

March 27, 2016

Easter Sunday

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 27, 2016

7:00 AM All Parishioners
Living and Deceased
8:30 AM All Parishioners
Living and Deceased
10:00 AM All Parishioners
Living and Deceased
11:30 AM All Parishioners
Living and Deceased
1:00 PM All Parishioners
Living and Deceased

Monday, March 28 2015

7:00 AM Eleuteria Amora
Req. Prima Amora
8:30 AM Bernie Murphy
Req. Lee and Family

9:30 AM Multiple Intention Mass

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

7:00 AM Larry Zwierzynski (5th Anniversary)
Req. Children
8:30 AM Rose Cortese
Req. Husband, Iggy

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

7:00 AM Anna & Angela Femia
Req. Mary and Mario Marano
8:30 AM Maria SSma di Constantinopoli
Req. Joseph Valerio

Thursday, March 31, 2016

7:00 AM John Dyer (Birthday)
Req. Wife, Teresa
8:30 AM Irene Majcher
Req. Husband, John

Friday, April 1, 2016

7:00 AM Adelina F. Calabrese
Req. John and Jane Hayes
8:30 AM Martha DiFazio
Req. Husband, Anthony

Saturday, April 2, 2016

7:00 AM Norman Russo (Wedding Anniversary)
Req. Wife, Claire
8:30 AM Frank Aris (15th Anniversary)
Req. Peggy Aris

4:00 PM Francesco & Victoria Russo
Req. Rose and Chester Magda
5:30 PM Neil Esposito (Birthday)
Req. Wife, Gertrude

Sunday, April 3, 2016

Divine Mercy

7:00 AM Alfred Feliciano
Req. Wife, Josephine
8:30 AM Mary Galante
Req. Kathleen, Sister
10:00 AM Geraldine Carbonello
Req. Donna Orr
11:30 AM Ruth Mangano
Req. Husband, John; Children Tom, Maria, Sue
1:00 PM William Lyness (Birthday)
Req. Wife, Patricia

**Multiple Mass Intention
Monday at 9:30 AM
March 28, 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
Francesca D'Angelo (1st Anniversary),
Req. The Wood & Pace Families
James Burns, *Req. Wife,*
Doris
Walter J. Kozak, *Req. Wife, Helen, Son
and Family*
The Smarsch & Kozak Families,
Req. Helen Kozak & Family
Carmella Cusano, *Req. Daughter,*
Maryann
Barbara Kohaut, *Req. Family*
Michael Anthony, *Req. Marilyn & John
Emick*
Felicia Gardyniec, *Req. Mary
Janonis*
Anthony Donato, *Req. Wife,
Helen*
Walter Dabros, *Req. Daughter,
Marysia*
James Lutz, *Req. Teresa Loquercio*
Lawrence McNerney, *Req. Maria
Coletti*
Mary, Michael & John Feltn,
Req. Mary Feltn

Edward Dilillo, *Req. Joseph Gentile*
Patricia Critelli, *Req. Katharina Zirkel*
Marie L. Rogers, *Req. Frank and Linda
Aiello*
Vincent Cappabrinca *Req. John & Rosalie
Cuccinello*
Brian Mahoney, *Req. Ann & Doug
Hanna*
John Grabowski, Jr., *Req. Tom & Joan
Smith*
Maxted Clinch, *Req. Antonio & Margaret
Perez*

Give Me Your Hand...

*Give me your hand,
to wipe a tear
to make a cup of tea.
Do not be unbelieving, but believe
that I am here
before you and within.
Give Me your hand
to touch a wound with tenderness
to change a dressing with care
to touch another's life with love
to teach young hands to write.
My Resurrection is now in you.
Give me your hand, said He,
in the giving eyes opened wide
to see the Lord alive
He is and He is here.
The Liguorian*

SPECIAL INTENTIONS – WEEK of March 26 to April 1, 2016

Altar Flowers – Church
James Finnegan, *Req. Wife, Pat*

Bread and Wine – Church
Joseph Iacona, *Req. Rosemary & Dave Fisher*

Sanctuary Candles – Church
Larry, Sam, Al and Lucy Latini,,
Req. Gloria Grieco

Altar 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, April 20, 2016 at 1:00 PM.

We invite all the women of the parish to join the Altar Rosary Society in promoting devotion to the Blessed Mother. Coffee and cake will be available prior to the meeting.

