

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 19, 2017

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

A very happy Saint Joseph's Day to everyone. We will celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the Patron Saint of the Universal Church, liturgically tomorrow (Monday). And I hope everyone had a great Saint Patrick's Day, the Patron Saint of the Archdiocese of New York. Many of our school children should be at the 8:30 Mass as they prepare to march in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Pearl River (if we are not hit with more snow). I also want to thank you for your patience in hearing my plea last weekend to support this year's Cardinal's Appeal. It is not something I enjoy doing, but I realize how important and necessary it is. Obviously, so many of you do as well, and I thank you for your unfailing support.

The Gospel for this Sunday is the Samaritan Woman at the Well from the 4th Chapter of St. John's Gospel, a beautiful description of what Lent should be for all of us - an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ that changes our hearts and the way we live. Our hearts are made for God. The Samaritan woman went to the well to satisfy her physical thirst for water, and in encountering Jesus there He awakened in her a deeper thirst by opening her eyes to her many sins. He made her realize that she was seeking to satisfy her deepest desires in all the wrong ways. Jesus awakened in her the deepest thirst in every human heart - the thirst for God, for the "Living Waters" of Sanctifying Grace, God's Life within us..

This encounter with Jesus is always available to us in a most personal way in the beautiful Sacrament of Reconciliation. Last weekend we had the joy of celebrating the First Confessions of the children in our Religious Education program preparing for their First Holy Communion in May. Our school children celebrated their First Confession two weeks earlier. This was the first time since the day of their Baptism that they experienced the Sanctifying Grace of God in such a powerful and personal way. What a joy it is to be part of the work of teaching our children our beautiful Catholic Faith, about the Mercy of God, and the incredible love that He has for each and every one of them. May their First Confession be the beginning of a life-long friendship with Jesus who will always be there for them leading them and guiding them to the beautiful plan He has for their lives.

And may we take the opportunity this Lent to really look at ourselves honestly in the light of God's Love, to see our sins for what they are, and hand them over to His Mercy by making a good Confession by which those living waters of Grace are replenished in our souls. What a precious gift this Sacrament is in which we experience God's tender Mercy in such a profound way as we verbally articulate our sins with our lips and hear with our ears that we are truly forgiven. What a sense of inner peace and serenity making a good Confession and hearing the words of Absolution bring to our hearts and souls. How much our souls are thirsting for this Peace. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey

LENTEN OBSERVANCES

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

Mondays at 7:30pm

Novena Prayers will be held at 7:15pm

March 20th, 27th,

April 3, 2017

RECONCILIATION MONDAY CONFESSIONS

April 10th / 3pm to 9pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS at 7:30pm

March 24th, 31st,

April 7th, (Holy Hour 6:30pm to 7:30pm)

April 14th, 2017 (Good Friday)

Lenten Talks with Fr. Innocent

March 21st, 28th,

April 4th, 2017

7pm - 8pm Tuesday Evenings

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

March 25 & 26, 2017

A **second collection** for the Catholic Relief Services which helps those in urgent need, will be taken on the weekend of March 25th and 26th.

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS'S NAME

March 12th Collection - \$13,638.

Last Year's Collection - \$13,412.

**+MASS OF CHRISM+
SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
TUESDAY, APRIL 11TH, 4:00PM**

This special Mass, a tradition which goes all the way back to the 5th century of our church, is only celebrated once a year, during Holy Week. The Mass, which manifests the unity of the priests with their bishop, will be celebrated by our Cardinal Archbishop, Timothy Dolan, who will be joined by his Auxiliary Bishops and hundreds of our parish and religious order priests and deacons.

During the Mass, the Cardinal will also bless three sacred oils, the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick or infirm and holy chrism. These oils will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the entire Archdiocese during the upcoming year.

We urge all the faithful of our Rockland parishes to make attendance at this Mass of Chrism a special part of their Lenten observance. Why not talk it up with your friends and attend as a group? Information about buses will follow in future bulletins.

**CARDINAL'S APPEAL
FORMING OUR PRIESTS AND
DEACONS**

Spiritual leadership requires many years of study and spiritual preparation. St. Joseph's Seminary offers many programs for the education and formation of men to serve Jesus Christ here in the Archdiocese and abroad. By donating to the Cardinal's Appeal, let us show our seminarians that we support them, and are proud of their decision to serve the people of God (like our own Walter Genito, only 2 years away from ordination to the priesthood). Please make your commitment today.

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, March 20

Rel. Ed. Grade 6 – 4:30pm in the school
Rel. Ed. – Grade 7 – 7:00pm in the school
Hispanic RCIA – 7:00pm rectory

Novena Prayers- 7:15pm

Lenten Mass – 7:30pm

Tuesday, March 21

Rel. Ed. – Grades 3–5 – 4:30pm in the school
Rel. Ed. – Grade 8 – 7:00pm
Lenten Talk – 7pm in the Church

Wednesday, March 22

Children's Choir Practice – 5pm Church
Choir Practice – 7:00pm in the Church
Hispanic Prayer Group – 8pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, March 23

RCIA – 7:00pm rectory

Friday, March 24

Confirmation Retreat School & Church – 6 to 9:30pm

Stations of the Cross – 7:30pm

Saturday, March 25

St. Joseph Group – 7:30am in the Rectory
Rel. Ed. Grades 1 & 2 – 9:30am in the school

OUR LADY'S GUILD

**Holy Hour & General Meeting- March 30, 2017
Rescheduled from March 16th due to weather**

Please join the members of Our Lady's Guild on March 30th at 7:00pm in the Church for a Holy Hour and Benediction, followed by refreshments and a meeting in the cafeteria. Everyone is also asked to remember to bring \$25 for the upcoming Communion Breakfast.

