

February 15, 2015

6th 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 15, 2015

- 7:00 AM John Rescigno
Req. The Rescigno
- 8:30 AM Stanley Burzynski
Req. Wife, Marianna and Family
- 10:00 AM Eleanor James Deane
Req. Eleanor & Al Ugarte
- 11:30 AM Riccio and Guerin Families
Req. Patricia Guerin
- 1:00 PM Thomas Candalino
Req. Cotrono Family

Monday, February 16, 2015

- 7:00 AM Mariealane D'Amico
Req. Audrey & Dom Sardella
- 8:30 AM Mary Vojta
Req. Husband, Voltan
- 9:30 AM Multiple Intention Mass

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

- 7:00 AM Alma & John Auriemma
Req. Son and Wife
- 8:30 AM Domenico Latino (10th Anniversary)
Req. Wife, Rosa

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

- 7:00 AM Patrick Mackin
Req. Wife, Madeline
- 8:30 AM Joseph & Lillian Zappone
Req. Son and Daughter

Thursday, February 19, 2015

- 7:00 AM Helena Falco
Req. Daughter, Anna Roma
- 8:30 AM Tobi Matthew Alison
Req. Nonatus & Elena Alison

Friday, February 20, 2015

- 7:00 AM Helene & Sergei Zwetkow
Req. Nick Zwetkow
- 8:30 AM Doris Crowell (35th Anniversary)
Req. Daughter, Anita

Saturday, February 21, 2015

- 7:00 AM Cecilia VanWagner
Req. Walter & Bernadette Stupinski
- 8:30 AM John and Nancy Natoli
Req. Frank & Pat Natoli
- 4:00 PM Benjamin and Frances Pinella
Req. Daughters
- 5:30 PM Caroline Pafumi (1st Anniversary)
Req. Marie & John Marcolla

Sunday, February 22, 2015

- 7:00 AM Florence Cordero
Req. Rose & Paul DeVita and Family
- 8:30 AM Josephine Testa
Req. Patricia Guerin
- 10:00 AM Lucy Fay (11th Anniversary)
Req. Husband, Mike
- 11:30 AM Anna Pasquariello
Req. Husband, Frank
- 1:00 PM David Blood
Req. Family

**Multiple Mass Intention
Monday at 9:30 AM
February 16, 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
Brendan Vesey, *Req. Wife and Family*
Vincent and Angelo Cuozzolino,
Req. Ann Bederka
Dorothy and Robert Benedict,
Req. Peggy Abrahamsen
Charles Abrahamsen, *Req. Wife,*
Peggy
Lucille Rhode (*Living*),
Req. Daughters
Walter J. Kozak (*Valentine*),
Req. Wife, Helen
Joseph Czyz, *Req. Wife, Wanda*
Catanzaro & DeYonker Families,
Req. Marie DeYonker
Vincent Campanelli, *Req. Nikki Greco*
Elvira R. Angelo, *Req. John & Carmella*
Albanese
Bonnie Coakley, *Req. Mr. & Mrs. J.*
Diliberto
Geraldine Carbonello, *Req. Virginia and*
Ralph Serio

Josephine Turso, *Req. Husband,*
Joseph
Fred Knight (*Healing*), *Req. John Knight*
Selma Christopher, *Req. Fred Knight*
Sylvester Tyskiewicz, *Req. Wife, Alicia &*
Sons
In Thanksgiving, *Req. A.T.*
God's Blessings for John, *Req. Mom*
Josephine Cimo, *Req. Joyce Barrett*
Valerie O'Leary (*Healing*),
Req. Husband, John
Julie Ann Booth, *Req. Kathy Bacchetta*
Mary Margaret McGinley, *Req. Mike*
McAteer
Francesco and Francesca Pace,
Req. Daughter, Rosetta & Grandchildren
Michael LeBret, *Req. Steve & Alexis*
Fraunberger
Jason Keat, *Req. Susanne Jansson*
Josephine Balestrieri, *Req. Michael and*
Eleanor Guarini
Joan Graviano, *Req. Ann & Charles*
Richardson
Charlie Beedle, *Req. Felicitas M. Villaluz*
Ka Leony, *Req. Cecilia Reyes*
Boy Desembrana, *Req. Cecilia Reyes*

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Pray for the sick members of our parish.