Bill Teeling, a prominent member of our parish will be the guest speaker at our April 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

NO GREATER LOVE

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No Greater Love is a vibrant musical drama celebrating the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, will be performed at St. Justin's Parish in Toms River on:

Sunday, April 3rd at 4:00 PM

The musical will be performed by The Xavier Company a unique group of Christian performing artists. There is NO admission fee, but there will be a freewill offering after the performance followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

OUR DINNER DANCE

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Our St. Joseph/St. Patrick Dinner and Dance was a great success last Sunday. Food was good and everyone had a wonderful time. A very special thanks to all our volunteers who served us so well.

Without good volunteers our parish would be very poor indeed.

Fr. Steve

Happy and Blessed Easter!

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 Friday afternoons at 1:00 PM in the Chapel.

PARISH OFFICE EASTER CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed on Easter Monday, March 28, 2016.

Father Max's Smile Corner

The following are word definitions you will not find in a dictionary..... Enjoy!

1. Acquaintance: A person we know well enough to borrow money from, but not well enough to lend money to.
2. Barbershop: A clip joint.
3. Flashlight: A cylinder in which to store dead batteries in.
4. Pedestrian: A husband who thought that the family did not need two cars.
5. Tourists: - People who travel thousands of miles to take a picture of themselves standing by their car.
6. Worry: Putting today's sun under tomorrow's cloud.

"Think deeply, speak gently, love much, laugh often, work hard, give freely, be kind."

Anonymous

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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

There is only one collection this weekend for Easter Sunday.

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 tomb is not an endless night; it is a thoroughfare, a way.... that closes in a soft twilight, and opens in eternal day."

Liturgical Publications

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.

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 the Holy Year.

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

Alleluia.... Alleluia....

He is Risen... He is Risen....

During this blessed season of Easter, let us all work together for the feeling of peace towards your neighbor and yourself.

St. Pope John Paul II

SAN ALFONSO RETREAT HOUSE

The Altar Rosary Society of our church is going on a retreat to San Alfonso's Retreat House in 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 per person and meals are included.

Josephine Roeder (732) 349-9379

MAUSOLEUM

Christ the King Mausoleum has been opened since November 2013. If you are interested in a final resting place for a loved one or yourself, kindly call our Parish Office during regular business hours.

Our seasonal flower program is available for anyone entombed in the mausoleum, which we have now implemented.

Kindly call the Parish Office if you need any additional information.

(732) 914-0300

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

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

If you need support on your "grief journey" and would like to attend the six week program please call the number listed below. Bring with you a picture of your loved one, who passed away, to each session.

Remember: The month of March is the time for you to register for the six weeks starting on April 8th for Bereavement counseling.

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 number and Madeline will get back to you.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Next Sunday, April 3rd is for the Divine Mercy.

Through the passion and death of Jesus, an infinite ocean of mercy was made available for all of us. But God, who created us free, will not force anything on us, not even His mercy. He must wait for us to turn from our sinfulness and ask:

"Ask and it will be given to you, for every one who asks, receives." Matthew 7: 7-8

But there is more to trust than just believing that God is trustworthy. We have to act upon that belief. Trust involves a turning back to God, a real conversation of our whole lives to God, repenting of our sins and forgiving others. Trust is a living faith.

Over and Over again in the Diary of St. Faustina, we hear Our Lord reminding us that we can depend upon His love and that He alone is worthy of our trust.

Fr, Seraphim Michalenko

Happy Easter Everyone!

We all know it is very difficult sometimes to live in the joy and new life of Jesus risen. It seems like every day brings us some share of uncertainty, fear and misfortune. Our life is made this way. Sin, evil, suffering and finally death, belong to our lot as humans. After all, we are the descendents of Adam and Eve who left us a sinful inheritance.

But we have become sons and daughters of God, heirs to the Father, in Jesus Christ. Each day, and most surely when misfortune strikes, the Spirit of God who lives in our hearts is there to rekindle in us this truth: Jesus is risen! Every day, especially this day, Easter Sunday, this Good News gives us strength, joy and new life in Christ

And so, with infinite thanks to Jesus Christ and on behalf of my associate Fr. John Testa and on behalf of Fr. John DeSandre, Msgr. Vince Doyle, Fr. Bernie Mohan, Fr. Ed Furrevig, Deacons Al and Stan, and our wonderful parish staff, a very Happy Easter season to one and all!

