

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

5:00 MARY & JOHN KIRINCICH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:00 DOUGLAS & BLANCHE CARNEGIE
8:30 THANKSGIVING BY THE APOE FAMILY
10:00 XUE QIANG ZHENG
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 KENNETH AIANI
5:00 ANN SLEVIN

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:00 DOMINIC MENICHELLA
9:00 McCORMICK FAMILY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:00 FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES
9:00 CARL & FLORENCE LESCH

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00 ANTOINETTE PRISCO
9:00 THOMAS H. McDONOUGH

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00 MICHAEL & VINCENZA NICOLAS
9:00 ANTHONY ATELLA

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

7:00 CHRISTOPHER MEAGHER
9:00 ALEXANDER ROSS

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

9:00 JOAN M. PRENTY
5:00 REV. DANIEL SMITH

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

7:00 MARIE D. CARNEGIE
8:30 BEN ZARRELLI
10:00 KENNETH AIANI
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 MICHAEL McGLYNN
5:00 MICHAEL MATTHEWS

The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of John Thomas Murphy 20th Anniversary requested by Mary McBrian.

The Sanctuary Candle is in loving memory of Margaret and Leo C. Masterson requested by their family.

Lectors

March 2 and 3

Saturday, March 2

5:00 Frank Ponterio

Sunday, March 3

7:00 Sr. Iraida
8:30 Charles Romanelli
10:00 Frank DiSalvo
11:30 Stephen Brown
1:00 Charles Sullivan
5:00

Sick Relatives & Friends

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

Wedding Banns

I Sheryl Miller and Timothy Clyne

Collection for February 17

Regular \$8,374.00
St. Vincent de Paul \$1,763.00



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be every Friday

during Lent. 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.

“RESIGNED” TO THE POPE’S RESIGNATION...

I have to admit that I was shocked coming down to early Mass last week and learning about Pope Benedict XVI’s resignation from the papacy. After all, popes don’t just usually resign and it has always been presumed that the Holy Father would remain in office as the successor of Saint Peter until drawing his last breath.

In the course of Church history, there have been a few papal resignations. The last one however, was in the year 1416, when Pope Gregory XII at a difficult time, voluntarily abdicated the papal throne. For almost six centuries, no pope has ever stepped down from his office until the announcement made by Pope Benedict XVI.

However, it is important for us to remember something. Popes are elected to the office they are not ordained. A pope does not receive any sacrament of the Church. In Holy Orders, when one becomes a bishop, he reaches the highest level. The pope is the visible head of the Church, the “Top Bishop,” if you will.

The first pope of course was Saint Peter, the fisherman of Galilee that Jesus had chosen to be the rock and foundation of the Church. The Lord said to him, “You are Peter, and upon this rock I shall build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” The letters of those words six feet high, emblazon the magnificent dome of Saint Peter’s Basilica in Vatican City. Since the time of Saint Peter, we have had 270 popes that bind us to the current Holy Father, Benedict XVI.

There were many mixed emotions to the papal resignation. Most traditionalists, like myself, would have liked the Pope to stay on even if he is old and his health is somewhat compromised. However the Pope himself obviously did not see it that way.

A couple of years back, in a book of

interviews, *Light of the World*, Benedict XVI spoke about a possible resignation. He said, “If a pope realizes that he is no longer physically, psychologically, and spiritually capable of handling the duties of his office, then he has a right and under some circumstances, also an obligation to resign.” It’s something that most of us have never thought about. We just presume the pope is there for life!

But, after a very honest and humble assessment of his capabilities, the Pope freely decided to step down from his high office, obviously feeling that he has reached the point that he wrote about.

Throughout the centuries, the papacy has had a very colorful history. There have been many saints among the popes but also a good number of sinners as well. Pope Leo X, pope during the sixteenth century said to his brother, “Let us enjoy the papacy, because God has given it to us!” He was a real Renaissance prince.

In contrast, the popes of recent times have been very spiritual men, who have labored with all their strength to further the cause of Jesus Christ and the Gospel. One immediately thinks of Pope John Paul II who literally poured out his life’s blood in fulfilling his ministry. So let us pray for Pope Benedict XVI and in a very special way let us pray for the next man who must fill the “Shoes of the Fisherman.”

Cardinal Dolan has asked us to say this prayer for the Pope this week during Mass,

“O God, who chose your servant Benedict in succession to the Apostle Peter as a shepherd of the whole flock, look favorably on the supplications of your people and grant that, as Vicar of Christ on earth, he may confirm his brethren and that the whole Church may be in Communion with him. Amen.”

Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome

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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CCD classes for February - **Feb. 27**
Penance Practice for CCD is Feb. 27th
from 3:30 to 5:00 in the church
CCD Penance Service - March 2 - 11AM

THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY will gather for the 10AM Mass Sun., March 3, and have their monthly meeting at 11AM at The Arms. Contact Theresa Cunningham 718-981-8047 for details.



LENT

Parish Choir/Portugal Choir sings for 11:30 AM today, 2nd Sunday of Lent Feb. 24 - don't miss this beautiful choral liturgy!!

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 Parish Choir for this remarkable adventure!!

See you February 27, 2013 7:30PM Basement of Rectory. Give us 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!!

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES for those in their 30's, 40's and 50's will meet Thurs., Feb. 28 at 7:15pm at the St. Francis Friary - discussion: *Lectio Divina*. Minimum Cost: \$5.00. For information call 718-815-7255.

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ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE MARCH 2 & 3

Saturday, March 2

5:00 Vicky Bruno, Elizabeth Althoff

Sunday, March 3

7:00 Laura Laurenno, Sean Hartnett

8:30 Noreen & Timothy Donnelly

10:00 Anthony & Olivia Scanni

11:30 Gabrielle Garcia, Giovanni Ercolano,
Danielle & Michael Riccardi

1:00 John Altschuler, Jackie Sullivan, Patrick
Buzzard

5:00 Megan Laurenno, Margaret Donovan