

February 21, 2016

Second 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 21, 2016

7:00 AM John & Nancy Natoli
Req. Frank & Pat Natoli
8:30 AM Stephen Anthony Kuchar
Req. Zimador 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

Monday, February 22, 2015

7:00 AM Mary Ferrante
Req. Ed Leppard
8:30 AM Pedro Sarabosing
Req. Bernadette Alison-Miller

9:30 AM Multiple Intention Mass

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

7:00 AM Peter Cuerci
Req. Mom
8:30 AM Josephine Testa
Req. Father John Testa

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

7:00 AM Charles Russo
Req. Wife, Caroline
8:30 AM Frank Irilli
Req. The Parish Office Staff

Thursday, February 25, 2016

7:00 AM Nancy Russo
Req. Family
8:30 AM Peter Carolan
Req. Son, Bob & Daughter, Karen

Friday, February 26, 2016

7:00 AM Caroline Stark
Req. Mom
8:30 AM Simon Briffa
Req. Parents

Saturday, February 27, 2016

7:00 AM The Scoppetta Family
Req. Daughter and Sister
8:30 AM Dominick Perrone
Req. Giovanna and Tom Smith

4:00 PM Ralph Maria Cardinale
Req. Family
5:30 PM Ruth Goodheart
Req. Husband, Thomas & Son, Wayne

Sunday, February 28, 2016

7:00 AM Lee Miller
Req. Mom and Dad
8:30 AM Lida Zaratini
Req. Son, Bob
10:00 AM Pietro Del Lupo (23rd Anniversary)
Req. Wife, Gloria
11:30 AM Merritt Crayton
Req. Wife, Gloria
1:00 PM Vilma M. Lorenzini
Req. Amanda Wood and Family

**Multiple Mass Intention
Monday at 9:30 AM
February 22, 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
Antoinette Carestia, *Req. John,*
Brother
Stephen Salon, *Req. Ann Bederka*
Stephen, Sarah Bederka & Family,
Req. Ann Bederka
Caroline Pafumi, *Req. Husband,*
Mike
Anthony Muraco (Birthday),
Req. Wife
James Hamilton (21st Anniversary),
Req. Paddy & Agnes Kelly
John Yamelski, *Req. Jack & Sandra*
Streifer
Anthony Grossi, *Req. Carolyn & Peter*
Roskowski
Gina Aumente, *Req. Terry San Antonio*
Fran Del Gaudio, *Req. Terry*
San Antonio
Louise Zarzecki, *Req. Terry*
San Antonio
Mary Rembilas, *Req. Andre & Anne*
Vispetti
Adele Mojher, *Req. Maureen Hayes*

Sr. Lillian O'Neill, *Req. Bridie Vesey*
Roger Vincent, *Req. Helen Kwiatkowski*
Eugene Lyons, *Req. Eileen Lyons*
John Caltagirone, *Req. Mr. & Mrs.*
Diliberto
Nellie, George, Sr., George Jr.,
Req. Son, John
Barbara Kohaut, *Req. Family*
MaryAnn Curran, *Req. K. Lueddeke*
Kim Suzette Gaudiosi (Healing),
Req. Lucy Hagen
Annette Garafola, *Req. Anthony & Eileen*
Gazzano
Nancy Cancellieri, *Req. Mr. & Mrs. E.*
Luciano
Richard McDonnell (Healing),
Req. Frank McDonnell, Father
Beatrice Barrale, *Req. Anthony & Margaret*
Marchese
Dorothy & Kenneth Sack,
Req. Emily Punk
Anthony Joseph Ferrara,
Req. The Constantine Family
Donald Tarantino, *Req. Vinny & Betty*
LaManna
In Thanksgiving St. Pio,
Req. S.M.C.
In Thanksgiving Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Req. S.M.C.
Michael Anthony, *Req. Marilyn Emick*

SPECIAL INTENTIONS – WEEK of February 20, 2016 to February 26, 2016

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

Altar Candles – Church
Rosalie Gasquez, *Req. Marie Alfano, Sister*

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

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 meet on Wednesday, March 16, 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.

