

**February 14, 2016**

*First 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, 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*

**Monday, February 15, 2015**

7:00 AM Mary Sciarra  
*Req. Roseanne Sonchik*

8:30 AM Louis Ruggiero, Jr.  
*Req. Barbara O'Malley*

9:30 AM Multiple Intention Mass

**Tuesday, February 16, 2016**

7:00 AM Mary Vojta  
*Req. Husband, Zoltan & Family*

8:30 AM Tom San Antonio  
*Req. Wife, Terry*

**Wednesday, February 17, 2016**

7:00 AM Grace Majka  
*Req. Eileen West*

8:30 AM Domenico Latino (11th Anniv.)  
*Req. Wife, Rosa*

**Thursday, February 18, 2016**

7:00 AM Katherine Decker  
*Req. John and Mary Cavanna*

8:30 AM Joseph & Lillian Zappone  
*Req. Son & Daughter, William & Gloria*

**Friday, February 19, 2016**

7:00 AM Tobi Matthew Alison  
*Req. Denise Lansang Gungon*

8:30 AM Kenneth Pietrucha  
*Req. Wife, Lorraine*

**Saturday, February 20, 2016**

7:00 AM Sergei & Helen Zwetkow  
*Req. Mick Zwetkow*

8:30 AM Stanley Burzynski  
*Req. Wife, Marianna*

4:00 PM Rose Iosco  
*Req. Margaret & Claire, Sisters*

5:30 PM Doris Crowell  
*Req. Daughter, Anita*

**Sunday, February 21, 2016**

7:00 AM John & Nancy Natoli  
*Req. Frank & Pat Natoli*

8:30 AM Stephen Anthony Kuchar  
*Req. Zimadar Kuchar*

10:00 AM Vito Predale  
*Req. Joyce Perna*

11:30 AM William J. Graham (Living)  
*Req. Candice Graham, Daughter*

1:00 PM Anna Pasquariello  
*Req. Husband, Frank*

**Multiple Mass Intention  
Monday at 9:30 AM  
February 15, 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*  
Rose Gonzalez, *Req. Daughter,*  
Rose  
Patrick Mackin, *Req. Wife,*  
Madeline  
Margaret McNeal, *Req. Helen Dietz*  
Frank Bederka, *Req. Ann Bederka*  
Anthony, Mary, Isabel Triano,  
*Req. Ann Bederka*  
Robert Stefanic, *Req. Lillian Stefanic*  
Katherine "Kay" Malloy, *Req. Tuesday*  
Bingo Workers  
Brendan Vesey, *Req. Wife, Bridie and*  
Family  
John Bland, *Req. Wife, Lorraine*  
James Lydon, *Req. Patricia Tassoni*  
John Yamelski, *Req. Barbara*  
Chirichello  
Gertrude Smith, *Req. Josephine Roeder*  
Joseph Reagan, *Req. Josephine Roeder*  
Gina Aumente, *Req. Jerry and Rose*  
Del Gaudio  
William Ingoglia, *Req. Wife,*  
Rose

Joan M. Ceriello (Birthday, Living)  
*Req. Mary Stipp*  
Anita Crowell (Birthday, Living)  
*Req. Mary Stipp*  
Anthony Grossi, *Req. Catherine Haskell*  
Geraldine McAteer, *Req. Paddy & Agnes*  
Kelly  
Mary Rembilas, *Req. Arlene Z. Toth*  
Palma Certo (Wedding Anniversary),  
*Req. Husband, Dominic*  
Auroro DeSesto, *Req. Marilou Cordero*  
Edward Wojcik, *Req. The Polish*  
American Club of Toms River  
In Memory of Adele Mojher,  
*Req. Marge DiFabrizio*  
Roger Vincent, *Req. Lorraine Feeney,*  
Sister  
Sr. Lillian O'Neill, *Req. Owen & Susan*  
McConway  
Grace Tota, *Req. The Puharic Family*  
Lawrence Kearney, *Req. Diane O'Reilly*  
Dr. Thomas J. Feraro, *Req. Jennie & Thomas*  
Smith  
Janet Kelly, *Req. Mary Modeshefsky*  
The Modeshefsky and Caverly Families,  
*Req. Mary Modeshefsky*  
Rachel DiStefano, *Req. Bob and Karen*  
Carroll

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**SPECIAL INTENTIONS – WEEK of February 13, 2016 to February 19, 2016**

