

February 22, 2015

First Sunday of Lent

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 22, 2015

7:00 AM Florence Cordero
Req. Rose, Paul DeVita & 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

Monday, February 23, 2015

7:00 AM Kevin Fenton
Req. Alice & Adam Anthes

8:30 AM Josephine Testa (1st Anniversary)
Req. Parish Office Staff

9:30 AM Multiple Intention Mass

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

7:00 AM ReneeLynn Hardin
Req. Mother

8:30 AM Pedro Sarabosing
Req. Doris Alison

Wednesday, February 25 2015

7:00 AM Anthony Muraco (Birthday)
Req. Wife

8:30 AM Peter Carolan
Req. Daughter, Karen

Thursday, February 26, 2015

7:00 AM Florence Cordero
Req. Family

8:30 AM Simon Briffa
Req. Parents

Friday, February 27, 2015

7:00 AM Richard Smith
Req. Elizabeth Kelly

8:30 AM Lucille Rohde (Living)
Req. Daughters

Saturday, February 28, 2015

7:00 AM Helene & Sergei Zwetkow
Req. Nick Zwetkow

8:30 AM Lee Miller
Req. Mom and Dad

4:00 PM Theresa & Louis Vercelli
Req. Marge and Andy

5:30 PM Pietro Del Lupo (22nd Anniversary)
Req. Wife, Gloria

Sunday, March 1, 2015

7:00 AM Vincent Petroccione (7th Anniversary)
Req. Wife, Alice

8:30 AM Venturini Paolo
Req. Maria Minutoli

10:00 AM Maria & Curt Bach
Req. The Cassone Family

11:30 AM John Guerin
Req. The Martinez Family

1:00 PM Marty Mihalek
Req. Wife, Ana

**Multiple Mass Intention
Monday at 9:30 AM
February 23, 2015**

In Memory of: Rev. Francis E. Santitoro
The Santitoro Family (*Living & Deceased*)
Rev. Frank Porazzo & Porazzo Family
Kathleen & Anthony Jackomin
Frances & Harold LaSalle
Joseph P. Flaherty
Steven Kilianski (Speedy Recovery),
Req. Grandmother
Rose Rielly (2nd Anniversary),
Req. Ellen Gibney & Family
Stephen Salon, *Req. Ann Bederka*
Phyllis Raneri, *Req. Elizabeth Mangini*
Jean Umhaver, *Req. Anthony Grebyk*
Antoinette Carestia, *Req. John,*
Brother
Valerie O'Leary (Healing),
Req. Husband, John
Victoria Muzzicato (Healing),
Req. Wells Fargo Family
Anthony & Josephine Pace, *Req. Rosetta*
Daughter-in-Law & Grandchildren
Danny Nyman, *Req. Steve & Alexis*
Fraunberger
Anita Crowell, (*Living, Birthday*).
Req. Mary Stipp
Joan M. Ceriello (*Living, Birthday*),
Req. Mary Stipp
Tom, *Req. The Puharic Family*
Alex Szalkiewicz (*Birthday*), *Req. Wife,*
Mabel

Marianne Chessick (Healing),
Req. Elaine Williams
Jennie & Vincent Faschani,
Req. Daughters
Special Intentions, Req. Anonymous
Frances Roginski, *Req. Stas and Sue*
Kowalski
Angelo Minetello, *Req. John McGowan &*
Lydia
Joe Rubano, *Req. Frank & Linda*
Aiello
Rachel & Paul Principe (*Anniversary*),
Req. Daughters, Ann & Yolanda
Florence Mavuro, *Req. Josephine*
Roeder
Clare Gentile, *Req. Husband,*
Joe
Renee Kittredge, *Req. Husband,*
Bob
Joan Whitehead, *Req. Joe and Trudy*
Smith
Louis J. Cerillo, *Req. Mary Cerillo*
Leo Scanlan, *Req. Wife, Helen*
Eugene Ulrich, *Req. Gail & Rich*
Backof
Gertrude Daidone, *Req. Irene & Gerald*
Singer
George Adamiak, *Req. Wife,*
Jadwiga

SPECIAL INTENTIONS – WEEK of February 21, 2015 to February 27, 2015

Bread & Wine – Church
Josephine Testa, *Req. Lynn & Toni*
Trombino
Bread & Wine – Chapel
Anthony Durner, *Req. Bob & Rosemarie*
Durner
Altar Candles – Church
Josephine Testa, *Req. Doug Garner*

Altar Candles – Chapel
Caroline Pafumi (*1st Anniversary*),
Req. Husband, Mike
Sanctuary Candles – Church
Rev. Francis E. Santitoro
Req. Andre & Ann Santitoro-Vispetti

PARISH NEWS

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

The meeting for the Altar Rosary Society will be on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 1:00 PM. Cake and coffee will be available prior to the meeting. Father John DeSandre will be our guest speaker.

