

**August 30, 2015**

*22nd 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, August 30, 2015**

7:00 AM James & Jean Kimmons  
*Req. Family*

8:30 AM Anthony Apisa  
*Req. Wife, Susan and Family*

10:00 AM Stanley W. Kwiatek, Sr.  
*Req. Deacon & Mrs. Stanley Kwiatek*

11:30 AM Alvaro DaCosta  
*Req. Rose & Jerry Garafolo*

1:00 PM Venturini Paolo  
*Req. Anthony, Rosanna & Ann Schifilliti*

**Monday, August 31, 2015**

7:00 AM Bill Craig  
*Req. Wife*

8:30 AM Anne "Bunny" Garrison  
*Req. William & Patricia Vella*

9:30 AM Multiple Intention Mass

**Tuesday, September 1, 2015**

7:00 AM Salvatore Ventre  
*Req. The DeGennaro Family*

8:30 AM Salvatore Grillo  
*Req. Wife and Family*

**Wednesday, September 2, 2015**

7:00 AM Persecuted Christians in Middle East  
*Req. Rita Wever*

8:30 AM Sophie "Honey" Churpakovich  
*Req. Husband, George*

**Thursday, September 3, 2015**

7:00 AM Joanne Fowler Arena  
*Req. Edie & John Greges*

8:30 AM Moseratte & Emetero Rodriguez  
*Req. Daughter, Inex*

**Friday, September 4, 2015**

7:00 AM Lawrence Scherer (1st Anniversary)  
*Req. Karen & Howard Azrolan*

8:30 AM Peter Stella Kowalczyk  
*Req. Daughter-in-Law, Julie*

**Saturday, September 5, 2015**

7:00 AM Margaret Keough  
*Req. Joan Piga*

8:30 AM Marie Bivona (12th Anniversary)  
*Req. Mom and Dad*

4:00 PM Victor & Edith Stanak  
*Req. Daughter, Emily*

5:30 PM Gregorio Medaro (Anniversary)  
*Req. Elaine Medaro*

**Sunday, September 6, 2015**

7:00 AM The Tetzlaff Family  
*Req. Family*

8:30 AM Saint Michael  
*Req. Joseph Valerio*

10:00 AM Julio Barina  
*Req. Wife and Family*

11:30 AM John Guerin  
*Req. The Martinez Family*

1:00 PM Louise Percia  
*Req. Joe and Cathy Persichetti*

**Multiple Mass Intention  
Monday at 9:30 AM  
August 31, 2015**

In Memory of: Rev. Francis E. Santitoro  
The Santitoro Family (*Living & Deceased*)  
Rev. Frank Porazzo, & Porazzo Family  
Kathleen & Anthony Jackomin  
Joseph P. Flaherty  
Steven Kilianski (Speedy Recovery),  
*Req. Grandmother*  
Patrick Ferro (First Anniversary),  
*Req. Wife, Anne*  
Frances Tatano, *Req. Jack & Joann  
Clarke*  
Edith Grzymko, *Req. Pearl & John  
Pfaff*  
Helen Miller, *Req. Family*  
Joseph Cassiello (20th Anniversary),  
*Req. Wife and Children*  
Frank Irilli, *Req. Terry Petro and  
Pat Guerin*  
Stanley Botta, *Req. Wife, Stefania*  
Jeanne Kronewitter, *Req. Silver Ridge  
Park First Aid Squad*  
All Souls in Purgatory, *Req. Gelsomina &  
Gerry Cioffi*  
Agnes Scofield, *Req. Husband, Bill  
Arthur Scallo, Req. Peg Burke and  
Family*  
Emma Konicki, *Req. Joseph Dec  
St. Peregrine for Prayers Answered,  
Req. Kay & Ed Zambrano*  
Carolyn Quagliero, *Req. Lou & Christina  
Bargone*

Connie Palino, *Req. Gloria Medina*  
Stanley Larson, *Req. Patricia Reddy and  
Family*  
Anthony Vaccari, *Req. Wife,  
Livia*  
Richard Dobmeir, *Req. Margaret and  
Antonio Perez*  
Helen Doherty, *Req. N. Paglia*  
Donna (Good Health), *Req. Love,  
Mom*  
Angelo Gazzanigo, *Req. Juan*  
Catherine DiCiancia, *Req. Dorothy G.  
Murphy*  
Lawrence F. Murphy, *Req. Wife,  
Dorothy*  
Carolyn Quagliero, *Req. Gloria  
Albanowicz*  
Tom & Mary Beth Gannon,  
*Req. Mom & Dad*  
James Gannon (Healing)  
*Req. Mom & Dad*  
Rich Gannon (Healing)  
*Req. Ann*  
Mary Maloney (Healing),  
*Req. Ann and Rich*

