the Cross will begin at 12:00 Noon in the Church, followed by the Adoration.

The Adoration devotion is to join the Holy Father in praying for the unborn and for the special intentions of our families.

PLEASE NOTE

Ash Wednesday Schedule:

February 18, 2015

7:00 AM Mass & Ashes

8:30 AM Mass & Ashes

12:00 PM Mass & Ashes

5:00 PM Church Service & Ashes
(No Mass)

Confessions will not be held on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2015.

BAKE SALE

Our next Bake Sale will be held on the weekend of February 14th and 15th.

If you would like to help in any way, kindly call Pat Berg.

(732) 349-1853

BINGO...BINGO... BINGO

Bingo is held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in the Parish auditorium. Doors open at 10:00A.M. and the games begin at 12:00 Noon. Food is also available for purchase.

ARTS & CRAFTS

The Arts and Craft Group will not meet until Monday, February 23, 2015. We would welcome new members to our group with new ideas and new crafts.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

The weekly devotions of Bread and Wine; Altar Candles, Sanctuary Candles and Flowers are available for 2015 for the Church and Chapel. Stop by the Parish Office during our business hours to request your special week.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend is for Parish Development and Maintenance. The second collection next weekend February 15th is for the non-diocesan Aid to Churches in Eastern Europe.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

+Our monthly meeting of Council 10899 will be held in the Parish Hall of the church on Saturday, February 14th at 10:00 AM.

+The Knights of Columbus, Women's Auxiliary The Columbiettes, will be held the following week on Saturday, February 21st at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall of the church. All ladies age seventeen or older are welcome to join. Inquiries: Lucille Iasiello (609) 412-3828.

+During our Lenten Season the Knights of Columbus and the Columbiettes Auxiliary will be providing Lenten meals on Fridays starting after the Stations of the Cross: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM. The cost is \$8.00 per person and tickets may be purchased on Fridays at the door of the Parish Hall. Lenten meals will be posted in future bulletins.

LEGION OF MARY

Our meetings take place on Mondays from 9:30 to 11:00 AM. The Legion of Mary is pleased to offer a weekly visitation of the Blessed Mother's statue to homes within the Parish community. If you are sick or homebound and would like to say the Rosary with someone, please call: Jean Hanna (732) 473-9755 (or) Kathleen Fearn (732) 286-1608

***COME ONE... COME ALL...
St. Joseph and St. Patrick
Dinner Dance***

Date: Sunday, March 15, 2015
Time: 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Music By: Piper's Alley
Cost \$20.00 Per Person
Place: St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Hall
50/50 Raffle and Door Prizes
Tickets will be sold during the week, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM outside the Parish Hall.
Buffet Menu Includes:
Meat Lasagna; Eggplant Parmigiana; String Bean Almondine; Chicken Francese; Corned Beef on Rye; Salad; Cole Slaw; Rolls, Potato Chips, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Soda, Water and Setups. BYOB

**SMOKY MOUNTAIN COMBO
April 20 – 26, 2015**

7 Days... 6 Nights
Trip Includes:
Asheville, North Carolina
Biltmore Estate
Harrah's Casino, North Carolina
Smoky Mountain National Park
Gatlinburg, Tennessee
Ober Gatlinburg Tramway
Ripleys Aquarium of the Smokies
"The Sweet Fanny Adams Theatre"
Eleven (11) Meals, shows and more.....
Contact: Barbara Kwiatek CTC, MCC
(818) 227-2963
cruiseortours@aol.com

LIVES OF THE SAINTS

May the wisdom of the saints inspire us in our daily lives.

- February 8 St. Jerome Emiliani, Priest
- February 9 St. Apollonia
- February 10 St. Scholastica
- February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes
- February 12 St. Buonfiglio Monaldo
- February 13 St. Agabus
- February 14 St. Valentine, Priest
- February 14 St. Cyril & St. Methodius

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, and present your requests to God. The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4: 6-7)

GOD’S LOVE FOR US

Love in any language is appreciated, valued, longed for, needed and hopefully, expressed. Who among us does not thrive and feel happier on hearing the words “I love you” addressed to our ears and heart by a child, parent, friend or spouse.

A true understanding of the many varieties of love is found in the Bible where love is defined, explained and explored.

MESSAGE
FROM BISHOP O’CONNELL

My Dear Parishioners,

I have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and concern I have received from all over our Diocese, including your parish. I have received over 10,000 cards, letters, emails, video messages, gifts and countless prayers during my hospitalization and ongoing recovery. I could not begin to respond to each one personally, as much as I wish I could. Your pastor has allowed me to offer my heartfelt thanks in your parish bulletin.

