

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 24, 2019

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

It is great to see Spring Training well underway as we can start to smell Spring and Baseball in the air, or at least in our imaginations for a few more weeks. Another great thing to look forward to this Spring is the Ordination to the Priesthood of our own Deacon Walter Genito. It is a difficult time for the Catholic Church, but to see a good, faithful, solid young man like Walter, who obviously loves God and His Church so much, we can be filled with so much hope. Walter's Ordination is on Saturday morning, May 25th, at 9:00am at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan. The next afternoon, Sunday May 26th, Walter will offer his first Mass here in our Church. You will be hearing more in the weeks ahead, but for now please save these dates so we can truly make this a Parish Family celebration.

We are less than two weeks away from Lent now, and what a great preparation we have leading up to Lent hearing from the Sixth Chapter of St. Luke's Gospel known as Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. It began last week with the Beatitudes and continues this week with another challenging Gospel that once again turns our way of thinking up-side down.

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Jesus is telling us that, as children of our Heavenly Father, more is expected of us. We are called to love not according to human standards, but according to God's standards. We are called to love not like the rest of the world, but the way Jesus loves us. We see this so clearly in Jesus' words: *"Love your enemies and do good to them."* What power we give to evil over our lives when we allow the poison of another persons' sin to poison our own hearts by holding on to anger and hurt, and not being able to forgive.

Jesus showed us the standard we are called to when He prayed from the Cross for His enemies and for those who were torturing Him: *"Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."* At that moment evil reached its' limit and could go no farther, having been conquered by Divine Mercy. And Jesus gives us the same power over evil for we have His Love, His very Life within us. What is impossible for us by our own strength, Jesus makes possible by strength of His Grace. What peace there would be in our world, in our families, and in our hearts if we truly loved with the Heart of Jesus.

"Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, make our hearts like unto thine." May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Matthew J. Furey

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:
MARCH 6 – APRIL 14, 2019**

With the passage of the Reproductive Health Act so many are asking what can be done in response. **40 Days for Life** is a life-saving prayer campaign that will be held **March 6th - April 14th**. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful initiative consisting of 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. Over 15,256 children have been saved from abortion during 40 Days for Life campaigns. To learn more, visit: www.40daysforlife.com

SAVE THE DATE PARISH MISSION COMING SOON

On the weekend of March 23rd and 24th, Al Barbarino, will give a short mission here at Sacred Heart. He will sing and speak at all the Masses and offer a Lenten Presentation on Sunday evening at 6:45pm and Monday evening at 7:30pm. The focus of his talks will be:

"How Do We Survive These Troubled Times?"

Al Barbarino is a Lay Franciscan with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (the Late Fr. Benedict Groeschel's Community) and is a member of the Knights of Columbus. Throughout the years in this apostolate, he has recorded CDs/Videos and traveled around the world. He speaks on our faith in a most practical, everyday level. His recordings will be made available at the end of each Mass and Talk which help to support the Franciscans at their homeless shelters, and Croatian Relief Services (International Outreach).

FIRST FRIDAY

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please join us this Friday, March 1, for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 1:00pm and Holy Hour with the Sisters of Life from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

First Saturdays Devotion as requested by Our Lady of Fatima will be observed this Saturday from 4:00 to 5:00pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Rosary and Prayer of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 24

CYO Clinic – 1:30pm in the gym

Monday, February 25

Rel. Ed. Grade 6 – 4:30pm

Rel Ed. Grade 7 – 7:00pm

Hispanic RCIA – 7:00pm in the Rectory

Novena – 7:15pm

Tuesday, February 26

Prayer Group – 7:30pm in the Rectory Chapel

Wednesday, February 27

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

CYO Basketball – 5:00 to 9:00pm gym

Children's Choir Practice – 5:00pm

Choir Practice – 7:00pm

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8:00pm

Thursday, February 28

CYO – 5:00pm to 9:00pm

Friday, March 1 First Friday

SHS- early dismissal 11:00am

Exposition – 1:00pm

Holy Hour – 7:00pm

Saturday, March 2

Rel Ed. Grades 1 & 2 – 9:30am to 11am

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

Sunday, March 3

CYO Clinic – 1:30pm in the gym

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

6th Sunday Ordinary Time - \$11,487.

Last Year's Collection - \$12,120.

Winter Maintenance – \$4,700.

