

February 7, 2016

Fifth 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, 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 (Living)
1:00 PM Mario Macchiaverna
Req. Wife, Valverdina & Daughter

Monday, February 8, 2015

7:00 AM Carolyn & Vito Quagliero
Req. Joseph & MaryEllen Quagliero
8:30 AM Joseph Persichetti
Req. Angie DaCosta
9:30 AM Multiple Intention Mass

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

7:00 AM Carmello Cardaci
Req. Niece, Carol
8:30 AM Philip Markey
Req. Family

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM Jeanne Bruno
Req. August & Anna Triola
8:30 AM Virginia DelleFave
Req. Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Cottrell
12:00 Noon Mass and Ashes
5:00 PM Service and Ashes

Thursday, February 11, 2016

7:00 AM Sr. Vincent Marie, MSBT (Living)
73rd Anniversary, Req. Rita Wever
8:30 AM Thomas Aiosa
Req. Wife, Mary and Children

Friday, February 12, 2016

7:00 AM Marie Stapleton
Req. William Ricchiotti
8:30 AM Josephine Turso
Req. Husband, Joseph

Saturday, February 13, 2016

7:00 AM Lena Anderson
Req. Husband, Frank
8:30 AM Carolyn Scherm (Living)
Req. Grandchildren

4:00 PM James Tirone

Req. Wife, Jay

5:30 PM Benjamin & Frances Pinella

Req. Daughters

Sunday, February 14, 2016

7:00 AM Charles Peterpaul
Req. Wife, Yolanda
8:30 AM Alfred DiBenedetto (25th Anniversary)
Req. Wife, Annette
10:00 AM Borino & Sangiovanni Families
Req. Mr. & Mrs. Peter Borino
11:30 AM Riccio & Guerin Families
Req. Pat Guerin
1:00 PM Adam Mihalek
Req. Eleanor Silecchia

**Multiple Mass Intention
Monday at 9:30 AM
February 8, 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
Laura & Harry Bloise, *Req.* Children
Richard & Kathryn Grello,
Req. Ann Bederka
Carol Giesler, *Req.* Husband,
Bernard
John Marino, *Req.* Daughters
Gerald Riedinger, *Req.* The Tuesday
Bingo Workers
Felicia Chuck, *Req.* Daughter, Helen
Kwiatkowski
Lucille Rohde (*Living*),
Req. Daughters
Ralph Serio, *Req.* Ethel Stone
Gertrude "Trudy" Smith, *Req.* The Altar
Rosary Society
John Yamelski, *Req.* Carolyn & Jim
Burns
Gina Aumente, *Req.* Angelo Niscia
Michael Niscia, *Req.* Catherine Kent
Eamonn Mautone, *Req.* Clem Gilio
William Ingoglia, *Req.* Dolores
VanSaders
Mary Rembilas, *Req.* Josephine Roeder

Louis J. Cerillo, *Req.* Mary Cerillo
Geraldine McAteer, *Req.* Owen & Susan
McConway
Trudy Daidone, *Req.* Daughter,
Dawn
Maryann Kachmar, *Req.* Mary Foltin
Anthony Grossi, *Req.* Lou & Christina
Bargone
Bill Spisak, *Req.* Mary Feeney
Kristopher DeMarco, *Req.* Pat Guerin &
Terry Petro
Barbara Lionetti, *Req.* Husband,
Patrick
Frank Hendrick, *Req.* The Polish American
Club of Toms River
Elizabeth Rotondo, *Req.* Angela DeFelice
Alberto & Sofia De Felice,
Req. Angela De Felice
Eugene DiGenio, *Req.* Lucy & Steven
Beley
Peggy Carroll, *Req.* Rita Policastro
Pat Policastro, *Req.* Rita Policastro
Alan Greenberg, *Req.* Dennis & Virginia
Carbley
Henry Levine, Jr., *Req.* Antonio & Margaret
Perez
Anthony Maffia, Sr., *Req.* Carol & Stephanie
Reti
Aurora DeSesto, *Req.* Felicitas M.
Villaluz

SPECIAL INTENTIONS – WEEK of February 6, 2016 to February 12, 2016

Bread & Wine – Church

Catherine & Angelo LaFalce & Dec'd Mbrs.
Req. Rose Kot, Sister

Bread & Wine – Chapel

John Marino, *Req.* Daughters

Altar Candles – Church

Fred Glatz, *Req.* Wife, Bertha

Sanctuary Candles – 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.

