

March 15, 2015

Fourth 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, March 15, 2015

7:00 AM Dec'd. Mbrs. Fernandez & Suarez
Families

Req. Bertha Suarez

8:30 AM Thomas Srsich
Req. Pat and Tom Srsich

10:00 AM Brendan Vesey
Req. Mike Fay, Uncle

11:30 AM Joseph Scalabrino
Req. Wife, Camile & Family

1:00 PM Madilyn Callahan
Req. Peggy & Joe Milden

Monday, March 16, 2015

7:00 AM Daniel Kelly
Req. Bertha Glatz & Family

8:30 AM Deacon Raymond Shea
Req. Parish Office Staff

9:30 AM Multiple Intention Mass

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

7:00 AM Michael & Desmond O'Brien
Req. Mom and Dad

8:30 AM Mary and Daniel Dugan
Req. Daughter, Roseann

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

7:00 AM Vincenzo & Antonetta Cangelosi
Req. Children

8:30 AM Dr. Joseph Schiavone
Req. Wife, Terry

Thursday, March 19, 2015

7:00 AM Rose Palmisano
Req. Angela, Sister and Family

8:30 AM Joseph A. Pace (5th Anniversary)
Req. Children and Grandchildren

Friday, March 20, 2015

7:00 AM Justin Kardos
Req. Love, Grandma

8:30 AM Daniel Kelly
Req. Kay Schmidlein and Family

Saturday, March 21, 2015

7:00 AM Ralph Kowalik (45th Anniversary)
Req. Wife, Joan

8:30 AM Bernard Checorski
Req. RoseAnn Dwyer

4:00 PM Ralph & Maria Cardinale
Req. Family

5:30 PM Michaeline Gillick
Req. Mike & Dee; Son & Daughter in Law

Sunday, March 22, 2015

7:00 AM William Bennett
Req. Deacon Stan & Barbara Kwiatek

8:30 AM Rev. Msgr. William B. Naedele
Req. Monica Branham

10:00 AM Martin Rizzolo
Req. Mom and Dad

11:30 AM Pasquale & Irene Memoli
Req. Bob and Renee Kittredge

1:00 PM Bill Golden (Birthday)
Req. Wife, Bea and Family

**Multiple Mass Intention
Monday at 9:30 AM
March 16, 2015**

In Memory of: Rev. Francis E. Santitoro
 The Santitoro Family (*Living & Deceased*)
 Rev. Frank Porazzo, & Porazzo Family
 Joseph P. Flaherty
 Kathleen & Anthony Jackomin
 Frances & Harold LaSalle
 Steven Kilianski (*Speedy Recovery*),
 Req. Grandmother
 Brendan Vesey, *Req. Wife and*
 Family
 Dorothy & Robert Benedict,
 Req. Peggy Abrahamsen
 Charles Abrahamsen, *Req. Wife,*
 Peggy
 Lucille Rhode (*Living*).
 Req. Daughters
 Joseph Czyz, *Req. Wife, Wanda*
 Eugene Wefer, *Req. Wife, Lucille*
 Patrick Riley, *Req. Patricia Quinn*
 The Dec & Kusy Families,
 Req. Joseph Dec
 James Burns, *Req. Wife, Doris*
 Mary Margaret McGinley,
 Req. Owen & Susan McConway
 Nikola Kolanovic, *Req. The Puharic*
 Family
 Joseph & Alfia Rampino,
 Req. Son, Felix
 Carmella Rampino, *Req. Felix*
 Brother

Patricia Platon, *Req. Wife and*
 Children
 Sister Eleanora, *Req. Pat & Barbara*
 Lionetti
 George Adamiak, *Req. Wife,*
 Jadwiga
 Valerie O'Leary (*Healing*) *Req. Husband,*
 John
 John Tully, *Req. Friends of Family*
 Kenneth Bomeisl, *Req. Ann*
 Cervalli
 Trudy Daidone, *Req. Husband,*
 Gene
 Rose Fitzer, *Req. Mary Britske*
 Patsy O'Brien (*Healing*),
 Req. Patricia DeRisi
 Edward Sullivan, *Req. Bill & Diana*
 Holz
 Alice Foronjy, *Req. MaryLou Bandelli*
 Mary Basile, *Req. Paddy & Agnes*
 Kelly
 Mary Shean, *Req. Emma Roper*
 Marguerite Rose Spigler, *Req. Owen & Susan*
 McConway
 Audrey Mary Fareaz, *Req. Eva Titcomb*
 Charles Puleo, *Req. Silver Ridge Park*
 First Aid Squad
 Ann Kelly, *Req. Peggy Merlino,*
 Sister

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

Bread & Wine – Church
 James Finnegan, *Req. Wife, Pat*

Altar & Sanctuary Candles – Church
 James Finnegan, *Req. Wife, Pat*

Altar Flowers – Church
 James Finnegan, *Req. Wife, Pat*

Altar Candles – Chapel
 Ralph Iavarone (*Birthday*)
 Req. Wife, Doris

Sanctuary Candles – Chapel
 Reverend 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. Our guest speaker at this meeting will be Father John DeSandre.

