

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 14, 2016

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The season of Lent has arrived. In last week's bulletin, I did not look ahead to this weekend because I devoted the Pastor's Notes to a tribute to Msgr. Robert Ford, recently deceased, who was born in Suffern and was Pastor here from 1982 until 1990. Cardinal Dolan and many others gathered for Msgr. Ford's funeral on February 5th despite a snowy start to the day. It was a beautiful Mass and fitting send off in the Church he loved.

Focusing now on Lent, let us set our hearts on living our faith with all of our effort. Let us remember God's infinite love and mercy and use both Lent and the Year of Mercy to strengthen our faith.

Pope Francis has asked all Catholics to seek to practice the Works of Mercy during the Year of Mercy. What better time than Lent to make a concerted effort. Lent is always a time to try our best to Repent once again and believe in the Gospel. By believe, the Church also means to live according to the Gospel. Therefore, by living the works of mercy (re-printed in the next column here) we desire to put Jesus' word and example into practice.

During Lent, we Catholics often try to be more diligent in prayer and to make small (or big) sacrifices. We can certainly continue our usual practices, but perhaps we can ponder in a special way the works of Mercy this year and find new ways to live the great examples of helping others in the name of Jesus.

Lent can be a long and demanding season. We may start out strong and tend to fizzle a bit because of our human weakness, but the desire to do the Lord's will and to love Him with all of our mind and heart and soul is the best way to begin. And we can always start over again if we falter, due to God's great Mercy. Blessed Lent everyone.

Sincerely in Christ,

Monsignor Giandurco

LENTEN OBSERVANCES

*****SPECIAL LENTEN MASSES*****

**Mondays at 7:30pm (Except 2/15/16)
Novena Prayers will be held at 7:15pm
February 22nd, 29th
March 7th, 14th, 2016**

RECONCILIATION MONDAY CONFESSIONS

March 21 / 3pm to 9pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**FRIDAYS at 8:00pm
February 19th, 26th
March 4th (Holy Hour 7-8pm)
11th, 18th, 25th**

JUBILEE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY December 8th, 2015-November 20, 2016

Corporal Works of Mercy

To Feed the Hungry
To Give Drink to the Thirsty
To Clothe the Naked
To Shelter the Homeless
To Care for the Sick
To Visit the Imprisoned
To Bury the Dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

Convert Sinners
To Instruct the Ignorant
To Advise the Doubtful
To Comfort the Sorrowful
To Bear Wrongs Patiently
To Forgive Injuries
To Pray for the Living and Dead

OUR LADY'S GUILD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2016 7:30PM

Our Lady's Guild would like to invite all the woman of the parish to join them at their regular monthly meeting. This month Marie DiNapoli will be speaking about the *Year of Mercy*. Light refreshments will be served. Meeting will be held in the school cafeteria.

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

**February 7th, Collection - \$14,197.
Last Year's Collection - \$9,976.
Frigid Cold/Snow and Ice**

**Peter's Pence- \$4,645.
Last Year's Collection-\$4016**

**BLOOD DRIVE
PRESIDENT'S DAY**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2016
2PM TO 8PM
WALK-INS WELCOME
(SACRED HEART SCHOOL GYMNASIUM)**

Please help save a life by donating. The New York Blood Center along with Cardinal Dolan ask for your help.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 14 1st Sunday of Lent

CYO – 2 to 5pm

Monday, February 15 President's Day

9am Mass Only

Blood Drive – 2pm to 8pm in the gym

Rel. Ed. Grade 6 – Closed

Sacred Heart School – Closed

Rectory Office - Closed

Novena – 7:15pm

Tuesday, February 16

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, February 17

Thursday, February 18

CYO – 5-9pm in the gym

Our Lady's Guild - 7:30pm in the cafeteria

Friday, February 19

CYO Games – 6:30pm the gym

Stations of the Cross – 8pm

Saturday, February 20

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

Rel. Ed. Grades 1 & 2 – 9:30am in the school

CYO -11am – to 4pm in the gym

Sunday, February 21 2nd Sunday of Lent

CYO – 2 to 5pm

**SACRED HEART CHURCH
\$10,000.00 RAFFLE**

TICKETS \$100 EACH (1 IN 250 CHANCE TO WIN)

Available at the Rectory

Monday to Friday - 9am to 5pm

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 3, 2016 on the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR PARISH

**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 March 23, 2016 from 10am to 12 noon. Deadline: March 20th.**

**2016 CARDINAL'S APPEAL
MISSION AND EVANGLEIZATION**

The *Cardinal's Appeal* helps spread the Good News. The *Appeal* supports the many programs that nurture our faith through each stage of spiritual development in 12 Ministry Offices, which include: Adult Faith Formation, Family Life/Respect Life, Hispanic Ministry, Black Ministry, Liturgy, University Apostolate, Prison Apostolate, Young Adult Outreach, Youth Ministry, and Hospital Apostolate. Please help sustain these vital programs by making you pledge to the Appeal today. **Your commitment will help us reach our parish goal of \$121,000.**

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES COMMUNITY SERVICES
OF ROCKLAND (CCCSR)**

Did you know that Catholic Charities Community Services of Rockland (CCCSR) was established by the 18 parishes to alleviate poverty and to serve as a "safety and support net" for all our county residents who have either lived in poverty all their lives or fallen into poverty due to unexpected circumstances?