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, March 2, 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

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Convert us Lord,

That we may be thankful, humble and devout for you are our salvation, our courage and our strength. (Thomas A. Kempis)

PARISH NEWS

ATLANTIC CITY TRIP TO RESORTS

Date: March 7, 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.

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.

BAKE SALE

Our Bake Sale will be held next weekend: February 13th and February 14th.

We hope you will stop by our favorite Bake Sale and take home "goodies" from our talented Bakers. Pat Berg (732) 350-2782

TRIVIA (ANSWERS ON PAGE 6)

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1. WHAT DOES AN ARCTOPHILLST COLLECT?
2. WHAT IS DONALD DUCK'S MIDDLE NAME?
3. HOW MANY PINTS OF BLOOD DOES THE HUMAN BODY CONTAIN?
4. TWENTY-FIVE OF HUMAN BONES ON THE BODY IS LOCATED WHERE?
5. WHAT WRITER CREATED THE FICTIONAL DETECTIVE AUGUSTE DUPIN?
6. IN WHAT AFRICAN COUNTY WOULD YOU FIND LAKE TURKANA?
7. WHAT IS THE ONLY VEGETABLE THAT HAS NEVER BEEN FROZEN, CANNED, COOKED OR PROCESSED?

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 two Diocesan concerns: Conservation of the Faith and Aid to Churches in Eastern Europe.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The women's group of the Knights of Columbus, The Columbiettes will have their meeting on Saturday, February 20 2016 at 9:30 AM.

CRUISE TO BERMUDA

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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

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. Please pray in a special way for the peace and safety of our Country.

To pray for the mercy of God 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 this Holy Year.

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

TAX CONTRIBUTIONS

Tax receipts for your yearly contributions to St. Maximilian Kolbe 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

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 & 50/50 Raffle

Tickets are \$20.00 per person.

Don't forget to wear your dancing shoes.

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"Spend some quiet time with the Lord."

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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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

- February 7 St. Richard of Lucca, King
- February 8 St. Jerome Emiliani, Priest
- February 8 St. Josephine Bakhita
- February 9 St. Apollonia
- February 10 St. Scholastica
- February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes
- February 12 St. Saturninus & Companions
- February 13 St. Catherine De Ricci

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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On February 11, 1858 a beautiful woman appeared to Bernadette Soubirous in a remote stone grotto outside Lourdes, France. When Bernadette asked the woman's name, she replied, "I am the Immaculate Conception." In the spot where she requested a chapel a spring bubbled forth.

Since that time, sixty-nine official cures and hundreds of unofficial healings have been reported at Lourdes. The spring water that Mary pointed out to Bernadette in Lourdes is the humble sign of that spiritual reality. From her believing heart, from her maternal heart, flows living water which purifies and heals.

Pope Benedict XVI

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Trivia Answers from Page 4

1. Teddy Bears
2. Fauntleroy
3. Six pints
4. Feet
5. Edgar Allen Poe
6. Kenya
7. Lettuce

THANKS BE TO GOD

Love and acceptance are always stronger than hate and aggression. As we leave Mass with the blessing, "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord," we are reminded that the only way we can serve the Lord is in peace and love.

Our "Thanks be to God" is the confirmation of our commitment to that kind of service.

