

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 15, 2015

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Like last week, I will not write much about finances this week, except to say we will have a rare special second collection next weekend to help with the many expenditures we have had this winter. Snow removal and heating costs are one thing, but a new \$24,000 heating system in church and fixing broken pipes in the rectory have been something else. I do not expect second collections like this one to cover all such costs by any means, but at least it should help to offset lower collections due to the weather. I know you will do whatever you can. Thank you in advance.

I would really like to focus on how your Lent is going. We are at the Fourth Sunday now, Laetare Sunday, which is usually just past the halfway mark. Sometimes Lent can be a truly spiritual time, other years, not so much. I hope this is a good Lent for you.

Laetare Sunday means we should take a breather from rigorous observances and Rejoice that Jesus has already won our salvation. We prepare to celebrate Easter at the end of the Triduum but Jesus has already risen from the dead.

Sometimes, when Laetare Sunday arrives we realize that Lent is passing us by almost unnoticed. It is understandable that the daily routine of our lives can present real challenges if we decide to make certain sacrifices. Actually, certain sacrifices can be challenging no matter what our routine might be. (Giving up favorite things is one example!) One of the biggest challenges, though, is often to find extra time for prayer. Some days go by without much time at all for meditation, scripture reading or even simple prayers.

Perhaps this Sunday is a good time to start (again) to try to devote a little more time to prayer. We should rejoice at God's love for us revealed so powerfully that first Holy Week. We should give thanks and praise to God this day and every day for His presence in our lives and His mercy and goodness. Lent will be the fruitful time it was meant to be if we at least try to respond to God's love, even in little ways or short prayers from the heart.

God Bless.

Sincerely in Christ,



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Today, March 14 & 15, 2015

This weekend, the **second collection** will be for the Catholic Relief Services to help those in urgent need. Please be as generous as possible in this charitable cause.

**NEXT WEEKEND
SPECIAL COLLECTION
FOR
WINTER MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR
March 21st and 22nd**

2015 CARDINAL'S APPEAL

Before Commitment Weekend, our parish had received \$45,624.00 in pledges/gifts toward the *2015 Cardinal's Appeal*, from 123 families. For this *Appeal* to be truly successful, we need support from all of our families. The *Appeal* is a vital source of funding for the programs and ministries that sustain the parishes across our Archdiocese. It is not too late to make your gift. Our goal is \$124,500. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you for your support.

**LENT 2015
SPECIAL LENTEN MASSES
Mondays at 7:30pm
Novena Prayers will be held at 7:15pm
March 16th, 23rd 2015**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS at 8:00pm
March 20th, 27th
April 3rd, 2015**

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE
Monday, March 30th – 3:00pm to 9:00pm
(7:30pm – Penance Service)
Wednesday, April 1st – 12:00 noon
Holy Saturday, April 4th – 3:00pm to 5:00pm**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL EASTER BASKETS

The St. Vincent DePaul Society of Sacred Heart Parish is once again asking for donations of hams and non-perishable foods for our Easter Baskets. Due to high demand and the difficult economic conditions of so many people, we must limit our baskets to our regular recipients and those Sacred Heart parishioners who find themselves in true need. **Easter Baskets will be distributed on Wednesday April 1, 2015 from 10am to 12 noon. Deadline: March 27th.**

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

March 8th Collection –\$13,132.
Last Year's Collection - \$15,442.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 15

CYO – 2pm to 5pm

Teen Group – Meeting 6:30pm in the school

Monday, March 16

Religious Education CCD – Grade 6 – 4:30-6pm

Religious Education CCD – Grade 7 – 7 to 8:30pm

Novena – 7:15pm – Prayers followed by

Lenten Mass –7:30pm

Tuesday, March 17

Religious Education– Grades 3-5 – 4:30pm in the school

CYO – 5-9pm in the gym

Religious Education – Grade 8 – 7:00pm in the school

Wednesday, March 18

CYO – 5-9pm in the gym

Hispanic RCIA – 7pm in the 4th Gr. Classroom

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, March 19

CYO – 5-9pm in the gym

Our Lady's Guild – 7:30pm in the Church/ cafeteria

Friday, March 20

Prayer Shawl Mtg. – 1pm in the convent

Stations of the Cross –8:00pm

Saturday, March 21

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

CYO – 8am to 4:30pm in the gym

Religious Education – Grades 1 & 2- 9:30am

Sunday, March 22

SHS St. Patrick's Day Parade – Pearl River

CYO – 2pm to 5pm

Teen Group – Meeting 6:30pm in the school

ST. PETER'S PASSION PLAYERS PRESENT

35TH ANNUAL PERFORMANCE OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

Friday, 3/20/15 -8:00pm

Saturday, 3/21/15 – 7:30pm

Friday, 3/27/15 – 8:00pm

Saturday, 3/28/15 – 7:30pm

St. Peter's School – 21 Ridge St. Haverstraw

For more information and/or tickets, call:

Rectory: 845-429-2196

THANK YOU

On behalf of those who need blood donations and Sacred Heart parish, thank you to all those who donated blood on February 16th, President's Day. A total of 48 units of life saving blood was collected. Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE

We have not been able to organize the sale of Palm Crosses this year. You can purchase Palm Crosses at various local stores. Our Youth Group will sponsor another fundraiser in a couple of months.