*"If your friend is a help, a joy, an inspira-  
tion to you, tell him/her so. There are discouraged  
hearts everywhere just hungry for appreciation  
and sympathy."*

*Anonymous*

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS – WEEK of August 29, 2015 to September 4, 2015**

*"Whenever evil befalls us, we ought to ask  
ourselves... how we can turn it into good. So shall  
we take occasion, from one bitter root, to raise  
perhaps many flowers."  
(L. Hunt)*

*Altar Candles – Church*  
Rev. Francis E. Santitoro and Marie Santitoro,  
Sister  
Req. Andre & Ann Santitoro-Vispetti

**PARISH NEWS**

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY**

Rosary Sunday is held on the first Sunday of each month. Please join us.

Our Rosary meetings will begin once again on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 1:00 PM. Coffee and cake will be served prior to the start of the meeting.

The Altar Rosary Society is dedicated to promoting devotion to the Blessed Mother. We also do works of charity and host a Communion Breakfast. Join us!

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The Altar Rosary Society is planning a trip to:

*The Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa Doylestown, Pa. on October 7, 2015.*

The cost of the trip is \$50.00 which includes a luncheon prepared by the shrine staff and served in the Shrine Dining Cafeteria.

For information and tickets call:

**Josephine Roeder (732) 349-9379**

*"To fall in love with God is the greatest of all romances. To seek Him is the greatest of all adventures. To find Him is the greatest human achievement."* Anonymous

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

On Wednesday, September 2, 2015 we begin with our Holy Name Society meetings. We are planning a sandwich party in October. Hopefully, we will get many members to join us in September for the start of our meetings.

**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**

**PARISH NEWS**

**ATLANTIC CITY TRIP TO RESORTS**

Date: September 7, 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.

**Please Note:**

*All Cancellations are non-refundable.*

**ADORATION**

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

**12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM**

**NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICE**

On Monday, September 7th the Parish Office will be closed in celebration of Labor Day.

The Arts and Crafts group will not meet also on this day.

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**

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Spiritual Direction is concerned with helping a person directly with his/her relationship with God.

A Spiritual Director walks this journey with you and invites you to come to know your personal relationship with God.

Kathleen O'Connell has been working in our parish with some parishioners for the past year. Kathleen can see people in the parish on Friday mornings in the Parish Hall.

Please contact Kathleen O'Connell for more information or to make an appointment.

**(914) 275-5766**

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*Smile, God Loves You!*

**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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**ARTS & CRAFTS**

The group is continuing to meet on Mondays, from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Come join us and bring some of your ideas.

The Arts and Crafts Group are planning their Craft Show on the weekend of October 24th and October 25th. Stop by and see all the home-made items.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

The second collection this weekend is for Parish Development and Maintenance.

**MAUSOLEUM**

**St. Maximilian Kolbe Church**

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, call the Parish Office. (732) 914-0300

*"Let your light shine before men, in order that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5: 16)*

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Saturday: September 12th at 10:00 AM  
The Knights of Columbus – Council 10899

Saturday: September 19th at 9:00 AM  
Women's Group – The Columbiettes

Saturday: September 26th at 10:00 AM  
Ancient Order of Hibernians

**Bishop Anniversary/Blessing**

The Bishop's Anniversary Blessing for 2015 will be held for Ocean and Monmouth counties on October 25, 2015.

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish  
Freehold, NJ.

All couples celebrating their First, 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during the 2015 calendar year are invited to gather with family and friends to share the Eucharist.

Renew your sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop David O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Call or come to the Parish Office to register for this event.

Deadline to register is by October 5, 2015.

**OGLEBAY & WHEELING CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR**

**November 16 to November 19, 2015**

- Featuring Oglebay's Wilson Lodge & the enchanting Festival of Lights.
- Plus Casino!
- Excitement and the surprising City of Pittsburgh with Senior Tours.
- Senior Tour escort on board bus hosting complimentary cocktails, soft drinks and snacks.
- Incomparable "Festival of Lights" one of the largest Christmas illumination displays.
- Christmas Mansion Tour, Glass Museum, and holiday dinner.
- Lodging for three nights at Cambria Suites with indoor pool, hot and cold breakfast daily.
- \$100.00 deposit to hold seat; refundable up until final payment on October 15th.

Cost: \$699.00 Double Per Person

\$799.00 Single Per Person

\$646.00 Triple Per Person

Contact: Barbara Kwiatek (848) 227-3963

THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED OUR RECENT BAKE SALE. We would especially like to thank Pat Berg the Bakers and Volunteers who were instrumental in this "Yummy" endeavor.