SPEAKING TO GOD

Prayer is directing our affections towards God. It is a devout and friendly talk with Him. Prayer is also a pleas for temporal goods that are necessary for earthly life. But those who pray ask the Lord with a true Christian spirit to subordinate their own will to His. Only the heavenly Father knows what one really needs in the temporal order.

Finally, prayer is thanksgiving, that is, an acknowledgement of benefits received and an offering of all our undertakings to God so that our prayer may be a lasting one.

Companion Prayers of:
St. Anthony

ORIGIN OF ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday entered the calendar in the early sixth century when the desire arose to have forty actual days of fasting before Easter. Sundays were never fast days.

In the Christian lands along the Rhine River the devotional practice of imposing ashes arose as people imitated what they heard in Bible passages such as: *2 Samuel 13:19; Ezekiel 27:30; Job 2:12 and Jonah 3:6.*

The distribution of ashes was formally added to the Missal at Rome in the thirteenth century and this ancient symbol of repentance is now widely used among most Christian denominations at the beginning of Lent.

Liturgical Publication- 2012

JANUARY 2016- 50/50 RAFFLE

- 1st Prize #001044 Amount: \$409.00
- 2nd Prize #000031 Amount: \$ 51.00
- 3rd Prize #004259 Amount: \$ 51.00

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

LENTEN MEALS

During Lent, the Knights of Columbus, Council 10899 has arranged Lenten Meals each Friday starting February 12th (1:00 to 3:00 PM).

Fresh Garden Salad with a choice of dressings. Fish of the day; Steamed Vegetables Medley, Roasted Red Potatoes, Fresh warm Italian Bread, and Homemade Baked Desserts. Hot Beverages included.

Cost is \$8.00 per meal. Pay at the door.

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 as He touched their eyes saying:

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

At His words their sight was restored and 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 dumb 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 Jesus performed few miracles in Nazareth and the people remained skeptical and distrustful of the powers of this native son. Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said to them:

"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 thee, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elisha, when heaven was shut up for three years and six month and there came a great famine over all the land. To none of them was Elisha sent, but only to a woman a widow in Sidon.

There were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet and not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."

His people were rejecting Him, just as they had rejected Elisha and now and 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. However, Jesus escaped from them and left Nazareth.

The Life of Christ
Catholic Press

OUR DESIRE FOR GOD

So then, you may ask yourself, what is the point of prayer? If God already knows what I need, why should I bother to ask Him?

God wants connection with His children. He values the relationship even more than we value His response to our needs. He wants to hear our voices and sense our dependence on His strength. He wants our petitions and our praise to be an continuing conversation throughout our lives.

God aligns our hearts with His purposes and our prayers become echoes in the hallways of heaven. Our needs are met, yes, but more importantly our deepest longing is addressed:

Our Desire for God.

Living Faith 2013

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. Josephine Bakhita

Born to herders in the Darfur district of Sudan around 1871, Bakhita was kidnapped by Arab slave raiders when she was barely seven years old. She was sold in the market of El Obeid, first to an Arab chieftain and later to a Turkish military officer who had her branded with 114 razor cut scars.

She was then resold to the Italian vice counsel, Luigi Legnani who lived in Khartoum. The Legnani family returned to Italy in 1885. There Bakhita whose name means "fortunate one" was given to Augusto Michaeli, a merchant with ties to Sudan.

Josephine was enrolled in a Catholic school as companion to Michaeli's daughter in 1889. When the Michaeli's family returned to Africa, Josephine did not. An Italian judge's interpretation of Sudan's anti slavery laws freed her.

That innate sense of awe and her experiences in a Catholic school led her to the faith. She was baptized and confirmed in Venice, and took the name Josephine Margaret in 1890. She entered the novitiate of the Canossian Daughters of Charity. She was admitted to first vows after a searching interview with Cardinal Patriarch of Venice, Joseph Sardo who would later become Pope Pius X.

Sister Josephine Bakhita spent her vowed life as a doorkeeper at Canossian convents in Italy. Evidence put forth in the beatification process makes it clear that all who knew her held Sister Josephine in high esteem.