Please bring a Bible with you at this meeting, if you are able, or share one with your neighbor.

We encourage all women parishioners to attend our Altar Rosary Society Meetings in devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society is in dire need of new and active members.

Our monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 1st at 12:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Coffee and cake are served at every meeting. At our April meeting we are having a Sandwich Party (\$3.00 per person). If you missed our March meeting but plan to attend our April meeting call: Bob Colello at (732) 818-9270

LEGION OF MARY

Our meetings take place on Mondays from 9:30 AM 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, kindly call: Jean Hanna (732) 473-9755

FORGIVE AND FORGET

"The Christian finds in human work a small part of the Cross of Christ and accepts it in the same spirit of redemption in which Christ accepted His Cross for us."

Pope John Paul II

Did You Know:

Coulrophobia is the fear of clowns!

PARISH NEWS

ATLANTIC CITY TRIP TO RESORTS

Date: April 6, 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 for 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 other parishes will help us with confessions.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council 10899

The Knights of Columbus will be providing Lenten Meals on Fridays during the Lenten Season. Meals will be served between the hours of 1:00 PM and 2:30 PM.

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

The Menu for this Friday, March 20th:

Garden Salad with choice of dressings,

Thin spaghetti with white clam sauce or marinara sauce;

Warm Italian bread with choice of butter or olive oil;

Fresh homemade baked desserts and Hot Beverages.

BINGO...BINGO... BINGO

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

Food is also available for purchase.

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We currently need volunteers to help in the kitchen for Thursday Bingo. Please step up and help, you will not regret it. If you could volunteer a few hours on Thursday, kindly stop by.

ARTS & CRAFTS

The Arts and Craft Group meetings are on Mondays from 9:00 to 11:30 AM.

We will be having our Spring Arts & Crafts show next weekend on March 21st & 22nd.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend is for the non-diocesan Catholic Relief Services.

DID YOU KNOW???

Greening of the Chicago River

For more than 50 years, the Chicago River in Illinois has been dyed the color green in honor of Saint Patrick Day.

This tradition started accidentally in 1960 when a group of plumbers were searching for an illegal substance that was polluting the Chicago River. However, the chemical they were using to track these toxins turned the river green.

Since then, the United States Environmental Agency banned the original dye that was harmful to the river.

Today on the feast of St. Patrick's the town of Chicago continues this idea but the actual green coloring of the river is used with forty pounds of green vegetable dye.

THE COLUMBIETTES

The women's auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus, the Columbiettes, will have a meeting at 9:30 AM this Saturday, March 21st in the Parish Hall. Further information call:

SMOKY MOUNTAIN COMBO

April 20 -26, 2015

7 Days 6 Nights

12 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

Contact:

Barbara Kwiatek, CTC, MCC

cruiseortours@aol.com

848- 227-3963

FOOD PANTRY

During the Easter Season we would appreciate donations of food for the parishioners in our area that require assistance. Small canned hams or other items to help fill their baskets during the Easter Season would be most thankful.

We thank you in advance for your attention to the needs of others.

Trivia: (Answers on page 9) Easy

1. In what Country would you find the city of Prague?
2. In what Country would you find the city of Oslo?
3. In what Country would you find the city of Milan?
4. What is the capital of Britain?
5. What is the capital of Portugal?
6. Where would you find Monte Carlo?
7. Where would you find The Orient?
8. Before it became a State, which of the United States once had a king?

EASTER EGGS FOR YOUR BASKETS

Colorful hand-painted wooden Easter Eggs are now available for purchase in the Parish Office. Dress your beautiful baskets or your table centerpieces with these beautiful and festive eggs. *Happy Easter*

LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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

- March 15 Venerable Father Michael McGivney
- March 15 St. Louise DeMarillac
- March 16 St. Heribert, Bishop
- March 17 St. Patrick, Bishop
- March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop
- March 19 St. Joseph
- March 20 St. Wulfran, Bishop
- March 21 St. Nicholas of Flue

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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The Act of Faith you make each day as a Roman Catholic to unite yourself with the Body of Christ in the Diocese of Trenton is the foundation of the Works of Love that show our brothers and sisters in need what it means to be a Catholic every single day.

