

February 24, 2019
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 23

5pm **Gloria Bilcik.**; Eileen & Diane Bailey

SUNDAY 24

9am **Jesse Petrocelli**; Susan & John Healy

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

Noon **Paula Patti**; family

MONDAY 25

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

TUESDAY 26

8:15 **Gertrude Bonnici**; Martha & Robert Burns

WEDNESDAY 27

6pm **Sarah Simmons**; Tom Simmons

THURSDAY 28

8:15 **Gertrude Bonnici**; St. Columba Ladies Auxiliary

FRIDAY 1

8:15 **Daniel Dreyer**; JoAnn & Joe Maraglino

SATURDAY 2

8:15 **Cliff Boenisch**; Herrity family

5pm **Gloria Bilcik.**; Rose Mary & Don Geer

SUNDAY 3

9am **Peter Kott**; Eric & Sue Anne Vogelberg

10:30 **Special intention of Billy Duzdevich**; Ernie & Elsa
Maldonado

Noon **Mary Bessinger**; Barbara & Tom Queenan

Your prayers are requested for those who are sick:

Vincent Rutigliano, Janet Begnoche, Linda Koch, Nicolas Moquete, Donna Krueger, Kim Giglio, Christianna Scrobe, Maritza Montes, John Mattera, Ralph Schiano, Margaret Relihan, Jeanne Yost, Sam Gould, Tara Boljonis, Makeda Norman, Benjamin Howard, Sue Orts, Kyle Petrocelli, Connie Yacenda, Carmen Almirol, Cecilia Layson, Laurie Patterson, Romeo Dela Cruz, Daria Bekersky, Katie Rogan, Joan Bonomi, Teresa Patruno, Mila Werlitz, Andrew Upson, James Fox, Nancy Rhodes Mayo, Justin Holland, Gabriella Nelson, Joseph Michael Kennedy, Patrick Finley, Marie Tobin, Jon Sezack, Monique Lager, Ruth Rivera, Vilma Rosario, Eddie Calderin, John Schiano Jr, Claire Scunziano, Paula Baraket, Pat Baldwin, Sean Devlin, Robert Scunziano, Brenden Hedding, Lorraine Kalafut, Gabe Fritz, Laura Favorule, Susan Zikoyanis, Michael Medina, Mary Ackerman, Valerie Moore, Sylvia Muccio, Joe Kennedy, Alan Wilson, Br. John Lawrence, Kim Salotti, Charles Youngberg, Alice Verlizzo, Larry Higgins, Cecilia Rivera, Allison Florio, Vinnie Greco, Donna Fagan, Nikita Zanichkowsky, Karlene Gray, Rosa Maria Ramos, Donald Maynard, Janet Simonson, Ricky Calderin, Bob Gatt

Your prayers are requested for those who have died.

**MESSAGE FROM FR. GUS
MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS HIM.
HE WILL BE MISSED.**



Beloved Church family at St. Columba's
I know you've been bewildered by my absence since last November. That makes "two" of us. I'll try to explain a little about what's going on. I've often preached about "the God of surprises." Well, I'm trying to be true to that God as "He" impacts my own life these days. It's not easy.

The Lord has given me a lot of special talents as you well know. One was my presence celebrating Mass and giving homilies. Now God seems to be challenging me to reach you and others in other ways – like my art work and its connection to the Gospels. My Province has invited me to officially retire at the age of 78.5 and find other ways to spread God's word. I'm still in the process of defining that challenge and I'm not sure where it will lead me in the days ahead. This past Sunday (Feb. 10) St. Paul claimed for himself (as I did in one of my own ordination cards) . . . "By the Grace of God I am what I am, and his Grace has not been in vain." His Grace is now leading me into uncharted waters (as in Sunday's Gospel) but I trust that Grace. I also know that I'll need your support and prayers for the days ahead. If you'd like to stay in contact my retirement address as of March 1 is: St. Albert's Priory / PO Box 908 / 72 Carmelite Dr. / Middletown, NY 10940-0908.

