

March 13, 2016

Fifth 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, March 13, 2016

7:00 AM Gerardo Alison
Req. Doris S. Alison
8:30 AM Joseph Christie
Req. Sheila Christie
10:00 AM Matthew Bargone
Req. Parents
11:30 AM Joseph & Josephine Zappulla
Req. Daughter, Arlene Z. Toth
1:00 PM Joseph Janonis
Req. Wife, Mary

Monday, March 14, 2015

7:00 AM John Matlosz (6th Anniversary)
Req. Wife, Carolyn
8:30 AM Andrew Santucci
Req. The Santucci Family

9:30 AM Multiple Intention Mass

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

7:00 AM Fiore (Joe) Iavarone
Req. Wife, Clara
8:30 AM Margaret Corbeille (19th Anniversary)
Req. Daughter, Doris Bivona

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

7:00 AM Anthony Romaniak
Req. Wife, Kseniya
8:30 AM Cathy Mueller
Req. Sheila Christie

Thursday, March 17, 2016

7:00 AM Daniel Kelly (2nd Anniversary)
Req. Elizabeth and Family
8:30 AM Sam Yacchiano
Req. Family

Friday, March 18, 2016

7:00 AM Louise Parrillo (Birthday)
Req. Parillo and Cairo Families
8:30 AM Mary and Daniel Dugan
Req. Sheila Christie

Saturday, March 19, 2016

7:00 AM George Buska
Req. Wife, Joan and Children
8:30 AM Dr. Joseph Schiavone
Req. Wife, Terry

4:00 PM James Finnegan

Req. Wife, Pat

5:30 PM Thomas Srsich

Req. Pat and Tom Srsich

Sunday, March 20, 2016

7:00 AM Ruth Goodheart
Req. Husband, Thomas and Son, Wayne
8:30 AM Nicholas & Maria Iannelli
Req. Rocca Iannelli
10:00 AM Susan Cordell
Req. Love, Mom
11:30 AM Vincent & Sadie Obiso
Req. Family
1:00 PM Barbara & Renee Kittredge
Req. Bob Kittredge

**Multiple Mass Intention
Monday at 9:30 AM
March 14, 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
Henry Przychodzki, *Req.* Wife, Rose
Anthony Briffa, *Req.* The Briffa
Family
Robert Stefanic, *Req.* Lillian Stefanic
Anthony Krake, *Req.* Tana & Theresa
Davidyok
Osmar F. R. d'Avila, *Req.* Family
Brendan Vesey, *Req.* Wife, Bridie and
Family
John Yamelski, *Req.* Aleta Marino
Wayne Matthew Wojcek,
Req. Joseph E. Dec
Anthony LoConte (50th Anniversary).
Req. Wife, Yvette Klebash
Roger Vincent, *Req.* Lucille Wefer
Eugene Wefer *Req.* Wife,
Lucille
Joseph Alfia Rampino, *Req.* Son,
Felix
Carmella Rampino, *Req.* Felix,
Brother
Barbara Bodak, *Req.* Carolyn & Jim
Burns

Sr. Lillian O'Neill, *Req.* Mike McAteer
Richard McDonnell (Healing),
Req. Frank McDonnell, Father
Lisa Bodak, *Req.* Dad and Sister,
Sharon
Eugene Cullen, *Req.* Carmella & John
Albanese
Estelle & Jerry Zack, *Req.* Mary Janonis
Patricia Critelli, *Req.* Virginia Serio
Dec'd. Mbrs. Stipp & Seibert Families,
Req. Mary Stipp
Walter Dabros, *Req.* Daughter,
Marysia
Fred Kustowski, *Req.* Wife,
Mary
Svetro Svorinic, *Req.* The Puharic
Family
Romeo DeLeon (Healing),
Req. Cecilia Reyes
Martin Rizzolo (9th Anniversary),
Req. Mom, Dad and Family
Lucy Fay, *Req.* Husband, Michael &
Family
Joseph Riley, *Req.* Gertrude Sanchez
In Thanksgiving St. Anthony,
Req. Stella & Andrew Turco
Tony Garrido, *Req.* Jean Annucci
Veronica "Ronnie" Morra,
Req. Margaret Thomas
Pierre Kulandai, *Req.* Pauline, Sister

SPECIAL INTENTIONS – WEEK of March 12 to March 18, 2016

Bread & Wine – Church
Mary & Daniel Dugan,
Req. Daughter, RoseAnn

Bread & Wine – Chapel
In Thanksgiving, St. Theresa,
Req. Stella & Andrew Turco

Altar Candles – Church
Anthony Carlone, *Req.* Wife, Angie

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 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.