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

Council 10899

LENTEN MEALS – Week 3

Friday February 26th (1:00 to 3:00 PM)

During Lent, the Knights of Columbus have arranged Lenten Meals each Friday in the Parish Hall of our Church.

Week 3 – Menu:

Fresh Garden Salad with choice of dressing; Thin Spaghetti with choice of white clam or marinara sauce; Fresh warm Italian Bread with choice of butter or Olive Oil with cracked pepper. Fresh Homemade Baked Desserts with Hot Beverages.

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

Come and join us for these delicious meals!

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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 which takes place in the Chapel.

FRIEND APPRECIATION DAY

Choose any day before Easter and make it "Friend Appreciation Day."

Prepare a package that includes a candle to thank your friend for shining brightly when life was darkest. A paper clip in appreciation for helping you hold it together; and a Hershey's chocolate kiss for all the love your friend has shared with you.

Friends give each other permission to make mistakes, strength to handle setbacks and the courage to face failure.

With good hearts we can make a difference. Never underestimate the importance of the little things we can do for friendship.

Become Healers for Jesus

Lent 2012

ST. BARNABAS PARISH

St. Barnabas Church in Bayville is hosting a Diocesan Family Prayer Hour for the Year of Mercy on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Rev. Stanley P. Lukaszewski

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 Parish Development and Maintenance.

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

LENTEN ARTICLES

Lenten articles: Holy Water bottles' Way of the Cross; Novena booklets; Self Denial folders and Candles for Home Prayer are now for sale in the Parish Office.

Beautiful painted wooden eggs are also on sale for that special Easter basket.

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 until Jesus, King of the Universe, Sunday of November 2016. Please pray in a special way for the peace and safety of our Country.

We are giving 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 returns.

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

St. Patrick and St. Joseph

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.

Tickets are available in the Parish Office.

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

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The Ancient Order of Hibernians, will meet in the Parish Hall of our church on Saturday, January 27th at 10:00 AM.

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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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

- February 21 St. Peter Damian, Bishop
- February 22 St. Margaret of Cortona
- February 22 Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
- February 23 St. Polycarp, Bishop
- February 24 St. Ethelbert, King of Kent
- February 25 St. Tarasius, Bishop
- February 26 St. Caesarius of Nazianzen
- February 27 St. Gabriel of our Lady of Sorrows

CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

The feast, which commemorates Saint Peter's pontifical authority, formerly was celebrated on two different days: January 18th, in honor of his Pontificate at Rome, and on February 22nd in honor of his Pontificate at Antioch.

However, his sojourn in the capital of the Roman Empire was not continuous, as he was often absent when performing his apostolic functions in other countries.

CAPERNAUM

When Jesus began His public ministry, He lived in this Jewish village. It is where He chose His first apostles and performed several miracles (curing Peter's mother-in-law; the Centurion servant; and the paralyzed man).

During the reign of Constantine the Great, a Christian church was built here, but it was destroyed in the seventh century. Since then, history has made little note of Capernaum.

Today, tourists visit this village to see the ruins, which include a synagogue and the house of Peter the Apostle.

The Lenten Booklet- 2012

BAKE SALE

Thanks to everyone who helped and supported our recent Bake Sale which was held over the Valentine weekend.

Our Bake Sale amounted to \$1,674.00.

Thank You!
Pat Berg (732) 350-2782

LEGEND OF THE LILY

A legend or a fable is a story that doesn't pretend to be historical but simply teaches us a lesson. The events surrounding the suffering and death of Jesus gave rise to many legends.

The proudest and most beautiful flower in the Garden of Gethsemane was the white lily. The lily knew that it was special and would proudly lift its face toward anyone who entered the garden.

One night, a stranger came into the garden to pray. He looked so sad and wept so bitterly that the other flowers in the garden could not help but hang their heads in sorrow too.

But not the lily. It continued to stand straight and proud, straining to catch the best rays of the moonlight on its beautiful white face.

The next day the lily was shaken by sad news. The man who had prayed so sorrowfully in the garden had been sentenced to die by crucifixion. The lily was ashamed about how it had acted, and turned its head downward in its humility.

