

January 31, 2016

*Fourth 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, January 31, 2016*

7:00 AM Stephen Anthony Kuchar

*Req. The Zimadar Kuchar*

8:30 AM Bernie Murphy

*Req. Family*

10:00 AM Maria & Curt Back

*Req. The Cassone Family*

11:30 AM Ann Brennan

*Req. Elizabeth Dutka*

1:00 PM Joseph Janonis

*Req. Wife, Mary*

*Monday, February 1, 2015*

7:00 AM Connie Muro

*Req. Judi and Mickey Bowers*

8:30 AM Frank Irilli

*Req. Deacon & Mrs. Stan Kwiatek*

9:30 AM Multiple Intention Mass

*Tuesday, February 2, 2016*

7:00 AM Jan Estok

*Req. Mrs. Jencik and Family*

8:30 AM Santa Geraci (10th Anniversary)

*Req. Daughter, Annette*

*Wednesday, February 3, 2016*

7:00 AM Gail A. McGovern

*Req. Stephanie Naylorld*

8:30 AM Happy Birthday Rose

*Req. Margaret & Claire, Sisters*

*Thursday, February 4, 2016*

7:00 AM Carolyn Quagliero

*Req. Mary Ellen Quagliero*

8:30 AM Rose Filosa

*Req. Maryanne McCabe*

*Friday, February 5, 2016*

7:00 AM John Nemecek (2nd Anniversary)

*Req. Sons, John and Philip*

8:30 AM Jim Roselle

*Req. Wife, Carolyn*

*Saturday, February 6, 2016*

7:00 AM Fred and Dorothy Mitchell

*Req. Cindy Dugan*

8:30 AM Michael Riola

*Req. Wife, Mary Christine*

4:00 PM Michael Pignataro (15th Anniversary)

*Req. Kay and Family*

5:30 PM Raymond Muldoon (2nd Anniversary)

*Req. Wife, Frances*

*Sunday, February 7, 2016*

7:00 AM James Coler

*Req. Sister-In-Law, Yolanda Peterpaul*

8:30 AM Geraldine Carbonello

*Req. Anthony DelSpina*

10:00 AM Benito Chua

*Req. Prima Amora*

11:30 AM Patricia Graham (Living)

*Req. Candice Graham, Daughter*

1:00 PM Mario Macchiaverna

*Req. Wife, Valverdina & Daughter*

**Multiple Mass Intention  
Monday at 9:30 AM  
February 1, 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*  
Jennie & Vincent Fasciani, *Req. Daughters*  
David & Mary Nolte, *Req. Gloria Del Lupo*  
Pat Bartiromo (*Anniversary*),  
*Req. Wife & Family*  
Ann Lione, *Req. Ann Bederka*  
Kathleen Feczko, *Req. Mother*  
Katharine "Kay" Malloy,  
*Req. Tuesday Bingo Workers*  
Ann Domanski, *Req. Husband,*  
John  
Dean W. Peterson, *Req. Wife,*  
Gertrude  
Florence Field, *Req. Gertrude Peterson*  
Gertrude Smith, *Req. Gertrude*  
Peterson  
John Guerin, *Req. Wife, Pat*  
Wladyslawa Goczkowski, *Req. Helen*  
Kwiatkowski, *Granddaughter*  
Eleanor Tardo, *Req. Husband and*  
Family  
Carolyn Kresky, *Req. Husband,*  
Charles  
Marguerite Cormier, *Req. Husband,*  
Stanley

Geraldine McAteer, *Req. Breda Donlan*  
Corrine Jerome, *Req. Stanley Cormier,*  
Brother  
Ralph Serio, *Req. Josephine Roeder*  
Philip LaManna, *Req. Betty & Vinny*  
LaManna  
Betty Yamelski, *Req. Paul & Anita*  
DeDominicis  
Gina Aumente, *Req. Pat Guerin*  
Michael Niscia, *Req. Pat Guerin*  
Robert Klimek, *Req. Helen*  
Kwiatkowski  
Eamoan Mautone, *Req. Linda & Amanda*  
Foster  
Victor & Caroline Silano,  
*Req. Daughter*  
For All Saints -*Favor Received,*  
*Req. F.D.*  
Khristoper DeMarco, *Req. Deacon Al and*  
Sylvia Pacitti  
Constance Hogan, *Req. Patricia Reddy and*  
Family  
Geraldine McAteer, *Req. Bridie Vesey*  
Paul B. Balas, *Req. Mary Foltin*  
Valerie O'Leary, *Req. The Puharic*  
Family  
Anthony Grossi, *Req. Angela & Orlando*  
Galietti

