

# 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

## MARCH 9, 2019

### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

I pray that Lent has gotten off to a good start for everyone. This is a much-needed season of spiritual renewal. It also is a providential time for us to offer prayer and penance not only for our own spiritual renewal, but for that of our Church and our Country in these troubling times.

We began this Holy Season of Lent on Ash Wednesday. The ashes we received on our foreheads remind us that we are all mortal, that we are all sinners in need of repentance, and that we all need a Savior.

Every year on this First Sunday of Lent the Church gives us this rich Gospel of Jesus' temptations in the Desert. For forty days Jesus fasted and prayed in the desert and was tempted by the devil. Jesus was physically weary and starving after those forty days. Satan, as he does with us, comes to tempt Him where he was most vulnerable, tempting Him to seek his own sensual satisfaction and his own glory instead of God's. Each time Jesus said "No" to Satan's temptations and "Yes" to the Will of His Father. Our Lenten practices of prayer, self-denial, and acts of charity are meant to strengthen us to do the same. Sin causes us to put ourselves first. Lent is a time to put things back in their proper order: God first, then others, and myself last.

At times we can look at all that is going on in our Church and in our world and wonder what is wrong. Saint Mother Theresa was once asked, "What is wrong with the Church?" And she replied, "What is wrong with the Church is that it is filled with sinners like me." We all know that our relationship with God is not what it should be, that we still have a long way to go to being the person God wants us to be. And so, we are given this blessed time of Lent to begin again, to turn back to God with all our heart. The whole point is to become holier, to become more like Jesus. Let us live this Lent well, not just for our own sake, but for the sake of our families, our Church, our Country and our World.

*"We adore You O Christ and we praise You, because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the World."* May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Rev. Matthew J. Furey

### LENTEN OBSERVANCES

#### LENTEN MISSION

March 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 6:45pm

March 24<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7:30pm

With Al Barbarino

#### RECONCILIATION MONDAY CONFESSIONS

April 15<sup>th</sup> / 3pm to 9pm

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#### LENTEN MASSES

FRIDAYS AT 7:00PM

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS at 7:30pm

March 8<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> 29<sup>th</sup>

April 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>

April 5<sup>th</sup> First Friday (Holy Hour 6:00pm to 7:00pm)

### LENTEN SEASON 2019

**Lenten Fast and Abstinence** – During the Season of Lent, the Church urges all the Faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily life through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

**"FASTING"** requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

**"ABSTINENCE"** prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life.

### OUR LADY'S GUILD

"Our Lady's Guild invites all women of the Parish to our meeting today, March 10 at 2 PM in the School gym. We will be planning for the Pasta Dinner on April 6. Please bring non-perishable food donations for the Easter Food Baskets and money for tickets to the Pasta Dinner."

### SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time - \$14,466.

Last Year's Collection - \$12,270.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> - April 14<sup>th</sup>**. 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. [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.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 Croatian Relief Services (International Outreach).

**PARISH CALENDAR**

**Sunday, March 10**

Our Lady's Guild Mtg. – gym at 2pm

**Monday, March 11**

Rel. Ed. Grade 6 – 4:30pm

Rel Ed. Grade 7 – 7:00pm

Hispanic RCIA – 7:00pm in the Rectory

Novena – 7:15pm

**Tuesday, March 12**

Rel. Ed. Grades 3 – 5 – 4:30pm

Rel. Ed. Grade 8 – 7:00pm

Prayer Group – 7:30pm in the Rectory Chapel

**Wednesday, March 13**

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

HSA Mtg. – 7:00pm library

**Thursday, March 14**

**Friday, March 15**

Lenten Mass – 7:00pm

Stations of the Cross – 7:30pm

**Saturday, March 16**

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

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

Rel Ed. Parent Mtg. – 10:00am cafeteria

**Sunday, March 17 St. Patrick's Day**

**SACRED HEART PARISH  
25<sup>TH</sup> AND 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

***LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS***

All those interested in being involved in the Living Stations please come to our first rehearsal on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:45pm. We need approximately 35 people to bring the Living Stations to Life. All are invited to join us with the Procession of the Cross up Lafayette Ave. on Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> starting a 5:00pm. All teens and adults who may be interested in being a part of the Living Stations please come to the rehearsal or contact the Rectory Office at 845-357-0035.

**CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2019**

To date our parish has received **\$19,390.** in pledges/gifts toward the 2019 Cardinal's Appeal, from 73 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](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 Sisters 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)

**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

1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE - \$10,000.00

2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE - \$1,000.00

3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE - \$500.00

Winning tickets will be drawn at 9:00pm in the school gymnasium on Friday, June 28, 2019.

## 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, 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 10, 2019

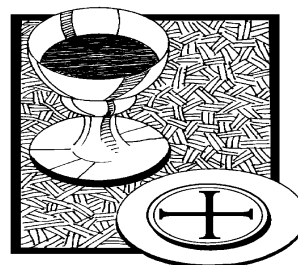
Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of

**PAULA & JERRY LEBLANC**



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

Especially: **Antoine Bellevue, Nelly Bettello, Renee Paglianti, Michael Kraich, Nicholas Foster**



## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

### 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

### MONDAY, MARCH 11

7:00am – Special Intentions Marge Diebner

9:00am – Anthony J. Bosico

7:15pm – Novena

### TUESDAY, MARCH 12

7:00am – Winifred Chisholm

9:00am – Catherine Varano

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

7:00am – Catherine Varano

9:00am – Anne Lynch

### THURSDAY, MARCH 14

7:00am – William Chisholm

9:00am – Lester Bernstein

### FRIDAY, MARCH 15

7:00am – Dorothy Sepulveda

9:00am – Andrew Tina

7:00pm – Julka Matkovic

7:30pm – Stations of the Cross

### SATURDAY, MARCH 16

9:00am – Ron Allen

### SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Virginia Menschner

### SUNDAY, MARCH 17

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Kathleen Igooe

10:00am – James Doyle

11:30am – John Daniello

1:00pm – Christine Corcillo

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

### BOOSTER CLUB

**WEEK 8- EILEEN PLANETA**