

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



The Bread and Wine are in celebration of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Edward and Joanne Budnick requested by Nora, Richard and Anthony.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

5:00 SALLY SOLLAZZO

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

7:00 SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR GLORIA SICILIANO & FR. RANJAN D'SA

8:30 BEN ZARRELLI

10:00 EFRAIM T. AGUILAR

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 MARGARET SIX

5:00 ANTHONY SCHIORTINO

MONDAY, MARCH 2

7:00 CHARLES LINDSAY

9:00 JAMES ROSS & DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

7:00 JOAN M. PRENTY

9:00 JOHN FITZGERALD

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

7:00 CAROL HARRIS

9:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DOLAN & LYONS FAMILIES & SOULS IN PURGATORY

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

7:00 FOR ALL THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

9:00 JANE & JACK GORDON

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

7:00 EDWARD JOSEPH LOWE, JR.

9:00 ANTHONY ATELLA

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

9:00 DEE KENNEDY & CORINNE A. O'BRIEN

5:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF SACRED HEART SCHOOL CLASS OF 1954

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

7:00 MARIE D. CARNEGIE

8:30 VERONICA MELLO TABOX

10:00 NED THOMPSON

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 GEORGE ABATEMARCO

5:00 GINO TERRANOVA 1ST ANNIVERSARY

LECTORS

5:00 Mary Rosso

7:00

8:30 Don O'Shea

10:00 Frank DiSalvo

11:30 Ken Wisniewski

1:00 Charles Sullivan

5:00 Jane Coyle

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, March 7

Barbara Kelly

Sunday, March 8

John Mooney

Evelyn Bilotto

Dorothy Tarafa

Regina Torello

Shirley Fennell

Wanda Ortiz



Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Patricia Repoli, Tim Campagna, Meghan Clark, Alberto Meranda, Jerry Russo, Anna Parente, James Parente, Gerard Crane, Ruth Manieri, Rafaella Tierno, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Michael Rucci, Cpl Justin Campbell, Joyce Rusinak, Barbara Brennan, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Robert Gaylord, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Carol Van Manen, Frank Juliano, Richard Nagrowski, Theresa Mirante, Diane Gregorio, Barbara Walsh, Ruth Irons, Christian Pepo, Joe Arrigo, Joe Meagher, Thomas Coppola II, Terrence Gibbons, Rita Paolini, James Bauer, Fr. Vincent De Fazio

Wedding Banns

I Taryn DeSio and Steven Garber
II Christine Murphy and Craig McKendry

Collection February 15

Regular \$5,636.50
Peter's Pence \$1,358.00

Collection February 22

Regular \$6,990.50
Budget Deficit \$1,026.00
St. Vincent de Paul \$1,840.00



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be every Friday during Lent. Exposition will start at 11AM (barring any funerals) and end with Benediction at 7:15PM. The Stations of the Cross will follow at 7:30PM.

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of
Nora McGaughey
Joann E. Hojnacki
Mary Elizabeth Moore

THE “LOCK IN WEDLOCK?”

As a priest for almost twenty-seven years, I have performed many weddings in various parishes. During those years, I have often wondered, is there a recipe for a happy marriage? The Church tells us that Marriage is a Sacrament, instituted by Jesus Christ. It is a sacred and serious commitment. Before “tying the knot” as they say, couples must understand that Catholic marriage is different.

Prior to entering this union, a man and a woman should really understand first of all, that the Covenant of Marriage is permanent and can only be dissolved by the death of one of the parties. It is “until death do us part.” Secondly, the couple should be open to having children and raising a family. Finally, they must be faithful to each other through “thick and thin.” Certainly those three values - Permanence, Fruitfulness and Faithfulness in a marriage are a good recipe for a happy life together.

The problem is today that some couples enter marriage with a very shallow understanding of what it’s really all about. I was speaking to a priest recently who works in the Marriage Tribunal and has had vast experience in dealing with couples. He told me that a good number of young people who get married in the Church do not properly understand or really grasp what the Church teaches in regards to the Sacrament of Matrimony. Perhaps that is why a good number of Catholic marriages fail today and divorce is prevalent.

A couple of weeks ago, in light of the recent Vatican Synod on Marriage and Family Life, the *New York Times* had a front page article on the issue of Catholic marriage and divorce. According to statistics given in the article, an estimated 28 percent of American Catholics who have been married are now divorced. While this statistic is much lower than the

divorce rate in the country (50 percent) it is still a tragedy.

