

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	January 29th	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	John Embrich requested by Pat and Ed Murphy	
9:00 AM	Simone DiGirolamo requested by James and Marie Gamble, Jr.	Polish Mass
10:30 AM	Donald Montesano requested by Josephine Falzarno	Adult Choir
12:00 PM	The Mikita Family requested by Elizabeth Mikita	Cantor
6:30 PM	Marcus Fattorusso (3 rd Anniversary) requested by the Thompson and Fattorusso Families	YAH Choir
Monday	January 30th	
8:00 AM	John Hughes requested by Kathleen Heaney	
Tuesday	January 31st	
8:00 AM	Frank Downs requested by Claire Gareau	
Wednesday	February 1st	
8:00 AM	People of the Parish	
Thursday	February 2nd	
8:00 AM	Felicia Poveromo requested by Elaine Monks	
Friday	February 3rd	
8:00 AM	Departed Souls requested by Elizabeth Skorski	
7:30 PM	Josephine and Alexander Gierlach requested by Teresa Krol	Polish Mass
Saturday	February 4th	
8:00 AM	Perpetual Mass Intentions	
5:00 PM	Joseph (Bo) Bobel requested by The Vero Family	Cantor
Sunday	February 5th	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	John McAllooney (Living) requested by Judith McAllooney	
9:00 AM	Franciszek Modzelewski requested by his Son and his Family.	Polish Mass
10:30 AM	Donald Montasano requested by Mary Ann and Tom Terracino	Adult Choir
12:00 PM	Jack Claeys requested by Paul and Helena Nowakowski	Cantor

Father Michael's Desk



Stand up for Marriage!

The future of the covenant of Holy Matrimony is in jeopardy in New Jersey. You may have read in the paper or heard on the news that the state Senate Judiciary committee released a bill this week that will allow marriage for same sex couples. The bill listed as S-1, and its companion legislation A-1 in the Assembly are considered prime bills by the majority party in the legislature. The assigning of a number less than 100, especially a number one is considered by them to be the most important bill of the session. It is unbelievable and shameful to think that some legislators would consider the dismantling of the traditional marriage covenant to be the most important bill to be considered in this session of the legislature.

Marriage is a solemn gift of oneself to another with the intent of self-giving love to another of the opposite sex and for that gift to be shared with children. This sacred sacrament cannot be mitigated or decimated for some political cause. It falls in line with the covenant relationship

that God had with Adam, the covenants with Moses and Abraham, and the calling of the love of one man and one woman as noted in the New Testament.

Scriptural references abound:

"Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh" Genesis 2:24

And the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him...So the Lord God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The Lord God then built up into a woman the rib that He had taken from the man." Gen 2:18, 21-22

"Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as it is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them." Col 3:18-19

This wonderful gift of Holy Matrimony has been present for centuries. Marriage is a joyful experience, and even dates to the joy at the Wedding feast at Cana. It was at Cana that our Lord delighted the guest and the married couple when he heard his mother's request and turned water into the finest wine.

Prior to the seminary, I was a legislative aide in the state legislature. This was an issue then, and I personally wrote the Defense of Marriage bill for New Jersey legislature that would codify the constitution, but the legislature and governor at the time failed to do its job because they thought there never would be a challenge to marriage laws. They did not wish to join the governing bodies of nearly 35 states that expressed constitutional intent to protect marriage between one man and one woman. Unfortunately, the legislators were wrong and now we have to act. Marriage between a man and a woman is governed not only by civil, and Church law, but natural law.

Our forefathers established the nation based on morals. It was with their intent that the Creator was the ultimate governor of law. The laws were written then for the establishment of marriage as something between a man and a woman. Covenants are established by making an oath - an oath that creates kinship between the two who are making the covenant. The word sacrament comes from the Latin word for oath - *sacramentum*, thus the relationship that leads to Marriage is an oath to God and each other.

The fruits of Marriage and the gift from God is offspring that is produced with full cooperation between all parties. The gift that is spawned from conjugal relations is a gift from God. This can only morally take place between a man and a woman in such a relationship. The intimate relationship that God desires to have with man lends to the marital union and covenant to gloriously reveal the very image of God through life.

The laws that have been enacted in some places like Massachusetts and the District of Columbia has prevented the Catholic Church from offering adoptions through Catholic Charities. Laws that force Catholic Charities to offer adoption to same sex couples is not a benefit to the child, and thus has caused this change.