To guide us on our Lenten journey we will have reflections in the Chapel of the Sorrowful Mysteries. Our guest speaker on March 16 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, April 6, 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.

If you are sick or homebound and would like to say the Rosary with someone, kindly call:

Jean Hanna (732) 473-9755

Do You Remember????

A popular practice at Lent was to cover the statues and crucifixes with a purple cloth. This was done as a sign of mourning and usually began the fifth Sunday of Lent.

BE AN APOSTLE

For the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, we are inviting you to be an Apostle and have one foot washed by Fr. Steve.

The first 15 people who contact the parish office starting on Monday morning March 14th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM will be chosen; 12 being the Apostles and the last 3 being alternates.

(732) 914-0300

PARISH NEWS

ATLANTIC CITY TRIP TO RESORTS

Date: April 4, 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.

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.

EASTER PENANCE SERVICE

Our Easter Penance Service will be held this Wednesday, March 16th between the hours of 12:00 Noon to 1:30 PM.

Priests from other area churches will be at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church to hear confessions.

PARISH OFFICE EASTER CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed on:

Holy Thursday, March 24, 2016

Good Friday, March 25, 2016

Easter Monday, March 28, 2016

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council 10899

Lenten Meal for Friday, March 18th- 1:00 PM

Escarole and Bean Soup; Choice of Egg or Tuna Salad on a Bed of Lettuce. Fresh warm Italian Bread with choice of butter or olive oil. Fresh Homemade Baked Desserts., Hot Beverages.

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

Friday, March 18th is the last day for the Lenten Meals. Happy and Blessed Easter!

Thank You all for stopping by!

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.

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.

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

THE COLUMBIETTES

The Knights of Columbus women's group the Columbiettes will meet next Saturday, March 19th at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall. Women interested in joining this organization are asked to contact: Pat Guerin at (732) 505-9251

THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 1, will be conducting a membership drive next weekend on March 19 and 20th. Catholic men with Irish heritage or even a trace, are invited to join the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Ladies, too, are invited to form a Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Local.

Jack O'Shea, President (732) 341-9084

JUBILEE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

In commemoration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, on Saturday, March 19th from: 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM at St. Joseph's parish in Toms River, there will be preaching, confession, a procession with the Blessed Sacrament and praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy led by Bishop O'Connell for both English and Latino Catholics.

All are invited.

If one attends Mass at their own parish that weekend, all the conditions for receiving a plenary indulgence will be present. An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven.

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

Tickets are \$20.00 per person and are available for purchase in the Parish Office.

This is the last chance to purchase your tickets for the Dinner Dance as the deadline is March 16th. and..... don't forget your dancing shoes.

SAN ALFONSO RETREAT HOUSE

The Altar Rosary Society of our church is going on a retreat to San Alfonso's Retreat House, 755 Ocean Ave., Long Branch, NJ. The mid-week retreat for women, is on: April 26, 27 and 28, 2016. A \$50.00 deposit per person is requested. The price for the retreat is \$210.00 per person and meals are included.

Josephine Roeder (732) 349-9379

MURANO STYLE CROSSES

The Columbiettes thank you all for the response to last week's selling of the Murano style crosses for Easter.

While supplies last, we will sell the rest this coming weekend. (\$5.00 each)

Thank You!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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Monday, March 21, 2016

7:00 AM Mass

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

7:00 AM Mass

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

7:00 AM Mass

8:30 AM Mass

CONFESSIONS- 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Thursday, March 24, 2016 – Holy Thursday

NO Morning Masses

NO Bingo- Parish Office closed.

