

February 28, 2016

Third 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 28, 2016

7:00 AM Lee Miller
Req. Mom and Dad
8:30 AM Lida Zaratina
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

Monday, February 29, 2015

7:00 AM Sergei & Helen Zwetkoff
Req. Nick Zwetkoff
8:30 AM Dorothy & Donna Dec
Req. Husband & Father, Joseph
9:30 AM Multiple Intention Mass

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

7:00 AM Anthony Maiorana
Req. Lorraine Gosse & Family
8:30 AM John Guerin
Req. The Martinez Family

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

7:00 AM Margaret Griffiths
Req. Margaret & Norman Hanney
8:30 AM William J. Collins
Req. Wife, Nora

Thursday, March 3, 2016

7:00 AM Vincent Petroccions (8th Anniversary)
Req. Wife, Alice
8:30 AM Stephanie Castellano
Req. Mother

Friday, March 4, 2016

7:00 AM Peter Cuerci, Sr.
Req. Wife, Velia
8:30 AM Josephine Smith
Req. Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence D'Auria

Saturday, March 5, 2016

7:00 AM Joseph & Jean Barkovitz
Req. Steffie, Sister
8:30 AM Philip LaManna
Req. Vinny and Betty
4:00 PM Bob Berg
Req. Estelle Belis
5:30 PM Dec'd. Mbrs. Henn Family
Req. Trudy and Norbert Maier

Sunday, March 6, 2016

7:00 AM Magdallena Sesta
Req. Husband, Larry
8:30 AM Anthony Forgione
Req. Family
10:00 AM Geraldine Carbonello
Req. Donna Orr
11:30 AM Geraldine O'Brien
Req. Aunt Sue
1:00 PM William Golden (Birthday Wishes)
Req. Wife, Bea and Sons

**Multiple Mass Intention
Monday at 9:30 AM
February 29, 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
Vincent & Angela Cuozzolino,
Req. Ann Bederka
Katherine "Kay" Malloy, *Req. Tuesday*
Bingo Workers
Trudy Smith, *Req. Husband, Joe*
Anthony Grossi, *Req. Jo Balsano*
Sr. Lillian O'Neill, *Req. Vincent & Noreen*
Greene
Dec'd. Mbrs. Stolfi & Barbaro Families,
Req. Mr. & Mrs. A. Stolfi
Roger Vincent, Sr., *Req. Mr. & Mrs. A.*
Stolfi
Coletta Cattaneo, *Req. Domenico & Maria*
Antonino
Barbara Kohaut, *Req. Family*
Rose Riley (4th Anniversary),
Req. Paddy & Agnes Kelly
Marion Kniewel (8th Anniversary),
Req. Anita Crowell
Richard McDonnell (Healing),
Req. Frank McDonnell, Father
Rachele & Paul Principe (Anniversary),
Req. Daughters, Ann & Yolanda

Helen Colucci, *Req. Florence Burden*
Margaret Burden, *Req. Florence Burden*
Donald Burden, *Req. Florence Burden*
Gloria Feijo, *Req. Maria Monteiro*
Alvaro Martins, *Req. Maria Monteiro*
Jose & Laura Martins, *Req. Maria*
Monteiro
Souls in Purgatory, *Req. Maria*
Monteiro
Brenda Colleen Myers, *Req. Lilly*
O'Keeffe
Patricia Critelli, *Req. Bertha Glatz*
Dan DeRito, *Req. Mike Ceglia*
In Thanksgiving Blessed Mother,
Req. Kay & Ed Zambrano
Veronica "Ronnie" Morra,
Req. Ann Bederka
Margaret Clemente, *Req. Mary Feeney*
Maria Rosa Lamilia, *Req. Family*
Peggy Lyons, *Req. Noreen Mackle*

*"The more powerful and courageous a soul
becomes with the help of God's grace, the greater
the cross God places on its shoulders, so that it
might mirror as closely as possible the image of
the Crucified in its own life."*
St. Maximilian Kolbe

SPECIAL INTENTIONS – WEEK of February 27, 2016 to March 4, 2016

Bread & Wine – Chapel
John Guerin, *Req. Wife, Pat*

Altar Candles – Chapel
John Guerin, *Req. Wife, Pat*

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 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

March 4, 2016 Friday—1:00 PM—3:00 PM

Fresh Garden Salad with choice of dressings; Fresh Eggplant Parmigiana; Fresh warm Italian Bread with choice of butter or olive oil with cracked pepper; Homemade Desserts and Hot Beverages.