On Sunday, March 1st Mass will be held at 8:30 AM and the Rosary recited at 8:00 AM.

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 meet during the months of July and August.

We are planning either a Pizza Party or a Sandwich Party on April 1st. We are taken orders at our March meeting. The price for either pizza or a sandwich will be \$3.00. See you then.

Andy Turco: (732) 286-6353

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

A meeting of Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division One will be held on Saturday, February 28th at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall of the Church.

Jack O'Shea (732) 341-9084

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 a parishioner, 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

"Everyone who belongs to the truth listens

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

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.

PENANCE SERVICE

Kindly note your calendars. Our Easter Penance Service will be held on:

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

12:00 Noon to 1:30 PM

Priests from surrounding churches will help with confessions on that day.

HISTORY NOTE

The story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead is told only in the Gospel of John. The mention of the tomb of Lazarus first came from the third century historian Eusebias. St. Jerome wrote about a Church that had been built over the tomb. The Church was later destroyed by an earthquake and a new one was built. It was then torn down by the Persians in 614.

The Crusaders built a third Church in the 12th century, but it fell into the hands of Moslem invaders.

The present Church was built in 1952 and the site is maintained by the Franciscans.

(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 meetings are on Mondays from 9:00 to 11:30 AM.

We welcome all new members to our group to share their ideas with us.

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 the non-diocesan Indian & Negro Home Missions.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council 10899

The Knights of Columbus and The Columbiettes, will be providing Lenten meals (lunch) on Fridays, during the Lenten Season.

Lenten meals will be served, on Fridays, between the hours of 12:30 PM and 2:00 PM.

A charge of \$8.00 per person can be paid at the door of the Parish Hall on that day.

Menu for this week: Tossed Salad, Fish of the Day, Dessert, Coffee, Tea or water.

2015 CHURCH ENVELOPES

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On the new church envelopes for the year 2015, kindly put your name and address on the envelopes, to make sure your donations are correctly recorded. Thank You!

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COME ONE... COME ALL

TO

**St. Joseph and St. Patrick
Dinner Dance**

Date: Sunday, March 15, 2015

Time: 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Music by: Pipers Alley

Cost: \$20.00 Per Person

Place: St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Hall

50/50 Raffle and Door Prizes

Buffet Menu Includes:

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

Tickets will be sold during the week, between the hours of 9:30 and 11:30 AM outside the Parish Hall.

Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Let's Go.....

Smoky Mountain Combo

April 20 – 26, 2015

7 Days..... 6 Nights

12 Meals, Shows and more.....

Trip Includes:

Asheville, North Carolina

Biltmore Estate

Harrah's Casino North Carolina

Smoky Mountain National Park

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Gatlinburg, Tennessee

Ober Gatlinburg Tramway

Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies

"The Sweet Fanny Adams Theatre"

Information call:

Barbara Kwiakcek CTC, MCC

(848) 227-3963

cruiseortours@aol.com

With all Your Heart:

If you are struggling to forgive someone know how passionately God is pressing to love, heal and strengthen you.

(Daily Reflection)

LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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

February 22 St. Margaret of Cortona
 February 23 St. Polycarp, Bishop
 February 24 St. Ethelbert, King of Kent
 February 25 St. Tarasius, Bishop
 February 25 St. Caesarius of Nazianzen
 February 26 St. Porphyrius, Bishop
 February 27 St. Gabriel of our Lady of Sorrows
 February 28 St. Romanus, Abbot

What is Easter all about?

Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection, an acclamation by the whole Church of the truth of the Pascal Mystery. Easter is also the oldest Christian holiday, one that Pope Leo I, regarded as the greatest feast of the liturgical year.

The date of Easter was set by the Council of Nicaea in AD 325. Accordingly, Easter is celebrated following the paschal full moon. To the members of the early Church, every Sunday was regarded as a celebration of the resurrection. When it was determined to single out one day to highlight the feast, there was disagreement as to the proper date.