**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.

Easter Baskets will be distributed on Monday April 10, 2017 from 10am to 12 noon. Deadline: for donations is April 2, 2017.

**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 2:30pm in the school gymnasium on Sunday, June 25, 2017.

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR PARISH

MEN'S CONFERENCE

Faith Every Day

The Cardinal has extended to all men of the parish an a special invitation to join him at the *2017 Archdiocesan Men's Conference*, Saturday, April 1st at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers. Guest speakers include: Mr. Alfred Kelly, CEO of Visa; Fr. Jonathan Morris, pastor, author and media personality; Mr. Ryan Young, director of the well-renowned Camp Veritas – youth ministry program. The theme for the conference is **"Faith Every Day"**. For more info and to register please visit: www.ArchNYMensConference.eventbrite.com.

**OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY
ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK
YMNY**

The New York Catholic Youth Day is on Saturday, April 29th 2017. All High School Students are welcome. The cost for NYCYP is \$20 per youth. Deadline for monies and registration is Monday, April 10, 2017. For more information and to register please call the rectory.

**CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE
GOOD COUNSEL HOMES**

For Pregnancy emergencies call: 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 8 de abril 2017 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Church and our Parish Community the following child who was recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

DYLAN CHRISTOPHER FREEMAN
Son of David and Jennifer

KAYLEIGH MARIE SULLIVAN
Daughter of Ryan and Kristen

ALEXANDER RIVERA GUTIERREZ
Son of Alejandro and Mireya



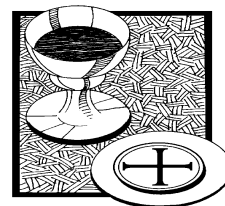
We pray for all those serving in the **Armed Forces** and for those who are ill and have asked us to

pray for them: Larry Adler, Keith Alanis, Daniel Albarelli, Frank Paul Allegretti, Luciano Antonucci, Jenna Applebaum, Helen Baur, Peter Boano, Harris Brownstein, Lisa Eckert Brownstein, Annette Burbridge, Dolores Cangelose, Frank Calfa, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Lorraine Cortez, Robert Cosenza, Joe Davey, Lilla DiBerardino, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, Florence Downey, Lucy Donlon, John Duffy, Nicholas Eckert, Peter Eckert, Jamie Erwin, Denise Ferrara, Gerrie Freeman, Ed Fryns, Stefanie Gaudelli, Tia Gardner, Arlene Gentile, Debra Gravina, John Grasso, Sarah Hyman, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Susan Jarkiewicz, Adrienne Kelly, Mary Kierman, Jon Kip, Anthony Kulik, Jay Leone, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Laura Mack, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Barbara Mazza, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Fr. Estella Morales, Jennifer O'Hara, Fr. Jack Oldfield, Stacey Olayan, Deana Olsen, Tina Osika, Shace Paljusevic, Joseph Pasculli, Patricia Plotkin, Adolf Radeljic, Etta Rooney, Mary Russo, Virginia Ryan, Daniel Sammarone, Nicholas Salzman, Eleanor Scelza, Erica Scully, Ruth Schwetz, Jean Simons, Aurelia Sorgo, Claudia Spano, Kate Stack, Maureen Starke, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, James P. Toner, Phyllis Varacalli, Carol Van Vandt, Millie Vazquez, Peter Veraldo and Fr. Wing.

ALTAR MEMORIALS MARCH 19, 2017

**Altar Wines, Altar Breads, Altar Candles
And the Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of**

VIOLET LEWANDOWSKI



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

9:00am – Mary C. Collins

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5:30pm – Margaret Jacques

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

7:00am – Anthony & Josephine Scarr

8:30am – Jennie & Robert Puzziferro

10:00am – Joan Flatley

11:30am – Rosaria Armojida

1:00pm – All Parishioners

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

MONDAY, MARCH 20

7:00am – Caterina Varano

9:00am – Msgr. Francis M. Brennan

7:15pm – **Novena Prayers**

7:30pm – Lenten Mass –

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

7:00am – Edward Bolton

9:00am – Glen & Dylan Pape

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

7:00am – Rosemary O'Conner

9:00am – Tom Howard

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

7:00am – Frank Murray

9:00am – Daniel Greeley & Andrew Statham

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

7:00am – John F. Collins

9:00am – Teresa Schmitt

7:30pm – Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

9:00am – Mary Ann Binghi

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Joan Cummings & Elaine Dusold

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

7:00am – Parish Memorial Society

8:30am – Michael Keegan

10:00am – Charles J. Lynch

11:30am – Dorothy Toomey

1:00pm – All Parishioners

5:30pm – Luella Stryko



All Parishioners Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, friends, benefactors, relatives, priests, religious, and especially **Anne Keane**.

BOOSTER CLUB WINNER

WEEK 21- JOHN & EILEEN GREANY