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS – WEEK of February 14, 2015 to February 20, 2015

Bread & Wine – Church
Riccio and Guerin Families,
Req. Patricia Guerin
Bread & Wine – Chapel
William Pristaver, *Req. Bob & Rosemarie*
Durner
Altar Candles & Altar Flowers – Church
Riccio and Guerin Families,
Req. Patricia Guerin

Sanctuary Candles – Church
Reverend Francis E. Santitoro
Req. Andre & Ann Santitoro-Vispetti
Sanctuary Candles – Chapel
In Memory of Edward McDonald,
Req. Walter & Gertrude

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. Deacon Al Pacitti will be our guest speaker at this 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 our recent inclement weather, the January 26th meeting has been changed to 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. We also have Pizza and Sandwich parties during the year and when possible guest speakers. At every meeting we enjoy coffee and cake.

Andy Turco: (732) 286-6353

LENT

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. *"With You we fast and pray"* is our song.

The Lord Jesus Christ is with us, and so too is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. *"With You, too, we fast and pray."* Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States asks of us as baptized Catholics:

1. The days of fast (only one full meal) and abstinence (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (no meat).

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 Lent 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 and Ashes

8:30 AM Mass and Ashes

12:00 PM Mass and Ashes

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

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

Reflection:

Say the Our Father slowly and reflectively remembering that this prayer is a gift that guides us to the heart of the matter, which is being centered on God.

My Lord of love and mercy, expand my vision and enlarge my heart.

(Reflections of Lent)

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 generally meet on Mondays, between 9:30AM and 11:00 AM. welcome all new members to our group to share their ideas with us.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend is for the Non-Diocesan Aid to Churches in Eastern Europe.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed this Monday, February 16th in honor of President's Day.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help sell monthly 50/50 raffle tickets. If you could take some time during your busy schedule to help sell the raffle tickets, kindly call:

Bill Meehan (732) 818-1970

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

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Anna McShane, our beloved parishioner and a Trustee of our parish, has recently moved to Indiana to live with her family. We wish her all the best and pray for continued blessings upon her.

Eleanor Shea, wife of the late Deacon Raymond Shea, who himself was a previous Trustee of our parish, has graciously agreed to take Anna McShane's place as our parish Trustee.

Eleanor joins the ever faithful servant of God, Bill Meehan in that position. Thank you both, Eleanor and Bill!

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council #10899

The Columbiettes Auxiliary will hold their first organizational meeting, on Saturday, February 21st at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall of the Church. All ladies seventeen years of age or older are welcome to join. For further information contact:

Lucille Iasiello (609) 412-3828

The Knights of Columbus and the Columbiettes Auxiliary will be providing Lenten Meals on Fridays during the Lenten Season.

Meals will be served between the hours of 12:30 PM and 2:00 PM. A charge of \$8.00 per person may be paid at the door of the Parish Hall on that day. Menus for Lenten Meals will be posted in future bulletins.

Enjoy lunch!

Let's Go.....

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SMOKY MOUNTAIN COMBO

April 20 – 26, 2015

7 days.... 6 Nights

11 Meals, Shows and more....

Asheville, North Carolina

Biltmore Estate

Harrah's Casino North Carolina

Smoky Mountain National Park

Gatlinburg, Tennessee

Ober Gatlinburg Tramway

Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies

"The Sweet Fanny Adams Theatre"

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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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

- February 15 Blessed Claude de LaColombiere
- February 16 St. Onesimus, Martyr
- February 17 Seven Founders of Servites
- February 18 St. Marie Bernadette Soubirous
- February 19 St. Conrad of Piacenza
- February 19 St. Barbatus, Bishop
- February 20 St. Eustathius, Bishop
- February 21 St. Robert Southwell
- February 21 St. Peter Damian, Bishop

ROMAN PERSECUTIONS

On February 23, in the year 303, the Emperor Diocletian issued the Edict that began what was to be the last and worst of the systematic Roman persecutions of Christians.

In July of that year, Emperor Nero who was suspected of starting the fire himself accused the Christians of setting the blaze. Thus, a great number of Christians were killed and subjected to burning, crucifixion and exposure to wild beasts. St. Peter and St. Paul are thought to have been victims of Nero's persecution.

Edicts were also issued ordering the destruction of churches, burning of sacred books, the prohibition of religious gatherings, the imprisonment of clerics and the requirement that under penalty of death all Christians offer sacrifice to the Roman gods.