Last Year's Collection – \$5,562.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We are planning a Living Stations of the Cross once again this year, beginning with a Procession of the Cross up Lafayette Ave. on Good Friday, April 19th starting at 5:00pm. This event was an amazing event last year and we hope to make it an Annual Event here at Sacred Heart. We are asking all teens and adults who may be interested in being a part of the Living Stations please contact the Rectory Office at 845-357-0035.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2019

To date our parish has received **\$14,460.** in pledges/gifts toward the 2019 Cardinal's Appeal, from 58 families. For this Appeal to be truly successful, we need support from all our families. The Appeal is a vital source of funding for the programs and ministries that sustain the parishes across our Archdiocese. **Our goal is \$123,000.**

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENTEN OBSERVANCES

ASH WEDNESDAY – March 6, 2019

Masses with Ashes: 7:00am

9:00am

12:10pm

7:30pm

Prayer Service with Ashes: 4:00pm

LENTEN MISSION

March 23rd Sunday at 6:45pm

March 24th Monday at 7:30pm

With Al Barbarino

RECONCILIATION MONDAY CONFESSIONS

April 15th / 3pm to 9pm

LENTEN MASSES

FRIDAYS AT 7:00PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS at 7:30pm

March 8th 15th, 22nd 29th

April 5th, 12th, 19th

April 5th First Friday (Holy Hour 6:00pm to 7:00pm)

SISTERS OF LIFE

Providing Life-affirming choices for women: Here in the Archdiocese of New York, there are many resources that provide women facing unplanned pregnancies with alternatives to abortion. If you know someone who is struggling, please urge them to contact: www.visitationcenterus.org or call (877)777-1277.

“Have you suffered an abortion?” Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sister of Life: 866.575.0075 or e-mail: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org. For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877.586.4621 or e-mail: Lumina@postabortionhelp.org

SACRED RELICS OF THE SAINTS:

TREASURES OF THE CHURCH

St. Anthony's, Nanuet, NY presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Thursday February 28 at 7:0pm in the Parish Church. Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with a very special Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Liseux (the Little Flower), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

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 16 de marzo 2019 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Keith Alanis, Luciano Antonucci, Jenna Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Baby Ty, Michael Brady, Pat Brady, Annette Burbridge, Dolores Cangelose, Frank Calfa, Kelly Collins, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Robert Cosenza, Laura D'Alesio, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Sr. Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene and Fred Gentile, Mark Goldman, Debra Gravina, Catherine Greeley, Senan Halpin, Roy Harris, Clement Hayes, Carrin Holborn, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Susan Jarkiewicz, Anna Kasperska, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Joseph Mikulka, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Shace Paljusevic, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, Charles Picarelli, Ruth Schwetz, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, Fr. Peter Tarantino, SA, Phyllis Varacalli, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing, Marie Witt, and Vladimir Zaslavsky.



FOR OUR ARMED FORCES

We pray for all the men and women serving our country in the armed forces especially the sons and daughters, grandchildren and loved ones of our parishioners.

ALTAR MEMORIALS FEBRUARY 24, 2019

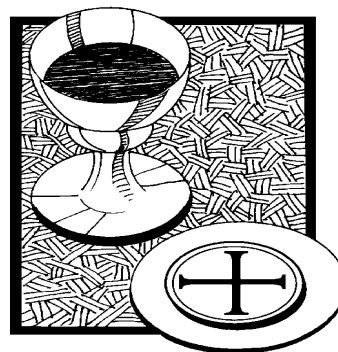
Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of

MARIA MICHELOTTI COSTA



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

Especially: **Rose Pagliuca, Terence Ryan**



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:00am – Anthony, John & James Doyle

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Joseph Altadonna

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Paulo Del Mastro

10:00am – Paulo Del Mastro

11:30am – Aurelia Ronzetti

1:00pm – Robert Chamberlaine

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:00am – Anthony Antonelli Jr.

9:00am – Andrew Louis Kravic

7:15pm – Novena

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:00am – Leonard N. Spano

9:00am – MaryLou Torlucci

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00am –

9:00am – Tom Howard

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00am –

9:00am – All Souls

FRIDAY, MARCH 1 First Friday

7:00am – Thomas “Tommy” Clifford

9:00am – Paula Panico

1:00pm – Exposition

7:00pm – Holy Hour

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

9:00am – John Hennessey

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Special Intentions

Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Group

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Harold “Hack” Gravius

10:00am – Paul DelMastro

11:30am – Jack Devine

1:00pm – Alan MacNary

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

BOOSTER CLUB

WEEK 6- PAT & JOHN ZEMAN