

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 3, 2019

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

Happy Super Bowl Sunday to everyone! Once the Super Bowl is behind us, we have the happy thought that pitchers and catchers will be arriving to spring training within days as we begin to set our sight on the coming of Spring.

However, I must say, as so many of you have expressed these last couple of weeks, there is a real sadness in so many of our hearts about the extreme and radical access to abortion that our State of New York just enacted, a law that allows a baby to be killed right up to the time of delivery, nothing less than infanticide. It is hard to understand how any human being could support such a thing, and certainly how any Catholic could, especially as we hear God's Word through the Prophet Jeremiah in our first reading today: *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you..."*

I think our second reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians today, something that is read at most weddings, provides us with a good reflection in light of all this. It all has to do with an authentic understanding of Love and that no matter how smart or capable we are, if we do not do everything with Love, we are nothing. I found this very moving letter from a Holocaust survivor that he wrote to teachers, which expresses a similar thought. He wrote: *"Dear Teacher, I am a survivor of a concentration camp. My eyes saw what no man should witness: Gas chambers built by learned engineers; children poisoned by educated physicians; infants killed by trained nurses; woman and babies shot and burned by high school and college graduates. Teachers, please help your students become human. Reading, writing, and arithmetic are important only if they serve to make people more human."*

He is saying something very similar to St. Paul, that all the education and intelligence in the world is useless, and can even be dangerous, if a person is devoid of Love, of virtue; if one lives only for his or her own self interests. St. Paul gives such a beautiful description of authentic Love in our Second Reading: *"Love is patient, love is kind, it is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth."* In other words, authentic Love is never self-seeking, but

is completely self-giving, never putting "me" first, but always willing the good of the other. Authentic Love always sees in the other the image of God to be revered and served. And Love never does harm to the other, including the most vulnerable among us in the womb. That is the Love that inspires and fuels every vocation, whether it be to marriage and family life, to the priesthood or religious life, or to living a single life in a self-giving way. It is only possible to love so completely and so selflessly without becoming weary if we remain in Jesus as He remains in us, most especially in the Supreme Gift of the Eucharist which is the Sacrament of His total, sacrificial, self-giving Love for each one of us. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Matthew J. Furey



FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

Today, February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise. There will be a general blessing of the throats as the final blessing at the end of each Mass next weekend.

PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY

Christine Corcillo	Richard Byrne
Felicia Sparago	Philip Murphy
Edith Leon	Gregory Ferraro
Phyllis Vitale	Brendan Walsh
Helen Taranto	Angelo J. Santorelli
Kathy Alley	Larry Kintz
Gloria McDanniel	Adam Krainak
Joan M. Carroll	Michael Morgan
	Luke Timmerman

BLOOD DRIVE
PRESIDENT'S DAY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2019
2PM TO 8PM

WALK-INS WELCOME
(SACRED HEART SCHOOL GYMNASIUM)
Please help save a life by donating. The New York Blood Center along with Sacred Heart ask for your help.

OUR LADY'S GUILD

Our Lady's Guild invites all the ladies of the parish both young and old to their regular meeting on Thursday, February 21st at 7:30pm in the school cafeteria. Mr. Ed Mahecha from St. Vincent de Paul will speak about aiding the poor in our community.

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

**3rd Sunday Ordinary Time -\$13,470.
Last Year's Collection- \$12,835.**

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 3

CYO Clinic – 1:30pm in the gym

Monday, February 4

Rel. Ed. Grade 6 – 4:30pm

Rel Ed. Grade 7 – 7:00pm

Hispanic RCIA – 7:00pm in the Rectory

Novena – 7:15pm

Tuesday, February 5

Rel. Ed. Grades 3 – 5 – 4:30pm

Rel. Ed. Grade 8 – 7:00pm

Baptismal Instruction – 7:00pm Rectory

Prayer Group – 7:30pm in the Rectory Chapel

Wednesday, February 6

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

CYO Basketball – 5:00 to 9:00pm gym

Children's Choir Practice – 5:00pm

Choir Practice – 7:00pm

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8:00pm

Thursday, February 7

CYO – 5:00pm to 9:00pm

RCIA – 7:00pm

Friday, February 8

Prayer Shawl Mtg. – 1:00pm Rectory

HSA Father / Daughter Dance – 6:45pm cafeteria

Saturday, February 9

Rel Ed. Grades 1 & 2 – 9:30am to 11am

Rel Ed. 1st Penance – 12:00pm church

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

Sunday, February 10

CYO Clinic – 1:30pm in the gym

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We are planning a Living Stations of the Cross once again this year, beginning with a Procession of the Cross up Lafayette Ave. on Good Friday, April 19th starting at 5:00pm. This event was an amazing event last year and we hope to make it an Annual Event here at Sacred Heart. We are asking all teens and adults who may be interested in being a part of the Living Stations please contact the Rectory Office at 845-357-0035.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Sacred Heart Regional Catholic School is seeking substitute teachers. Please call the school office at 845-357-1684.