Fr. Steve

CHRIST IS RISEN

We know that "He is risen." and Jesus said:

"Thus it is written that the Messiah must suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. In His Name, penance for the remission of sins is to be preached to all the nations. You are witnesses of this. See, I send down upon you the promise of My Father. (Luke 24: 46-49)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council #10899

Next weekend (April 2nd & 3rd) a Spring Membership drive for the Knights of Columbus and The Columbiettes Auxiliary will be held.

Anyone interested in becoming a member may contact. Bernie Ernest at (732) 504-7496

Knights of Columbus
 Lucille Iasiello at (609) 412-3828
 The Columbiettes

He Has Risen...Alleluia

Matthew 28: 1-8; Mark 16: 1-8; Luke 24: 1-8; John 20:1-3

THE RESURRECTION

Early in the morning of the third day after the crucifixion, the soul of Jesus re-entered His body and He arose from the dead. His glorified body passed through the sealed door of the tomb, but at the same instant. To reveal His rising in the world, there was a great earthquake and an angel from heaven appeared at the tomb. Pilate's guards were stunned and terrified falling to the ground as if they were dead.

Towards daybreak Mary Magdalene and the other women had left Jerusalem for the sepulcher, bringing with them additional spices to anoint the body of Christ. As they approached the tomb they were discussing how they could gain entrance. When they reached the door of the tomb they saw the great stone had already been rolled away.

Alarmed by the thought that someone had stolen the body of Christ, Mary Magdalene ran to inform the disciples. It happened, though on the way she encountered Peter and John and told them of her fears. She returned with them to the tomb.

In the meantime, the other women had entered the tomb and discovered that the body of Jesus was gone. As they stood wondering what to make of this, two angels appeared to them. The women fell to the ground in terror, but one of the angels said:

"Do not be afraid. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. Why do you seek the living one amongst the dead? He has risen for He is not here.

Remember how He spoke to you while He was yet in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified and on the third day rise."

The two disciples alerted by Mary Magdalene had meanwhile raced to the sepulcher. John reached the tomb first. Stooping down and peering through the entrance, he could see the abandoned cerements, but he hesitated to enter until Peter arrived and explored the tomb.

The tomb was empty. The winding sheets were there and the cloth in which they had wrapped His head had been folded and set aside. But the body of Jesus was gone. John was now convinced that Jesus had risen, but Peter was still confused as they departed for home.

After their departure, the women peered through the entrance of the tomb weeping. They heard a voice saying, *"Woman why art thou weeping?"* They at first thought he was a gardener but then recognized Him as the Master. They women sought to embrace Him but He said:

"Do not touch Me, for I have not yet ascended to My father, but go to My brethren and say to them, "I ascend to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God."

They ran to tell the disciples, but again they did not believe the women.

After thirty years of obscurity, after three years of public life of service, after eighteen hours of a bitter passion, after forty hours in the tomb, Jesus Christ rose to a glorious eternity.

In heaven, for the endless ages of eternity, He will reign gloriously. Even the bitterness of His passion and death seem less significant when view in the light of His eternal glorification.

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.

LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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

- March 27 St. Rupert of Salzburg, Bishop
- March 28 St. John of Capistrano
- March 29 St. Joseph of Arimathea
- March 30 St. John Climacus, Abbot
- March 31 St. Guy of Pomposa, Abbot
- March 31 St. Benjamin, Deacon
- April 1 St. Hugh, Bishop
- April 2 St. Francis of Paola
- April 2 St. John Payne

ST. JOSEPH ARIMATEA

Patron of Funeral Directors

Who was this man? According to the Gospel of Mark, he was a member of the Council that has condemned Jesus to death.

Joseph of Arimathea came from an affluent family and was probably a silent disciple of Jesus. He performed a pious act by going to Pilate and asking for the body of Jesus. Not only was he associating with a known criminal he was exposing himself to the unclean body of a dead person. This also meant that he would not be able to participate in the upcoming Passover ceremonies.

Joseph Arimathea and another man called Nicodemus obeyed Jewish Law that a corpse be buried before sundown on the day of death. The two men anointed the body of Jesus with aloe and myrrh then wrapped Him in cloth and place him in Joseph's family tomb. The disciples fearing the worst for themselves, watched from a distance.

Early Christian literature states that Joseph was imprisoned by the angry Jews but soon was saved by the resurrected Jesus. Other stories tell of Joseph being sent to England to establish Christianity and brought the Holy Grail there.