You will hear the argument that this is a civil rights issue, but that is bogus. To link a covenant relationship that is natural between a man and a woman to something else has little basis. What is next, marriage between a man and an animal, because I love my pet, and my pet loves me?

Maybe polygamy will be considered acceptable? I don't mean to be sarcastic, but where are we heading if we are going to use the equality debate? When and where does it end?

In our hands rests the pen to lend our voice on this issue and stand with the Church to oppose such ill-thought, and politically motivated plans to enact such law. If this is enacted, and we fail to act like the legislature in the 90's, then we only can blame ourselves. However, if we stand up and be counted, future generations and marriages between a man and a woman, can thank this generation for standing up for the Sacrament of Marriage and keeping it sacred.

My brothers and sisters, the time is now to act, not later! The time is now to let the Catholic voice be heard. We are Catholics! Let the world know this by our love, devotion, and belief. Let our elected officials know we stand for Marriage between one man and one woman.

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 29th

Sunday CCD – 9:15 AM – Parish Center
 First Communion Enrollment – 10:30 Mass – Church
 RCIA – Adults 12:00 PM – Library
 Young At Heart Mass – 6:30 PM – Church
 AA Meeting – 7:30 PM – Cafeteria
 Al Anon – 7:30 PM – Gathering Space

Monday, January 30th

Webelos II – 6:30 PM – Cafeteria
 Monday CCD – 7:00 PM – Parish Center
 Troop 159 Committee – 7:30 PM – Gathering Space

Tuesday, January 31st

Tuesday CCD – 4:30 PM – Parish Center
 Adult Choir – 7:00 PM – Church

Wednesday, February 1st

Boy Scout Troop 159 – 7:00 PM – Gym
 Open Circle Planning – 7:00 PM - Gathering Space
 Bereavement Support Group – 7:30 PM – Antioch Room

Thursday, February 2nd

ABC Playgroup – 10:00 AM – Cafeteria
 Children's Choir – 4:00 PM – Church
 Bear Den – 6:30 PM – Cafeteria
 Baptism Class – 7:30 PM – Gathering Space

Friday, February 3rd

Eucharistic Adoration– All Day – Church
 Polish Mass – 7:30 PM - Church

Saturday, February 4th

Al Anon – 2:00 PM – Parish Center, Room 3

Sunday, February 5th

Sunday CCD – 9:15 AM – Parish Center
 RCIA – Adults 10:30 AM and Adults 12:00 PM – Library
 AA Meeting – 7:30 PM – Cafeteria
 Al Anon – 7:30 PM – Gathering Space

ALTAR CLEANING
Week of January 29th
Team 11 – Joan Butcher



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Sunday Donations

Tithing:

January 22, 2012	\$7,396
January 23, 2011	\$8,573
Second Collection Next Sunday	Deficit Reduction

Flowers, Candles, Wine

Candle for Month of February

In Memory of Marie Smith

Donated by Neil and Arlene Vandenberg

Candle for Month of January

For Living Members of the Rosary Society

SHOP-RITE and A&P GIFT CARDS

Week Ending January 22, 2012

Sold – \$2,900.00

Profit – \$145.00

Total Profit since July 1 – \$8,041.50



Pantry Items for the week

Laundry Detergent



Please remember in your prayers the following: Denise Armagno, Joann Barker, Scott Behrens, Rose Bellina, Helen Bowden, Julia Buske, Jaycee Cahill, Thomas Camp, Lee Charnock, Bridget Cirbes, Ann Cascillo, Lisa Czyzewski, Mary Grace Daly, Nancy d'Angio Olson, Isaac Del Valle, Denise Farro, Ashley Ferraro, Francesco Galzano, Nancy Ann Gallo, Jim Gamble, Jr., Matthew Gangi, Madeline Grace Ricci Johnson, Pat Hajek, Ted Hajek, Sr., Stanley Holuba, Irene Hudak, Carole Jenkins, Kathleen Jobbagy, Emily Lavey, Jessie and Kristen Kearns, Eleanor Klein, Sandra Long, Joseph Mateus, Larry Mayo, Mary and Andre Mochon, John McAloney, Matthew McCormick, Nadine McCormick, Father John Murray, Walter Murray, Bernard Owczarski, Karen Pegande, Luis Pacquing, Nina Roselli, Aldona Sachs, Christina Scienski, Molly Sheehan, Glynne Smith, Elvira Stiglin, Mary Strangia, Marge Starick, Kaylee Stillman, Maureen McSweeney, Anthony Terracino, Carol Vassallo, Loretta R. Victoria, Timothy Waples.