The earnings from the Bake Sale amount to: \$1481.00 Thank You!

LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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

- August 30 St. Fiacre
- August 31 St. Raymund Nonnatus
- August 31 St. Joseph of Arimathea
- September 1 St. Giles, Abbot
- September 2 St. Ingrid of Sweden
- September 3 St. Gregory the Great, Pope
- September 4 St. Rosalia
- September 5 St. Bertin

DID YOU KNOW???

The Church began honoring saints by the year 100 A.D. The practice grew from the long standing Jewish practice of honoring prophets and holy people with shrines. The first saints were martyrs.

Canonization has only been used since the tenth century. Prior to that, saints were chosen by public acclaim. With that process, some saints' stories were distorted by legend and some never existed.

BLESSINGS OF HOLY WATER

Holy Water at the entrances of the Church is not there to wash our hands as the first grade thought when they did their church tour.

Holy Water reminds us of our baptism, that we are called by God to live a life of holiness, giving witness to our faith by what we say and do.

Blessing ourselves with the Holy Water not only asks God's blessing on us, but signifies the reason we come to church, as we seek to do God's will.

HELPFUL TIPS.....

- Tell solicitors or anyone who calls that you only respond to something in writing. Do not give them your full name or address.
- NEVER give a credit card or bank account number over the phone to someone who calls you.
- Do not give any information to telemarketers.
- Use direct deposit for annuity, pension checks or any other regular income.

Liturgical Publications

THE HOLY CROSS

The cross was once the most horrible way to die, fit only for the lowest of criminals whose crimes were nailed above their heads as examples to those who would see them

Christ humbled himself, by being born in a barn, by living as a man, and by dying on a cross with the words "King of the Jews" written above his head for all to see.

As Christ transformed himself through His death and resurrection, and changed death from something to be feared to the beginning of new life, He transformed the cross from an object of fear to a symbol of hope. From a sign of death to the greatest symbol of love and everlasting life.

Reflections & Prayers

A PRAYER FOR LIFE

*Heavenly Father,*

*From the smallest cell to the largest creature, you are the origin and creator of all life. May we be so in awe of Your wondrous power that we never take for granted the wonder of life.*

*We recognize the value and worth of human life. Help us to protect and nurture all life so that in perfect harmony we may offer to You a fitting song of living praise.*

*We ask this through Jesus, Your Son, who lives and reigns forever. Amen.*

By: Rev. James Gaffney

"A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows." St. Francis of Assisi

COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus, Council 10899 is hosting a Communion Breakfast at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church in the Parish Hall on:

Sunday, September 20, 2015

Tickets will be sold on the weekends, before and after Masses, starting September 5th. The tickets are \$8.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child. Children under five eat free.

Menu: Scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, delicious home fries, pancakes, bread, desserts, hot and cold beverages.

Tickets will not be available on the day of the Communion Breakfast!

## The Life of Jesus

*Matthew 9: 27: 34; 13: 54-58; Mark 6: 1-6; Luke 4: 22-30*

### NAZARETH REJECTS JESUS

Leaving the house of Jairus, Jesus was followed by two blind men who cried out, "Have pity on us, Son of David." When He reached His own house, the blind men entered with Him and He said to them:

*"Do you believe that I can do this to you?"*

"Yes Lord," they said. He touched their eyes saying:

*"Let it be done to you according to your faith."*

At His words their sight was restored. He said:

*"See that no one knows of this."*

As they departed, a demoniac who was mute was brought in to Jesus. He cast out the devil and the mute man spoke, to the amazement of the crowds. But the Pharisees claimed Jesus had worked this miracle through the devil's power.

At this time Jesus returned for a visit to Nazareth. He preached in the synagogue on the Sabbath, and the townsfolk were surprised at the wisdom of the "carpenter's son." But He performed few miracles in Nazareth, and the people remained skeptical and distrustful of the powers of this native son. Jesus said:

*"You will surely quote Me this proverb. 'Physician, cure thyself! Whatever things we have heard of as done in Capernaum, do here also in Thy own country.' Amen I say to thee, no prophet is acceptable in his own country."*

*In truth I say to you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elias, when heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there came a great famine over all the land; and to none of them was Elias sent, but only to a woman, a widow in Sarepta of Sidon. There were many lepers in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet and not one of them was cleansed, only Naaman the Syrian."*

His people were rejecting Him just as they had rejected Elias and Eliseus; and now, as then, God's mercy was being given to strangers. Infuriated at Christ's words, the congregation took Him out to the hillside, intending to kill Him by casting Him from the summit. But Jesus escaped from them and left Nazareth.

