

January 24, 2016

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

MASSSES for the WEEK

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

*Sunday, January 24, 2016*

7:00 AM Evelyn C. Tucker  
*Req. Husband, Stephen & Family*  
8:30 AM Jennie & Vincent Fasciani  
*Req. Daughters*  
10:00 AM The Gabriel Family  
*Req. William & Sandra Zarello*  
11:30 AM Marie McEneaney  
*Req. Granddaughter, Candice Graham*  
1:00 PM Rose Crenci  
*Req. John and Victoria Scully*

*Monday, January 25, 2015*

7:00 AM Tess and Joe Gallo  
*Req. Son-in-Law, John*  
8:30 AM Robert SanAntonio  
*Req. Mom, Terry*  
  
9:30 AM Multiple Intention Mass

*Tuesday, January 26, 2016*

7:00 AM Carmen Mele  
*Req. Kevin & Cathy Morris*  
8:30 AM Anthony Girodano, Sr. (10th Anniv.)  
*Req. Wife, Judith and Children*

*Wednesday, January 27, 2016*

7:00 AM Mom & Pop DeRobertis  
*Req. Daughter, Mary*  
8:30 AM Robert Calmbacher  
*Req. Sam and Ellie*

*Thursday, January 28, 2016*

7:00 AM In Memory George Renz III  
*Req. Mom and Dad*  
8:30 AM Daniel Dever (Birthday)  
*Req. Wife and Family*

*Friday, January 29, 2016*

7:00 AM Father Frank Santitoro (3rd Anniv.)  
*Req. Family*  
8:30 AM Charles A. Macaluso  
*Req. Wife, Lorie and Children*

*Saturday, January 30, 2016*

7:00 AM Louigi Vassalo  
*Req. Friend, Maria Sims*  
8:30 AM Nicole Malato  
*Req. Maria C. Masterson*  
  
4:00 PM Edward James & Tess Wadiak  
*Req. Mom and Dad*  
5:30 PM Robert L. Sommers (Birthday)  
*Req. Wife, Frances*

*Sunday, January 31, 2016*

7:00 AM Stephen Anthony Kuchar  
*Req. Zimadar Kuchar*  
8:30 AM Bernie Murphy  
*Req. Family*  
10:00 AM Maria and Curt Back  
*Req. The Cassone Family*  
11:30 AM Ann Brennan  
*Req. Elizabeth Dutka*  
1:00 PM Joseph Janonis  
*Req. Wife, Mary*

**Multiple Mass Intention  
Monday at 9:30 AM  
January 25, 2016**

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*  
 Christopher Hague, *Req. The Hague  
 Family*  
 Frank Bederka, *Req. Ann Bederka*  
 Helen Laukzemis, *Req. Ann  
 Bederka*  
 Rose E. Zullo, *Req. Elaine Saja*  
 Axel Carlberg, *Req. Rosalie Fuentes*  
 Valerie O'Leary, *Req. Helen Batcha*  
 Jane Dericks, *Req. Carolyn and Jim  
 Burns*  
 Ralph Serio, *Req. Jean Mayer*  
 Joseph Campisano, *Req. Anne Regina and  
 Tom Herbert*  
 Josephine Ballotta, *Req. Altar Rosary  
 Society*  
 Rose Walczyk (Speedy Recovery),  
*Req. Kay & Ed Zambrano*  
 Michael DeLorenzo, *Req. Mom and  
 Dad*  
 Marie E. Cushman, *Req. Patricia  
 Christoff*  
 Guido Campana (1st Anniversary),  
*Req. Mr. & Mrs. Philip Maddamma*