Please also pray for those who have gone before us and are now at rest: John (Jack) McCabe.

Readings for February 5th, 2012

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Job 7:1-4 6-7

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39



Special Reminders

CONFIRMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY

Next Meeting Date:

Grade 9 Confirmation Class: Thursday, February 9th 7:00 PM

Grade 10 Antioch: Sunday, Jan. 29 and Feb. 12th 6:30 PM

Upcoming Service Opportunities

Feb. 19 K of C Pancake Breakfast

Feb. 25 Trip to NJ Food Bank by bus depart OLQP at 10:30 AM sharp, returning 3:00 PM.

Cost is \$5.00 including transportation and lunch. Permission slips will be given out at Conf 1 and 2.

March 18 K of C Pancake Breakfast

April 7 Easter Egg Hunt

April 14 Senior Luncheon

Antioch Team Meetings

1/29 4:30-6:15 YAH Mass 6:30 PM

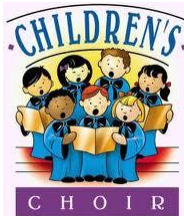
2/12 4:30-6:30 PM

2/26 **CRUNCH SUNDAY** 12 noon sharp! Prepare to stay all afternoon, dinner together and YAH MASS at 6:30 with commissioning of team to take place at Mass.

Antioch Youth Room is open every Tuesday from 6-8 PM Safe, fun place to hang out with friends. .

Children's Choir

Attention all children's choir members! Children's Choir will meet this Thursday, February 2, 4:00 – 5:00 PM in the church choir loft to prepare for singing at the 10:30 AM Mass on February 5. New members always welcome!



Youth Activity - OUR YOUTH ARE OUR FUTURE

We have the opportunity to use our gymnasium on Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. for youth programs within our parish. We will be holding a brain storming session in the gathering space of the church annex for those parents and teens (Middle School and High School age) who wish to share thoughts and ideas. The meeting is scheduled for **today Sunday, January 29th**, following 10:30 Mass at 11:30 AM. Come give us your input!

Palms to Ashes

Do you still have your old blessed palms from last Palm Sunday? We'd like to collect them and burn them to make ashes to use for Ash Wednesday. Please bring to the church and deposit in the boxes marked for that purpose at the exits of the church.

ATTENTION Eucharistic Ministers!

Please note that the sign-in sheet for Eucharistic Ministers is in the sacristy on the vesting table. Don't forget to sign-in before Mass if you intend to help out at Communion time. Thank you!

Candlemas Day – Feast of the Purification

February 2nd was originally called the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin and now is known as the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It is a relatively ancient celebration, observed as early as the first half of the fourth century. This feast celebrates the presentation of Christ in the temple at Jerusalem on the 40th day after His birth and was considered the end of the Christmas Season. In Europe you can often find Christmas decorations and Nativity Scenes on display until this feast. Many Orthodox Christians celebrate this event by bringing beeswax candles to their local church and requesting these candles to be blessed for use in the church or at home, thus this feast is often called Candlemas Day. This year we will bless candles at the 8:00 AM Mass and have them available for you to take and use them in your home.

Blessing of Throats – St. Blaise

The blessing of St. Blaise, also known as the blessing of throats, is given on the Feast of St. Blaise (February 3). It is a special blessing in which the faithful invoke the saint's intercession, asking him to protect them from ailments of the throat and every other illness. The blessing of throats is related to this Saint's healing of the boy who was choking. We will offer the blessing of throats on Friday, February 3rd at the 8:00 AM Mass and the 7:30 PM Polish Mass. Also Blessing of Throats will be available following all the Masses next weekend, February 4-5.

Boy Scout Day

We are honoring our scouts next Sunday at the 10:30 AM Mass. Some of the scouts will receive awards, and we will have a blessing for them and the troop leaders. We appreciate their good works and placing their interest in serving God and country.

Altar Servers

We will be developing the new schedules for the remainder of February. Any changes to your availability are asked to be noted with the office.

