

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

5:00 JOSEPH JAVARUSKI

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:00 MARIE MELLO 2ND ANNIVERSARY
8:30 AL & SUE AMORE
10:00 SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR CHENG FAMILY
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 LAURA O'HANLON
5:00 BARBARA AIELLO

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:00 TARASOVIS FAMILY LIVING & DECEASED
9:00 CHARLES & MARY DONOHUE & CHARLES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:00 MSGR. ANDREW F. QUINN
9:00 ELIZABETH BARRY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 RAY WALKER
9:00 SHIRLEY TERITO
12:00 ANTOINETTE NICOTRA
3:00 SERVICE OF THE WORD
7:00 NED THOMPSON

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:00 THERESE O'SHEA
9:00 RICHARD P. MORRISON

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:00 HELEN BARTELL
9:00 AL ROSS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9:00 CORINNE A. O'BRIEN & FLORENCE KENNEDY
5:00 MARY & JAMES MACKAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:00 CHRISTOPHER MEAGHER
8:30 THANKSGIVING BY THE APOE FAMILY
10:00 VELIA & GUIDO ANGELI
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 PATRICK FIENGA
5:00 NATALINA PAONE & DOMENICO PETRECCA

The Bread and Wine are for St. Gerard Majella for Global Warming.

The Sanctuary Candle is for the Sacred Heart Church Parish Secretary requested by Sarah MacDermot.

Lectors

February 16 and 17

Saturday, February 16

5:00 Frank Ponterio

Sunday, February 17

7:00 Theresa Zulch
8:30 Kennedy Apoe
10:00 Roy Hansen
11:30 Maria Montuori
1:00 Charles Sullivan
5:00

Sick Relatives & Friend

Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Kathryn Brock, Patricia Repoli, Al Frezio, Meghan Clark, Youlanda Santella, Tim Campagna, Alberto Meranda, Matthew Gleason, Jerry Russo, Ethel Thomas, Ruth Irons, Ian Torello, Anna Parente, James Parente, John Lewis, Gerard Crane, Mimi Norberg, Marianne Garlan, Ruth Manieri, Dawn Meade, Lauren Lam, Rafaella Tierno, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Alice Longo, Spc. Bryan Camacho, Michael Rucci, Sylvia Lichtenstein, Cpl Justin Campbell, Roseanne Liveo, Robert Donohue, Ottimia Paradiso, Elizabeth James Timmins, Robert Poggi, USM, Joyce Rusinak, Barbara Brennan, Venera Delamonico, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Franco DeGennaro, Robert Gaylord, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Carol Van Manen, Christian Pepo, Frank Juliano

Collection for February 3

Regular \$8,594.00
Monthly \$3,617.00

This weekend there will be a special collection for **Peter's Pence.**

The Rectory Office will be closed next Monday, Feb.18th in observance of Presidents' Day

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS will



be every Friday during Lent starting this Friday, February 15.

Exposition will start at 11 AM

(barring any funerals)and end with Benediction at 7:15 PM. **Stations of the Cross** will follow at 7:30PM.

HOW'M I DOING?...

A couple of months after I was ordained a priest back in 1988, I had to go to lower Manhattan on an errand. It was a beautiful, bright spring day and I had to pass by City Hall. There on the steps of City Hall was Mayor Koch, at the end of some ceremony, larger than life. When the mayor saw me pass by the steps, he gave me a big wave and yelled out, "How'm I doing, Father?" I yelled back, "Wonderful, Mister Mayor!"

Mayor Ed Koch, who died this week was described as New York City's quintessential mayor. He certainly was a larger than life figure in a metropolis that has many of them. This past week I was doing some thinking about Mayor Koch's signature trademark slogan, "How'm I doing?" It really is not a bad question to ask ourselves as we start Lent this week on Ash Wednesday.

"How are we doing," spiritually speaking? The next forty days is a time for us to think a little bit about that. During Lent the Church recommends that we do three things. They are Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. How are we doing in these three areas?

Lent can be a time where we give more time to prayer; a time where we can get back to Mass, Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confession. Lent can be a time where we do a little penance to sharpen the edge of our soul so worn down by self-indulgence and dissipation. The sacrifices we make, giving up the drinks, the cigarettes or the candy can help us to do that! Finally, Lent can be a time where we give of our selves to others, not just monetarily, but also by our service and good works to those around us.