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**SPECIAL INTENTIONS – WEEK of January 30, 2016 to February 5, 2016**

*Bread & Wine – Chapel*  
Clifford Kamienski, *Req. Wife, Lois*

*Altar Candles – Chapel*  
Rose Soriano (*35th Anniversary*)  
*Req. Dom & Terry Pagano*

*Bread & Wine – Church*  
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. We invite all the women of the parish to join the Altar Rosary Society as we begin a new year in promoting devotion to the Blessed Mother.

As we begin Lent, at our February meeting our Guest Speaker will be Deacon Stan.

Coffee and cake will be available prior to the meeting.

Rosalie Fuentes (732) 505-4432

**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

**Schedule for:**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

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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 last 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.

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**NOTICE**

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10th of this year. 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 Parish Maintenance and Development.

**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 from St. Maximilian Kolbe Church to Cape Liberty and back.

(Based on 25 passengers)

- 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 their statement. **(732) 914-0300**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**COUNCIL 10899**

**A Four Season's Tribute Band**

On 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.

Concert will feature the cast of "The Jersey Four" a 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 Zaratini

Cell #: (732) 874-1623

**BAKE SALE**

Our Bake Sale is schedule for the weekend of: February 13th and February 14, 2016.

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

Pat Berg (732) 350-2782

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**St. Joseph and St. Patrick**

**Dinner Dance**

Sunday, March 20, 2016

Time: 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Hall

Music By: Piper's Alley

**Menu:**

Corned Beef on rye bread; Lasagna; String Bean Almondine; Eggplant Parmigiana; Sausage and Peppers in sauce; Garden Salad; Cole Slaw; Potato Chips; Dessert; Coffee, Tea, Soda, Water and Set-ups. BYOB

Door Prizes and 50/50 Raffle

Tickets are \$20.00 per person. Tickets will go on sale after the weekend Masses, starting February 6th and 7th.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Council 10899**

Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2016 at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall.

Men interested in the Knights of Columbus are asked to contact Membership Director:

Bernie Ernst at (732) 504-7496

LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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

February 1 St. Bridgid of Ireland  
 February 2 Presentation of the Lord  
 February 3 St. Blaise (Blasé), Bishop  
 February 3 St. Ansgar, Bishop  
 February 4 St. Veronica  
 February 5 St. Agatha  
 February 6 St. Paul Miki & Companions

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

The second day in February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple, which is also called the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Mother. Another name for this popular feast is Candlemas Day.

Forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple of Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord as the Law of Moses prescribed. They carried with them the usual offering of the poor, a pair of turtledoves. The Law of Moses commanded that the first born male child should be offered to God in thanksgiving.

At the time of the presentation and purification there was in the Temple a just and God fearing man named Simeon, who recognized the infant Messiah. Taking Him in his arms declared Him the Savior, the Light of the Gentiles and the Glory of Israel.

The blessed candles typify the humanity which God the Son assumed and signify that Jesus Christ is the True Light of the world by His doctrine, grace and example.

FEAST OF ST. Blaise (Blasé)

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

GROUNDHOG DAY

Groundhog day is February 2nd. Remember if the groundhog sees his shadow because it is sunny, we have a long winter. If the day is cloudy, Spring is just around the corner.

LETTER OF THANKS

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Our parish led by Rosalie Fuentes did great work with the Giving Tree this past Christmas. Here is an excerpt from a letter of gratitude sent by Provident House Domestic Violence Services who received some of the gifts from the Giving Tree.