You can help make a difference in the lives of some of our most vulnerable families **by picking up a Lenten Mite box this weekend.** Your donations will help to prevent evictions, feed the hungry and address basic emergency needs in Rockland. You can return the boxes later in Lent.

COLD AND FLU SEASON

In this season of colds and flu, please remember that you may give and receive the sign of peace with a simple wave of the hand or nod of the head. No insult is intended if anyone does not want to shake hands.

**CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE
GOOD COUNSEL HOMES**

For Pregnancy emergencies call
Any time of day: 1-800-723-8331
www.goodcounselhomes.org

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 20 de febrero, 2016 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, friends, benefactors, relatives, priests, religious and especially, **Serena Carroll, Andrew Biondo, Leo Vilord and Marian Valdata.**



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, Daniel Albarelli, Frank Paul Allegretti, Jenna Applebaum, Andrew Biondo, Boano Family, Harris Brownstein, Lisa Eckert Brownstein, Annette Burbridge, Frank Calfa, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Lorraine Cortez, Lilla DiBerardino, Teresa Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, Joan Donahue, Florence Downey, John Duffy, Nicholas Eckert, Peter Eckert, Jamie Erwin, Denise Ferrara, Stefanie Gaudelli, Tia Gardner, Arlene Gentile, Debra Gravina, John Grasso, Anne Hart, Frances Hunter, Sarah Hyman, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Verna & Susan Jarkiewicz, Mary Kierman, Anthony Kulik, Jay Leone, Elizabeth Lempka, Nick Liso, Laura Mack, Thomas Mathai, Barbara Mazza, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Chic Nappo, Betty O'Brien, Jennifer O'Hara, Fr. Jack Oldfield, Stacey Olayan, Tina Osika, Patricia Plotkin, Adolf Radeljic, Etta Rooney, Mary Russo, Virginia Ryan, Daniel Sammarone, Nicholas Salzman, Susan Saladino, Erica Scully, Frank Schwarz, Ruth Schwetz, Claudia Spano, Claudia Spallanzani, Maureen Starke, Phyllis Varacalli, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, Carol Van Vandt, Kenneth Vanadio, and Millie Vazquez.**

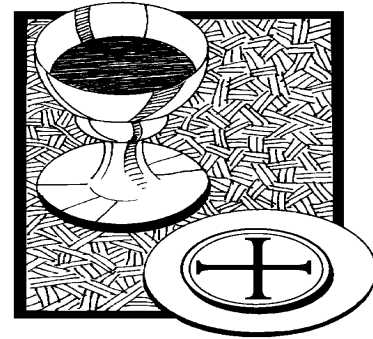
ALTAR MEMORIALS

FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14, 2016

Altar Breads In Memory of
JOHN CAPPELLO

Altar Candles In Memory of
ANGELICA CALFA

Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of
THOMAS WITT



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

9:00am – Jimmy Randazzo

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY

6:00pm – Dolores Mendolia

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 1st Sunday of Lent

7:00am – Anthony & Eleanor Cipollaro

8:30am – Parish Memorial Society

10:00am – Eileen T. Foster

11:30am – Thomas Witt

1:00pm -- Special Intentions Veronique, Matthew, Gregory & Rebecca Hazell

5:30pm – All Parishioners

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15 President's Day

7:00am – **Canceled**

9:00am – Thomas Witt

7:15pm – NOVENA - Canceled

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:00am – Vincent Crotty

9:00am – Andrew Statham

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:00am – Audrey & Thomas Doyle

9:00am – Catherine Halloran

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:00am – Special Intentions for the O'Byrne Family

9:00am – Vincent Whelan

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:00am – Lawrence Diebner

9:00am – Elaine & Charles Jock

8:00pm – Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9:00am – Bill Halloran

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY

6:00pm – Peggy McGrath

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21 2nd Sunday of Lent

7:00am – Domingo Lipa

8:30am – Parish Memorial Society

10:00am – Helen & Paul Roth

11:30am – Bob Hayden

1:00pm – Jerry Byrnes

5:30pm – All Parishioners