The truth is that as Catholic Christians we should be making progress in terms of our faith and not falling behind. The problem is that there is a kind of inertia in all of us spiritually speaking where we can get very comfortable

with our faults and don't work on trying to correct them.

Recently, I read an article about our diet in the United States. The article stated that most Americans, (91 percent) agree that eating five servings of fruits and vegetables each day is very important to maintaining a healthy lifestyle. However, while most Americans agree with this assessment, they do not follow it! The article concludes, "The poll results suggest that what we know has very little effect on how we live." That illustration could be applied to our Catholicism as well.

I think that most of us know that living a moral life, praying, attending Mass and being charitable are very good things. But just like our diet, although we know the good things to do, we don't do them! The next several weeks of Lent is a period for us to examine where we could do better; to ask for the grace of God to "turn away from sin and to be faithful to the Gospel."

How'm I doing in terms of my faith? If the answer is not that good, let us not waste the days that are before us but use them well so that on Easter Sunday 2013, we can truly say that we are better Christians in every sense of the word!

Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Ashes will be distributed after the homily at the parish Masses:

7:00 and 9:00 AM, 12:00 Noon and 7:00 PM

Ashes will also be distributed in conjunction with a brief Service of the Word at 3:00 PM.

In accordance with Church norms, ashes will only be distributed at Mass or at the Service of the Word.

LENTEN REGULATIONS



1 - Lent is to be observed as a special season of prayer, penance and Christian charity.

2 - Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat. They are also days of fasting, allowing one full meal.

3 - The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The obligation of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday obliges all Catholics 21 years of age until the completion of their 59th year. The obligation of abstinence obliges all Catholics from the age of 14. Those whose health or efficiency of work would be substantially impaired by fast and abstinence are excused from physical mortification. When there is doubt or question regarding an individual's obligation a priest should be consulted.

4 - The Fridays of the year outside of Lent remain days of penance. Other practices of voluntary penance may be substituted for abstinence from meat. These practices may be acts of self-denial, temperance, public worship, personal prayer, charity or Christian witness.



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Accepting applications for 2013-2014 UPK, Pre-K - Grade 8

You are invited to tour our

outstanding school and meet Mrs. Lacagnino, Principal, faculty, staff, parents, and our students. Call 718-442-0347 for more information.



CCD classes for February - 13, 27-
February 13th is Ash Wednesday -

Children are to go to the **3 o'clock service** - there is no class in the school that day

NO CLASS on February 20th

Penance Practice for CCD is February 27th from 3:30 to 5:00 in the church

Great Job, Kids Praise Choir!!

Kids Praise Choir (with help from Family Choir) sang a beautiful and heartwarming Mass last week at 11:30 AM - they are wee folk this year (with only a few "old-timers" in grades 3-5), growing their sea legs - taking responsibility for leading all 13 pieces of music in last week's Mass was awesome and wonderful - great job you guys!! (Kids Praise/Family Choir back in 2 weeks for 1st Sunday Lent 11:30AM Feb. 17th) LENT!!! Believe it or not, Ash Wednesday and Lent are just around the corner and this shortened season this year makes it a purrrfect opportunity to join Parish Choir!! Really, I don't think there is a more bittersweetly beautiful pilgrimage in the music of the Church calendar than Lent, Holy Week - Easter!! Bring a friend, an older child-hop on board and join us for this remarkable adventure!!

See you February 6, 2013 7:30PM Basement of Rectory.

Give it a try-you won't be sorry!!!

See you there!!

Pamela 442-0058 (VM 24)

Pick up your Italy CD today!! Join a choir today!!
Come sing in Portugal 2013!!

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 16 & 17

Saturday, February 16

5:00 Albert Cardone, John Paul Hoey

Sunday, February 17

7:00 Patrick & Keifer Regan

8:30 Andrea & Donald Regan

10:00 Peter LaPeruta, Emma Newgarden

11:30 Timothy Donnelly, Steven Mickel, Nick & Steven Bivona

1:00 Kristen Gilbride, Rudy Merlino, John Altschuler

5:00 Deidre & John McCafferty