*Bread & Wine – Church*  
Lynda Mack, *Req. George & Mary Dick*

*Bread & Wine – Chapel*  
Trudy Daidone, *Req. Husband, Gene*

*Altar & Sanctuary Candles – Church*  
Lynda Mack, *Req. George & Mary Dick*

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

*Altar Candles – Chapel*  
William Pagano, *Req. Dom & Terry Pagano*

**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 17th 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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**LENTEN MEALS**

**WEEK 2**

During the Lenten season, the Knights of Columbus, Council 10899 has arranged Meals for Lent each Friday, The next meal will be on:

**Friday, February 19th (1:00 – 3:00 PM)**

Pasta Fagioli Soup; Choice of Egg or Tuna Salad on a bed of Lettuce; Fresh warm Italian Bread with choice of Butter or Olive Oil with Cracked Pepper; Fresh Homemade Desserts with Hot Beverages.

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

**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**

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.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2016 in honor of President's Day.

**THE LEGEND OF SAINT VALENTINE**

*The legend says St. Valentine imprisoned in a cell, Was thinking of his little flock he always loved so well.*

*He wanted to assure them of his friendship and his love,*

*So he picked a bunch of violets and sent them by a dove.*

*And on the violets' velvet leaves he pierced these lines divine,*

*They simply said, "I love you" for I am your Valentine*

*You see..... faith and love can triumph no matter where you are.*

*"To love and be loved is to feel the sun from both sides."* Anonymus

**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.

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**COLLECTION**

The second collection this weekend is for the Non-Diocesan Aid to Indian and Black Home Missions.

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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

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**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

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**St. Alphonso's Retreat House**  
**West Long Branch, NJ**

The Altar Rosary Society is inviting you for a retreat on: April 26, 27, and 28, 2016. Cost of the retreat is \$220.00 which include meals. A \$50.00 deposit is requested.

Call Josephine Roeder (732) 349-9379 for additional information.

**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. Pray in a special way for the peace and safety of our Country.

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

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**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

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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 & 50/50 Raffle

Tickets are \$20.00 per person.

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**THE DAYS OF FAST**

The days of fast (only one full meal and abstinence (no meat) were Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast (only one full meal.) From the age of 14 people are also obliged to abstain from meat, but not from eggs, milk products even though they are made from animal fat.

LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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

- February 14 St. Valentine
- February 14 St. Cyril and St. Methodius
- February 15 Blessed Claude De LaColombiere
- February 16 St. Veridiana
- February 17 Seven Founders Order of Servites
- February 18 St. Marie Bernadette Soubirous
- February 19 St. Conrad of Piacenza
- February 20 St. Eucherius, Bishop

LAY ASIDE YOUR PREJUDICES

Nathanael was prejudiced. He could not believe that anyone of any worth would come from a "hick" town like Nazareth. Yet he was able to lay aside his prejudice and follow Philip to see this Jesus. When he met Jesus he was so swept off his feet by Him that he became a disciple.

We all have prejudices. Perhaps we look down upon people of a certain age, or maybe we are turned off by purple hair, tattoos or other things. Or maybe we are too quick to label individuals as radical, conservative, strange, lazy, or dishonest.

Wisdom comes when we are able to identify our prejudices and laying them aside, "go and see" for ourselves.

*Jesus give me the eyes to see the goodness in everyone.*  
*Sr. Melannie Svoboda, S.N.D.*

PRAYING THE MASS

The easiest prayer in the world is the king of prayer we do during the Liturgy of the Word. We simply listen to God speak to us. It is like sitting in the sun.

When the Word of God is spoken at liturgy, God is speaking to us "live." We are being taught a lesson. The living God here and now is using these words to speak to us. God speaks a tailor made word to us. All we need to do is open ourselves up to take in the readings.

How do we do that? Listen.....

*"We are Your people. Give us the strength to go on when we grow weary of the journey."*

PRAYER, FASTING, ALMSGIVING

Fast is the opposite of feast. It means going without food and/or drink. Not simply cutting down, but going without. Some Catholics remember the fast before receiving Communion. From midnight on, no food or drink, This practice began in the fourth century and continued until 1957.

Church Law also required fasting during Lent (except on Sundays.) This meant no solid food between meals.

More than that, it activates the mind and spirit, directing energy there that would have been spent on digestion (digestion consumes a major amount of energy.) Fasting is an age-old religious practice.