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND AUGUST 12-21, 2019

All are welcome to join the Dean of Rockland County, Msgr. Emmet Nevin (Pastor of St. Aedan) and Msgr. Kevin Nelan, Dean of S. Manhattan, (Pastor of Immaculate Conception, NYC) on a pilgrimage to Ireland. For detailed information about this exciting pilgrimage visit www.StAedan.org. or contact Msgr. Nevin at (845-735-7405 or email: StAedan@optonline.net)

FORDHAM PREPARATORY SCHOOL Higher Achievement Program (HAP) For Rising 8th Graders June 24-July 24 Application is required Visit: fordhamprep.org/HAP

This 5-week program is designed to give its participants a head start in both their 8th grade year and the high school application process. For Information please visit HAP@fordhamprep.org

ST. JOSEPH'S HOME

Full Time Position Available. Activity Director. Seeking enthusiastic and fun-loving person to create daily activities and programs for seniors at St. Joseph's Adult Care Home in Sloatsburg, New York. Must love to work with the elderly and be creative. If you are interested, please contact Sr. Michele at 845-753-2555.

SISTERS OF LIFE

"Have you suffered an abortion? Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sister of Life: 866.575.0075 or e-mail: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org. For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877.586.4621 or e-mail: Lumina@postabortionhelp.org

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 16 de febrero 2019 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: **Keith Alanis, Luciano Antonucci, Jenna Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Baby Ty, Michael Brady, Pat Brady, Annette Burbridge, Dolores Cangelose, Frank Calfa, Kelly Collins, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Robert Cosenza, Laura D'Alesio, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Sr. Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene and Fred Gentile, Mark Goldman, Debra Gravina, Catherine Greeley, Senan Halpin, Roy Harris, Clement Hayes, Carrin Holborn, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Susan Jarkiewicz, Anna Kasperska, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Joseph Mikulka, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Shace Paljusevic, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, Charles Picarelli, Ruth Schwetz, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, Fr. Peter Tarantino, SA, Phyllis Varacalli, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing, Marie Witt, and Vladimir Zaslavsky.**

FOR OUR ARMED FORCES



We pray for all the men and women serving our country in the armed forces especially the sons and daughters, grandchildren and loved ones of our parishioners.

ALTAR MEMORIALS FEBRUARY 3, 2019

Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of

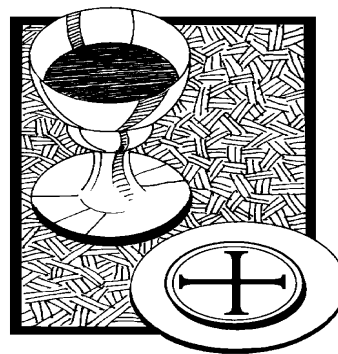


LESTER BERNSTEIN



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

Especially: **Peter A. Ackerson, John Hennessey,
Dr. Jose "Joey" Opuencia**



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9:00am – Bernard & Bridget Peris

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Elaine & Charles Jock

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – McAdams, Maldonado, Baracscai, Howard

10:00am – Lester Bernstein

11:30am – Carmela & Albert LaBruna

1:00pm – Peggy McGrath

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:00am – Special. Intention Bradley Jared Augustine

9:00am – Gregory Ferraro

7:15pm – Novena

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:00am – Special Intentions Bradley Jared Augustine

9:00am – Gregory Ferraro

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:00am – Special Intentions Bradley Jared Augustine

9:00am – Harold "Hack" Gravius

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00am – Special Intentions Bradley Jared Augustine

9:00am – Renée Oster

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:00am – Special Intentions Bradley Jared Augustine

9:00am – Kathy Starkey

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:00am – Special Intention Kenneth Frank

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Nicole SantaMaria

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Brent Cassotta

10:00am – Andrew Biondo

11:30am – Josephine Schumaker

1:00pm – Florence & Joe Cavanaugh

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

BOOSTER CLUB

WEEK 3- FRANCES PETROSKY