As with most holidays, many customs both religious and cultural have risen around the feast of Easter. Rabbits and eggs were both common pagan symbols of fertility that made it into the popular observance of the feast. Christians were long forbidden to eat eggs during Lent, so they adopted the bright decoration of eggs as a sign of new life and joy.

Lent is a season of *fasting* but Easter is a time of *feasting*. Easter is primarily about a spiritual journey of discipleship.

(All Saints Press)

LET JESUS ENTER.....

"Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking. If you hear My voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with Me."

(Revelation 3:20)

GOD'S TREASURE

"Let us thank God today, for the free gift of love and offer it in turn, to those who will be part of our day. Jesus your call is a call to service, for I trust in You."

+to put the needs of others, before my own.

+to welcome interruptions to listen to one another.

+to be joyful with those who are difficult to serve.

+to see what more I can do. Amen.

In the Two Thousand Years....

In the two thousand years that have passed since the days in which Jesus actually spoke, much has been done to preserve the words that were heard by those who were there. Teachings have developed and a Church was created to empower the simple message and keep it alive.

Over two thousand years have seen the emergence of a complex world, and the saints of Christ's message of love have found themselves faced with an ever changing struggle against those in power who would try to have the message destroyed.

A LENTEN SACRIFICE

Please participate in ending abortion by praying for one hour once a week during 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 on Saturday, Noon to 3:00 PM.

For more information call Mario at:

(732) 557-6689

THE COLOR PURPLE

St. Mark and St. John note that the cloak the soldiers used to mock Jesus was purple. As a result, the color purple came to be associated with the Passion of Jesus Christ.

Liturgically, purple is a symbol of penance. It is used during the penitential seasons of Advent, Lent and on fast days and vigils.

(Our Lenten Days)

The Life of Jesus

Matthew 4: 12; Mark 1: 14; John 4: 1-42

Journey Through Samaria

Jesus took the route through Samaria. This was usually dangerous, because of the centuries old feud between the Jews and Samaritans. He was taking this trip at that time when the Samaritans would not be on the lookout for pilgrims returning from Jerusalem.

By noon of the second day, Jesus and his disciples had reached Sichar, about thirty miles north of Jerusalem. This was the site of Jacob's Well and Jesus, wearied by the long journey sat down to rest beside the famous Well while His disciples went off to buy food in the town.

Presently a Samaritan woman came up to draw water, and Jesus said to her:

"Give Me to drink."

His speech marked Him as a Galilean Jew and the woman looked at Jesus in Surprise. "How is it that Thou although Thou art a Jew, dost ask drink of me, who am a Samaritan woman." Jesus said:

"If thou didst know the gift of God, and who it is who says to thee, 'Give Me to drink' perhaps would have asked of Him and He would have given thee living water."

Taking His words literally, the woman protested that He had not even an implement to draw water from the Well. How, then, could He draw living water? (By which was meant spring water). Besides Jacob and his children had been satisfied with this Well. Did the stranger pretend to have access to anything better. Was He greater than Jacob.

Continuing with the comparison of His grace to spring water, Jesus replied:

"Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again. He, however, who drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst. The water that I will give him shall become in him a fountain of water, springing up unto life everlasting."

The woman was now anxious to bring this odd conversation to an end. Abruptly, and in a tone of irony, she said, "Sir, give me this water that I may not thirst or come here to draw." But Jesus passed to another theme, her readiness for His grace.

"Go, call thy husband and come here."

Surprised and somewhat disconcerted, she replied that she had no husband, Jesus remarked:

"Thou hast said well, 'I have no husband' for thou has had five husbands and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband. In this thou has spoke truly."

The Samaritan woman was convinced that He was a prophet, and was touched by the fact that He had designed to talk with her though He had this knowledge of her sins. "Our fathers worshipped on the mountain, but you say that at Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship. Jesus answered:

"Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on the mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know, we worship what we know. The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father."

The Life of Christ
Catholic Press

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. GABRIEL OF LADY OF SORROWS

Patron of Youth and Clerics

Born in 1838, this saint of modern times was originally named Francis after the great saint of his native city in Assisi. He attended the Jesuit college of Spoleto, where he was a great favorite with his fellow students and professors.

Francis was fastidious in manner and dress, and was fond of literature and theater. However, he decided to leave the world after being miraculously cured from two bouts of illness.