*"Dear Friends at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church,*

*May your New Year celebration be extra special this year knowing you helped provide holiday joy to the families of Providence House Domestic Violence Services of Catholic Charities. When our clients first glimpsed the free toy "store" of donated gifts, their eyes lit up with amazement. As they "shopped" their smiles got wider, and an overwhelming sense of joy filled the room. One client expressed her thanks and said, 'it means the world to me.'*

*At Providence House Domestic Violence Services, we know these donated gifts come from the heart. Their value goes beyond the tangible impact of providing a gift to someone in need as they empower and provide hope and encouragement to struggling families. Your support was instrumental in helping our clients have something to celebrate."*

And so, for all who participated in making the Giving Tree a success, be happy that you did indeed make a positive difference in the world.

Fr. Steve

KEEP CLOSE TO GOD

Keep close to one another, but draw closer to God, and with your bishops and priests spend these years in building a holier, more missionary and humble Church, a Church which loves and worships God by seeking the poor, the lonely, and the infirmed.

Father Max's Smile Corner:

Dolly's four year old granddaughter, Druzella was at the pediatrician for a check up. When the doctor looked in her ears, he asked, "Do you think I'll find the Cookie Monster in here? Druzella giggled.

Then the doctor put a stethoscope to her chest. As he listened to her heartbeat he asked, "Do you think I'll hear Big Bird in there?"

Druzella said, "Oh no! Jesus is in my heart, Big Bird is on my pajamas."

## The Life of Jesus

*Matthew 9: 1, 18-26; Mark 5: 21: 42; Luke 8: 40- 56*

### THE DAUGHTER OF JAIRUS

Jesus landed at Capernaum in Galilee. One of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus knelt before Him and asked Him to come to the aid of his daughter, who was dying. Jesus went with Jairus and a crowd followed, pressing in upon Him.

In the crowd was a woman who had suffered from an illness for twelve years. She reached out and touched the cloak of Jesus, confident that this mere proximity would heal her. Jesus turned and said:

*"Who touched My cloak?"*

The disciples thought His question unreasonable, but He insisted:

*"Someone touched Me, for I perceived that power had gone forth from Me."*

Now the woman came up trembling and confessed what she had done, and how she had been instantly cured. Jesus reassured her:

*"Daughter, thy faith has saved thee. Go in peace."*

At this moment word reached Jairus that his daughter had died and there was thus no need to trouble Jesus further. But Jesus said:

*"Do not be afraid, only have faith and she shall be saved."*

Taking Peter, James and John, He went up to the home of Jairus. The mourners had already begun their wailing and noisemaking. Jesus said to them:

*"Begone, the girl is asleep, not dead."*

They laughed scornfully, knowing the girl was dead, but He had them dismissed. Jesus then led the child's parents and His three disciples to the deathbed. Taking the hand of the girl, Jesus said:

*"Talitha cumi" (Girl, I say to thee, arise.) "*

To the amazement of all, the girl a maiden of twelve years arose from the bed and began to walk. Then Jesus ordered that the girl be given something to eat. He asked her parents not to tell anyone what they had witnessed, but the story of the miracle spread through the neighborhood.

### Summary:

Jesus worked the miracle for the woman who had been ill, not merely to comfort and relieve her but also to increase the faith of Jairus.

Jairus sought help for his daughter, his faith was not so lively as that of the woman. Seeing her miraculous cure prompted greater faith on his part.

The Life of Christ  
Catholic Press

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### THE DIVINE TENDENCY

God lives in each of us. God has made a home in those among us who are weak, who are strong, who are healthy, sick, well, disfigured, attractive, poor, rich, discarded, discredited.

The divine tendency is to challenge us to open our eyes and hearts to everyone. God wants us to love as He loves. To shun any human is to diminish our experience of God. It is a ceaseless labor of the heart to pray for such a generous amount of love.

Hospitality is an ongoing discovery and so is prayer.

(Fr. James Stephen Behrens)

## 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. BLAISE (Blasé)

*Patron of Throat Ailments*

The blessing of throats, invoking the intercession of St. Blaise (Blasé), has become a very popular devotion. This Bishop and Martyr, devoted the early years of his life to the study of philosophy and afterward became a physician.

St. Blaise (Blasé) was ordained to the priesthood and made Bishop in Armenia (which is now Turkey) where he was seized and carried off to prison by the Governor's officials. On his way to prison, a distracted mother whose child was suffering from a disease of the throat begged for his aid. At his intercession the child was cured and since that time his aid has been solicited in cases of a similar disease.

After cruel tortures, St. Blaise (Blasé) was beheaded. Through his intercession many have been cured of throat diseases or protected from evil.