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PASTORAL CARE

Rooted in the Gospel invitation to share in the healing mission of Jesus Christ, we advance the compassionate and competent spiritual, pastoral and sacramental care of God’s suffering people by the resources of the clergy, pastoral ministers, healthcare professionals and caregivers who serve them.

Those who offer pastoral care communicate God’s love and compassion ‘person to person’ by offering spiritual and sacramental support, including the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick offered by a priest.

We connect with healthcare institutions, medical professionals, chaplains and clergy by providing extensive consultation and resources for the holistic health and well-being of Catholic patients.

Your gift helps you to live and spread the Gospel.

DON’T CARRY YOUR CROSS ALONE

The Cross of Christ bears the suffering and the sins of mankind. Jesus accepts all this with open arms, bearing on His shoulders our crosses and saying to us, *“Have courage! You do not carry your cross alone.”*

(Conversion to Christ)

PRAISE HIM

Two men on crosses hung
 each man sought release,
 One sought release from nails
 the other, inner peace.
 One sought escape from shame,
 the other turned to Christ
 One asked to be set free
 one begged for Paradise.
 One cursed the cross and died
 his life a tragic story
 The other used his cross
 to catapult to glory
 Today we each have crosses
 that last while life endures,
 Some bless their cross, some don’t.....but,
 What have you done with yours?
 (The Cursillo Movement)

SIMPLE ACTS

Mother Teresa of Calcutta pointed out that the great tragedy of life is not hunger or disease, but feeling unnoticed or alone.

Everywhere, abandoned, isolated people ache with loneliness.

During the Lenten Season help by sending a message... a phone call, a card or even a hug... which shows them that you care.

“Bring love into your home for this is where our love for each other must start.”

Mother Teresa

LAETARE SUNDAY

The fourth Sunday of Lent has traditionally been called “Laetare Sunday.” The day becomes sort of a resting place after three weeks of Lent. It is also known as Rose Sunday or Refreshment Sunday and has a counterpart in Advent Gaudete Sunday. The celebrant of the Mass may wear rose-pink vestments instead of purple.

SPRING

This week on Friday, March 20th Spring arrives. This date is called the “vernal equinox.” “Vernal” is the Latin word for Spring and “equinox” is Latin for “equal night.” On this date,

The Life of Jesus

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THE MESSIAH

Many of the people impressed by the miracles of Jesus, were accepting Him as the Messiah, but their leaders sent agents to seize Him. However the time for Him to be delivered up, had not yet arrived.

“Yet in a little while I am with you, and then I go to Him who sent Me. You will seek Me and will not find Me, and where I am you cannot come.

If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture says, ‘From within him there shall flow rivers of living water.’”

The people were moved by His words. Some acclaimed Him as the Prophet, others said, “This is the Christ.” Still others were skeptical saying: “Can the Christ come from Galilee? Does not the Scripture say that it is of the offspring of David and from Bethlehem, the village where David lived that the Christ is to come.”

When the people agreed, some sided with the ruffians who had been sent to arrest Him, but they did not dare to seize Him. Thus the deputies of the Pharisees came back empty-handed. They had admitted that they, too, had been impressed by the words of Jesus. The Pharisees said “Have you also been led astray? Has any one of these rulers believed in Him, or any of the Pharisees? This crowd which does not know the Law is accursed.”

One of the members of the Pharisees’ council was a man called Nicodemus. He had been attracted to Jesus in the early days of His preaching and had come to Him secretly for instruction. Now he opposed his unscrupulous fellows and said, “Does our Law judge a man unless it first give him a hearing and know what he does.

But the Pharisees would not even consider the justness of his question. “Art thou also a Galilean?” they asked. “Search the Scriptures and see that out of Galilee arises no prophet.” Thereupon the meeting broke up, and the members returned to their home.

SUMMARY

When Nicodemus pointed out that Jesus should at least get a hearing before being condemned, the Pharisees answered with unbounded presumption and snobbishness that He could not be a prophet because He was from Galilee.

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Catholic Press

Nicodemus

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Nicodemus is mentioned only in the Gospel of John and was a devout Jew and a member of the Sanhedrin.

As a Pharisee, Nicodemus struggled to understand Jesus and gradually revealed his faith more openly, though it is not recorded by the Gospel of John that he became a disciple.

Did the cautious Nicodemus become a true disciple? Yes, according to the non-canonical Acts of Pilate, a fourth century work later known as the Gospel of Nicodemus. In its pages, Nicodemus stands up before the assembly and defends Jesus. “He is a man who has wrought many useful and glorious miracles, such as no man on earth ever wrought before nor will ever work.”

The only crime that Jesus was accused of was performing cures on the Sabbath.