Have you checked out our New Website yet?

The new Our Lady Queen of Peace web site is (www.olqpnj.org). We are keeping it current with coming events, updated calendar, and all the contact information for the many ministries and services offered here in the parish. Also please note that our parish e-mail addresses have changed to ".org" as well.

Preparing for a Wedding or a Re-marriage?

Do you have questions about marriage in the Catholic Church? Check out the newly establish site www.marriageuniqueforareason.org. If you are recently engaged, please contact the parish office in order to start sacramental preparation of your Wedding. Additionally, those who were married outside the Church who wish to convalidate their marriage in the Catholic Church, please contact us. We'd like to help you make this a special time of grace for all.

LENTEN SMALL GROUP KICK-OFF NEXT WEEK
Come Play, Pray, and Learn with us!

PRAY: Christian Prayer – Lenten Small Groups

Next Sunday you will have an opportunity to **sign-up** to join a group of your fellow parishioners to grow in the faith during Lent through the study of Prayer. These gatherings focus on the rich heritage of Catholic spirituality and prayer. You will explore how we nurture our relationship with God in prayer and how God communicates with us. You will also learn new forms of prayer, learn to overcome difficulties we experience in prayer, and take a deeper look at the Lord's Prayer. Being in a Small Christian Community encourages us to grow. With the support of others we can place a greater emphasis on improving our relationship with God and others and thus improve our lives. Join us!

Christian Prayer (Possible groups to choose from)

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Facilitator</u>
Tuesday morning	10:00 AM	Mary Beth
Tuesday afternoon	1:00 PM (BEC)	Sister Rosemary
Tuesday evening	7:00 PM	Sister Rosemary
Wednesday morning	10:00 AM	Father Adam
Wednesday evening	7:30 PM (UGL)	Claire Gareau
Thursday evening	7:30 PM (Awosting)	Avon Taylor

Sunday Scripture

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Facilitator</u>
Monday morning	10:30 AM	Patricia Daly
Thursday evening	7:30 PM	Marleen Agnish



Coming Attractions for Lent

Lent is just weeks away (Ash Wednesday is February 22). Here are some highlights of events to look forward to.

Daily Mass 8:00 AM and 6:30 PM

Confessions Monday evenings, Saturday afternoons

Weekly Small Group Meetings – Topic – Prayer (see details in box above).

Lenten Morning of Reflection – Saturday, March 3, 8:45 AM – 12 noon, Sister Rosemary Napolitano, OSF leads us in reflection on Our Easter Salvation – “The Gift of a Humble God”

Busy Persons Retreat – Sunday-Sunday, March 18-25
 Individuals committing to time of prayer and meeting with a spiritual director each day for a week, while working or attending college classes. The week begins and ends with shared time, introducing the format of the retreat on Sunday afternoon and the following Sunday reflecting on the experience. No matter where you are in your faith journey, this is an awesome opportunity to grow in your faith for those who can't take time to go away for a retreat.

Gospel of Mark Presentation – Father Michael
Saturday mornings, 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM, March 10: Introduction to the Gospel of Mark and March 24: the Passion according to Mark.

Job Opportunities

Center for Family Resources, Ringwood

Clifton – FMJ

EHS Teacher Aide Part Time 12:00 PM-5:30PM
 High School Degree, DCA Preferred
 IT experience preferred
 Bi-lingual English/Spanish a plus

HS Teacher Aide Part Time 7:30AM-1:00 PM
 High School Degree, CDA Preferred
 Pre-School Experience preferred
 Bi-lingual English/Spanish a plus

Pompton Lakes

HS Teacher Aide Part Time 9:00 AM-2:30PM
 High School Degree
 Pre School experience preferred



Now that the words are beginning to become more familiar to us, we look again at the richness behind the words we pray.

The Gloria

The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* describes the *Gloria* as “a most ancient and venerable hymn by which the Church, gathered in the Holy Spirit, glorifies and entreats God the Father and the Lamb” (no. 53). Much of the text of the *Gloria* comes from Scripture: the first lines are derived from the Angels heralding the glad tidings of Christ's birth in Luke 2:14 – “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” The opening words (“Glory to God in the highest”) also correspond to the Latin, “*Gloria in excelsis Deo*” – a phrase universally familiar from the popular Christmas carol, “Angels We Have Heard on High.”