Loretta & Salvatore Antonucci,  
*Req. Mr. & Mrs. Philip Maddamma*  
 Anthony Campana and Family,  
*Req. Mr. & Mrs. Philip Maddamma*  
 Eugene & Joyce Szeszko,  
*Req. Ann & Rich Wyzykowski*  
 Vito Licciar Dello, *Req. Paul Connerton*  
 Grace Androccio, *Req. Donald & Colette  
 Cicetti*  
 Gusepe & Matea Nicolic, *Req. Daughter,  
 Lucila and Family*  
 Chester "Chet" Ostrowski (3rd Anniversary),  
*Req. Wife, Joan*  
 Florence Adamo, *Req. Friends*  
 Sr. M. Leovilla, *Req. Hildegard, Sister*  
 Hildegard Jung, *Req. Sister-in-Law,  
 Hildegard*  
 Agnes Scofield, *Req. Husband,  
 William*  
 William J. Scofield, *Req. Dad*  
 Rose Ellen Smyth, *Req. Vera, Sister*  
 John Yamelski, *Req. Polish American  
 Club of New Jersey*  
 Bob Pisano, *Req. Loraine & Jack  
 Cashman*  
 Sharon Giordano, *Req. Maria Fanizzi*  
 Albert Appicello, *Req. Wife, Antoinette*  
 Perry John Siracusa, *Req. Mary Britske*  
 Joseph Amato (2nd Anniversary),  
*Req. Wife, Ann*

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS – WEEK of January 23, 2016 to January 29, 2016**

*Bread & Wine – Church*  
 Richard Cantolino & Deceased Members,  
 Req. Mother-in-Law, Rose Kot

*Bread & Wine – Chapel*  
 Rev. Francis E. Santitoro & Marie Santitoro, Sister,  
 Req. Andre and Ann Santitoro -Vispetti

**PARISH NEWS**

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY**

The Altar Rosary Society will be on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 1:00 PM.

Coffee and cake will be available prior to the meeting

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**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

The next meeting of the Holy Name Society will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 12:30 pm. Coffee and cake will be available prior to our meeting.

Andrew Turco (732) 286-6353

**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

**Feast of Saint Blaise (Blasé)**

The Feast of St. Blaise (Blessing of the Throats) is on Wednesday, February 3, 2016. Throats will be blessed after the 7:00 am and 8:30 am Masses.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**SCHEDULE**

Ash Wednesday is on February 10th.

No Confessions on Ash Wednesday.

Ashes will be distributed after::

7:00 am Mass and Ashes

8:30 am Mass and Ashes

12:00 pm Mass and Ashes

5:00 pm Church Service & Ashes

In the Old Testament ashes were used as a sign of humility and mortality as well as sorrow and repentance for sin.

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**PARISH NEWS**

**JUBILEE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY**

In honor of the Jubilee Holy Year of Mercy which started on the feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8th and lasts till Jesus, King of the Universe, Sunday of November 2016, why don't we pray in a special way for the peace and safety of our Country?

One good way is to take away 15 minutes of TV everyday to pray with family or neighbors, for the protection and spiritual growth of the United States of America.

To celebrate the mercy of God even more in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we have a framed blessed picture of Jesus as the Divine Mercy (12" X 17" with stand) that you can take home for one week. This way it can be passed about throughout the parish during the Holy Year.

Sign up now for your week by contacting the Parish Office. (732) 914-0300

**ATLANTIC CITY TRIP TO RESORTS**

Date: February 1, 2016

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 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 on Fridays in the chapel at 1:00 PM.

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**NOTICE**

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2016. During Lent and continually during the Lenten Season, on Fridays, the Stations of the Cross will begin at 12:00 Noon in the Church followed by the Adoration.

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**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.

**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.

**WEEKLY DEVOTIONS**

The weekly devotions of Bread and Wine; Altar Candles, Sanctuary Candles and Flowers are available for 2016 for the Church and Chapel.

Stop by the Parish Office during our business hours to request your special week.

**COLLECTION**

The second collection this weekend is for the Non-Diocesan Latin America.

**CRUISE TO BERMUDA**

Date: June 5, 2016

Seven (7) Nights Bermuda Cruise

- Book early as Cabins sell quickly.
- Sail on Celebrity Summit. This ship will be newly refurbished in February 2016.
- Bus to and from St. Maximilian Kolbe Church to Cape Liberty (based on 25 passengers) and back.
- For additional information and pricing call:  
Barbara Kwiatek, CTC, MCC  
(848) 227-3963

**TAX CONTRIBUTIONS**

Tax receipts for your yearly contributions to the church will be given out shortly for your 2015 tax statements.