Cost is 8.00 per person. Pay at the door.

WHAT WE RECEIVE

It would be helpful during Lent to take particular notice on a single day of the blessings that surround us; loving people, food, clothes, fresh air, flowers, tools, music, books, delightful places and so much else.

Thank you God for all the gifts that we receive each day.

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 will take place in the Chapel.

Did You Know????

LEAP YEAR POPE

The only leap year pope was Pope Paul III who was born in Italy on February 29, 1468.

The former Alexander Farmese became Pope in 1534. He was a significant patron of the arts and commissioned Michelangelo to paint the *Last Judgment* on the wall of the Sistine Chapel.

Pope Paul III died in 1549 and was buried in a tomb which Michelangelo designed.

PRAYER FOR LENT

Lord, during this Lenten season, may your Holy Spirit further transform my heart, preparing me to humbly serve as a sign of Your great love. I pray that the spiritually hungry come to know You and be nourished by Your presence.

May the Christians, in answering our Lenten call to look inward, be confident enough to outwardly proclaim to a troubled world the Easter joy that is Your victory over sin and death.

Amen

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend is for 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

PENANCE SERVICE

St. Maximilian Kolbe Church will have our Penance Service for Easter on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 from 12:00 Noon to 1:30 PM.

Priests from local churches will be at our Church to hear confessions.

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 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 offering 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 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, if requested, for your 2015 tax returns. (732) 914-0300

**St. Joseph and St. Patrick
Dinner Dance**

Date: Sunday: March 20, 2016

Time: 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Place: 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

Tickets are \$20.00 per person and may be purchased in the Parish Office.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer is held each year on the first Friday in March.

The day was the idea of Church Women United as ecumenical Christian group of women who work for justice and peace.

Each year a women's group from a different part of the world writes a prayer service for the day.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

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SUPPORT GROUP
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The Bereavement Ministry of St. Maximilian Kolbe Church cordially invites you to a Support Group for those who have lost a loved one through death.

It is a six week program to share your story, learn about the grieving process, coping skills and to be comforted.

Our goals are understanding your loss, respect, growth, acceptance and spiritual consolation in a confidential setting.

If you would like support on your "grief journey" and would like to attend, please call the number listed below to register.

Registration is necessary and is during the month of March only.

Please bring a framed photo of your loved one, who passed away, to each session.

Refreshments will be served.

Dates:: Fridays, April 8 to May 13, 2016
Time: 1:00 PM
Place St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Hall
To Register call:
Madeline Gardner RN
(732) 608-6840

Kindly leave your name and phone number and Madeline will get back to you.

IN TIMES OF GRIEF

*Grief is a fact of life, dear friend,
That we all have to meet at times,
It is not easy to accept it,
But we must, though it seems unfair,
Of sorrow that is too hard to bear,
For He understands humanity,
He will help you carry your despair,
Then your sorrow will be erased.*

LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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

- February 28 St. Romanus, Abbot
- February 29 St. Oswald, Bishop
- March 1 St. David
- March 2 St. Albinus
- March 3 St. Cunegundes
- March 3 St. Katharine of Drexel
- March 4 St. Casimir
- March 5 St. John Joseph of the Cross, Priest

ST. ALPHONSO RETREAT HOUSE
West Long Branch, NJ

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

The women's mid-week retreat is on: April 26, 27 and 28, 2016. A \$50.00 deposit 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 TREASURE WITHIN

The human heart is alive because of the love of God. The Spirit of God dwells within us and that dwelling place in the heart. We often look outside of ourselves for signs of God's presence in the world and can indeed find some assurance in many of the wonders in the world about us.

Lent is an opportune time to slow down and look within ourselves. We give up certain pleasures and pastimes during Lent, and these allow us to discern God's presence in our hearts and listen to Him.

In the stillness of this season, ask your heart to speak. Seek what God is saying and you will be refreshed by the presence who made the stars and all the world's wonders. You will find it to be the real treasure of your life.

Fr. James S. Behrens, O.C.S.O.

"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen. Not only because I see it, but because I see everything by it."

C.S. Lewis

The Life of Jesus

Matthew 17: 23-18;20,10: 41-42; Mark 9: 32-49; Luke 9: 46-50; 17: 1-4

LAST DAYS IN CAPERNAUM

When Jesus and His disciples had returned to Capernaum, the tax collectors came to Peter and asked him if his Master paid the tax for the maintenance of the temple. Peter replied that He did, and went in to get the money for the tax, but Jesus forestalled him:

“What dost thou think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth receive tribute or customs, from their own sons, or from others?”