He was guided by Our Lady into the Passionist Institute, where he took the name Gabriel and became an Apostle of her Sorrows. At twenty-four years of age he died of tuberculosis, having already attained to a heroic degree of sanctity by a life of self-denial and great devotion to Our Lord's Passion.

Gabriel was canonized by Pope Benedict XV in 1920. His life was without any miraculous event; and after his death many miracles occurred at his tomb in Italy.

ST. ETHELBERT

King of Kent

When Ethelbert became King he extended his power to all of England. He married a Christian princess who was the daughter of the Frankish King. This resulted in the first introduction of Christianity into Anglo-Saxon England since her father insisted that his daughter should be free to practice her Faith in England.

When St. Augustine of Canterbury arrived in England, he was accorded a pleasant welcome by Ethelbert. After Ethelbert was converted he became the first Christian English King. He abandoned the worship of idols throughout his

ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA

Patroness of Midwives and the Homeless

Margaret suffered the death of her mother at the age of seven and was treated harshly for years by her stepmother. Margaret moved in with a young nobleman and the two teenagers began a love affair that ended tragically, when her boyfriend was murdered by thieves.

Margaret saw her lover's death as a sign from God. Alone and sacred with a young son born out of wedlock she turned to the Franciscans for help. She then fasted frequently, slept on the ground and begged for forgiveness publicly. Margaret took a job as a caregiver and soon quit to help the poor.

For three years, Margaret lived and worked among Cortona's needy, comforting the sick and helped the less fortunate. The friars admitted Margaret to the Third Order of St. Francis, the Order of Penitents.

She recognized the need for a hospital for the poor and sick and worked closely with city leaders to establish the Hospital of St. Mary of Mercy. Margaret lived and worked in the hospital until failing health forced her to move to the church of St. Basil where she died later at the age of fifty.

ST. POLYCARP

It is believed that when Polycarp was in his twenties, he met John the Evangelist. The two men formed a friendship and was converted to Christianity. This new Christian was very devout, and soon was named Bishop of Smyrna.

In Polycarp's time, Christians were the subjects of intense persecutions. Polycarp was arrested and taken to the city stadium to be executed. Because he refused to blaspheme Jesus, Polycarp was burned at the stake.

Our Faith

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Of all the Church's rituals, the Eucharist is the one we will share the most with others. During our lives as Christians, we will partake the Eucharist on weekdays, celebrations and on Sundays.

The Eucharist is the most important of all the Sacraments. Since we share in the event so often we find a spiritual value for our lives in the experience. In addition, it was the "birth" of the Christian Eucharistic celebration.

What is the Word Eucharist?

The word Eucharist comes from the Greek word for thanksgiving. It is used because Jesus "gave thanks" at the Last Supper.

What is the Sacrament of the Eucharist?

The Eucharist is a sacrament of our faith that awakens our awareness of Christ's redemptive work. It conditions us to identify as closely as possible, with His sacrificial love.

It is also a sacrament of Christ's redeeming power, reconciling us to God. Through it we become a vital Church community, enabling us to be mortal and spiritual witnesses to the world.

How is the Eucharist a Sacrifice?

The Eucharist, or Mass is a sacrifice of praise, thanksgiving, atonement for the living and the dead.

Is Christ Present in Both the Consecrated Bread and Wine?

When Jesus distributed the bread and wine to His apostles He invited them to share His sacrifice and the power of His atoning death.

When we participate in the Eucharistic celebration, we partake of the Body and Blood of Jesus and share in His sacrifice.

"Do this in Memory of Me?"

"Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until He comes." (1 Corinthians 11: 26)

We recall the past events of the Last Supper and the salvation events that followed it. We experience the immediate presence of those events in terms of the active presence of Jesus along with His saving grace, love and power.

People at Mass should be instructed by God's Word and refreshed at the table of the Lord.

Catholic Learning for Adults
Rev. Alfred McBride

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Ministry of Catholic Schools

The Catholic schools in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties welcome approximately 17,000 Catholic and non-Catholic students from many different cultural backgrounds.

Parents, as the primary educators of their children, work in partnership with teachers and develop their children's potential in becoming life's learners.

In a faith centered, child sensitive environment, students are taught respect and to value individual differences in others.

Our Catholic schools identify spirituality, collegiality, social justice and academic development as students proclaim the faith in all learning activities.

Your gift can help to keep our Catholic faith growing in our schools. Thank you for your generous contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

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