DON BOSCO PREP

FOOTLOOSE

MARCH 21,22,27-29

A talented cast of students from area high schools will perform in Don Bosco Prep's production of **Footloose**. For more information and ticket sales please contact boscoplays@donboscoprep.com. Tickets can also be purchased at the door. Seating is general admission. Tickets are \$15 and \$10 for senior citizens.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

\$10,000.00

RAFFLE

RAFFLE TICKETS \$100 EACH

Available at the Rectory

Monday to Friday - 9am to 5pm

1 IN 250 CHANCE TO WIN

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 12, 2015 on the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR PARISH!

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"The Archdiocese of New York takes the stewardship of your donations and its resources seriously. If you have knowledge of or reason to suspect misconduct please report your concerns via a toll free hotline, at 877-820-0541, or on the internet at <http://www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY>. Both are available 24 hours per day.



SACRED HEART PARISH 25TH AND 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MAY 17TH, 2015

On May 17th, 2015 our parish will honor all those celebrating these milestone anniversaries at the 10:00am Mass followed by a reception. If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary this year please contact the Rectory Office and let us know. 845-357-0035.

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 21 de marzo, 2015 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, friends, benefactors, relatives, priests religious and especially **Rita Biggy and Cardinal Edward Egan.**



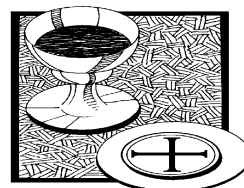
We pray for all those serving in the **Armed Forces** and for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: **Larry Adler, Keith Alanis, Frank Paul Allegretti, Gloria Ammerata, Jenna Applebaum, Christine Arehart, Harris Brownstein, Lisa Eckert Brownstein, Craig & Marjorie Buckles, Yvon Buckles, Annette Burbridge, Frank Calfa, Nicolino Cocomello, Mary Jo Christensen, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Lorraine Cortez, Lilla DiBerardino, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Kathy DeMaria, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, Joan Donahue, Florence Downy, John Duffy, Nicholas Eckert, Peter Eckert, Jamie Erwin, Tia Gardner, Arlene Gentile, Debra Gravina, John Grasso, Anne Hart, Sarah Hyman, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Verna Jarkiewicz, Ralph Jeffrey, Mary Ann Kelly, Jay Leone, Laura Mack, Barbara Mazza, Rose Mazzei, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, Ken & John Meyer, Patricia Eckert Meunier, Florence Mohan, Chic Nappo, Betty O'Brien, Jennifer O'Hara, Tina Osika, Tara Piccone, Adolf Radeljic, Etta Rooney, Mary Russo, Daniel Sammarone, Nicholas Salzman, Erica Scully, Ruth Schwetz, Claudia Spalanzani, Claudia Spano, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Beatrice Sweeney, Margaret Szaro, Carol Van Vandt, Kenneth Vanadio, Maria Velez, and Millie Vazquez.**

ALTAR MEMORIALS

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 15, 2015

**Altar Wines, Altar Breads, Altar Candles
And the
Sanctuary Lamp**

**In Memory of
MAURA E. MANNION**



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY MARCH 14

9:00am – Kevin Lawlor

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Robert Burkert

7:30pm – Raymond Tyrrell

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Michael McGillicuddy

10:00am – Frank Pelz - Church

10:00am – Lisa Pilie Jocelyn - School

11:30am – Jane DeJoie

1:00pm – Parish Memorial Society

5:30pm – Ida & Joe DiCandio

MONDAY, MARCH 16

7:00am – Steve Tsotsoros

9:00am – Special Intentions of Betty Morgan

7:15pm –NOVENA PRAYERS ONLY

**7:30pm- Lenten Mass –Anthony Costa &
Angela Calvanico**

TUESDAY, MARCH 17 ST. PATRICK

7:00am – John Hurley

9:00am – The Cummings Bugdin & McCourt Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

7:00am – In Thanksgiving for Sacred Heart

9:00am – Daniel Greeley

THURSDAY, MARCH 19 ST. JOSEPH

7:00am - Annina Lijoi-Greco

9:00am – Rosaria Armogida

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

7:00am – Edward Bolton

9:00am – Andrew Statham

8:00pm – **Stations of the Cross**

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

9:00am – Glen Pape

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Anthony & Josephine Scarr

7:30pm – Jerry Kean

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am –Patricia Diamond

10:00am – John Bukowski, Jr. - Church

10:00am – Dr. Leo Greco- School

11:30am – Tom Howard

1:00pm – Parish Memorial Society

5:30pm –Lisa Pilie-Jocelyn

BOOSTER CLUB WINNER

WEEK 11 – DIANA MC RORY