A Catholic who is divorced may not marry again unless he or she receives an annulment. An annulment is a declaration by the Church court that the marriage entered into was not valid for various reasons. Unfortunately, some people after their first marriage do not want to participate in this process and suffer the delay or the expense of an annulment. So they get married in a Protestant or civil ceremony. That certainly is not the right thing to do.

The Catholic person in such a “marriage” is then forbidden from receiving Holy Communion at Mass. Now some people get confused by all this. I remember one lady in a parish I served at. The lady was divorced but had not married again. She told me, “Father I would really love to go to Communion, but I can’t because of my marital status - I’m divorced.” I told her that she was mistaken. In such a situation one is totally free to participate in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

The *Times* article related the frustration of some Catholics who are divorced and remarried. Some of them feel like second class citizens and think that the Church is unfair. Some leave the Church and reject Catholicism-that is a tragedy! Pope Francis has consistently reiterated that the Church must offer pastoral care and compassion to those who are divorced. The Pope also stated that there should be no charge for an annulment - an eminently sensible suggestion!

With all the pressures and stresses today, the vocation of marriage is not an easy one. It requires a lot of hard work and sacrifice to “keep the lock in wedlock.” Let us pray in a special way for married couples and for those whose marriages have failed. May we reach out to them with the kindness of Jesus Christ! Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome

LENTEN REGULATIONS

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

2 - Good Friday is a day of abstinence from meat and also of fasting, allowing one full meal.

3 - The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The obligation of fasting on 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.



SACRED HEART SCHOOL

School registration for 2015-2016 is taking place. Grades: Pre-K3, Free UPK, Kindergarten and 1-8. Please call the school office for an application and information.

CCD March Classes - 4, 11, 18, 25

Penance Practice - Mar. 4th - 3:30-5PM in the church

ATTENTION LECTORS There will be a Lectors' meeting Thursday, March 12th in the rectory. Lectors can attend the meeting at 2PM in the afternoon or at 7PM in the evening. Please contact Colin at 914-330-3303 or the rectory as to which time you will attend.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY will meet Sunday, Mar. 8th at the 8:30 Mass with a breakfast immediately following in the school cafeteria.

2015 ORDINARY SYNOD ON THE FAMILY In preparation for the October 2015 Synod, the NY Archdiocese has posted online questions that the people of the Archdiocese are invited to respond to on how the Church can serve families in their vocation and mission to love. Please consult the flyer in this bulletin for further information.

Choir News ♪

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Come Sing with Us!! Next rehearsal for Parish Choir is Wed. March 4 7:30PM Church Basement. Join us as we prepare music for Lent/Holy Week 2016!! Blessings Abound!! See you there!!

Kids Praise Choir rehearses Wed., March 4th 5-6PM Chapel-join us today!! (Registration forms required) Family Choir/France Traveling Choir sings today March 1, 2015 11:30AM Mass 2nd Sunday of Lent Prizes! Treats! Coffee! See you in the loft!! Bring the entire family!!

Hope to see you in at least one choir for the upcoming Lenten-Easter Season -Don't miss it!! See you in the loft!!

Calling All Spring Brides!!

If you have a wedding planned at Sacred Heart in the next 6 months, you are required to have a consultation regarding the music liturgy for your wedding. These consultations must take place at least 6 weeks prior to your wedding - no exceptions!! Please come up to the choir loft following any 1PM Sunday Mass for this consultation.

Pamela 442-0058 (VM24)

PS Did you know it's 51 degrees and sunny in Chartres this week?? Next year avoid this cold and snow and come sing or support our extraordinary Lenten choral liturgies in Notre Dame Cathedral, Chartres Cathedral and choral offering to St. Theresa in Liseux as Traveling Choir treks to Great Cathedrals France Feb. 16-23, 2016!! Questions?? Pamela (VM 24) Join a choir today! Put away a hymnbook! Purchase a CD! Join us on our Mass/Choir tour Great Cathedrals France 2016!

BIBLE STUDY GROUP meets the first and third

Bible Study



Tuesday of every month at 7PM in the rectory. If you are interested in joining contact the rectory at 718-442-0058.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE MARCH 7 & 8

Saturday March 7

5:00 Kathleen, Siobhan & Mary McCafferty

Sunday, March 8

7:00 Austin Maida, Matthew Ahern

8:30 David & Billye Albro

10:00 James Esco, Albert Cardone

11:30 Nicky & Steven Bivona, John Paul Hoey

1:00 Stephen, Megan & Sarah Lauren

5:00 Thomas Laub, Gabriella Fulton