

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

I would just like to mention one temporal matter before turning to the spiritual. Those who read the bulletin carefully every week have no doubt noticed the downward trend in our weekly collections for quite some time now. We have been consistently down anywhere from one to three thousand dollars a week compared to the last two years, with some exceptions. Multiply that by 52 weeks in the year and you can see that it hits our financial health pretty hard. I just need to bring this to your attention from time to time to keep you informed about our parish finances, and to just ask that you do whatever you can to help keep us financially strong, as you always have.

The even more important spiritual matter at hand is that Lent begins with Ash Wednesday this week, February 14th. Even though Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day this year, there are no dispensations from the obligation to fast and abstain from meat. Perhaps going out to dinner on Tuesday evening would be a way to celebrate both Mardi Gras and Valentine's Day together this year.

Lent is such a blessed time for spiritual renewal that we all need so much. The Yankees and Mets are about to begin spring training to work on the *fundamentals* of the game in order to get back into physical shape to be ready to play at their best this season. Well, so, too, do we begin our "*spring training*" this Wednesday to work on the *fundamentals* of the spiritual life in order to get back into spiritual shape to be ready to live our faith more fervently with hearts and minds renewed. In the Gospel for Ash Wednesday from St. Matthew, Jesus lays out for us the *fundamentals* for countering our tendency toward sin and strengthening us in holiness: **Prayer, Fasting, and Alms Giving.**

There is no better sacrifice I can make than the sacrifice of my time for **prayer**, dedicating some time every day to spend with the Lord, speaking with Him and even more importantly listening to Him. There is no better way to undo my tendency toward sin and self-indulgence than **fasting**, which strengthens my will to say "*No*" to myself and "*Yes*" to God. And, finally, there is no better way to

reverse my tendency toward self-centeredness than **alms giving**, which trains me to put the needs of others before my own by doing acts of charity and giving generously to those in need.

Prayer, Fasting, and Alms Giving are the *fundamentals* to rooting out sin and growing in virtue and holiness. Please see the flier in today's bulletin for the many opportunities we have here in our parish for making this the best Lent ever. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Matthew J. Furey

**ASH WEDNESDAY
AND LENTEN OBSERVANCES**
ASH WEDNESDAY - February 14, 2018
**Masses with Ashes: 7:00am, 9:00am, 12:10pm,
7:30pm, Prayer Service with Ashes: 4:00pm**

**TUESDAYS: LENTEN TALKS
WITH FR. INNOCENT
7:00PM TO 8:00PM**

**FRIDAYS: LENTEN MASS AT 7:00pm
FOLLOWED BY
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
at 7:30pm
February 16, 23
March 2, 9th, 16th, 23rd
Good Friday, March 30th**

**HOLY WEEK MISSION
March 26th, 27th & 28th 7:30pm
RECONCILIATION MONDAY MARCH 26TH
CONFESSIONS 3:00pm to 9:00pm
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
PRAYER GROUP**

During Lent the prayer group will meet on Tuesday nights in the Church at 7pm for the Lenten talks with Fr. Innocent and will pray the rosary immediately after.

**BLOOD DRIVE
PRESIDENT'S DAY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2018
2PM TO 8PM
WALK-INS WELCOME
(SACRED HEART SCHOOL GYMNASIUM)**
Please help save a life by donating. The New York Blood Center along with Cardinal Dolan ask for your help.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 11

Monday, February 12

Rel. Ed. – Grade 6 – 4:30pm in the school

Rel. Ed. – Grade 7 – 7-8:30pm in the school

Hispanic RCIA – 7:00pm Rectory

Tuesday, February 13

Rel. Ed. – Grades 3-5 – 4:30pm in the school

CYO Basketball- 5pm in the gym

Rel. Ed. – Grade 8 – 7:00pm

Prayer Group – 7:30pm in the Rectory Chapel

Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday

See Schedule of Masses/Service

St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry – 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Thursday, February 15

CYO Basketball- 5pm in the gym

RCIA -7:00pm in the Rectory

Our Lady's Guild – 7:00pm in the cafeteria

Friday, February 16

CYO Basketball- 5pm in the gym

Prayer Shawl Mtg. -1:00pm in the rectory

Saturday, February 17

St. Joseph Group – 7:30am in the Rectory

Rel. Ed – Grades 1 & 2 -9:30am

Sunday, February 18

CYO Clinic – 1:30pm

150th ANNIVERSARY MASS

JUNE 8, 2018 7:30PM

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART
MAIN CELEBRANT

ARCHBISHOP CHARLES BALVO
(Graduate of Sacred Heart School)

150th GALA DINNER DANCE

JUNE 9, 2018 CROWN PLAZA 7:00 PM

Tickets available at the Rectory Office.