Peter answered, “From others.” Jesus said:

“The sons then are exempt. But that we may not give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook, and take the first fish that comes up. Upon opening its mouth thou wilt find a stater (coin). Take that and give it to them for Me and for thee.”

On the way to Capernaum Jesus had observed that the disciples were bickering about something, and when they reached their house He asked them:

“What were you arguing about on the way?”

They were ashamed to answer, for they had been arguing about their rank in His kingdom. Sitting down outside the house, Jesus called all of the disciples together and spoke to them about humility.

“If any man wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all, and servant of all.”

There were some little children playing nearby. Jesus called one of them to Him and said to His disciples:

“Amen I say to thee, unless you turn and become like little children, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whoever, therefore, humbles himself as this little child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Whoever receives one such little child for My sake, receives Me. Whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me. For he who is the least among you, he is the greatest.”

John said that they had come on a man casting out devils in Christ’s name and had rebuked Him. But Jesus corrected him saying:

“Do not forbid him, because there is no one who shall work a miracle in My name, and forthwith be able to speak ill of Me. For he who is not against you is for you.”

Jesus went on to speak of the reward of charity and the punishment of scandal:

“He who receives a prophet because he is a prophet, shall receive a prophet’s reward, and he who receives a just man because he is a just man, shall receive a just man’s reward. Whoever gives to one of these little ones but a cup of cold water to drink because he is a disciple. amen I say to thee, he shall not lose his reward.

Woe to the world because of scandals. For it must need be that scandals come, but woe to the man through whom scandal does come. Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it were better for him to have a great millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.”

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. DAVID of WALES

Patron of Wales

David or "Dewi" patron of Wales is said to be a man of noble birth. After his ordination as a priest, he founded monasteries, twelve in all. David's strict rule permitted the monks to eat only bread, vegetables and salt. They drank water, sometimes mixed with a little milk. Hence David's nickname was "man of water."

David's standing as bishop of Menevia, a seaport that linked Wales with Ireland and his participation in two local church councils are a matter of record.

In the year 2010 Pope Benedict XVI visited Great Britain and on this occasion blessed a mosaic icon of St. David brought to him by the people of Wales. He recalled the saint's last words to his brother monks, "Be joyful, keep the faith and do the little things."

Pope Benedict XVI concluded by saying: "May the message of St. David's in all its simplicity and richness, continue to resound in Wales today, drawing the hearts of its people to renewed love for Christ and His church."

ST. CUNEGUND

Patroness of Luxembourg & Poland

Cunegund married Henry II who became king of German. Twelve years later, Pope Benedict VIII crowned Henry and Cunegund emperor and empress of the Holy Roman Empire. She even founded a Benedictine monastery at Kaufungen.

After Henry died, Cunegund entered the monastery which she founded and devoted herself to prayer and caring for the sick. She cast aside all she had enjoyed as empress. On her deathbed she insisted on being buried in her simple nun's habit, showing her devotion to God.

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

Foundress of the Sisters of Blessed Sacrament

Five weeks after Katharine was born, her mother died. Her father, a wealthy banker later married Emma Bouvier a devout Catholic. It was Emma who instilled a great love of charity in Katharine. Believing that God had given wealth to the Drexels so that they could help others, Emma involved Katharine in distributing food, medicine, clothing and money to the poor.

When Katharine's father died he left her millions of dollars which she used to help the needy. She also started by underwriting the cost of educating Native Americans. Although close friends advised Katharine that she could probable do more to help others outside a convent, she felt intensely drawn to a contemplative life. In 1889 Katharine became a Sister of Mercy.

A few years later, Katharine founded what is today known as the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. In addition to the traditional vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, her sisters vow "to be the mother and servants" of Native and African Americans.

The nuns built their first mission school for Native Americans in Santa Fe, New Mexico. In the years that followed, they established a total of 145 missions and 12 schools for Native Americans and 50 schools for African American. Katharine also founded Xavier University in New Orleans, the first U.S. Catholic college for African Americans.

In 1935 Katharine suffered a severe heart attack and spent her last 20 years in quiet, prayer filled retirement. Upon her death in 1955, at the age of 96 years old, the remainder of her estate was given to charity. Mother Drexel was canonized in the year 2000.

Note: Katharine Drexel was the great, great aunt of Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis.

