

FEBRUARY 21, 2016 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
STATIONS OF THE CROSS . . . BENEDICTION  
FRIDAY DURING LENT 7pm**

**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY 20**

5pm **Nicholas Ierardi**; Murray family

**SUNDAY 21**

9am **Jason Walch**; Nanny & Poppy

10:30 **James Briscese**; wife, Ann

Noon **Jeff Desharnais**; John & Rita Kennedy

6pm **Charles Di Perna**; John & Theresa Schirripa

**MONDAY 22**

8:15 **Bill & Charlotte Smyth**; sons

**TUESDAY 23**

8:15 **Joan Greco**; Aloï family

**WEDNESDAY 24**

6pm **Joseph S. Roman**; Mom & Dad

**THURSDAY 25**

8:15 **Fran Allen**; Mom & Dad

**FRIDAY 26**

8:15 **Sarah Simmons**; Martha & Robert Burns

**SATURDAY 27**

8:15 **Frank Castellucci**; Latour family

5pm **Sarah Simmons**; Tom Simmons

**SUNDAY 28**

9am **Nicholas Ierardi**; Fran & Bob Verneau & family

10:30 **Paula Patti & Luigi Turco**; family

Noon **Gina Mastrantoni**; family

6pm **Charles Di Perna**; Nina & Tony Montemagni

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN THE  
MILITARY, BOTH HERE AND ABROAD**

Saint Michael, please keep them safe.

Lauren Lucena, Tyler Correa, Ryan Sheehan,

Rocco Church, Alex Kaczor, Erin Johnson,

Ryan Michaels, Evan Pacer, Brian Rogers, Michael Polanski,  
Kathryn O'Keefe-Truman, Josh Truman



**Your prayers are requested for those who are sick:**

Andrew Upson, Teresa DeMarco, James Fox, Nancy Rhodes Mayo, Justin Holland, Gabriella Nelson, Joseph Michael Kennedy, Jack Shea, Patrick Finley, Edward Allen, Dylan Witmer, Carmelo Giorlando, Teddy Rosado, Marie Tobin, John Sezack, Monique Lager, Ruth Rivera, Angel Bello, Ines Cella, Vilma Rosario, Eddie Calderin, John Schiano Jr, Claire Scunziano, Paula Baraket, Pat Baldwin, Sean Devlin, Robert Scunziano, Brenden Hedding, Lorraine Kalafut, Corinne Jacob, Gabe Fritz, Laura Favorule, Timothy Lindsey, Susan Zikoyanis, Barbara Williams, Michael Medina, Mary Ackerman, Valerie Moore, Sylvia Muccio, Joe Kennedy, Frank Rich, Betty Sinclair, Br. John Lawrence, Rafael Tejada, Lucas Pedro, Emily Scrobe, Anya Quinn, Kim Salotti, Robert Weis, Alan Wilson, Charles Youngberg, Alice Verlizzo, Larry Higgins, Charles Driscoll, Rosemary Schiano, Cecilia Rivera, Allison Florio, Vinnie Greco, Nikita Zanichkowsky, Donna Fagan, Karlene & Bill Gray, Rosa Maria Ramos, Donald Maynard, Janet Simonson, Ricky Calderin, Bob Gatt

**Your prayers are requested for those who have died:**

Bette Ann Lydon, Janet Jackson O'Connor

**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY . . . SEASON OF LENT**

**December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016**

Pope Francis is asking that during this Jubilee Year, the season of Lent should be "lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy."

Here are some suggestions for Lenten resolutions that will help you put this invitation for spiritual conversion into action.

**Reflect on the Life of Mary**

This Jubilee Year is entrusted to Mary, our mother of mercy. Set aside time during this Lenten season to contemplate the life of Mary – her "yes" when asked to become the mother of Jesus, her visit to Elizabeth, the circumstances surrounding the birth of Jesus, her hidden life with Him in Nazareth, how she witnessed the extraordinary acts of mercy He exhibited in His public life, and the way she stood by the foot of the cross as He forgave the people who crucified Him. Ask yourself: In what ways does your life reflect the life of Mary?

**LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

During the season of Lent, we are urged to reflect a spirit of penance in our daily lives through performing acts of faith and abstinence.

**ABSTINENCE** prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their lives. Those who are not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in the discipline of abstaining to the extent that they are able.

Fridays in Lent are days of Abstinence.

**SECOND COLLECTION**

The second collection is for Church and School repairs.

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

**ALTAR CANDLES** are burning this week in memory of:  
**Carl Persson**; req: Gloria Bilcik & family

**HOST & WINE** are dedicated this week in memory of:  
**Fran Allen**; req: Mom & Dad

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**BLUE VIGIL LIGHT** in the Chapel is burning this week for a:  
**Special Intention**

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**FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS  
ARE BURNING IN MEMORY OF:**

**RED: Fran Allen**; req: Mom & Dad

**WHITE: Rudy Bilcik**; req: wife, Gloria & family

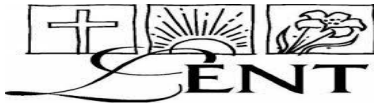
**BLESSED SACRAMENT: Bob & Frank Piliere**; req: family

**SUPPORT YOUR PARISH WITH ONLINE DONATIONS  
PARISHPAY.COM . . . Enroll: parish pay.com or (866) 727-4741**

When you enroll in **PARISHPAY**, your contribution is collected from your checking, savings or credit card account & forwarded electronically to our parish. The Second Collection is in the "special offering" category. Whether you choose **PARISHPAY** or the envelope system, we appreciate your generosity.

**LOST & FOUND**

We have a collection of items (Rosary Beads, keys, glasses, hats, gloves etc.) If you think you may have left something in Church, please call the parish office.



**"FAITH FIRST EARLY LEARNING CENTER @ ST COLUMBA"  
NURSERY/PRE-SCHOOL CLASSES  
OFFERING AM & PM CLASSES  
PENDING: FULL DAY CLASSES (depending on  
registration)**



This faith based program is for 3 & 4 year old children. Classes will have a certified teacher and an aide. For more information, please contact: Susan Munks, Coordinator of Rel. Education 469-9503 stcolumbareligion@gmail.com

**TWO GRAND SERIES –10<sup>th</sup> week 02/14:  
53 KAY CORCORAN and 187 McCORMICK FAMILY**

**SILENT AUCTION . . . FEBRUARY 28, 1-4pm  
PARISH VISITORS OF MARY IMMACULATE**

Funds raised will be used to further the Cause of Servant of God Mary Teresa Tallon, Foundress of the Order and to renovate the convent home where she lived and died. Refreshments and entertainment . . . \$5.00 per person.  
Sacred Heart School Gym, 26 Still Rd., Monroe

**ST PATRICK'S DAY CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER**  
Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> . . . 4pm . . . Sacred Heart School, Monroe  
Adults \$20, Seniors (65+) & Youths (11-18) \$15  
Children under 10 Free. . . Dinner, Dessert, Live Entertainment. .  
.Take – out available. . .  
Tickets: Tom Flynn 783-6656 . . . Sponsored by Sacred Heart Holy Name & Monroe K of C

**FREE BUS RIDE TO N.Y. ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE  
SPONSORED BY FLYNN FUNERAL HOME**  
Thurs., March 17 – 1 bus leaves from Flynn Funeral Home 139 Stage Rd, Monroe at 8am – departs NYC at 4pm  
RSVP 783-6656 to reserve a seat.  
All children must be accompanied by an adult.

