

# 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FEBRUARY 17, 2019

### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

Lent is now less than three weeks away and Spring is not far behind. In these next few Sundays leading up to Lent, we are blessed to be hearing from Jesus' Sermon on the Plain from Saint Luke's Gospel, the core of Jesus' teaching. The Sermon on the Plain (Luke's version of Matthew's Sermon on the Mount) is a great preparation for Lent, as we strive to make the values of the Gospel, which are different from the values of the world, our own.

It has always been true that the ways of God are not the ways of the world, but lately it just seems so obvious. It used to be that the morality of our culture was pretty much in line with the morality our faith teaches, in line with the Ten Commandments. Now, however, the values promoted by our culture are toxic to the values of our faith, especially in regard to the sanctity of human life, the sanctity of marriage, and sexual morality. Yet it shouldn't be so surprising since our faith has always been counter-cultural. Jesus wasn't crucified because He went along with the ways of the world, but because He challenged its values and called people to change the way they live and the way they think.

The contrast between the values of the world and the values of Jesus Christ are on clear display in today's Gospel of Saint Luke's version of the Beatitudes. Jesus says, for example: "*Blessed are you who are poor, for the Kingdom of God is yours...but woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.*" Jesus goes on with three more "*Blessings*" and "*Woes*" which turn the values of the world upside down. Jesus is not pitting the rich against the poor. He is not saying that being poor in and of itself makes one blessed, or that being rich is evil. The real contrast comes down to where we place our trust: in God or in the things of the world. What matters is not how rich or poor one is in regards to the material things of this world, but whether one is rich in the eyes of God, whether one's true treasure is the kingdom of Heaven. As I heard one person put it so wisely, "if something is not important at the moment of our death, it wasn't that important to begin with."

What Jesus is getting at is our priorities, our values. The values of Christ and the values of the world have always been opposed to each other, and we see it so clearly today in so many ways. For

example, so many have been awakened to the evil of abortion by the recent passing of New York State's radical access to late term abortion law called the *Reproductive Health Act* (please take home a packet we have prepared from the back of the Church). Back in 1993 when visiting the United States, Saint Mother Theresa observed that, even though the United States is the richest and most powerful Country in the world, any Country that allows and promotes the direct killing of the innocent child by its own mother in the womb is spiritually among the poorest of the poor. Let us always strive to be rich, not in the eyes of the world, but in the eyes of God. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Rev. Matthew J. Furey

**BLOOD DRIVE  
PRESIDENT'S DAY  
TOMORROW  
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 21<sup>st</sup> 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

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time - \$12,502.  
Last Year's Collection - \$12,270.  
Peter's Pence - \$3,605.  
Last Year's Collection - \$4,290.**

### SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Catholic schools provide children with a solid foundation both academically and spiritually. At Sacred Heart School we strive to educate the whole child. We offer advanced classes in math, science and literature while fostering a climate of respect, kindness and generosity of spirit. Tours can be arranged by calling 845-357-1684.

## PARISH CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 17

CYO Clinic – 1:30pm in the gym

### Monday, February 18

**BLOOD DRIVE – 2PM TO 8PM- gym**

President's Day – All Closed

NO Novena – 7:15pm

### Tuesday, February 19

Prayer Group – 7:30pm in the Rectory Chapel

### Wednesday, February 20

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 21

CYO – 5:00pm to 9:00pm

RCIA – 7:00pm

### Friday, February 22

### Saturday, February 23

Rel Ed. Grades 1 & 2 – 9:30am to 11am

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

### Sunday, February 24

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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.



## CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2019

To date our parish has received **\$13,350.** in pledges/gifts toward the 2019 Cardinal's Appeal, from 48 families. For this Appeal to be truly successful, we need support from all our families. The Appeal is a vital source of funding for the programs and ministries that sustain the parishes across our Archdiocese. **Our goal is \$123,000.**

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS JOYCE KILMER COUNCIL 1177 FREE THROW CONTEST

All boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in this free competition on Sat. February 23 at 7pm at the Sacred Heart Gym. Winners of each age group advance to regional competitions. All contestants are recognized for their participation. For info contact Jerry Reilly 845-709-7423/ grandknight@kofc1177.com

## SAVE THE DATE PARISH MISSION COMING SOON

On the weekend of March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, Al Barbarino, will give a short mission here at Sacred Heart. He will sing and speak at all the Masses and offer a Lenten Presentation on Sunday evening at 6:45pm and Monday evening at 7:30pm. The focus of his talks will be

### ***"How Do We Survive These Troubled Times?"***

Al Barbarino is a Lay Franciscan with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (the Late Fr. Benedict Groeschel's Community) and is a member of the Knights of Columbus. Throughout the years in this apostolate, he has recorded CDs/Videos and traveled around the world. He speaks on our faith in a most practical, everyday level. His recordings will be made available at the end of each Mass and talk which help to support the Franciscans at their homeless shelters, and Croation Relief Services (International Outreach).

## SACRED RELICS OF THE SAINTS: TREASURES OF THE CHURCH

**St. Anthony's, Nanuet, NY** presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Thursday February 28 at 7:00pm in the Parish Church. Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with a very special Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Liseux (the Little Flower), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church's history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry. Please do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

## SISTERS OF LIFE

**Providing Life-affirming choices for women:** Here in the Archdiocese of New York, there are many resources that provide women facing unplanned pregnancies with alternatives to abortion. If you know someone who is struggling, please urge them to contact: [www.visitationcenterus.org](http://www.visitationcenterus.org) or call (877)777-1277.

**"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](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org). For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877.586.4621 or e-mail: [Lumina@postabortionhelp.org](mailto:Lumina@postabortionhelp.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 marzo 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 17, 2019

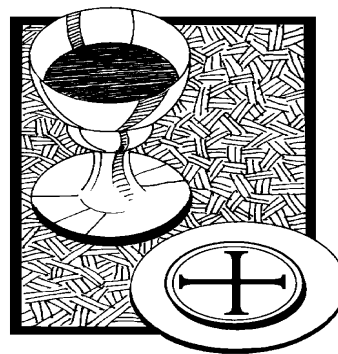
Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of

**BONIFACE EBY-MORDI**



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

Especially: **Jeanne Buono**



## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9:00am – Audrey & Thomas Doyle

### SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Vincent Crotty

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Dianne Messina

10:00am – Vincent Whelan

11:30am – Andrew Cassels

1:00pm – Thomas Witt

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18 President's Day

7:00am – NO Mass

9:00am – Marjorie DeLitta

7:15pm – NO Novena

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:00am – Souls in Purgatory (Perrone Family)

9:00am – John Cappello

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:00am – Souls in Purgatory (Gagliano Family)

9:00am – Richard B. Brennan

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:00am – Special Intentions Matusz Kasperski

9:00am – Special Intentions Anna Kasperska

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:00am – Special Intentions Alan Petukh

9:00am – Special Intentions Tadasz Kasperski

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:00am – Anthony, John & James Doyle

### SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Joseph Altadonna

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Paulo Del Mastro

10:00am – Paulo Del Mastro

11:30am – Aurelia Ronzetti

1:00pm – Robert Chamberlaine

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

### BOOSTER CLUB

**WEEK 5- SUSAN D'ADAMO**