Emperor Diocletian abdicated a few years later and in 313 the Emperor Constantine issued the famous "Edict of Milan" which granted toleration to Christianity and all other religions in the Roman Empire.

(A Lenten Reflection)

ASH WEDNESDAY

Since the eleventh century, receiving ashes on the first day of Lent has been a universal Christian practice.

By wearing a cross of ashes on one's forehead, a person publicly acknowledges their need for penance and the fact that they are mortal (dust to dust). It also expresses their solidarity with all the members of the Church on earth as they enter together into the Lenten season.

(Lent- Solitude of the Heart)

WE ARE NEVER ALONE

"Live in peace and the God of love and peace will be with you."

(Philippians 4: 9)

Anyone who seeks to know God's peace and presence, regardless of age or circumstance, prayers are welcome anywhere and anytime. When we pray, we enter into the presence of God. To pray is to listen attentively to the One.

When we dare to trust that we are never alone but that God is always with us, always cares for us, and always speaks to us, we can gradually detach ourselves from the voices that make us feel anxious and embrace the moment.

When we discover that we are not alone, our hearts wish only to give us the love we need and the power to love others.

"Jesus, help me know you are with me every moment and everywhere."

St. Joseph and St. Patrick
Dinner Dance

Sunday, March 15, 2015

Time: 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Music: Pipers Alley

Tickets: \$20.00 Per Person

Place: St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Hall

Buffet Menu Includes:

Meat Lasagna; Eggplant Parmesan; Chicken Francese; Corned Beef on Rye; String Bean Almondine; Salad; Cole Slaw; Potato Chips; Dessert; Coffee; Tea; Water; Soda; Setups; BYOB

50/50 Raffle Tickets and Door Prizes

Tickets are sold during the week at the Parish Office.

A LENTEN SACRIFICE

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Please participate in ending abortion by praying for one hour once a week for the 6 weeks of Lent at the Abortion Clinic, 651 Route 37 West, in Toms River.

Choose an hour during the Clinic's weekly schedule Monday and Wednesday 1:00 to 4:00 PM and Saturday, Noon to 3:00 PM.

For more information call Mario at:

(732) 557-6689

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The Life of Jesus

Matthew 13: 36-52

Jesus Explains a Parable

Jesus explained the Parable of the wheat and the weeds along with other parables:

"He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field in the world; the good seed, the sons of the kingdom; the weeds, the sons of the wicked one; and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. But the harvest is the end of the world, and the reapers are the angels

Therefore, just as the weeds are gathered up and burst with fire, so will it be at the end of the world. The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all scandals and those who work iniquity and cast them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the just will shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father for He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

The Treasure and the Pearl:

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"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field; is a man who finds it, and in his joy goes and sells all that he has and buys the field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. When he finds a single pear of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

The Net:

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"Again the kingdom of heaven is like a net cast into the sea and gathering the fish of every kind. When it was filled, they hauled it out, and sitting down on the beach, gathered

the bad. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from among the just, and will cast them into the furnace of fire, where there will be the weeping and gnashing of teeth."

The Mustard Seed:

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"The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field. This indeed is the smallest of seeds, but when it grows up it is larger than any herb and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and dwell in its branches. The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and buried in three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

Jesus preached to the people about His kingdom fulfilling what had been prophesied by the psalmist a thousand years before. "I will open my mouth in parables. I will utter things hidden since the foundation of the world."

His kingdom was not of this world and by speaking this way, He avoided any risk that His words would be misinterpreted by the many Jews of that time who were seeking a political Messiah and an earthly kingdom. Meaningless to those who did not open their hearts to His message, the little tales were attractive and full of clues for the right intentioned listeners. When such listeners came to Him personally for instruction, Jesus fully explained the mystery hinted in the parables.

The Life of Christ
Catholic Press

Summary:

We know that the various kinds of ground on which the seed falls represents the various kinds of hearts on which the word of God can fall.

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. PETER DAMIAN

Cardinal and Bishop of Ostia

After Peter lost his parents as a child, he lived with an older brother who treated Peter like a slave and forced him to work as a swineherd. When his other brother Damian rescued him and provide a good education, Peter was grateful that he took his brother's name. Eventually, Peter became a respected teacher.

Peter lived austere and often invited the poor to eat at his table. In pursuit of a simpler life, he joined the Carmaldolese Benedictine monastery. Sharing a bare cell with another hermit Peter began a regimen of prayer, study and fasting.