Your love and support have buoyed me through a wonderful six or so years of weekly presence. Our loving Father has been with us for many great moments in the past and we trust that whatever form that presence takes in the future will be good. Pray for me as I will for you, and trust with me that the God of Surprises knows what "He's doing."

With much love and prayers,

Fr. Gus

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection is for Church & School repairs.

**FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS
ARE BURNING IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

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

WHITE: **Rocco & Josephine Benedetto & Angelina Marino;**
req: family

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights meet on the third Thursday of the month - 7:30pm

TWO GRAND SERIES. . . 02/17/19

#66 Luciana family and #150 Susan Healy

3/2 & 3 LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

To be announced...please check your schedules

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



Rocco Church, Tyler Correa, Alex Davis, Mark Gonzalez, Michael Grasso, Erin Johnson, Alex Kaczor, Kayla Marion Katt, Mark Lawlor, Lauren Lucena, Matthew Mackay, Draven Mena, Ryan Michaels, Evan Pacer, Michael Polanski, Anthony Ruiz, Cory Seipp, Ryan Sheehan, Josh Truman, David J. Wiley

SAINT MICHAEL, PLEASE KEEP THEM SAFE.

PARISH CENSUS

Thank you to all who filled out the Parish Census form. This will help update our records. If you have not filled it out, the form is available in Church or in the Parish Office.

REGISTRATION

**FAITH FIRST EARLY LEARNING CENTER
@ ST COLUMBA**

Nursery/Pre-School - Offering AM & PM Classes
SPACE IS LIMITED

Registration is ongoing for the 2019-2020 school year. This faith-based program is for 3 & 4 year-old children. Classes will have a certified teacher and an aide. For information contact: Susan Munks, Religious Education Coordinator; 845 469-9503; stcolumbareligion@gmail.com

KIWANIS CLUB ANNUAL - FISH & CHIPS DINNER

March 8, 2019 . . . Serving from 4 to 7:00pm
Chester Academy, 64 Hambletonian Ave., Chester
Advanced Sale - contact any Chester Kiwanis member
call (845) 469-9404
email KiwanisClubofChester@Yahoo.com
Eat in or take out available
\$ 16.00 Adults; \$ 13.00 Senior (65+); children 12 & under

56th ANNUAL CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER

Sunday, 3/03/19 - doors open 3pm - dinner served 4pm Sacred Heart School, 26 Still Rd., Monroe
\$20 Adults; \$15 Seniors (65+) & Youths (11-18)
Children (10 & under) Free . . . Price includes: dinner, dessert, beverages, live entertainment
For Take-Out Orders or Reservations, please call Tom Flynn 783-6656; Sponsored by Sacred Heart Holy Name & Monroe Knights of Columbus

FREE TAX PREPERATION

Prepared by certified Volunteers
Available to anyone, any age, no restrictions
Tuesdays: Feb.5 to April 9 - 9am to 12:30pm
Chester Public Library (Lower Level)
1784 Kings Highway, Chester
Appointment Only: Call 211 or 1-800-899-1479
For questions please call Rich 845-469-7317

**NEW CHOIR MEMBERS WELCOME!!!
DO YOU LIKE TO SING?**

Please join the Adult Choir!
Rehearsal: Tuesday 7:15pm & Sunday 8:30am

YOUTH CHOIR

Ages 10 and above – Senior Youth Choir – sing all year
Ages 9 & younger – Junior Youth Choir

SAINT COLUMBA LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month after the 6pm Mass. All are welcome to gather with them in the Chapel at 5:30 to pray the Rosary. For information please contact: janicemarion@outlook.com

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The Flynn family is again sponsoring a Leprechaun Lines Bus to provide round-trip transportation to NYC for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Our goal is to assist those that wish to have an alcohol free bus ride, such as young parents with children that wish to avail themselves of a family event without cost. Those interested should call the Flynn office. 845-783-1811.