

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

We are into the Second Week of Lent, and I pray that all of us will take advantage of the tremendous opportunities we have here to enrich our faith and spiritual life in order to celebrate the Joy of Easter with hearts and minds renewed. Looking ahead, Holy Week will be such a powerful week for anyone who gives the time to enter into our Parish Mission and the rich and solemn Liturgies of the Sacred Triduum. And an additional feature this Holy Week for our 150th Anniversary Year is the Procession with a giant Cross up Lafayette avenue and the live outdoor Passion Play and Stations of the Cross after the 3:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday. Please mark your calendars for all of our Lenten events.

Every year on this Second Sunday of Lent the Church gives us this beautiful Gospel of the Transfiguration. We hear that Jesus took His three closest friends – Peter, James, and John – up a mountain to pray. And while He was praying Jesus was transfigured before them, His clothes became dazzlingly white, and the voice of the Father in Heaven thundered: *“This is my Beloved Son, listen to Him.”* It was an epiphany of His Divinity.

They were on their way to Jerusalem. Jesus had just finished telling His disciples that in Jerusalem He would be turned over to evil men who would crucify Him, and that on third day He would rise. But they had no idea at that time what he was talking about. They could not understand how Jesus could allow such a thing to happen to Him. We still have a problem understanding God at times, don't we? How often do find ourselves asking: “How could God allow such a thing to happen?” The Transfiguration was a glimpse of the light at the end of the tunnel, a foreshadowing of the Resurrection. It was something that the disciples would never forget, and it helped them to persevere in the trials to come.

The Transfiguration is not only about what happened to Jesus, but about what will happen to us who belong to Him and listen to Him. Jesus promises us that we will share in His Glory, but not without first sharing in His Cross. We cannot arrive at Easter Sunday without living through Good Friday. This was true for Jesus, for His disciples, for saints and martyrs and holy men and women throughout the centuries, and for us today.

May our preparation for Easter this Lent help us to remain firm in faith, and persevere in prayer one day at a time, knowing that Jesus is with us in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, and will bring us safely through it all to the glory that lies beyond the Cross. *“Jesus I trust in You.”* May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Matthew J. Furey

TUESDAYS: LENTEN TALKS WITH FR. INNOCENT

7:00PM TO 8:00PM

FRIDAYS: LENTEN MASS AT 7:00pm

FOLLOWED BY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

at 7:30pm

February 16, 23

March 2, 9th, 16th, 23rd

Good Friday, March 30th

HOLY WEEK MISSION

March 26th, 27th & 28th 7:30pm

with Fr. Glenn Sudano, C.F.R.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY MARCH 26TH

CONFESSIONS 3:00pm to 9:00pm

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PRAYER GROUP

During Lent the prayer group will meet on Tuesday nights in the Church at 7pm for the Lenten talks with Fr. Innocent and will pray the rosary immediately after.

150th ANNIVERSARY MASS

JUNE 8, 2018 7:30PM

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART
MAIN CELEBRANT- ARCHBISHOP CHARLES BALVO
(Graduate of Sacred Heart School)

150TH GALA DINNER DANCE

JUNE 9, 2018 CROWN PLAZA 7:00 PM

Tickets available at the Rectory Office.

*“We Adore you O Christ and we praise you,
because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.”*

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 25

CYO Clinic – 1:30pm last day

Monday, February 26

Rel. Ed. – Grade 6 – 4:30pm

Rel. Ed. – Grade 7 – 7:00pm

Hispanic RCIA – 7:00pm Rectory

Tuesday, February 27

Rel. Ed. – Grades 3-5 – 4:30pm

Rel. Ed. – Grade 8 – 7:00pm

Prayer Group – Meets in Church 7:00pm

Lenten Talk with Fr. Innocent – 7:00pm Church

Wednesday, February 28

St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry – 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Thursday, March 1

RCIA -7:00pm in the Rectory

Friday, March 2 First Friday

SHS – early dismissal 11am

Adoration -1:00pm to 6:45pm

Benediction – 6:45pm

Mass – 7:00pm

Stations of the Cross – 7:30pm

Saturday, March 3

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

Rel. Ed – Grades 1 & 2 - 9:30am

Rel. Ed.- Parent Meeting grade 2

Sunday, March 4

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS'S NAME

1st Sunday of Lent Collection –\$12,120.

Last Year's Collection - \$15,154.