I am most grateful to you for your loving concern. The future looks good and I hope to be back in public by Palm Sunday. My thankful prayers are with you. God Bless you.

Bishop David O’Connell
OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The first of the eighteen apparitions of the Blessed Mother to the humble Bernadette Soubirous which took place at Lourdes, in France, on February 11, 1985.

The devotion of people in all parts of the world to Our Lady of Lourdes, together with the countless miracles that have been wrought through her intercession, has caused one of the most marvelous regenerations in the history of the Church.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2015 in honor of President’s Day.

DEEP IN MY HEART

Happy little memories
 go flitting through my mind,
 And in all my thoughts and memories
 I always seem to find
 The picture of your face, dear,
 the memory of your touch
 Are all the other little things
 I’ve come to love so much.
 You cannot go beyond my thoughts
 or leave my love behind,
 Because I keep you in my heart
 and forever in my mind.
 Though I may not often tell you
 but I think you know its true
 That I find daily happiness
 in the very thought of you.
 (Virginia J. Ruehlmann)

“May your days be fashioned with joy, sprinkled with dreams and touched by the miracle of love.”

January 50/50 Raffle Drawing

- 1st #004046 Amount: \$375.00
- 2nd #003772 Amount: \$225.00
- 3rd #003560 Amount: \$150.00

Congratulations to all our January 50/50 raffle winners.

The Life of Jesus

Matthew 4:13-22, 7: 28-20; Mark 1: 16-22; Luke 4:31-32; 5: 1-11

THE MIRACULOUS DRAUGHT

After a brief stay at Nazareth, Jesus went and settled at Capernaum. This was better suited as a center for His public ministry, being a large city through which traffic from several countries moved. Jesus preached regularly in the synagogue there and the people were strongly impressed by His teaching, for He spoke with authority and did not constantly resort to rabbinic precedents as did the Scribes.

Along the Galilean shore Jesus found Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John who had first joined Him in Judea and who had temporarily returned to their trade as fishermen. They had moored their boats and were washing and mending their nets.

A crowd of people had followed Jesus, and in order to speak to them more conveniently He entered Simon's boat and asked him to put a little from the shore. Then sitting in the little vessel, Jesus began teaching the throngs who stood waiting on the narrow beach. When Jesus finished speaking, He said to Peter:

"Put out into the deep and lower your nets for a catch."

Peter said, "Master, the whole night through we have toiled and have taken nothing, but at Thy work I will lower the net." Thereupon he and his companions pushed out some distance from the shore and began to lower the net. Almost at once it was filled to the breaking point. Simon Peter and his crew were unable to bring their catch on board. As Peter and his crew were unable to bring their catch on board, they saw the net beginning to tear under the weight of the enormous mass of struggling fish. The crew yelled to the Zebedees for help. Through their combined efforts the net was hauled up and both

boats were loaded with fish until they began to ship water. Whereupon the crews were amazed and Peter fell on his knees protesting that he was unworthy to be in the presence of Christ. Going ashore with Simon Peter, and Andrew, Jesus Said to them:

"Come, follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

At once they put aside their nets and followed Jesus. Passing by the spot where the Zebedees had landed, He invited James and John in the same way. They left their father and followed Christ.

The Life of Christ
Catholic Press

Signs

Signs of the human world:

In human life, signs and symbols occupy an important place. As a being at once body and spirit, man expresses and perceives spiritual realities through physical signs and symbols. As a social being, a man needs signs and symbols to communicate with others, through language, gestures and actions. The same holds true for your relationship with God.

Signs taken up by Christ:

God speaks to man through the visible creation. The material cosmos is so presented to man's intelligence that he can read the traces of its Creator. Light and darkness, wind and Fire, water and earth, the tree and its fruit speak of God and symbolize both His greatness and His nearness.

Jesus himself is the meaning of all these signs.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

LIVES OF THE SAINTS

Occasionally in this space will appear a short article covering the lives of the saints, especially with reference to those saints whose likeness appear on the stained glass windows in the church and chapel, or whose statue is present in the chapel area or the candle room area.

ST. VALENTINE

Patron of Love

Valentine was a priest in Rome during a time when the Emperor forbade the practice of Christianity and executed any who disobeyed him. Valentine ignored the law and he comforted persecuted martyrs and may even had married Christian couples.

Valentine was arrested and brought before Claudius who demanded that Valentine renounce his Christian faith and accept the pagan gods of Rome. He refused to comply.