ST. JOHN OF CAPISTRANO

Patron of Judges, Jurists, and Military Chaplains

John of Capistrano was a brilliant lawyer who was appointed mayor of Perugia at the early age of twenty-six. When Perugia went to war the opposing forces had him imprisoned. While being held in a dungeon, John had a religious experience that was so strong, that he would devote his life to God, when he was released.

When he was freed, he had his marriage to a rich heiress annulled and entered a Franciscan monastery. He studied under Bernadine of Sienna for whom he developed the deepest affection.

John became a priest at the age of thirty-four, wandering the countryside barefoot while preaching the Word of God. At the time, Italy was torn by three rival Popes who claimed the throne of St. Peter. John's open-air sermons drew huge crowds at times estimated to be 100,000 strong and his legal skills were also called upon as well.

ST. JOHN PAYNE

One of the 40 Martyrs of England & Wales

John grew up in a time when Catholicism was banned in England. He was raised within the Church of England but later John converted to Catholicism.

John was ordained a priest in France and soon set out for England with his colleague Father Cuthbert Mayne. Father Mayne ministered to Catholics in Cornwall and John established himself in Essex and celebrating Mass in secret. Within a year John was arrested and imprisoned for practicing Catholicism. He was soon freed to live in France but with the constant danger of his life he was betrayed by John Elliot a murderer who make a career of tracking down Catholic priests for money.

John Payne was canonized in 1970 by Pope Paul VI as one of the 40 Martyrs of England & Wales.

Our Faith

A RUSTY CAGE

One Easter morning, a priest began to tell a story about a little boy and a rusty old bird cage with several shivering birds in the bottom of the cage.

One day as the boy was walking along the street with the cage a man asked him what he was going to do with the birds. "I am going to poke a stick at them and toss them up in the air and see what happens to them." Then the man asked, "What are you going to do with the birds when you are done playing with them?" The boy answered, "I am going to give them to my cat, because he likes to eat birds."

The man moved with compassion for the birds and asked, "What do you want for the birds?" The boy replied, "Aw, you don't want these birds, they are not good for anything." The man gave him a \$20.00 bill, and as the boy ran down the street the man opened the rusty old cage and set the birds free.

The parishioners asked the priest what this story had to do with Easter, and he said: "One day Satan and Jesus were having a talk. Satan had the world in his hands and was tossing it up and down. Jesus asked, *"What are you doing with the people and the world?"* Satan replied; "I am playing with the world and all the people in it. I am making them fall in love....fight... get divorced....hate each other...mistrust each other....and destroy one another. I want them all in Hell with me."

Jesus asked, *"What would it cost to buy the people and their freedom?"* Satan replied, "You don't want these people, they will reject and deny you, hate you and turn against you. They will worship other gods and still find reasons to fight and kill one another. I wouldn't be surprised if they even killed you." But, Satan answered, "If You wanted the people and the world, I would take *"Your tears.....Your Blood and Your life."*

Jesus paid the price.... Took the world and set us free. (Anonymous)

THE RESURRECTION

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ was more than the result of a random historical event, but part of an eternal plan of salvation. Christians view the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus as the world's greatest drama. God is the author of the drama.

The Gospel of John makes this abundantly clear. Easter so illumines the suffering that went before it, that the very Cross itself is a pool of light. It is the fountain from which our resurrection springs. John's Gospel is so full of Easter joy that it contains two chapters about the event. The Resurrection of Christ is both a true historical happening as well as a mystery.

The Resurrection makes credible everything Jesus did and taught. Easter and Christmas form one bond, revealing to us the accomplishment of the eternal plan of God. By His death Jesus freed us from sin. By His Resurrection He opened for us the path to new life.

Essentials of Faith

FAITHFUL LIGHT

Sometimes we don't realize the darkness and blackness that cover our Christian world. It is as if our heart has many compartments. We often hide bad attitudes and wrong actions in the unlighted rooms and darkest corners. We believe if we don't think about them they will go away. We don't want our friends to see our jealousy or anger, so we hide it hoping no one will know.

We also believe that we have hidden the sin from God too, but our faithful heavenly father's light reveals the darkest places in our hearts. His light is completely faithful. It never fails. "God is light, to Him..... there is no darkness at all."

Enriching Your Character

Happy and Blessed Easter!