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4:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 25, 2016 – Good Friday

Parish Office Closed

NO Morning Masses

NO Stations of the Cross/ NO Adoration

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3:00 PM The Lord's Passion (Service)

Saturday, March 26, 2016 – Holy Saturday

Blessing of Food – 12:00 Noon

NO CONFESSIONS

NO Morning or Afternoon Masses

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7:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 27, 2016 – Easter SundayMasses

7:00 AM

8:30 AM

10:00 AM

1130 AM

1:00 PM

*Rejoice in the Lord!***BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY****SUPPORT GROUP**

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

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

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!

FAITH IN OUR FUTURE UPDATE

On Tuesday, March 15th, our cohort group will meet for the first time. We will be meeting groups from St. Justin's, St. Joseph's and St. Luke's. Each group will be sharing their parish's strengths and weaknesses with a long term view of improving Catholic Ministry in our area parishes.

It is important to understand that this study is meant to be a positive step in vitalization and growth and not as a contraction or loss. We have to be flexible to be vibrant.

You are welcome to add any insights concerning our current parish situation or how you envision our neighborhood parishes working together. Feel free to call any one of our members.

Chairman: Jack O'Shea (732) 341-9084

Secretary: Josephine Micciulla (732) 281-1999

Doug Garner (732) 773-8636

Arlene Toth (732) 240-2305

Father Stephen Piga (732) 914-0300

The Life of Jesus

John 13: 20-36

THE FINAL EXHORTATION

While Christ was preaching to the people, some foreigners, converts to Judaism who had come to Jerusalem for the Passover, approached the disciples and asked for an audience with Jesus. When the disciples relayed this request to their Master, Jesus replied:

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to thee, unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone. But if it dies, it brings forth much fruit.

He who loves his life, loses it, and he who hates his life in this world, keeps it unto life everlasting. If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me, and where I am there also shall My servant be. If anyone serves Me, My Father will honor him.

Now My soul is troubled. What shall I say? Father, save me from this hour! No, this is why I came to this hour. Father, glorify Thy name!"

Thereupon a voice was heard from heaven, saying:

"I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

The crowd standing about was uncertain what had happened. Some believed that what they had heard was thunder. Others contended that an angel had spoken to Christ. But Jesus assured them, saying:

"Not for Me did this voice come, but for you. Now is the judgment of the world.

Will the prince of the world be cast out. And if I lifted up from the earth, will draw all things to Myself."

With these words Jesus predicted in what manner. He was to die, namely, by being raised upon a Cross.

Restless and disillusioned, the crowd protested. "We have heard from the Law," they said, "that the Christ abides forever. The Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" Jesus replied:

"Yet in a little while the light is among thee. Walk while you have the light, that darkness may not overtake you. He who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes. While you have the light, believe in the light that you may become sons of light."

When Jesus returned to Jerusalem, He found the Temple courtyard overrun with merchants. Their presence near the Temple was justified to some extent by the requirements of Jewish customs. On the great feasts the high priest permitted these merchants to set up their tables and booths, where their noisy bickering and clinking of coins produced all the confusion of a crowded market.

Now incensed by this continued noise, He strode through the crowded courtyard and galleries, overturning the merchants' tables and benches. He turned back those thoughtless trespassers who came carrying their tools and merchandise through the Temple as if it were a thoroughfare. Jesus quietly said:

"Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves."

The Life of Christ

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.

LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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

March 13 St. Roderick
 March 14 St. Mathilda
 March 15 St. Zachary, Pope
 March 15 St. Louise De Marillac
 March 16 St. Leocritia
 March 17 St. Patrick
 March 17 St. Gabriel Lalemant
 March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop
 March 19 St. Joseph

ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Born in the early fourth century, it is believed that Cyril spent his childhood and youth in the city of Jerusalem. It is clear from his surviving writings that the young man received an excellent education. Some sources believed that Cyril may have been a monk before being ordained a priest.

Cyril was appointed Bishop of Jerusalem and Acadius, the Bishop of the nearby city felt threatened by the appointment. Soon after Cyril took his post, Acadius summoned him to a hearing about his conduct. There were also doctrinal differences between the two men.

Between the years of 355 and 378 Cyril was exiled from Jerusalem three times. He finally returned to the city and remained there until his death. Cyril is best remembered for his Catechetical Discourses, a collection of sermons he gave his congregants in Jerusalem about Christian faith, and for the sale of Church properties. The sale was for a famine of the city to help feed the poor.