Since that first Good Friday, the lily has never lifted its head in pride again.

Diocese of Saginaw- Lent 2005

SLOW DOWN

In Lent, we slow down. We take time to be with God. We take time to think about how much God loves us. We take time to thank God for all the good things in our life.

Thank you, God, for the people who love us. Thank you God, for good food to eat. Thank you God, for a brand new day every morning.

Signs of Lent

ST. ALPHONSO RETREAT HOUSE

WEST LONG BRANCH, NJ

The Altar Rosary Society of our church is going on a retreat to St. Alphonso's in West Long Branch, NJ.

The mid-week retreat, for women, is on: April 26, 27 and 28, 2016. A \$50.00 deposit per person is required. The price for the retreat is \$210.00 and meals are included.

For additional information and reservations: call:
Josephine Roeder (732) 349-9379

The Life of Jesus

Matthew 10: 24-33 ; Luke 11: 35-54; 13: 1-9; 11-12

A WARNING AND A PROMISE

Stung by Christ's rebuke, the Pharisees and teachers of the Law began plotting against Him. They sought His opinion on various subjects, endeavoring to provoke some indiscreet utterance that they might use as evidence in accusing Him.

His followers were one day to be hounded in the same way, and to forearm them against this persecution and a possible compromise with the enemy. Jesus said to them:

"Beware the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy . No disciple is above his teacher, nor the servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and for the servant to be like his master.

If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more those of his household? But there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed and nothing hidden that will not be made known. For what you have said in darkness will be said in the light, and what you have whispered in the inner chambers will be preached on the doorsteps.

But I say to thee, My friends: Do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. I will show you whom you shall be afraid of; be afraid of him who, after he has killed, has power to cast into hell.

Yes, I say to thee, be afraid of him. Are not five sparrows sold for a farthing? Yet, the very hairs on your head are all numbered. Therefore do not be afraid, you are of more value than many sparrows.

I say to thee, everyone who acknowledges Me before men, him will the Son of Man also acknowledge before the angels of God. But who ever disowns Me before men will be disowned before the angels of God.

Then Jesus promised them the aid of the Holy Spirit.

"When they bring you before the synagogues and the magistrates and the authorities, do not be anxious how or where you shall defend yourselves, or what you shall say. For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."

Summary:

The loving care of God for each of us is a startling truth. In spite of the millions of human beings, in spite of their multiple activities, God is watching over each human being and all their actions.

The Life of Christ
Catholic Press

GIVING GOD'S LOVE

Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness to your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting.

Give them not only your care, but also your heart. A smile must always be on our lips to whom we offer help, for any to whom we give companionship or medicine.

It would be very wrong to offer only our cures, we must also offer all our heart. We must offer something else... the Love of Jesus Christ.

Blessed Mother Teresa

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. MARGARET OF CORTONA

Patron of Midwives

Margaret lost her mother when she was seven. Her father soon married again, however his new wife was hard and mean. When a rich nobleman seduced Margaret at the age of fourteen, she went with him to his fine home. For the next nine years, Margaret lived as his mistress in conspicuous sin.

One day Margaret saw her lover's dog come back to the house without his master. She followed the dog to a tree in the woods. Below was a shallow grave and there laid the lifeless body of her lover. In this brief moment Margaret felt the weight of her sins. She gave away all of her lovely possessions, took her little son and returned to her childhood home. When her step-mother refused to let her enter the house she went to the Franciscan House in Cortona and lived under the direction of the friars.

After three years of doing penance, Margaret joined the Franciscan Third Order. At this time, when she was kneeling in prayer she heard the voice of the Lord, to live a rich and mystical life. Margaret was quite harsh with her own penances, yet she was kind to the sick and the poor she served in the hospital.

ST. GABRIEL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Patron of Clerics

Francis was guided by Our Lady into the Passionist Institute where he took the name Gabriel and became an Apostle of her Sorrows.