Eventually, he founded five more hermitages and his reputation as a strict but benevolent leader grew. He spoke persuasively on such issues as the Cardinals right to elect Popes and the corrupt practice of buying and selling Church offices.

When the Pope named him Cardinal-Bishop of Ostia against Peter's wishes. Peter found himself traveling on diplomatic missions, fighting against various antipopes and writing countless letters and sermons to encourage reform.

Peter eventually returned to the monastery, although he was still called to serve the Church from time to time. In his old age, he kept up his disciplined practice of prayer, reading and writing while he happily spend his free time making wooden spoons and other useful items. In 1828 Peter was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church for his preaching, writing and reform.

Note:

The first Carmaldolese hermitage, founded by St. Romuald continues to serve as a

ST. ROBERT SOUTHWELL

Robert Southwell was born in England during the time the Protestant Queen Elizabeth I was fighting Catholicism. As a young man Robert was sent to an English Catholic school in France and he later studied in Paris.

When Robert was seventeen years old he wished to become a Jesuit, but he was turned down because he was too young. At the time he wrote: "Alas, where am I and where shall I be? A wanderer in a dry and parched land." Determined to fulfill his wishes Robert walked all the way to Rome, where he was admitted to the Jesuits. Two years after his ordination, the Jesuit Father sent Robert to England to work with Catholics.

It was treasonous to be a Jesuit in England, but Robert survived by using disguises and false identities. After six years of missionary work in England, Robert was finally betrayed and arrested. Despite torture, he refused to reveal the name of other Catholic priests in England. Robert asked to be tried or set free, however he was found guilty and hanged on February 21st.

ST. CONRAD OF PIACENZA

While on a hunting party Conrad had some brush set a fire to flush a quarry and destroyed an entire grain field. An innocent peasant was apprehended, tortured and condemned to death. When Conrad saw what had happened to this condemned man, he publicly confessed for the disaster. Both Conrad and his wife sacrificed their wealth to make restitution.

Conrad joined a group of Third Order Franciscan hermits where he lived for the next thirty six years in prayer and severe penance, and his wife entered the Poor Clares in quest for solitude. Conrad spent a great part of his time caring for the sick in a nearby hospital.

Our Faith

The PATH TO CHRIST

What is the goal of life for Catholic Christians?

We are most fully Catholic and Christian when we strive to become like Jesus Christ in our thoughts, words and deeds.

Is it possible to overcome personal sin and choose to follow Christ?

Yes...God has made it possible for us through the grace and reconciliation, won for us by Jesus Christ's death on the Cross.

Does God expect Christians primarily to avoid sin and doing evil?

True...the Christian call is even more positive and challenging; to become like Christ, to grow in the virtues that characterize his life by the power of the Holy Spirit.

What if God does not forgive our sins?

God always forgives the sins of those who sincerely repent.

Do we have to accept God's grace?

God's grace is never forced upon anyone. It must be sought after and freely accepted.

If one makes a wrong decision is he or she responsible?

If individuals do their best to form their conscience according to God's will, they can err but are not guilty of negligence or sin. If a person is ignorant or in error of a moral decision because of negligence in seeking the truth, God holds the person responsible for this.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Annual Catholic Appeal is the continuing objective to help one another, and to strengthen the ministries in our Diocese. Funds from the Appeal continue to support and sustain the educational, charitable and spiritual programs throughout the Diocese.

Every gift supports the vast growing need of our Catholic Faith. Each year the Bishop seeks the support of all of the members of the Diocese to further the work of our local Church.

Frequently Asked Questions:

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Why should I Support the Diocese of Trenton?

Each parish is part of the larger church of the Diocese of Trenton. We are led by Bishop David O'Connell, who is charged with the education and guidance of all the members of his flock.

Each one of us is the beneficiary of blessings from God. Our time, talent and treasure are all gifts. We are called to make a difference and share our gifts with those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

I am not sure I can Afford the Request Amount?

The gift request is a suggestion only. We ask you to consider a gift amount commensurate with your financial capacity. Keep in mind that gifts may be pledged over a ten month period. Gifts may be made in the form of cash and securities or a combination of both.

To What Extent are Gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal Tax Deductible?

Gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Donors with specific questions regarding tax deductibility should contact their financial advisors or tax agents.

Thank you for your attention to the Annual Catholic Appeal.