When she was in her eighties, she contacted pneumonia. Crying out to Our Lady in her final illness, she died on February 8th. Josephine Bakhita was canonized by Pope John Paul II on October 1, 2000 in St. Peter's Square, Rome, Italy.

St. Jerome Emiliani

Patron of Orphans

Girolamo Emiliani's youth lacked righteousness and religion. It was not until he served in the Venetian army and was taken prisoner that he began to devote his life to God. As a powerful commander in charge of a fortress, Jerome felt he did not need God. But when he was captured and cast into a dungeon by enemies of Venice, Jerome began to feel God's strength.

Bound in heavy chains and shut in a dark, dank cell, Jerome turned to prayer, which led to his miraculous escape. He then traveled to Treviso, but later returned to Venice to prepare for the priesthood.

Jerome was ordained and devoted himself to helping children who had been abandoned or orphaned. At the time, there were thousands in Venice suffering from famine and the plague. He was especially drawn to the children who had lost all their family to sickness and starvation. He used his own resources and rented a house for the orphans, taking charge of their education, clothing and feeding them.

Jerome also founded orphanages in several towns as well as a hospital and a home for penitent prostitutes. He also began a new Congregation called the Clerks Regular of Somasca whose members looked after the peasants living near the village.

Succumbing to a fatal disease while caring for the sick, Jerome died on February 8th, at the age of fifty-six. The Congregation carried on its valuable work and continues to run schools and orphanages in Italy today.

Loving Father, take these abandoned youths into your heart and protect them from the streets and from any danger that nears them. In the spirit of Saint Jerome protect the children. Amen

Our Faith

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

Dear Parishioners,

Over the past few weeks, I have been sharing information regarding the *Faith to Move Mountains Campaign* in our parish bulletin. Please carefully read the final two initiatives of the Diocesan portion of this graced effort listed below. It is my hope that all of you will see how great the need for your prayers and support are to this endeavor.

Catholic Schools:

With a 99% overall graduation rate and 95% of our students pursuing higher education each year, our Catholic Schools strive to enable our youth to live faith-filled lives as educated and morally responsible Catholics. Funds from the campaign will be used for strategic programs and initiatives that will help to build a stronger future and encourage more families to enroll their children in Catholic Schools amidst an increasingly secular culture.

Foundation for Student Achievement (FSA)

Providing additional sponsorships for "seats" at a school reflecting the total cost of education the student, which has risen to nearly \$7,000 each year.

Mission Schools:

Supporting our "Mission Schools," which serve underprivileged children from ethnically diverse communities with limited access to a quality Catholic education.

Catholic Alumni Partnership (CAP):

Providing administrative and operational support to continue building the CAP program, which has already raised more than \$100,000 for tuition assistance, technology upgrades, and local campus needs for Catholic Elementary Schools since its launch in 2013.

Social Services:

In response to the call of Pope Francis, our mission is to be a "Church of the poor" by providing care and assistance to individuals and families in need throughout the Diocese. As a vibrant Catholic community, in collaboration with our parishes, this endowment fund will enable us to work in faith and in charity to provide vital support in the following areas:

Grants:

Awarding grants to parishes and Catholic Social Service agencies to respond to the increasing needs of those struggling in their communities.

Diocesan Parish Counseling:

Providing professional assistance to parishes with a critical need for counseling services among their parishioners suffering from addiction, loss of a loved one, divorce, and other mental health issues.

Community Services:

Enhancing the network of partnering social service agencies, including St. Vincent de Paul and Catholic Charities, in all four counties of the Diocese.

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Next week, I will be happy to share details about how the campaign funds will directly impact our community here at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. In the meantime, anyone is welcome to approach me before or after Mass with any questions you may have.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Grace, peace and blessings to you!
Father Steve

Dear Lord,

*Bless Your people and make us holy.
May we know and love the heavenly gifts that we received. Amen.*

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