Passion According to St. Luke

THOUGHTS ON VALENTINE'S DAY

*+ Love is never lost. If not reciprocated, it will flow back soften and purify the heart."*

*Washington Irving*

*+The heart that has truly loved never forgets but as truly loves on to the close."*

*St. Thomas More*

*+ My bounty is as boundless as the sea, my love is deep. The more I give to thee, the more I have for both are infinite."*

*William Shakespeare*

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VOLUNTEER CORNER

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Anyone interested in joining the Financial Committee is asked to call the Parish Office to speak to Father Steve for details.

If you are also interested in being an Altar Server or an Usher, call or see Father John. Parish Office (732) 914-0300

ST. BARNABAS PARISH

Bayville, NJ

St. Barnabas in Bayville is hosting a Diocesan Family Holy Hour for the Year of Mercy on Thursday, February 25th at 7:00 PM.

Rev. Stanley Lukaszewski

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## The Life of Jesus

*Matthew 14: 13-21; Mark 6: 31-44; Like 9: 10-17; John 6: 1-15*

### MIRACLE OF THE LOAVES

Now Jesus wished to spend a little time alone with His disciples, so He said:

*"Come apart into a desert place and rest a while."*

Taking a boat, they crossed to a deserted spot near Bethsaida, on the northeastern shore of the lake. Meanwhile, the crowds had learned Jesus' destination and hastily made the journey on foot, so that when He landed there was already a large group waiting.

Moving by compassion, Jesus spent the day there, preaching to the people and healing their sick. Toward evening the disciples asked Him to dismiss the crowds, so that they could go and buy some food. But Jesus said:

*"They do not need to go away, you yourselves give them some food."*

Then Jesus asked the disciple Philip:

*"Whence shall we buy bread that those may eat?"*

The disciple replied that two hundred denari of bread would provide only a meager repast for so many. Jesus replied:

*"How many loaves have you? Go and see."*

At this point Andrew interposed that there was a young boy present who had five barley loaves and two fishes. Jesus said to the disciples:

*"Bring them here to me. Make the people recline in groups of fifties."*

Taking the loaves and fishes, Jesus looked up to heaven and blessed and divided them. Then He gave the portions to His disciples to be distributed to the people. There were about five thousand present, but they all ate their fill. When they were finished Jesus said:

*"Gather the fragments that are left over, lest they be wasted."*

They filled twelve baskets with what was left over. When the people realized the miracle Jesus had worked, they acclaimed Him as the promised Prophet and wished to seize Him and make Him their king.

The Life of Christ  
Catholic Press

### JESUS SUFFERED FOR ME

We expect God to defeat injustice, evil, sin and suffering with a triumphant divine victory. Yet God shows us a humble victory that in human terms appears to be failure. We can say that God conquers in failure.

The Son of God appears on the Cross as a defeated man; he suffered, is betrayed, reviled and finally dies. But Jesus allows evil to be unleashed on Him and He takes it upon Himself in order to conquer it. Truly we cannot find many explanations.

It is a puzzling mystery the mystery of God's great humility. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son" (John 3:16). Let us kiss the crucifix and say, for my sake, Thank You Jesus.

Pope Francis

*"Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate."*(Luke 6: 36)

## 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. CYRIL & ST. METHIDIUS

*Patrons of Unity of Eastern & Western Churches*

Commissioned by the emperor at Constantinople, the Byzantine Greek brothers, Cyril and Methodius undertook a mission to the Slavs in the ninth century. After two successful years in Moravia (present day Czech Republic) they traveled to Rome, where Pope Hadrian II approved the Slavonic liturgical books. Cyril became a priest and scholar and Methodius served as a governor in Greece.

Cyril died in Rome and Methodius continued in the mission, suffering imprisonment for two years by a neighboring German bishop until Pope John VIII intervened.

Saint John Paul II named Cyril and Methodius co-patrons of Europe with Saint Benedict. The brothers service to the peoples of the meeting point of East and West made them "authentic precursors of ecumenism." They are remembered as the "Apostles of the Slavs."

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### ST. VALENTINE

*Patron of Love and Greetings*

St. Valentine was a Roman priest who assisted the martyrs who suffered during the reign of Emperor Claudius II in the third century. He was apprehended and sent to the Prefect of Rome who commanded that he be beaten with clubs and afterwards beheaded. He had ignored the law and comforted persecuted martyrs and may even have married Christian couples.