ADMISSIONS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

Catholic schools offer a unique combination of academic and spiritual development that helps children of all backgrounds get the best start in life. Our students have outperformed NY State and City Schools in ELA and Math proficiency scores three years in a row. And over 99% of our high school seniors graduate and 99% of them go on to college or post-secondary education. Our schools offer a secure learning environment, where respect, courtesy and service to others are always part of the curriculum. And tuition is now more affordable than ever: Financial Assistance and Scholarships are available for qualifying families. **Please consider our School here at Sacred Heart.** To book a personal tour, or for help with your admissions or financial assistance application call our school at **845-357-1684** or visit www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org :bilingual helpline (646) 794-2885.

LENTEN SEASON 2018

Lenten Fast and Abstinence – During the Season of Lent, the Church urges all the Faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily life through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

“**FASTING**” requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

“**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 entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able.

**Ash Wednesday & Good Friday
are days of fast & abstinence.
Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence**

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS'S
NAME

February 4th Collection –\$14,472.

Last Year's Collection - \$13,314.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Sacred Heart School is seeking a part-time Computer teacher, position requires 2 days a week grades 1-8. They are also looking for a part-time administrative assistant to work in the school's office 1-4 or 12:30 to 3:30pm. Excel and Microsoft Word needed. Call – 357-0035.

**OUR LADY'S GUILD
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018
7:30PM**

Our Lady's Guild would like to invite all the woman of the parish to join them at their regular monthly meeting. This month Jerry Reilly, from the Joyce Kilmer Knights of Columbus, will be speaking. Light refreshments will be served. Meeting will be held in the school cafeteria.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

\$10,000.00 RAFFLE

TICKETS \$100 EACH (1 IN 250 CHANCE TO WIN)

Available at the Rectory

Monday to Friday - 9am to 5pm

1ST PRIZE - \$10,000.00

2ND PRIZE - \$1,000.00

3RD PRIZE - \$500.00

Winning tickets will be drawn at 8:30pm in the school gymnasium on Friday, June 8, 2018.

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR PARISH

ANUNCIOS

El Grupo de Oración en Español tiene lugar habitualmente los miércoles, a las 8 de la noche en la cafetería.

Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán lugar el 17 de febrero 2018 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE For the Second Time

Jose Ascencio Zavala & Florencia Sacencio

For the Second Time

Andrew Taranto & Addolorata Alfieri



We pray for all those serving in the **Armed Forces** and for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: **Luciano Antonucci, Jenna Applebaum, Michael Brady, Annette Burbridge, Dolores Cangelose, Frank Calfa, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Robert Cosenza, Joe Davey, Lilla DiBerardino, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Debra Gravina, Carrin Holborn, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Susan Jarkiewicz, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Shace Paljusevic, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, Philomena Pelzer, Etta Rooney, Mary Russo, Daniel Sammarone, Eleanor Scelza, Ruth Schwetz, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Aurelia Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, Fr. Peter Tarantino, SA, Phyllis Varacalli, and Fr. Wing.**

ALTAR MEMORIALS FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Altar Breads In Memory of

JOHN CAPPELLO

Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of

THOMAS WITT

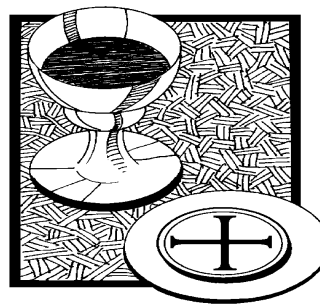


Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, family members and loved ones.

Especially: William R. Sichel, Evelyn Delmonico

BOOSTER CLUB

WEEK 10 –SUSAN KESHNER



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:00am – Elinor A. Gates

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Vincenza Tornetti

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Dianne Messina

10:00am – Deceased Members of the
Biondo & McPhillips Families

11:30am – Daniel Greeley

1:00pm – Edmund Passamonti

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:00am – Carmela Cogliano

9:00am – Francesco Varano

7:15pm – Novena

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:00am – Special Intentions Carol Ann Halloran

9:00am – Sam Iorio

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00am – Andrew & Steve Statham

9:00am – Marion C. Walsh

12:10pm – Angelica Calfa

4:00pm – Service with Ashes

7:30pm – William R. Sichel

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:00am – Eileen T. Foster

9:00am – Thomas Witt

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:00am – Antoinette Olivieri

9:00am – Don Edoardo Varano

1:00pm – SHS Stations of the Cross

7:00pm – Lenten Mass

7:30pm – Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:00am – Rasheen McCormick

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Elaine & Charles Jock

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Richard Neil McKiever

10:00am – Vincent Whelan

11:30am – Thomas Witt

1:00pm – Peggy McGrath

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society