Gentle in spirit, Cyril guided the Christians of Jerusalem for 35 years.

ST. LOUISE De MARILLAC

Patroness of Social Workers

Louise lost her mother shortly after her birth, and was educated by the Dominican nuns. When she was fourteen years old her father died and relatives placed her in a boardinghouse for orphaned children. Louise considered entering the religious life but poor health prevented her from doing so.

At the age of twenty-three, Louise married Antoine LeCras, secretary in the queen's household. For twelve happy years she devoted herself to her husband and son while caring for the poor. When Antoine died Louise fell into a depression. With the help of St. Vincent de Paul, her spiritual confessor and her life took a new direction.

Vincent de Paul placed Louise in charge of the Ladies of Charity, a group of devout wealthy women who helped sustain the work of his mission priests. Louise saw that many of these well meaning women were unable to cope with the horrible conditions of the poor, so a new society of your girls were trained in the caring of the poor.

The women stayed in convents and prayed long hours every day. With Louise as their superior the Daughters of Charity worked in hospitals and orphanages, schools, homes for the aged and soup kitchens.

Over the years, Louise and Vincent de Paul became friends. They saw less and less of one another because of health infirmities. Near death in March, Louise begged Vincent to visit her before she died. Vincent himself was incoherent with fever. Each was worn out and dying. They lived in houses just across the way from one another but Vincent was unable to move from his bed.

Louise died on March 15th, and Vincent de Paul died six months later.

EASTER STORY

THE THREE TREES

Once there were three trees on a hill in the wood. They were discussing their hopes and dreams when the first tree said, "Someday I hope to be a treasure chest. I could be filled with gold, silver and precious gems. I would be decorated with intricate carving and everyone would see the beauty."

Then the second tree said, "Someday I will be a mighty ship. I will take kings and queens across the waters and sail to every corners of the world. Everyone will feel safe in me because of the strength of my hull."

The third tree said, "I want to grow to be the tallest and straightest tree in the forest. People will see me on top of the hill and look up to my branches and think of heaven and God and how close to them I am reaching."

After a few years of praying their dreams would come true, when a group of woodsmen came upon the trees. When one came to the first tree he said, "This looks like a strong tree, I should be able to sell the wood to a carpenter." He began cutting the tree down. The tree was happy, because he knew that the carpenter would make him into a treasure chest.

At the second tree, the woodman said, "This looks like a strong tree. I should be able to sell it to the shipyard." The second tree was happy because he knew that he was on his way to becoming a mighty ship.

When the woodman came upon the third tree, the tree was frightened because he knew that if they cut him down his dream would not come true. One of the woodsmen said, "I don't need anything special from this tree, but I'll take it," and he cut it down.

When the first tree arrived at the carpenter's he was made into a feed box for animals and placed in a barn. This was not at all what the tree had prayed for.

The second tree was cut and made into a small fishing boat. His dreams of being a mighty ship and carrying kings had finally come to an end.

The third tree was cut into large pieces and left alone in the dark. As the years went by, the three trees forgot about their dreams.

Then, one day a man and woman came to the barn. She gave birth and they placed the "Baby" in the feed box that was made from the first tree. The man wished that he could have made a crib for the baby, but this manger would have to do. The tree could feel the importance of this event and knew that it had held the greatest treasure of all time.

Years later, a group of men got in a small fishing boat made from the second tree. One of the men on board was tired and fell asleep. While they were out on the water, a great storm arose and the tree didn't think it was strong enough to keep the men on board safe. The men woke the sleeping man and He stood and said "Peace" and the storm stopped. At this time, the tree knew that it had carried the King of King in its boat.

Finally, someone came and got the third tree. It was carried through the streets as the people mocked the man who was carrying it. When they came to a stop, the man was nailed to the tree and raise in the air to die at the top of a hill. When Sunday came, the third tree came to realize that it was strong enough to stand at the top of the hill and be as close to God as possible, because Jesus Christ had been crucified on it.

Anonymous

Summary

When things don't seem to be going your way, always know that God has a plan for all of us. If you place your trust in Him, He will give you great gifts.

Each of the trees got what they wanted, just not in the way they had imagined. We don't always know that God's plans are for us. We just know that His ways are not our ways, but His ways are always the best.