

**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**March 1, 2015**

*If God is for us, who can be against us?*

-- Romans 8:31b



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**Liturgies and Intentions for the Week**

**Vigil Mass for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

4:00 p.m. = Patricia Gilmartin

**Sunday, March 1 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

7:30 a.m. = \_\_\_\_\_

9:00 a.m. = for the people

10:30 a.m. = Ralph Zingone

12:00 Noon = Vincent Iacona

**Monday, March 2 – Lenten Weekday**

8:30 a.m. = Alexandra Payomo

12:00 noon = departed soul of Wieslaw Korczynski

**Tuesday, March 3 – Lenten Weekday ;**

*St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin*

8:30 a.m. = Souls in Purgatory

12:00 noon = good health and happy birthday for Estela Fransisco

**Wednesday, March 4 – Lenten Weekday; St. Casimir**

8:30 a.m. = Tito Borero

12:00 noon = Ria Gargantiel

**Thursday, March 5 – Lenten Weekday**

8:30 a.m. = Robert Florio

12:00 noon = \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday, March 6 – Lenten Weekday;**  
**Day of Abstinence; First Friday**

8:30 a.m. = Nina Tornabene

12:00 noon = birthday blessings for Irene

12:30 p.m. = *Stations of the Cross & Eucharistic Adoration*

7:00 p.m. = *Stations of the Cross*



**Saturday, March 7 – Lenten Weekday; First Saturday**

*Sts. Perpetua and Lucy, Martyrs*

9:00 a.m. = \_\_\_\_\_

**Vigil Mass for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

4:00 p.m. = Nancy Kalecki

**Sunday, March 8– 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

7:30 a.m. = \_\_\_\_\_

9:00 a.m. = deceased members of the Holy Name Society

10:30 a.m. = Giuseppe Impeduglia

12:00 Noon = Patricia Conroy

**our Parish Family's  
 support on  
 Feb. 22, 2015**



First Collection - \$3,536.00

Fuel Collection- \$1,153.00



*This week the **Sanctuary Lamp** burning  
 before the tabernacle is given in memory of*

**Dr. Gail Hepner De Respino**

*6th anniversary*

*as requested by*

**Patricia Mulligan De Respino**



*From Death  
 to New Life*

*May the souls of our dearly departed  
 rest in the peace of God, and may their  
 loved ones find comfort and reassur-  
 ance in God, our Father.*

**Mario Peralta**

**Tito Borrero**



We owe a debt of gratitude to the devoted priests and religious men and women who have selflessly

served the Church and her people for so many years. Through the Cardinal's Appeal our parish family shares in the support of 2 priests' retirement residences—John Cardinal O'Connor Residence and Our Lady of Consolation. What better time than Lent to reach out a gifting hand with your gift to the Cardinals Appeal? Pledge now.

**Keep our troops—and the families at home  
 who support them—in your prayers:**



**SR Francis S. Cummings** - USN

**SR Michael J. Cummings** - USN

**Col. Jeffrey N. Davila, MD** - USAF

**Francesca DiSimone-Reich** - U.S. Army

**Michael Di Simone Biggins** - U.S. Army

**Ryan Foley** - USMC

**Lt. Col. Jay La Pore** - U. S. Air Force in Japan

**Col. Patrick J. Mahaney** - U.S. Army

**Prescod Montgomery** - U. S. Army in Iraq

**Ensign II Steven Pasignajen-Trimble**—U.S. Navy in the Persian Gulf

**Darrin Sack**

**Major Michael Volpe** - U.S. Army



## Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

In the newspapers recently there have been articles about assisted suicide. Various called 'death with dignity', end-of-life options or assisted suicide, it has become a focus of the news after being introduced to the New York State Assembly as bill A. 2129 by Staten Island state senator, Diane Savino.

Since most of our parish family receive the Staten Island Advance and Catholic New York you may have read the articles to which I refer. What is of great concern right now is how well we understand the *meaning* of this proposal to *us* as the beloved children created by God our Father and saved by our Lord Jesus Christ.

We do know that any form of suicide—the taking of the life created by God and therefore belonging to Him—is a sin, the final sin.

However, the Catholic Church has never taught that the faithful are required to use all available means to sustain life. The Church teaches that we are obligated to provide – and to accept – *ordinary* means of sustaining life. Such treatments are those that offer a reasonable hope of benefit without excessive burdens. If a particular treatment entails significant burdens out of proportion to the expected benefits, it can be termed “*extraordinary*” and it is optional.

There *is* an obligation to provide patients with food and water, including medically assisted nutrition and hydration such as feeding tubes. When such tubes may be deemed excessively burdensome and of little or no benefit, they may be removed. With nutrition and hydration withheld or removed for such reasons, death occurs as a result of the underlying condition, not through starvation or dehydration.

Our Church teaches that patients must be kept as free of pain as possible, so that they may die comfortably. This is part of our Christian obligation to be charitable and to love our neighbor. Even pain medications that may indirectly shorten a person's life are morally permissible, as long as the intent is to alleviate pain and not to hasten death.

Each patient, or their proxy decision-maker, should pray for guidance and graces, seek counsel from their family and trusted spiritual adviser, and gather all pertinent information from the medical professionals.

Know that God holds you always in the palm of His hand and

Keep smiling,

*Fr. Jacob*

## St. Peter's Boys High School Chinese Auction

St. Peter's Boys High School Parents' Club will sponsor its Annual Chinese Auction on Friday, March 6, 2015 in the school gym. Doors open at 6 p.m. There will be numerous raffles, refreshments, and prizes. Admission is \$5. Anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. No children under 12 admitted.

### Catholic Guidance for end-of-life decision making:

[www.catholicendoflife.org](http://www.catholicendoflife.org) (includes excellent video)

NY Bishops 2011 resource booklet,

Now and at the Hour of Our Death

### St. Rita's Church presents: *For 4 Fridays in Lent*

@ 7:30 PM.— **Meeting Christ in Everyday Life**

*A Lenten retreat offered by the Jesuit Collaborative*

**Manresa Companions in Ignatian Spirituality**

**Fri., March 6 – *Jesus the Healer***

Noticing and Paying Attention



### Wagner College Home Concert

Sunday, March 8

4 PM - Trinity Lutheran Church

highlights from the 2014-2015 season

~Viva Italia! ~A New York Romance ~

~Tribute to Black Music ~

admission: \$15

### Pope Francis' March Prayer Intentions

**Universal:** *Scientists* ~ That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

**Evangelization:** *Contribution of women* ~ that the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.



**Prayer for the sick is so important—those anticipating a hospital stay, the homebound in our parish, and in our families. Please keep this list of the sick near the place where you pray each day so that you remember them throughout the week.**

**Victor Andrea, Carol Barbaro, Mary Bhatia, Stephen Cucci, Charles D'Arrigo, Jr., Charles Didonato, Joseph Di Maria, Connie Gorrasi, Muriel Hassel, Frank Labano, Rose Marchese, Louis Matos, Delia Murguia, Joseph Murguia, Wayne Norman, Amy O'Donnell, Joseph Palumbo, Carmela Rogan, Emil Sentfleben, Louise Stanley**