Ash Wednesday Collection - \$5,592.

Last Year's Collection -\$5,800.

Winter Maintenance Collection - \$5,562.

Last Year's Collection -\$5,694

BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU

We wish to thank those who came to give blood on Monday, President's Day. Although we only collected 30 units they are 30units of life giving blood and will greatly benefit those in need. God Bless you and thank you again.

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 8, 2018.

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR PARISH

DESIGNER POCKETBOOK BINGO

SACRED HEART CHURCH

FRIDAY- APRIL 13, 2018

Doors open at 6:00pm – Bingo Starts at 7:30pm

Sacred Heart School Auditorium

60 Washington Ave., Suffern NY

Admission \$40. Pp

(Includes 8 games of Bingo & Bingo Marker,
Desserts, Coffee & Tea)

Prizes include authentic handbags by Kate Spade,
Coach, Ralph Lauren, Michael Kors, and more!!

Raffle Baskets & Other Games Too!

Prepayment required by April 2, 2018

For more info call: Denise Aiola @914-309-2233 or

diamonddaiola@gmail.com

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK

MARCH 8-14

NCSW is an annual celebration that began in 2014 to honor women religious with a series of events that instruct, enlighten, and bring greater focus on the lives of these women. The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, in celebrating NCSW would like to invite you all to: 3Ps + Pray, Play, Pizza with the Sisters. March 8th - 6:30pm and March 11th - 2:00pm. St. Mary's Villa, 150 Sisters Servants Ln. Sloatsburg, NY: RSVP: Call 845-753-2840 or email: srkath25@gmail.com. Responses Needed by March 3.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Sacred Heart School is seeking a part-time Computer teacher, position requires 2 days a week grades 1-8. They are also looking for a part-time administrative assistant to work in the school's office 1-4 or 12:30 to 3:30pm. Excel and Microsoft Word needed. Call – 357-0035.

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COMMUNITY SERVICES

Catholic Charities Community Services of Rockland (CCCSR) serves 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 of Sunday. Your donations will help to prevent evictions, feed the hungry and address basic emergency needs in Rockland.

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 10 de marzo 2018 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

For the First Time

Ana Loja and Antonio Huiscika

For the First Time

Antonio Giovani Caguana and Maria Transito Loja Duchi



We pray for all those serving in the **Armed Forces** and for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Luciano Antonucci, Jenna Applebaum, Michael Brady, Annette Burbridge, Dolores Cangelose, Frank Calfa, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Robert Cosenza, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Debra Gravina, Catherine Greeley, Carrin Holborn, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Susan Jarkiewicz, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Shace Paljusevic, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, Philomena Pelzer, Etta Rooney, Mary Russo, Daniel Sammarone, Eleanor Scelza, Ruth Schwetz, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Aurelia Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, Fr. Peter Tarantino, SA, Phyllis Varacalli, and Fr. Wing.

ALTAR MEMORIALS

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of

JEREMIAH A. DIXON



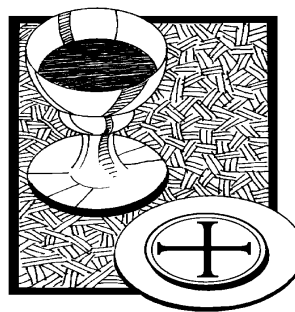
Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, family members and loved ones.

Especially: Lilla DiBerardino

Erika Lahr

BOOSTER CLUB

WEEK 12- FRANK CALFA



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:00am – Christina Isoldi

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Frank A. Battaglia

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Andrew L. Kravic

10:00am – Dr. Leo Greco

11:30am – Augustin Kim

1:00pm – James Halloran

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:00am – Robert Flanagan

9:00am – MaryLou Torlucci

7:15pm – **Novena**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00am – John V. Towers

9:00am – Thomas Howard

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00am – Willard B. Foster

9:00am – Catherine Halloran

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

7:00am – Fr. Brian Coffey

9:00am – Jack Devine

FRIDAY, MARCH 2 FIRST FRIDAY

7:00am – Fr. Robert Aufieri

9:00am – Paula Panico

1:00pm – Adoration

6:45pm - Benediction

7:00pm – Lenten Mass –

7:30pm – Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

9:00am – Steve Statham

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Gagliano Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Santora & Family

10:00am – Dr. Leo Greco

11:30am – Harry Barrett

1:00pm – Joe & Florence Kavanaugh

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society