Tax contributions will be issued to only the parishioners who request the statement.  
(732) 914-0300

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**COUNCIL 10899**

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**Communion Breakfast**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the First Communion Breakfast of the New Year on Sunday, January 31, 2016 after the 7:00 am, 8:30 am and 10:00 am Masses.

**Menu:**

Scrambled eggs; Home Fries; Choice of Pancakes or French Toast; Bacon; Sausage; Juice, Coffee, and Tea.

Price is \$8.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child under twelve. Tickets will not be sold on the day the breakfast is held.

**PARISH COOKBOOK**

The new Parish Cookbook, "Heavenly delights" are for sale in the Parish Office. The cost of the Parish Cookbook is \$15.00.

Thank you for your support to our Church.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Council 10899**

Sunday, February 7, 2016 from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish with the support of the Knights of Columbus and the Columbiettes Auxiliary, will sponsor a concert/dance in the Parish Hall of the Church.

The concert will feature the cast of the "The Jersey Boys" Frankie Valli Four Seasons Tribute Band.

Tickets are \$20.00 per person. For tickets see a Knight representative after every weekend Mass or call Bob Zaratina at:

(732) 874-1623 (Cell #)

**Father Max's Smile Corner**

**Mass seems like Football Sunday**

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**Quarterback Sneak:** Church members quietly leaving before the Mass is over.

**Backfield in Motion:** Making a trip up the aisle to the back (rest room or water fountain) during the service.

**Blitz:** The rush for the area restaurant following the benediction.

**LIVES OF THE SAINTS**

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

- January 24 St. Felician, Archbishop
- January 25 Conversion of St. Paul
- January 26 Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- January 27 St. Angela Merici
- January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest+
- January 29 St. Gildas the Wise, Abbot
- January 30 St. Bathildis
- January 31 St. John Bosco, Priest+

**LONELINESS AND SOLITUDE**

For many people, solitude is just a poet's word for being alone. But being alone, in itself, is nothing. It can be a breeding ground of loneliness as easily as a source of solitude.

Solitude is a condition of peace that stands in direct opposition to loneliness. Loneliness is like sitting in an empty room and being aware of the space around you. It is a condition of separateness. Solitude is becoming one with the space around you. It is a condition of union.

Most people fear being alone because they understand only loneliness. Their understanding begins at the self, and they are comfortable as long as they are at the center of their understanding. Solitude is about getting the "I" out of the center of our thoughts so that other parts of life can be experienced in their fullness. As always, look at the world around you. Find this peace in yourself, and you will never know another moment of loneliness in your life.

Kent Nerburn, Ph.D.

**FASTING**

Throughout both the Old and New Testaments, it was understood that a form of personal sacrifice could be offered as a prayer or a sign of repentance. A common form of sacrifice became known as fasting, the voluntary giving up of food for a period of time.

Historically, fasting for Christians has often meant the limiting of types of food during Lent, as Christ fasted for forty days before beginning His public ministry. When done for the love of Christ, such a sacrifice will lead to a purer soul.  
(Reflections of the Season)

**PRAYER FOR TROOPS SAFE RETURN**

*Support our Troops*

Good and Loving God,

Your provident hand guards all those who look to You.

You lend your strength to those who defend the weak and give your blessing to all who work for peace.

Watch over and protect all who serve in the Armed Forces of our nation and surround them with Your love and care.

Bring those who are deployed overseas safely home into the welcoming arms of their families and to the warmth of heart and home.

Let families be reunited, and spouses joined together once more. May children enjoy the blessing of parental love, and may friends renew their companionship.

Give every grace to those who come home so that they may be steadfast and sure that they are at peace in Your love. Amen.

**BAKE SALE**

Our Bake Sale will be held on the weekend of Valentine's Day.

February 13 & February 14, 2016

We hope you will attend our favorite Bake Sale, with "goodies" from our bakers.