### SUMMARY:

To cure the blind men, Our Lord needed to do nothing but to will that they receive their sight. He used an external and visible symbol of the exercise of His divine power. He knew that such a method was human.

The Life of Christ  
Catholic Press

"Blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. Even as He chose in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him.

He destined us before Him in love to be His sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Blessing is a divine and life giving action, the source of which is the Father, His blessing is both word and gift."

## 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. Gregory the Great, Pope

*Patron of England, Educators and Others*

Born to a wealthy Christian family, Gregory was noted as a brilliant young man. He became a prefect when he was only thirty-three but soon after he resigned, sold his properties to build monasteries and then gave the rest to the poor.

Turning his own home into a monastery, Gregory settled into the austere, humble life of a monk. Rome was in a disastrous state at the time. Floods, plagues, fires and earthquakes had devastated the city and barbarian tribes threatened to invade. People suffered from disease, famine and looting.

Then the Pope died, and Gregory was unanimously elected to replace him. Although Gregory did not want to leave the monastery, he accepted and soon he was warding off barbarian attacks and emptying the Church treasury to help the needy.

One day, Gregory saw some boys being sold as slaves and from that moment on, converting all of England became his priority. He liberated boys and educated them at a monastery so that they could bring the Gospel to their homeland. He sent a mission of forty monks whom he personally directed.

Self-proclaimed as a 'servant of the servants of God' Gregory never rested. He was an excellent administrator, encouraging evangelism and passing numerous Church reforms. A prolific writer, his *Dialogues* was one of the most popular books of the Middle Ages.

Gregory fought off the emperor's tax collectors, wrote homilies about the Gospels and inspired the haunting beauty of the Gregorian chant.

### St. Raymund Nonnatus

*Patron of Midwives and Expectant Mothers*

At a time when the Muslims were taking Spanish Christians as slaves, Raymund came into the world by Caesarian section just after his mother had died. Consequently, he was given the surname Nonnatus or *non natus*, Latin for "not born."

Raymund joined the Mercedarians an Order founded to ransom Christian slaves. The Order's cofounder soon sent Raymund to Algeria with a large sum of money where he successfully ransomed a number of Christian slaves. When his money ran out, Raymund offered himself as ransom for others. At first the Muslims treated him harshly but then they freed him, fearing that they would lose the ransom if he did not return home safely.

Once free, Raymund went about comforting fellow Christians and converting Muslims to Christianity. For this, he was repeatedly tortured but Raymund refused to stop spreading the Word of the Lord. After enduring eight months of imprisonment in a dungeon, he was soon ransomed and sent home.

Back home, Raymund was made a Cardinal, but continued to live simply. When he was summoned to Rome, he insisted on traveling as a simple religious man. He died a short time later at the age of thirty-six.

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*Dear Lord*

*I ask of You this day, to give me the patience and the knowledge to comfort and to listen to those around me.*

*I ask of You this glorious day to give me the strength and the skill to support and nurture those around me. Like a breeze, like a whisper, allow me to approach others who have pained hearts and give to me the right words to help heal them.*

*In Your name, I offer this prayer. Amen*

## Our Faith

### BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Ministry of St. Maximilian Kolbe Church cordially invites 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 number below to register.

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

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

Refreshments will be served.

Dates:        Fridays  
October 9, 2015 to November 13, 2015

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Hall

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

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Kindly leave your name and phone number if Madeline is not available, and she will get back to you.

### LESSONS FOR THE LIVING

- Communion brings us closer to Christ, and closer to one another.
- Let go of worries and concerns, entrust them to God.
- Reach out to others, it is in giving that we receive.
- Listening to others with heartfelt compassion unites us with Christ.
- Prayer and Communion can turn fear into courage.

St. Anthony Messenger – 2001

### THE FOUR SYMBOLS OF THE GOSPEL

The Church has long used art to depict Biblical stories, spiritual realities and mysteries of faith to help people grasp and better understand their faith. This was particularly important when books were rare and few people could read. This is true with the Gospel symbols.

*Matthew's Gospel*, begins with the genealogy of Jesus; his symbol is a man.

*Mark's Gospel*, begins with a "voice crying out in the wilderness" and so his symbol is a lion.

*Luke's Gospel*, begins with the story of the father of John the Baptist, Zechariah. He was a high priest and his offering for the nation was a bull.

*John's Gospel*, has the most highly developed theology, which soars above the others and so his symbol is an eagle.

These four symbols often decorate the pulpit; stain glass windows and Gospel Book Covers. As a result, each Gospel proclaims the Good News in a slightly different way, adding emphasis in some places or including different stories to effectively communicate the story and message of Jesus.

Remember the symbol and you will know how the Gospel begins.

Building Blocks  
Enthusiasm for the Faith

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