

FEBRUARY 14, 2016 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



**HOLY HOUR**  
**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS . . . BENEDICTION**  
**FRIDAY DURING LENT 7 – 8pm**

**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY 13**

5pm **Joyce Donald**; family

**SUNDAY 14**

9am **Jason Walch**; Therese Yates

10:30 **Nicholas Ierardi**; Joe & Josephine Attardo

Noon **Rudy Bilcik**; wife, Gloria & family

6pm **William McGreevy**; Anne & Peter Littler

**MONDAY 15**

8:15 **Rosemary Murray**; Ed & Norma Stoddard

**TUESDAY 16**

8:15 **Michael & Eleanor Grilli**; Allan & Judy Barry

**WEDNESDAY 17**

6pm **Vincent Nunziato**; Sue Anne & Eric Vogelsberg

**THURSDAY 18**

8:15 **Rose Anguti**; family

**FRIDAY 19**

8:15 **Ranieri Perciballi**; De Paulis family

**SATURDAY 20**

8:15 **James Corcoran**; Margaret Dee & family

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

**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 Upton, Bette Lydon, Teresa DeMarco, James Fox, Nancy Rhodes Mayo, Justin Holland, Gabriella Nelson, Joseph Michael Kennedy, Jack Shea, Janet Jackson O'Connor, 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, Emma Zampi, Patricia Zampi, 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.**

**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.

**MEDITATE ON MERCY**

Pope Francis warns that "the practice of mercy is waning in the wider culture," and, too often, "the word seems to have dropped out of use." Dedicate some of your Lenten prayer time to meditating on the need for mercy in our world. We tend to think of mercy as compassion or sympathy, but the word has a much deeper meaning. Mercy means that we enter into the suffering of other people, place ourselves inside their hearts and minds, and then respond to their needs – in the same way that God responds to our needs when we cry out to Him. Ask yourself: Who is in need of mercy in your family, your workplace, your community, your country, and the entire world?

**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:  
**Gloria Gonzalez**; req: Gloria Bilcik & Mary Savaglio

**HOST & WINE** are dedicated this week in memory of:  
**Rudy Bilcik**; req: wife, Gloria & family

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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.

**PRIZE CALENDAR – WINNER FOR JANUARY**

Congratulations to Michelle Masucci, the winner of the Samsung Galaxy 7.0 Tablet. The next drawing is on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**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)

**"PAJAMA DRIVE"**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR VERY GENEROUS RESPONSE - PLEASE BRING ANY LAST MINUTE DONATIONS TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

**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**

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| Sat 2/20 5pm | B Heins      | C Calderin, J Furey    |
| Sun 2/21 9am | E Vogelsberg | E Hurley, S Vogelsberg |
| 10:30am      | M Grasso     | L Vargas, S Munks      |
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**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 PURSUING HOLINESS
- CONFIRMATION: THE SACRAMENT OF EVANGELIZATION

**"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](mailto:stcolumbareligion@gmail.com)

**TWO GRAND SERIES –9<sup>th</sup> week 02/07:**

#24 CONRAD FAMILY and #190 SANDEE COLEMAN

**AN EVENING OF MERCY**

On Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 7:00 pm

With the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal Please join us for a Time of Prayer, Music and Healing St. Joseph's Church, 14 Glenmere Ave., Florida, NY

**PALLOTINE SISTERS DAY OF PRAYER & REFLECTION**

**The Spiritual & Corporal Works of Mercy: Paths to Salvation** Sat., Feb. 20, 2016 . . . begins at 9am; concludes with Mass at 4pm. Donation: \$30 (includes hot lunch)

Queen of Apostles Center, 98 Harriman Heights Rd., Monroe, NY To register or obtain additional information, please call 845-492-5076

**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, Mdn

**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)

**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