

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 28, 2016

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I will be speaking at all the Masses today encouraging support for the *Annual Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal*, but quite honestly, I already know our people will do their best to support the *Appeal*, as you always do, just as you always support the parish so generously. My words are simply meant to be a reminder as well as a gentle plea.

In these notes today I would like to write a few words about our Holy Father, Pope Francis. With absolutely no disrespect, I think we all know that the Pope's words, or at least reports about his words, are sometimes perplexing. Much of that, I believe, is the result of the Pope's style. He is often rather straightforward, even blunt, in his messages, with little nuance. A few people have asked me why I don't write more to explain his message. I have to be honest and state that I often feel that I cannot fully explain the Pope's thinking or his statements, so I trust that we can all ponder his words as we see them reported in a trustworthy way, for example in Catholic New York Newspaper or on the Vatican Website (vatican.va).

The Holy Father has made pronouncements on the environment, climate change and immigration, for example, that even I am seeking to fully understand. In a very basic way, I believe the Pope wants all people to respect the environment as a gift of God for all people and to look out for the welfare of all people, especially those who feel they have to leave their homeland. Of course, the Holy Father is also aware of the laws of nature and of sovereign countries so we all have to balance opinion and fact. Sometimes our personal opinion may not contribute to a better understanding, as I was recently reminded when News Channel 12 asked me to appear on T.V. to speak about the disagreement between the Pope and Donald Trump. I had to decline comment because I could not add clarity.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and assist all of us in speaking and understanding the truths of our faith, and not simply opinions.

Sincerely in Christ,

Monsignor Giandurco



2016 CARDINAL'S APPEAL COMMITMENT WEEKEND

At all Masses today you will have an opportunity to make your commitment to the Appeal. As children of Christ we are called to serve others out of gratitude to God. Please consider a sacrificial pledge to the 2016 Appeal. **Our goal is \$121,000.** Thank you!

LENTEN OBSERVANCES

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

Mondays at 7:30pm

Novena Prayers will be held at 7:15pm

February 29th

March 7th, 14th, 2016

RECONCILIATION MONDAY CONFESSIONS

March 21 / 3pm to 9pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS at 8:00pm

March 4th (Holy Hour 7-8pm)

11th, 18th, 25th

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

February 21st, Collection - \$15,522.

Last Year's Collection - \$12,464.

Winter Maintenance (New Collection)-\$6,285.

Last Year there was a Special Collection to help with the New Church Furnace-\$25,766.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

March 5 & 6, 2015

A **second collection** for the Catholic Relief Services which helps those in urgent need, will be taken on the weekend of March 5th and 6th. Please be as generous as possible in this charitable cause.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 28 3rd Sunday of Lent

CYO – 2 to 5pm

Monday, February 29

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

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

CYO – 5-9pm in the gym

Novena – 7:15pm Prayers

Mass- 7:30pm

Tuesday, March 1

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 2

CYO – 5-9pm in the gym

RCIA – 7:30pm in the rectory

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, March 3

CYO – 5-9pm in the gym

Friday, March 4 First Friday

CYO Games – 6:30pm the gym

Holy Hour – 7pm in the Church

Stations of the Cross – 8pm

Saturday, March 5

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

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

Rel. Ed. – 1st Penance -11am & 1pm in the Church

Sunday, March 6 4th 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 NEEDY PARISHES

The *Cardinal's Appeal* supports our parishes, the lifeblood of our archdiocese. The *Cardinal's Appeal* supports our spiritual homes during times when they cannot support themselves. Funds raised by the *Cardinal's Appeal* contributed to almost 50% of all money allocated for parishes in need last year. Please show your support for the Appeal by making your pledge today. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. **Your commitment will help us reach our parish goal of \$121,000.**

CATHOLIC WIDOW AND WIDOWERS CLUB OF ROCKLAND COUNTY ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

The Catholic Widow and Widowers Club of Rockland County will be meeting on March 20th, Sunday at 6:30pm at St. Augustine's Church (downstairs). Dessert and coffee will be served. Guests are welcome. For information call Dotty at 845-623-1739.

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.** (We received more boxes.) 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 19 de marzo, 2016 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.



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, 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, 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.



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, friends, benefactors, relatives, priests, religious and especially **Rose Calise**.

ALTAR MEMORIALS

FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2016

Altar Wines In Memory of

ELVIRA DI PASQUALE

Altar Breads In Memory of

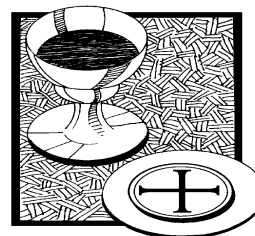
ANGELO PERRONE



Altar Candles
and

Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of

GERARD LE BLANC



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00am – Thomas Howard

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY

6:00pm – Bernard O'Neill

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 3RD Sunday of Lent

7:00am – Ann Marie Aviles

8:30am – Parish Memorial Society

10:00am – Mary McGillycuddy

11:30am – Millicent De Rosa

1:00pm – Mary-Lou Lamb

5:30pm – All Parishioners

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29

7:00am – William Savage

9:00am – Gloria Ammerata

7:15pm – Novena Prayers

7:30pm – Gloria Gaviria

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

7:00am – John F. Skelly

9:00am – Jack Devine

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

7:00am – Deceased Members of the Boano Family

9:00am – Bill Halloran

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

7:00am – Francine McDermott

9:00am – William Moyano

FRIDAY, MARCH 4 First Friday

7:00am – Walter Gunn

9:00am – Lidia DiGiorvanni

1:00pm – **Exposition**

7:00pm – **Holy Hour**

8:00pm – Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

9:00am – Al Witt

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY

6:00pm – Special Intentions of John Cangelose

SUNDAY, MARCH 6 4th Sunday of Lent

7:00am – George Andrela

8:30am – Parish Memorial Society

10:00am – Florence & Joe Cavanaugh

11:30am – Deacon Joseph Witt

1:00pm – Special Intentions for Rebecca, Matthew,
Gregory and Veronique Hazell

5:30pm – All Parishioners

BOOSTER CLUB WINNER

WEEK 1- Winifred Furman