Pat Berg (732) 350-2782

**Did You Know????**

The Vatican reported that Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, will be canonized on September 4, 2016. Although the date for the canonization will be officially announced during the next consistory of Cardinals in February.

Archbishop, Rino Fisichella, president of the Vatican office, who originated the Holy Year of Mercy events said, "Blessed Mother Teresa will be canonized before the 19th anniversary of her death, September 5, 1997".

The Monitor  
January 7, 2016

*"May the God of all mercy cleanse us of all sin and shame, that we may give glory to His Holy Name." Amen*

## The Life of Jesus

*Matthew 14: 3-5; Mark 6: 17-20; Luke 3: 19-20; John 2: 13-36*

### CHRIST BEGINS TEACHING IN JUDEA

After the miracle at Cana, Jesus went with Mary, His disciples and some relatives whom He met at the wedding to Capernaum, a large town on the west shore of Lake Tiberias. At Capernaum He probably joined one of the caravans of pilgrims descending to Jerusalem for the time of the Passover was approaching when He was to begin His public ministry in the Holy City.

Arriving in Jerusalem, Jesus found the temple crowded with the merchants who exploited the needs of the worshippers. There were money changers who supplied local currency to foreign pilgrims, and vendors of sacrificial oxen, sheep and doves.

Wrathful at this desecration of the temple, Jesus took a whip and drove out the temple merchants saying:

*"Take these things away, and do not make the house of My Father a house of business."*

When the Jews protested this expulsion and asked for a sign of His authority to abolish and established custom. Jesus said:

*"Destroy this temple and in three days, I will raise it up."*

Jesus referred to His resurrection, but they understood His words literally and argued that what had taken forty-six years to build could not be restored in three days. His disciples, however, remembered this prophetic speech when it had been fulfilled in His resurrection.

One night while Jesus was in Jerusalem He was visited by a Pharisee leader named Nicodemus who unlike his fellows was impressed by Christ's miracles and his desire to know more

of His teachings. "Rabbi," he said, "we know that Thou hast come a teacher from God, for no one can work these signs that Thou workest unless God be with him." Then Jesus told him of the spiritual transformation that was required of those who would attain salvation.

*"Amen, amen I say to thee, unless a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."*

Nicodemus was somewhat disillusioned. There were no secret doctrines, no talismans, nothing but a prosaic notion about rebirth. With somewhat weary cynicism, he asked how anyone could be born again. Could he re-enter his mother's womb for this rebirth? Jesus replied:

*"Amen, amen I say to thee, unless a man be born again of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not wonder that I said to thee, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it comes from or where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."*

Nicodemus claimed he did not understand how such things could be, and Jesus said:

*"Thou art a teacher in Israel and dost not know these things? Amen, amen, I say to thee. We speak of what We know, and We bear witness to what We have seen. If I spoken of earthly things to you, and you do not believe, how will you believe if I speak to you of heavenly things?"*

*If Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that those who believe in Him may not perish, but may have life everlasting."*

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. THOMAS AQUINAS

*Patron of Catholic Schools*

Thomas was born in southern Italy. He was of noble descent, and was educated at the best schools. At the University of Naples, he showed exceptional ability in speech and logic.

Influenced by the Dominicans, Thomas entered the religious life, which was unheard of for a person of his noble stature. His family did not support his decision to become a poor friar. When the Order sent Thomas to Rome, his brothers kidnapped him at their mother's insistence. They detained him in the hopes of changing his mind. During his two year confinement, his sister brought him books on religion and philosophy so that he continued to learn.

Finally the futility of his imprisonment, his mother finally set Thomas free. He took his vows and was sent to Cologne to study. Thomas received his bachelor of theology in Paris and gained a reputation as an influential speaker. Before receiving his degree of Doctor of Theology he successfully argued a case before the Pope to excuse the friars from taking an oath with which they did not agree but which was mandated by the University.

Through his preaching and writings, Thomas demonstrated that faith and reason could abide together. He was in great demand, but continued to write his *Summa Theologica.*, the key to help fashion the theological language of the Catholic Church. He died at the age of forty-five.