At the age of twenty-four years of age he died of tuberculosis, having already attained to a heroic degree of sanctity by a life of self-denial and great devotion to Our Lord's Passion. He was canonized by Pope Benedict XV in 1920. His life was without any miraculous event but many miracles occurred at his tomb in Italy.

ST. PETER DAMIAN

Doctor of the Church

Peter Damian was one of the most glorious lights of the church. He became a Camaldolese monk at the monastery of Fonte Aveliana of which he became Abbot. He later became Cardinal and Bishop of Ostia and Velletri.

Peter worked zealously for the internal reform of the Church by fighting against abuses as simony and incontinence. He wrote many works on ascetical theology.

ST. ETHELBERT

King of Kent

Ethelbert became King and extended his power to all of England. He married a Christian princess, Bertha who was the daughter of the Frankish King. This resulted in the first introduction of Christianity into Anglo-Saxon England since her father insisted that his daughter be free to practice her faith in England.

When St. Augustine of Canterbury arrived in England he was accorded a pleasant welcome by Ethelbert who was still a heathen. Inspired by the example of his wife's, he converted and was baptized on Pentecost of that same year.

Ethelbert became the first Christian English King and therefore gave his full support to the cause of Christ in his realm. He was constantly concerned to promote the welfare of his people. Ethelbert enacted wholesome laws which were held in esteem in succeeding ages in England. He abolished the worship of idols throughout his kingdom and turned their temples into churches or shut them down.

Ethelbert built a monastery outside of Canterbury and he backed St. Augustine in establishing dioceses at Rochester and London.

Our Faith

FAITH TO MOVE MOUNTAINS Campaign for the Diocese of Trenton

Dear Parishioners,

As many of you have heard, a major endowment campaign is currently underway at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church and throughout the Diocese of Trenton. Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing answers to some good and important questions that we have been hearing from our parishioners.

How is this campaign different than the Annual Catholic Appeal?

The campaign is a response to *long-term and extraordinary needs*, while the Annual Catholic Appeal helps to fund the day-to-day operating expenses of the diocese. A major objective of the campaign is to establish new or increase endowments to offset anticipated increases in expenses over the long-term. For instance, 44% of our current priests will be eligible for retirement over the next 10 years alone! This is an expense that our Diocese's ordinary income cannot address.

These endowments, on the other hand, will strengthen and empower our Church to stand prepared to served future generations of Catholics. To do this requires an extraordinary campaign in which each Catholic is asked to support above their annual giving to both the parish offertory and the annual appeal.

Over the next month, everyone in the St. Maximilian Kolbe Church community will be invited to participate in the *Faith to Move Mountains Campaign*. It is my hope that during this time, our entire community will join together and support this blessed effort for our Diocese and our parish.

As we continue our efforts, I ask all of you to pray for our success and participate to what your means allow for the future of our Church.

Grace, peace and blessings to you,
Fr. Steve

LOVE IS PROVED IN DEEDS

Love does not live on words, nor can it be explained by words, especially that love which serves God, which comes from God and which finds God and touches God.

We must reach the heart, and to reach the heart as we must, love is proved in deeds. Perhaps it is only a smile, a little visit, or simply the fact of building a fire for someone, writing a letter for a blind person and reading for someone. This is only a little bit, yes, a very tiny bit but it will be our love of God in action.

Never think that a small action done to your neighbor is not worth much. It is not how much we do that is pleasing to God, but how much love we put into the doing. That is what the good God looks for, because God is Love and God made us in the diving image to love and to be loved.

Blessed Mother Teresa

THE CROSS

The earliest Christians were reluctant to use the cross as a symbol for their budding religion because it was viewed with great disgrace.

Someone once said: "To wear the Cross around one's neck would be like wearing a miniature electric chair around your neck today. The idea was repulsive." Gradually, the Cross became a victory sign. Christians held it up as their logo. *Through death to life.*

Lent- 2005

"We belong to God's people. Christianity can never be an affair that simply embraces our individual happiness. Our personal destiny is part of God's magnificent saving plan that includes in its sweep not only the entire human community, but the whole of creation, the inauguration of the new heaven and the new earth."

Brennan Manning