Today, St. Valentine is honored as a true patron of love not because of an ancient belief or festival, but because he made the ultimate sacrifice, he gave his life for the love of God and His people.

*Everyday should be St. Valentine's Day.*

### ST. CONRAD OF PIACENZA

Born into the noble family of Piacenza, Italy St. Conrad married a nobleman's daughter in his youth. While on a hunting party, he had some brush set afire to flush a quarry. The fire spread and destroyed an entire grain field and a neighboring forest.

Unable to put out the flames, Conrad and his men fled to the city and an innocent peasant was apprehended, tortured and condemned to death as the perpetrator of the deed. When Conrad saw the doomed man on the way to being executed, he was horrified and publicly confessed his responsibility for the disaster. Conrad and his wife sacrificed their wealth to make restitution.

This event inspired Conrad and his wife to enter religious life. Conrad then twenty-five years old, joined a group of Third Order Franciscan hermits and his wife entered the Poor Clares. Conrad lived a life of prayer and severe penance, for the next thirty-six years, spending a great part of his time caring for the sick in a nearby hospital.

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### ST. MARIE BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS

Marie Bernadette was born in Lourdes. At the age of fourteen she witnessed eighteen apparitions of Our Blessed Mother instructing her to make known the miraculous healing powers.

In 1866 Marie Bernadette joined the Sisters of Charity taking her perpetual vows in 1878. Her contemporaries admired her humility and the authentic character of her testimony about the appearance of the Blessed Mother. Nevertheless she had to endure many severe trials during her religious life and exhibited patience in sickness. She said, "The Blessed Mother used me as a broom to remove dust. When the work is finished the broom is placed behind the door and left there."

Marie Bernadette was thirty-five years old at the time of her death.

Our Faith

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

Dear Parishioners,

Over the past few weeks, I have shared how the *Faith to Move Mountains Campaign* will strengthen our Diocesan schools and parishes, support our clergy and seminarians, care for our retired priests, enhance our religious education and evangelization programs and expand our social service outreach.

In addition to these projects, St. Maximilian Kolbe Church has been invited to raise a minimum of \$995,000 of which we will receive 30% (\$298,500) to address our own local needs listed below.

- Heating and Air Conditioning – \$100,000  
Many of the heating and air conditioning units are in great need of upgrades. Monies allocated will provide initial seed money to repair aging infrastructure.

- + Mausoleum Infrastructure – \$100,000  
The Faith to Move Mountains Campaign is desired to secure the future viability of the Church. In order to address our impending capital needs, initial funds from this campaign will be used to help finish restoration of the Mausoleum’s infrastructure.

Recent improvements were partially completed and must be finalized to maintain the structure’s health. Remediation cost for one section of the Mausoleum is estimated at \$250,000 - \$400,000. Presently, there are three sections which need remediation. This fund will provide seed money with future expenses taken into budgetary considerations.

- Beautification Project – \$98,500  
The parish grounds are in need of essential renovation. This fund will help the overall beautification of the Mausoleum, while specific projects under consideration include an outdoor stature of Christ.

As we move forward with this campaign, it is my hope that our entire community will join together and participate in this blessed effort for our Diocese and our parish. I encourage all of you to pray for our success and participate to what your means allow for the future of our Church, as everyone will soon have the opportunity to support this graced endeavor.

As has been proven so many times, here at our wonderful Spirit-filled community of St. Maximilian Kolbe Church: when you give it away, you get it back a hundred fold. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Grace, peace and blessings to you!  
Father Steve

GOD MUST BE OUR CENTER

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As soon as we say, “God exists,” our existence no longer can remain in the center, because the essence of the Knowledge of God reveals our own existence as deriving its total being from His. We no longer let the knowledge of our existence be the center from which we derive, project, deduct the existence of God.

We suddenly or slowly find our own existence revealed to us in and through the knowledge of God. Then it becomes real for us that we can love ourselves and our neighbor only because God has loved us first.

The life converting experiences is not the discovery that we have choices to make that determine the way we live but the awareness that our existence itself is not in the center.

Once we “know” God’s love as the love in which all our human experiences are anchored, we can desire only one thing..... to be in that love.  
Henri J. M. Nouwen

*“You showed me the path of life. In Your presence there is fullness of joy.”*  
Psalm 16: 11)