

JANUARY 24, 2016
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY 23

5pm **Julia Pearson;** Patricia Morgan

SUNDAY 24

9am **Dec mem of Burns & Zanichkowsky family;**
Martha & Robert Burns

10:30 **Donald Rizuto;** Pulzel family

Noon **Jeff Desharnais;** Anne & Gene Alliegro

6pm **Mary Reilly;** Colleen Davy

MONDAY 25

8:15 **Rosemary Murray;** Tom Simmons

TUESDAY 26

8:15 **George E. Gonos;** Robert L. Giovinazzo

WEDNESDAY 27

6pm **Margaret Rayeur;** family

THURSDAY 28

8:15 **Rosemary Murray;** Kay Corcoran

FRIDAY 29

8:15 **Rosemary Murray;** Margaret Dee

SATURDAY 30

8:15 **John Spear;** Eric & Sue Anne Vogelsberg

5pm **Nunzio Russo;** Russ & Christine Battiato

SUNDAY 31

9am **Nicholas Ierardi;** Barbara & Mike Gardner

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

Noon **Jeff Desharnais;** Pat & Maria Collins

6pm **Mary Reilly;** Rich & Mary Collins

Your prayers are requested for those who are sick:

John Barwell, James Fox, Nancy Rhodes Mayo, Justin Holland, Gabriella Nelson, Joseph Michael Kennedy, Jack Shea, Janet Jackson O'Connor, Patrick Finley, Gerald Sullivan, 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, Emma Zampi, Patricia Zampi, Barbara Williams, Michael Medina, Mary Ackerman, Valerie Moore, Sylvia Muccio, Joe Kennedy, Frank Rich, Betty Sinclair, Br. John Lawrence, Rafael Tejeda, Lucas Pedro, Emily Scrobe, Anya Quinn, Kim Salotti, Robert Weis, Alan Wilson, Charles Youngberg, Alice Verizzo, 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.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY
December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016

"WHAT IS MERCY?"

Mercy is the form love takes when it encounters misery. It is first of all a form of love because it wants what is good for the one who is loved. Keeping this in mind can keep us from some subtle and corrupting mistakes. For example, Saint Thomas Aquinas points out that mercy is a Godlike virtue because it involves the strong showing pity to the weak, and from this truth someone may delight in showing "mercy" precisely because it allows him to highlight his own superiority on both a spiritual and a material level. But this isn't really mercy. It's just pride dressing up as mercy. It's sort of pride that Saint Francis de Sales said would make the poor "hate you for the very bread you give them."

Mercy is not condescension. Instead, it is a kind of restoration. Imagine someone of royal lineage who has recently fallen upon hard times. He is wandering and lost and perhaps suffering from a form of amnesia. He cannot tell you his name. If you encounter this person, you feel compelled to restore something lost. You don't love the fact that he doesn't have access to who he really is. You love what he is and who he is, and so you strive to restore who he really is.

Or imagine a young person lacking judgment, experience and knowledge. If you love this young person, you don't love her poverty in these matters. You love her and what she could be with the proper instruction and guidance, and therefore you want to free her from her present limitations. This is the gift of mercy and it is rooted in profound respect.

This way of putting things makes a difference, because one could place the stress elsewhere. One could, for example, stress the fact that mercy is contrasted with justice. It is an undeserved gift, and hence to receive it marks one forever as one of the "undeserving poor." To receive mercy would, in that case, also be to receive a form of contempt.

God knows us as He intends us to be; His sons, His daughters, His friends. He knows that He has fitted us for Himself and that no other destiny for us will do. When He knows us as sinners and as unable to secure our own deliverance from our sins, He knows us as needing His mercy. But this mercy is, in a way, called for, not by reason of our own merits, but because of His own fatherly affection for us and because He sees the change in us that His Father's love will produce. His mercy reflects God's true judgment on us as being not His "undeserving poor" but His own beloved children.

Father John Dominic Corbett, O.P.

(taken from Magnificat Year of Mercy Companion)

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection is for Church & School repairs.

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

TWO GRAND SERIES –6th week 01/17:
#8 Fran Douglas and #132 John Murray



“OPEN HOUSE”
SAT., JAN. 30th 9am -12 Noon
“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

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.

“PAJAMA DRIVE”

THANK YOU FOR YOUR VERY GENEROUS RESPONSE
COLLECTING PAJAMAS UNTIL FEBRUARY 19th

St Columba Parish strives to serve our community throughout the year. There are hundreds of children living in our community who have never had their own pair of new pajamas. Inspire is collecting new pajamas (newborn – age 18) until February 19. Pajamas can be for any season. All sizes are needed. All pajamas collected will be distributed to children in need from various organizations throughout Orange County. Pajama collection boxes will be in the vestibule of the Church & in the Parish Office.

IN LOVING MEMORY

ALTAR CANDLES are burning this week in memory of:

Mary Boyce; req: Gloria Bilcik

=====

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS ARE
 BURNING IN MEMORY OF:

RED: Deceased members of Degiacomo family;
 req: Bonomi family

WHITE: Ann Kerrigan; req: Barbara & Don Williams

BLESSED SACRAMENT: Bob & Frank Piliere; req: family

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA

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**
- **PURSUING HOLINESS**
- **ST. IGNATIUS AND THE COMPANY OF JESUS**
- **THE HOLY ROSARY**
- **CONFIRMATION: THE SACRAMENT OF EVANGELIZATION**

LECTOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 1/30	5pm	T. Simmons	C Rodriguez, R Tuzio
Sun 1/31	9am	Deacon Reynolds	S Vogelsberg, C. Calderin
	10:30am	M Grasso	S Munks, L Vargas
	12 n	B. Mutino	M Arias, E Bottorf

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights meet on the 3rd Monday of the month – 7:30pm.

ROSARY PRAYER CIRCLE
NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 31st

Next Sunday, the Saint Columba Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the “Fifth Sunday Rosary Program.” The Council is looking to promote family values by having family members participate in a Rosary Prayer Circle in honor of Mary, Mother of the Church. We will provide rosary rings and instructional prayer cards to any participant who needs them. Please come and join us in the chapel with your family for this short service at 11:30am before the 12noon Mass.

BLOOD DRIVE. . . FEBRUARY 27th

In conjunction with the New York Blood Center, the Knights are sponsoring a blood drive on Saturday, February 27 from 10am to 4pm. Walk-ins are welcome. Please contact: Carl D'Antonio; 845-492-1692; Carldant@optimum.net

LADIES AUXILIARY

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

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

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group at St Columba 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.

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.

KIWANIS CLUB OF CHESTER ANNUAL FISH & CHIPS DINNER

1st Friday of Lent - February 12th - 4 to 7pm
 \$14 Adults . . . \$12 Seniors (65); children 12 & under
 Eat in or take out Chester Academy, 64 Hambletonian Ave.
 Advanced sale – Get tickets: Ed Stoddard 469-4769
 Sponsor: www.luckyucorp.cpm

BUS TRIP: SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE- “SAMSON”

St. Joseph's Rosary Society is sponsoring a bus trip to Sight & Sound Theatres 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 13th. For information, call Rose Bono 469-4524