**AARP FOUNDATION FREE TAX AIDE**  
AARP sponsors 15 free tax preparation sites in Orange County. Location in Chester: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 101 Main St.  
Date: Tuesdays from now until April 15<sup>th</sup> 9am - 12Noon  
For an appointment call 2-1-1 . . . For Information, call Rich 469-7317

**BUS TRIP: SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE - "SAMSON"  
Saturday, April 16, 2016**

St. Joseph's Rosary Society is sponsoring a bus trip to Sight & Sound Theatre in Ronk, PA to see "Samon."  
Bus departs St. Joseph's parking lot @ 6:45am; returns 6:15pm  
Show starts at 11am. Cost: \$130.00 adults \$71.00 children – includes: show, food, West Point Tours Motorcoach and tip for bus driver. Make check payable: St. Joseph's Rosary Society no later than March 13<sup>th</sup>. For information, call Rose Bono 469-4524

**HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

The primary role of our volunteer is to provide companionship and or caregiver relief to persons on Hospice and their families. Once the volunteer has graduated the training, they can provide support in the geographic location in which they reside.  
**Where:** Town of Wallkill Clerks Office, 99 Tower Drive #A, Mdt  
**When:** Wednesdays' 10am – 5pm . . . 4/13, 20, 27, 5/4, 11, 18, 25  
Contact Director of Volunteer Services, Debra Epstein 845 565-4849 or [debrae@hospiceoforange.com](mailto:debrae@hospiceoforange.com)

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**BLOOD DRIVE - FEBRUARY 27<sup>th</sup> 10am – 4pm**

In conjunction with the New York Blood Center, the Knights are sponsoring a blood drive. Direct link to make an appointment: [https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/40011](https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/40011).  
Carl D'Antonio; 845-492-1692; [Carldant@optimum.net](mailto:Carldant@optimum.net)

**MEETING:** Knights meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month 7:30pm.

**LADIES AUXILIARY**

The Ladies Auxiliary meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month after the 6pm Mass. On meeting day, all are welcome to gather with them in the Chapel at 5:30 to pray the Rosary.

**SCHOLARSHIP FOR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT**

Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a \$250.00 Scholarship for an 8<sup>th</sup> grade parishioner attending a Catholic High School in Fall 2016. Applications are available in the Parish Office and can also be downloaded from the Parish website.

**SAVE THE DATE:** June 5<sup>th</sup> . . . 9 am - 3 pm

"Junk in Your Trunk" St. Columba's version of a community Tag Sale. Rent a parking space for \$10.00 and sell all your "treasures" from the trunk of your car! More info to follow.

Please contact: Sue Anne Vogelsberg, Ladies Auxiliary President, 845 783-6107; [samv1021@gmail.com](mailto:samv1021@gmail.com)

**SAINT COLUMBA BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The Bereavement Support Group is for anyone who had experienced the death of a loved one. The group meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm in Bishop Vaughan Hall. For information, please call Bob Allen 469-9318; Parish Office 469-2108.

**SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS**

**A FUNDRAISER THAT DOESN'T COST ANYTHING!!!!**

When you purchase a Shoprite gift card from Saint Columba, the Church receives a 5% donation. Use your gift card as cash in Shoprite for your weekly shopping. Gift Cards are available in the parish office.

**LECTOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTER**

Sat 2/27	5pm	T Simmons	C Rodriquez, R Tuzio
Sun 2/28	9am	B. Allen	M Luciana, C Smith
	10:30am	Students	L Vargas, S Munks
	12 n	J Romito	M Arias, E Bottorf

**CHESTER COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**

Thank you to all who generously and consistently contribute throughout the year. Please place your donations in the closet in the vestibule of the Church marked "Food Pantry." One of our parishioners volunteers to take the collected (nonperishable) food each week down to the Chester Community Food Pantry located in the Chester Presbyterian Church.

**LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA – CD'S**

In Church there is a display offering various CD's \$3.00 donation per CD . . . CD's available include:  
7 SECRETS OF DIVINE MERCY  
LIVING THE GOSPEL WITH THE HEART OF POPE FRANCIS  
CONFIRMATION: THE SACRAMENT OF EVANGELIZATION