Legend tells us that Valentine sent a girl a farewell note signing it "from your Valentine." Yet another story evolved from the medieval belief that birds begin to mate on February 14th making it an ideal day for lovers. Today, St. Valentine is honored as a true patron of love, not because of an ancient belief or festival, but because he made the ultimate sacrifice. He gave his life for the love of God and his people.

ST. BUONFIGLIO MONALDO

Cofounder of the Servite Order

The eldest of seven children Buonfiglio came from a prosperous Florentine family. Despite his privileged background he was compelled to serve others in the name of Mary. He joined a lay community known as the Praisers of Mary and met six men who became his spiritual brothers.

The seven men settled in a run down building just outside of Florence. Buonfiglio became the leader of the group which was known as the First Servants of Mary. The Servites took vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

The Order he helped found quickly spread beyond Italy and today. Servites around the world continue to follow his example.

ST. METHIDIUS & ST. CYRIL

Patron of Europe

Methodius and Cyril were brothers who grew up among the Slavic people and spoke their language. Methodius served as a governor in Greece before joining a monastery and Cyril became a priest and scholar.

Although the brothers spoke Slavonic, they were confronted with a language with a written alphabet. However, local German missionaries resented the brothers influence. The Church also criticized them for using the common language of the people.

When Cyril died, the next year Methodius was made Bishop of Serbia. But, he soon came into conflict with the German bishops who arranged for his arrest. Upon Methodius' release he was again faced with papal restrictions on using Slavonic in Church. He soon returned to Rome and convinced the Pope to allow him to resume use of the vernacular.

Methodius and Cyril are fondly remembered today as the "Apostles of the Slavs."

ST. JEROME EMILIANI

Patron of Orphans

Girolamo served in the Venetian army and was taken prisoner when he began to devote his life to God. Bound in heavy chains and shut in a dark cell, he began to feel God's strength. He ultimately escaped and returned to Venice to prepare for the priesthood. After he was ordained a priest, he devoted himself to helping children who had been abandoned or orphaned. He rented a house for the orphans and took charge of their clothing, education and fed them.

Jerome founded orphanages in several towns, a hospital and a home for penitent prostitutes. Succumbing to a fatal disease while tending to the sick Jerome died on February 8th.

Our Faith

VALENTINE'S DAY

Many curious customs are associated with St. Valentine's Day. In early England it was a tradition for a young girl to pin fresh bay leaves on her pillow before retiring on the eve of St. Valentine's Day. She would dream of her sweetheart and perhaps that they would someday marry.

Another old English tradition of this special day was, on the morning of St. Valentine's Day, groups of children would go from home to home serenading the residents. In turn they would receive gifts of coins and candies.

Early valentines in England were written by hand and personally decorated by the sender. Each year a collection of sentimental verses on topics ranging from friendship to love was published. From this *Valentine Writers Handbook*, a person selected an appropriate verse, copied it by hand onto a piece of stationery, and embellished it with hand drawn designs or cutout pictures. Around 1853, embossed papers and fancy valentines were being manufactured in England.

A woman from the town of Worcester, Massachusetts named Esther Howland was the first person to manufacture valentines in America. Miss Howland controlled the entire valentine industry in America, for well over fifty years.

Gifts of Love

*Love is a gift
to treasure forever,
Given by God
without pride tag or measure*

*Love is a gift
we can all possess*

*Love is a key
to the soul's happiness.*

Anonymous

+ + +

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew (6:2)

CUSTOMS

In early times, betrothal rings of wood and leather were popular, and in ancient Ireland, it was customary for a man to present a ring or bracelet woven of human hair to the woman he wished to marry.

In A.D. 869, Pope Nicholas decreed that a ring made of precious metal would become the official statement of nuptial intent. Both the bracelet and the ring are circles, symbolizing a never ending union.

In the fifteenth century, diamonds became a part of the ring's setting and within a hundred years, a diamond ring became the most accepted and sought after statement of betrothal. Traditionally, rings worn on the fourth digit on the left hand was thought that a particular blood vessel and nerve ran directly from the finger to the heart.

FAITH AND LOVE

*Hope for a world grown cynically cold,
Hungry for power and greedy for gold.
Faith to believe when, within and without,
There is a nameless fear in a world of doubt.
Love that is bigger than race or creed
To cover the world and fulfill each need.
God grant these gifts of faith and love
For three things this world has so little of...,
For only these gifts from our Father above,
Can turn our sins from hatred to love.*

Happy Valentine's Day

"Life is a magic vase filled to the brim so made that you cannot dip into nor draw from it. It overflows into the hand that drops treasures into it, drop in malice and it overflows hate, drop in charity and it overflows love."

Anonymous

+ + +

"Let us love one another, for love comes from God." (John 4:7)