*Prayer:*

*God our Father, You made Thomas Aquinas known for his holiness and learning. Help us to give in wisdom by his teaching and by imitating his faith.*

*Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen*

### ST. JOHN BOSCO

*Founder of the Salesians of Don Bosco*

*Founder the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians*

John was born into poverty which only made him more resourceful. He walked four miles to the church school and did odd jobs, while also working on the family farm. He learned acrobatics and juggling from a local circus and entertained his friends. Yet his love for the Lord was such that after each performance he would repeat a sermon which he had heard in Church.

John was a good student and was ordained as a priest at the age of twenty-six. He was sent to a church in Turin, and was moved by the plight of the homeless children in the city's jails or those who live in squalor. He reached out to those unfortunates, offering them shelter and instruction at his church. Soon hundreds of boys were seeking his benevolence.

As his flock grew, Don Bosco, as he was generally known, moved the boys into larger quarters. He also opened a night school for young factory workers.

Many people thought it was crazy to try to redeem society's outcasts, and at one point they even tried to commit him to an insane asylum. Slowly, however the authorities began to see the value in his work.

Later he founded the Salesians of Don Bosco, an order of priests dedicated to the education of poor boys. He also founded the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians. At his death, there were 250 houses of the Salesian Society in existence serving 130,000 children all over the world.

Today the motto on the Salesian coat of arms reads: (Da mihi animas cetera tolle Itibi) "Give me only souls and keep all the rest." This sentence bears witness to the fidelity of Saint John 'Don' Bosco, by his mother.

## Our Faith

### FAITH TO MOVE MOUNTAINS

#### Campaign for the Diocese of Trenton

Dear Parishioners,

As you may have heard, a major endowment campaign is currently underway at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church and throughout the Diocese of Trenton. This week I will be sharing the first two components of the *Faith to Move Mountains* Campaign for the Diocese and our parish.

#### 1) Catechesis and Evangelization

In order to effectively raise our children in the Catholic faith in all of the parishes across our four-county Diocese, the Diocese of Trenton will create an endowment fund that will support and expand our Catechesis and Evangelization programs in the following ways:

#### Catechesis and Catechetical Leaders:

Currently, only 30% of catechists have participated in the Diocesan catechetical certificate program. Funds from the campaign will provide full certification for all of our catechists and expand educational advancement for parish catechetical leaders so that all serving in this role will have or be pursuing a master's degree in theology or religious education.

#### Parish Adult Faith Formation

Additional funds will be directed toward the organized training of adult formation teams, strengthening existing programs, or creating new ones at each parish.

#### New Evangelization

The Diocese intends to build a comprehensive network that incorporates the best of parish evangelization ministries in order to empower every parish community across to deepen the spiritual lives of its people, reach out to those who have left the Church and invite and prepare all those who are coming to the faith for the first time.

#### 2) Parishes

30% of the funds raised will remain with us to address our own needs here at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. In addition to this 30% share, the Diocese will also create the following endowment fund.

#### Diocesan Parish Assistance Fund

Over the past ten years, the Diocese has provided financial support to 40% of all parishes that have been unable to fund their parish and school employee healthcare, pensions, retirement, and other costs. This endowment that these and other vital resources will continue to be available for any parishes in need of immediate assistance in order to effectively serve their parish communities for years to come.

In the coming weeks, I will share further details about how the campaign funds will directly impact both our Diocese and our parish here at St Maximilian Kolbe Church. Everyone will soon be invited to participate in this graced effort.

In the meantime thank you to those who have already given to our Bishop's *Faith to Move Mountains* campaign.

Grace, peace and blessings to you!  
Father Steve

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### FAITH

What is meant by faith? It is to feel in good earnest that we are creatures of God. It is a practical perception of the unseen world. To look beyond it on towards God, to realize His Presence, to wait upon Him to endeavor to learn and to do His will and to seek our good from Him.

To have faith in God is to surrender one's self to God, humbly to put one's interests or to wish to be allowed to put them into His hands who is the Sovereign Giver of all good,

Saint John Henry Newmann

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