

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MARCH 3, 2019

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

Lent arrives this week. Yes, Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, March 6th, and it could not come soon enough. Our Lady of Fatima begged us to counter the evil we see in the world with prayer and penance. Jesus, Himself, said that some evil can only be driven out with prayer and fasting. Let us make this Lent a real serious one, offering our prayer and acts of self-denial for the spiritual renewal of our Church and her leaders, for victims of sexual abuse, and for an end to this crazy pro-abortion agenda that has taken on such fervor recently.

Since last Summer we had the revelations of the sins and crimes committed against children and young people by clergy and even Bishops and others in the Church, and the failure of so many Bishops to deal with it honestly and responsibly over the last 70 years or so until 2002. We have seen in the last couple of months the radical late term abortion law passed in New York and moving through other states, and the push now for physician assisted suicide. And this week the Congress of the United States could not even pass a bill protecting a baby born alive after an attempted abortion and requiring that the baby be treated like any other patient instead of allowing him or her to die on the table. Infanticide is something only a few years ago was universally rejected by all and something unthinkable in a civilized Society. No more here in our great Country. Ultimately, all of this is a rejection of God and proclaiming ourselves to be god.

As we read from the Prophet Joel in the Liturgy of Ash Wednesday: *"Return to the Lord your God with all your heart."* That is what Lent is all about, and how much we need Lent right now. The program for a good Lent and a practical guide on how to turn back to God with all our heart is laid out in the Gospel of St. Matthew which we will hear on Ash Wednesday: **Prayer, Fasting, and Alms Giving.** There is no better sacrifice I can make than the sacrifice of my time for **prayer**, dedicating some time every day to spend with the Lord, speaking with Him, and even more importantly listening to Him. There is no better way to undo my tendency toward sin and self-indulgence than **fasting**, which strengthens my will to say "No" to myself and "Yes" to God. And, finally, there is no better way to reverse my tendency toward selfishness than **alms giving**, which trains me

to put the needs of others before my own by doing acts of charity and giving generously to those in need.

Let us practice these three *fundamentals* of the spiritual life in a particularly fervent way this Lent for our own spiritual renewal, and for the spiritual renewal of our beautiful Catholic Church, of our Country, and of our world. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Matthew J. Furey

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENTEN OBSERVANCES

ASH WEDNESDAY – March 6, 2019

**Masses with Ashes: 7:00am
9:00am
12:10pm
7:30pm**

Prayer Service with Ashes: 4:00pm

LENTEN MISSION

March 23rd Sunday at 6:45pm

March 24th Monday at 7:30pm

With Al Barbarino

RECONCILIATION MONDAY CONFESSIONS

April 15th / 3pm to 9pm

LENTEN MASSES

FRIDAYS AT 7:00PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS at 7:30pm

March 8th 15th, 22nd 29th

April 5th, 12th, 19th

April 5th First Friday (Holy Hour 6:00pm to 7:00pm)

40 DAYS FOR LIFE:

MARCH 6 – APRIL 14, 2019

With the passage of the Reproductive Health Act so many are asking what can be done in response. **40 Days for Life** is a life-saving prayer campaign that will be held **March 6th - April 14th**. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful initiative consisting of 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. Over 15,256 children have been saved from abortion during 40 Days for Life campaigns. To learn more, visit: www.40daysforlife.com

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

7th Sunday Ordinary Time - \$12,148.

Last Year's Collection - \$13,638.

**SAVE THE DATE
PARISH MISSION COMING SOON**

On the weekend of March 23rd and 24th, 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 Croatian Relief Services (International Outreach).

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 3

CYO Clinic – 1:30pm in the gym

Monday, March 4

Rel. Ed. Grade 6 – 4:30pm

Rel Ed. Grade 7 – 7:00pm

Hispanic RCIA – 7:00pm in the Rectory

Novena – 7:15pm

Tuesday, March 5

Prayer Group – 7:30pm in the Rectory Chapel

Wednesday, March 6 Ash Wednesday

Please see Mass Schedule

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

Thursday, March 7

CYO – 5:00pm to 9:00pm

Friday, March 8

Prayer Shawl Mtg. – 1pm Rectory

Lenten Mass – 7:00pm

Stations of the Cross – 7:30pm

Saturday, March 9

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

Rel Ed. Grades 1 & 2 – 9:30am to 11:00am

Teen Event -

Sunday, March 10

CYO Clinic – 1:30pm in the gym

**SACRED HEART PARISH
25TH AND 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION MAY 19TH, 2019**

On May 19th, 2019 our parish will honor all those celebrating these milestone anniversaries at the 10:00am Mass followed by a reception. If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime this year, please contact the Rectory Office and let us know. 845-357-0035. We will need the date and place of your wedding in a Catholic Church.

PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY

Anthony Antonelli, Jr.

Salvatore Cuffaro

Chris Confrey

Terrence Ryan

Guy Castriotta

Anthony DiBattista

Mary Theresa Anzalone

Patrice Del Vecchio

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 a 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 **\$14,460.** in pledges/gifts toward the 2019 Cardinal's Appeal, from 58 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.**

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 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 Sisters 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

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 9:00pm in the school gymnasium on Friday, June 28, 2019.

Please Help Support Our Parish!

**TAGASTE MONASTERY
ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE
MARCH 9, 2019**

Doors open at 6:00pm, dinner served at 6:30pm. Home Made Corned Beef and the fixings. Donation \$20. Call 845-357-0067 for more info.

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

MARCH 3, 2019

Altar Candles In Memory of

MARGARET FLETCHER

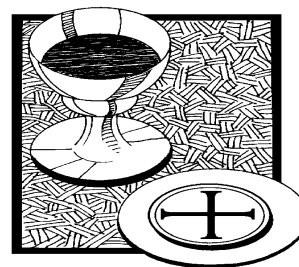
Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of

ANGELO PERRONE



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

Especially: **Edmond D. Aviles, Ed Burbridge, Richard Pregiato and Frank Maida**



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

9:00am – John Hennessey

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Special Intentions

Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Group

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Harold "Hack" Gravius

10:00am – Paul DelMastro

11:30am – Jack Devine

1:00pm – Alan MacNary

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

MONDAY, MARCH 4

7:00am – John Vincent Towers

9:00am – Mr. & Mrs. Peter Salemo

7:15pm – Novena

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

7:00am – Deceased Members Boano Family

9:00am – Lawrence W. Pugh, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00am – Special Intentions Marge Diebner

9:00am – Frank Tarantino

12:10pm – James & Ellen Doyle

4:00pm – Liturgy of the Word (Prayer Service)

7:30pm – Special Intention Matusz Kasperski

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

7:00am – Robert, Mae & Bob Kleid

9:00am – Special Intention Anna Kasperska

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

7:00am – Special Intention John Cangelose

9:00am – John Hennessy

7:00pm – Towers and Schnabel Families

7:30pm – Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

9:00am – For the Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Deacon Joseph Witt

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – James "Topper" Grasso

10:00am – Robert Burkert

11:30am – Ercole & Ernestina Gagliano

1:00pm – Allen Bulaon

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

**BOOSTER CLUB
WEEK 7- VINCENT ROMAGNOLI**