

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 1, 2020

From the Priests' Desks

Welcome to Lent 2020, brothers and sisters of Sacred Heart!

Cinderella. Yes, I said Cinderella. I read a reflection on the theology of Lent by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser many years ago and I mention this at every start of the season of Lent- Who knew there could be a theology of Lent seen through the fairy tale of Cinderella? I'm not talking about the pumpkin transforming into a fancy carriage nor the glass slippers nor the elegant gown nor the beautiful girl nor the handsome prince nor the extravagant ball...Cinderella means literally "The girl who sits in the cinders, the ashes"...That's what we need to do during Lent: We must sit in the ashes and humble ourselves and let the ashes do its work: Penance, Sacrifice, Almsgiving, Forgiveness...Less of "me" and more of "for others"...

Have a blessed Lenten Season, dear friends of Sacred Heart...We are grateful that you are a part of our family!

God bless us all!!

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR

Loyola Press:

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.

LENTEN EVENING OF REFLECTION

March 2 at 7:00PM

RECONCILIATION MONDAY CONFESSIONS

April 6th / 3pm to 9pm

LENTEN MASSES

FRIDAYS AT 7:00PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS at 7:30pm

February 28, March 6th 13th, 20th, 27th

April 3rd, 10th

April 3rd First Friday (Holy Hour 6:00pm to 7:00pm)

LENTEN SEASON 2020

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.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2020

To date we have raised \$19,530 towards our goal of \$122,500. This year's Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal, Teach, Serve and Sanctify brings to life the important work the Archdiocese of New York does. Please consider donating.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 1

Monday, March 2

Rel. Ed. Grade 6 – 4:30pm to 6:00pm

Rel Ed. Grade 7 – 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Hispanic RCIA – 7pm in the Rectory

Novena – 7:15pm

Tuesday, March 3

Rel. Ed. Grades 3 – 5 – 4:30pm

Rel. Ed. Grade 8 – 7:00pm

Choir Practice – 7:00pm – **Cancelled**

Prayer Group – 7:30pm in the Rectory Chapel

Wednesday, March 4

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

Thursday, March 5

CYO – 5:00pm to 9:00pm

Friday, March 6 First Friday

SHS early dismissal 11am

Exposition – 1:00pm

Holy Hour – 6:00pm

Lenten Mass – 7:00pm

Stations of the Cross- 7:30pm

Saturday, March 7

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

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

Sunday, March 8

CYO Clinic – 1:30pm in the Gym

**SACRED HEART PARISH
25TH AND 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION MAY 17, 2020**

On May 17, 2020 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.

OUR LADY'S GUILD

Our Lady's Guild invites all women of the parish to an evening of Recollection on March 19th at 7:00pm in the Church. A brief general meeting with refreshments will follow in the cafeteria. Please remember to bring \$25 for the upcoming Communion Breakfast.

**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

ST. JOSEPH'S ADULT CARE HOME ART AUCTION

SATURDAY EVENING MARCH 28, 2020

Please join us for a relaxing evening enjoying beautiful artwork and delicious appetizers from our wonderful local restaurants. Gorgeous Artwork framed at amazing prices. All profits benefit St. Joseph's Adult Care Home Building Fund. A fun evening for a great cause. Admission: \$20 pp / \$30 per couple. Reservations requested but walk in's welcome. Call 845-753-2555. Preview 7pm Auction 8pm.

HOW CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD IN ROCKLAND COUNTY?

Rockland County Department of Social Services needs your help! We invite you to come and learn how you can make a difference for a child in Rockland County. The Foster Care Program provides temporary care for children who are currently unable to live with their birth families or guardians. This allows children who may have been neglected, abused, have behavioral challenges, or special needs, the opportunity to have a traditional family setting, attend public school, and be an active member of our Rockland County community. We are seeking Foster Parents who are just like you. Please join us to learn more about being a Foster Parent at our *Foster Parenting Information Symposium on March 9th from 5-9pm at the West Nyack Firehouse located at 42 Strawtown Road, West Nyack, NY 10994.* Foster Care Experts, Experienced Foster Parents and young people will be available to answer all your questions. Dinner, childcare services, and giveaways will be provided. Please RSVP by March 2, 2020 to Crystal Payne at 845-364-3888 or send an email to Rocklandhomefinding@dfa.state.ny.us.

JOIN THE SISTERS OF SAINT DOMINIC AT THEIR ANNUAL WOMEN'S CELTIC TEA

The Sisters of Saint Dominic of Blauvelt, New York will host their Annual Women's Celtic Tea on Sunday, March 8th at 2 PM at St. Dominic Convent in Blauvelt. Enjoy festive entertainment, food and company, as well as preaching by Sr. Kathleen Sullivan, OP. Cost is \$20 per person. Reservations are necessary as space is limited. To RSVP, contact Cathy Carroll at 845-580-8600 or ccarroll@opblauvelt.org by February 27th.

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS'S NAME

7TH Sunday Collection –\$12,171.

Last Year's Collection - \$12,148.

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 21 de marzo 2020 a la 1pm. Contactar en la oficina 357- 0035.



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Keith Alanis, Jenna Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Michael Brady, Pat Brady, Annette Burbridge, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Gail Curtin, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Sr., Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Mark Goldman, Debra Gravina, Senan Halpin, Roy Harris, Clement Hayes, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Susan Jarkiewicz, Anna Kasperska, Eileen Kennedy, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Rosemarie Manthey, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Rosemary McCormick, Rich McDowell, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Jacob Mendelsohn, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Joseph Mikulka, Barbara Neilson, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Shace Paljusevic, Peter Princi, Etta Rooney, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, (Baby Ty) Reilly, Frank Salveggi, Janet Schwartz, Ruth Schwetz, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Shaun Stein, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing, 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 1, 2020

Altar Candles in Memory of

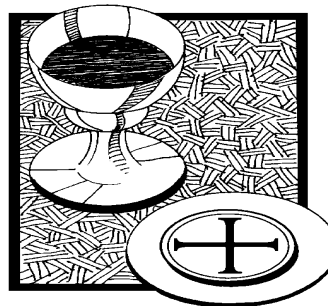
ANGELO PERRONE



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

Especially: **Sister Christine Greene, OP**

**BOOSTER CLUB
WEEK 2-BARBARA & AL KOPROWSKI**



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Catherine Greeley

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Special Intentions of the Village of Suffern Police Department

10:00am – Dr. Leo Greco

11:30am – Paula Panico

1:00pm – Veronica Orth

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

MONDAY, MARCH 2

7:00am – David Charles Lamond

9:00am – Stephen Luick

7:15pm – **Novena**

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

7:00am – Steve Statham

9:00am – Henry Heiss

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

7:00am – Sister Christine Greene, OP

9:00am – Gloria Galderisi

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

7:00am – Robert, Mae & Bob Kleid

9:00am – William & Winifred Chisholm

FRIDAY, MARCH 6 First Friday

7:00am – Rev. Kuruvila Cherian

9:00am – Patricia Houlihan

1:00pm – Exposition

6:00pm – Holy Hour

7:00pm – Lenten Mass

7:30pm – Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

9:00am – Special Intention

Schiller Christopher Joseph

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Robert J. Cosenza

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Special Intentions of John Cangelose

10:00am – James C. Robbins

11:30am – Steve Tsotsoros

1:00pm – Joseph Campanella

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society