The Sundays of Lent are not like the other days of the season of Lents. Sundays are a celebration of the resurrection of the Lord, “Little Easter.” That is why the Church does not expect its members to fast on Sundays.

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.

VENERABLE

FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

Michael J. McGivney was born on August 12, 1852 in Waterbury, Connecticut and was the oldest of thirteen children.

The son of Irish immigrants, Michael began his studies for the priesthood at the age of sixteen. But when his father died, Michael dropped out of the seminary to help support his family. He eventually returned to the seminary when the Diocese of Hartford encouraged him to continue his studies and paid his tuition.

Michael was ordained a priest on December 22, 1877 and was named Assistant Pastor at St. Mary Parish in New Haven. At that time there was much anti-Catholic sentiment in the United States. A small group of Catholic men wanted to defend and publicly proclaim their loyalty to their family, Country and faith.

Father McGivney initially suggested the group be named "Sons of Columbus" in honor of Christopher Columbus who brought the Catholic Faith to the New World and who was a national hero at the time. The group opted for the more noble name of "Knights of Columbus." The new group was chartered as a men's Catholic organization in 1882.

Father Michael McGivney died in August 1890 at the age of thirty-eight. On March 15, 2008, Pope Benedict XVI declared Father McGivney, "Venerable" which is a step to sainthood.

Origin:

The Knights of Columbus serve as a mutual benefit society to low income immigrant Catholics. They are dedicated to providing charitable services, promote Catholic education and activities defending Catholicism.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

Patron of the Church, Fathers, Poor and Workers

The Feast of St. Joseph always falls on the season of Lent. In Sicily and around Italy, people invite the poor to a special banquet called St. Joseph's Table. Lenten dishes such as meatless pastas are served. The custom is said to have begun during a famine.

People in Italy prayed to St. Joseph to intercede for them to have a good crop. When their prayers were answered they promised to make annual offerings of food in St. Joseph's honor.

In Spain, the city of Valencia hosts fireworks and parades during the week between St. Joseph's Day and the Annunciation on March 25th.

FEAST OF ST. PATRICK

Patron of Ireland

One of the most popular legends that surround the life of St. Patrick is that he used the shamrock to teach the Trinity. The stem represented the one divine nature, and the three leaves the three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. By the seventeenth century Irish Catholics wore shamrocks on their lapels when they attended Mass and celebrated the Feast of St. Patrick.

The first St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in Boston in 1737 and the first St. Patrick's Day parade occurred in 1762 when Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City. More and more Irish folks came to our Country and the city of New York, and ultimately started the St. Patrick parade.

A tradition in Ireland which was embraced in the mid 1990s was call St. Patrick's Festival which stretches out for five days. Today the feast day of St. Joseph is celebrated in such countries as

Our Faith

WHERE ARE YOU GOD?

God is "beyond," beyond our hearts and mind, beyond our feelings and thoughts, beyond our expectations and desires, and beyond all the events and experiences that make up our life. Still He is in the center of it all.

Here we touch the heart of prayer since here it becomes manifest that in prayer the distinction between God's presence and God's absence no longer really distinguishes.

In prayer, God's presence is never separated from His absence and God's absence is never separated from His presence. His presence is so much beyond the human experience of being together that it quite easily is perceived as absence. His absence, on the other hand, is often so deeply felt that it leads to a new sense of His presence.

Lent, Journey of the Heart

THE WOOD ON THE DOOR

The wood on a locked door is a symbol of our culture of fear. Even in the security of our homes, we lock our doors in fear of intruders or hearing the latest threat on the evening news. The risen Lord passes through our locked doors to stand among us and to wish us peace. On Easter morning we open our doors wide in the hopeful light of the day to go boldly forth as witnesses to the "good news" in accord with Christ's command.

*(Do not be afraid)
Jesus, the Carpenter*

Trivia Answers Travel around the World

1. *Czechoslovakia*
2. *Norway*
3. *Italy*
4. *London*
5. *Lisbon*
6. *Monaco*
7. *Asia*

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Ministry of St. Maximilian Kolbe Church cordially invite you to a Support Group for those who have lost a loved one through death.

It is a six week program to share your story, learn about the grieving process, coping skills and to be comforted.

Our goals are understanding your loss, respect, growth, acceptance and spiritual consolation in a confidential setting.

If you would like support on your "grief journey" and would like to attend, please call the phone number below to register.

Registration is necessary and is only during the month of March.

Please bring a "Framed" photo of your loved one with you to each session.

Refreshments will be served.

Dates: Fridays, April 10 to May 15, 2015

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Hall

To Register:

Call: Madeline Gardner, RN
(732) 608-6840

Kindly leave your name and number and Madeline will get back to you.