Today the priest gives the blessing of St. Blaise (Blasé) holds two candles in the form of a cross touching the throat, and prays that through the merits and intercession of St. Blaise (Blasé) the person blessed may be delivered from throat ailments. The priest says:

*"Through the merits and intercession of St. Blaise, may God deliver you from all diseases of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Amen*

Prayer:

Hear, dear Lord, the supplications your people make under the patronage of the Martyr Saint Blaise (Blasé) and grant that they may rejoice in peace in this present life and find help for life eternal. Amen

### ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS

*Martyrs*

The earnest faith that arose among the Japanese following St. Francis Xavier's mission in the 16th century was crowned by martyrdom beginning with Paul Mike, a Japanese Jesuit and twenty-five companions on February 5, 1597.

The following decades saw repeated mass executions, frequently by burning. The Japanese people at that time recited prayers during their deaths. Faithful onlookers were known to chant the Magnificat or Te Deum as the martyrs succumbed. Frustrated by their inability to eradicate Catholicism through public executions, the Japanese authorities closed the Country to foreign visitors in 1638. When Japan was reopened in 1865 thousands of covert Catholics came forward still clinging to the faith of their forefathers.

St. Paul Miki and his companions were pierced with a lance like their Savior. With their canonization in 1862 they became the martyrs of the whole Far East.

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### ST. AGATHA

*Patroness of Nurses*

Agatha was of noble birth. Her martyrdom and early cult are historically certain but the details are legendary. According to legend, the Roman senator named Quintanius, had Agatha arrested and subjected to various cruel tortures including cutting off her breasts. When she continued to resist, she was thrown upon red hot coals.

At this point a violent earthquake shook the town. Quintanius fearing that the people would rise up in protest had Agatha returned to prison where she died of her tortures. In addition to being Patroness of Nurses, Agatha is invoked against earthquakes and diseases of the breast. Her name is contained in the Roman Canon or Eucharistic Prayer I at Mass.

## Our Faith

### FAITH TO MOVE MOUNTAINS Campaign for the Diocese of Trenton

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Dear Parishioners,

Over the past few weeks, I have begun sharing information about a major endowment campaign underway at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church and throughout the Diocese of Trenton. This week I will be sharing the next initiative of the *Faith to Move Mountains* Campaign for the Diocese and our parish:

#### Ordained Ministry:

With approximately 170 priests serving more than 800,000 Catholics within our Diocese, every priest is essential, and building the number of priests in active ministry has never been more important.

Below is how the Diocese plans to ensure that every one of our parishes within all four counties has the pastoral support they need to serve future generations of Catholics:

#### Retired Priests:

One of the greatest needs of the Diocese is the care for retired priests, especially the infirmed and those requiring acute care, which costs the Diocese over \$50,000 per priest.

In the next 10 years alone, 44% of our current priests will be eligible for retirement. This will require an additional \$800,000 each year to provide care for those who have dedicated their lives to their parish communities.

Amid increasing healthcare costs, we must be prepared to meet growing demands by increasing the current endowment for our retired clergy. This will provide a renewed opportunity to give back to our priests who have give so much to us.

#### Seminarians:

The extraordinary news is that our current class of seminarians has grown to more than 30 men! Bishop O'Connell has set the goal of bringing that number to 50 seminarians in formation over the coming years. This growth will present a welcome challenge, as the cost to educate one seminarian is approximately \$40,000 per year for five years of post-college education. Recognizing the seminaries' indelible impact on our Church, the Diocese will establish a priestly formation endowment to address these growing costs.

#### Deacons:

With more than 300 deacons currently in service, the Diocese of Trenton has been blessed with one of the largest diaconate programs in the country. As the need for permanent deacons continues, so too must the Diocese's investment in preparing men that can support our priests and minister to their congregations with engaging homilies, sacramental preparation and spiritual direction.

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In the coming weeks, I will continue to 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. Some parishioners have already given and the Bishop and myself thank them very much.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

Grace, peace and blessings to you,  
Father Steve

*"We are so often caught up in our destination that we forget to appreciate the journey especially the goodness of people we meet on the way.*

*Appreciation is a wonderful feeling, don't overlook it."*  
Anonymous