

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



SATURDAY, MARCH 22

5:00 PATRICK KING

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

7:00 THOMAS VOSS
8:30 DR. JAMES GORDON
10:00 ROSALIE ROCKETT
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 CATHERINE LONG
5:00 CECILIA MORELLI

MONDAY, MARCH 24

7:00 WALTER BURNS
9:00 ROGER PINKS

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

7:00 DOLORES CARR
9:00 McCORMICK FAMILY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

7:00 RICHARD FISCO
9:00 MARION DeROSA

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

7:00 BRIAN RUHE
9:00 WILLIAM (BILLY) GILLIS

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

7:00 SALVATORE MAIORANI
9:00 MAUREEN DONOHUE

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

9:00 VIRGINIA DONOHUE
5:00 JOHN ANNONE

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUINN & McCAULEY FAMILY
8:30 JOSEPH LEIGH
10:00 MICHAEL DeROCHA
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 RICHARD RYAN
5:00 TERRENCE CLEARY

The Bread and Wine are for **Special Intentions to the Blessed Mother.**

The **Sanctuary Candle** is in loving memory of **Richard "Yogi" Young** requested by the Spinelli Family.

Lectors March 29 and 30

Saturday, March 29

5:00 Bill Jones

Sunday, March 30

7:00 Joe Meagher
8:30 Don O'Shea
10:00 Theresa Cunningham
11:30 Ken Wisniewski
1:00 Charles Sullivan
5:00 Efrain Ortiz



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, Anna Parente, James Parente, Gerard Crane, Ruth Manieri, Rafaella Tierno, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Alice Longo, Spc. Bryan Camacho, Michael Rucci, Cpl Justin Campbell, Roseanne Liveo, Robert Donohue, Robert Poggi, USM, Joyce Rusinak, Barbara Brennan, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Robert Gaylord, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Carol Van Manen, Frank Juliano, Theresa Brier, Richard Nagrowski, Luella Page, Theresa Mirante, Diane Gregorio, Barbara Walsh, Ruth Irons

Wedding Banns

I Katie Kiernan and Matt Blaine

Collection March 16

Regular \$8,603.90
There will be a special collection next weekend for Catholic Relief Services

BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN FAMILIES will be selling religious articles next weekend in the back of the church after all the Masses.



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

Exposition will start 11AM (barring any funerals) and end with Benediction at 7:15PM. Stations of the Cross will follow at 7:30PM.

GIVE A GIFT TO THE LORD WHO GAVE...

I am a big fan of old time radio shows and really enjoy listening to them either on CD's or on the Internet, where there are several sites where you can "tune in." One of the greatest radio comedians was a man by the name of Jack Benny who died back in 1974. Jack Benny's radio show ran for over twenty years and then he was on television for many years as well. Jack's radio "persona" was that he was a miser who would not part with even one single penny. Apparently, he was not that way in real life.

In any event, one of the most famous radio skits that Jack did involved him getting mugged one night on his way home from the studio. A thief stuck a gun in his back and demanded, "Your money or your life!" No response from Jack. Irrate, the mugger repeated his demand: "Look Bud, I said your money or your life!!" To which Benny replied, "I'm thinking it over!"

Of course, if we were in a similar situation, which one of us would hesitate even for a moment to "think it over?" We would immediately hand over our money. Life is much more valuable than money and material things. Yet, how many of us at times live as if money were our very life? We should not need a gun poked in our back in order to give of our resources! But somehow, that is often the way it is in life. We meet people who are consumed with getting more money and are reluctant to part with anything.

This Season of Lent is a time for us to think a little about how we could give more to others-from a financial and material perspective but also a giving of ourselves, our time and talents to others.

First, giving financially. Sacrificial giving

in this respect is very good. Think of all the money that we spend in buying snacks, beverages, candies and cigarettes. If we could forsake some of these things during Lent, certainly we would have a nice little sum of cash by the time Easter rolls around. We could donate that money to any worthy charity or cause and there are plenty of them! Of course, we can just simply write out a check for charity, but there should be more of a sense of "self-giving" to our offering.

Mother Teresa told a story one time of a man who came to her homeless shelter in Calcutta and gave her a sizable check. But as he gave her the check, he said this: "This is something external. Now I want to give something of myself." The man then went to her shelter every day to assist with the homeless and to shave the sick men who came in. That man not only gave money but he gave of his time and his energy.

There are many opportunities for serving people in the church or in neighborhoods if we did a little investigating.

When we give of ourselves to others, we are really imitating Jesus Christ who gave of Himself. Saint Paul wrote in his letter to the Corinthians, "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, for although He was rich, He made himself poor for our sakes, that by His poverty you become rich." Really the Lord could go no further in what He gave - His very life for us on the cross!

Let us think about that and may we echo that spirit of generosity this Lent as we truly give a gift to the Lord who gave!
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 day of abstinence from meat as well as a day 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 18 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 - 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.



SACRED HEART SCHOOL is now accepting Applications for September 2014

Openings in Pre-K 3& 4, Universal UPK (full day)with extended day Kindergarten - Grade 7 Early Morning Drop-Off and After-School Care until 6:00PM available Inquire at school office Mon.-Fri. 8:00AM-3:00PM

CCD - Class - March 26

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE MARCH 29 & 30

Saturday, March 29

5:00 Maeve Butler, Andrew Johnson

Sunday, March 30

7:00 Vincent Caprio, Christopher Basile

8:30 Kevin & Kyle Watson

10:00 Andrea & Donald Regan

11:30 Kristin Gilbride, Stephen & Nicky Bivona

1:00 Danielle & Michael Riccardi, Matthew Kalikas

5:00 Gabrielle Garcia, Sean Hartnett



Parish Choir Come sing with us for Lent and Holy Week!! See you 11AM for 3rd Sunday Lent 11:30AM Mass (March 23). Come to the choir loft and experience your Lenten journey through creating choral liturgies of beauty and wonder!! See you there! Family Choir sings April 6-Bring your aunts, uncles, cousins up to the loft and sing along with the whole family for Mass!! Arrive by 11:15AM and come on up!!! Prizes!! Treats!! Coffee!!

Kids Praise Choir resumes rehearsals March 19 5-6PM Chapel - See you there!! (Registration is free - form required for new members!!)

Traveling Choir - See you April 6 10:45AM Loft; for the next fantasy tour presentation - Don't miss it!! Your vote counts!! (Curious?? Come on up!!)

Questions? Pamela 442-0058 (VM24)

Spring/Summer Brides Every bride needs a consultation with Pamela in the choir loft, regarding musical selections for your upcoming wedding. Please come up after any 1PM Mass on Sunday-I must meet with you at least 6 weeks prior to your wedding (after that time, traditional selections will be made for you) See you in the loft!!

Portugal Choir Tour: check out:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=MfJSAGbyLO8 more to follow from this trip!!

Join a choir today! Put away a Hymnbook!! Buy a CD!! Come on our next International Choir tour/Pilgrimage to..!!

FLOWER DONATIONS Total cost of two flower arrangements for the Altar is \$80.00, and flowers may be donated in memory of a loved one, to celebrate anniversaries or other special occasions, or for special intentions. Please call Theresa Cunningham at 718-981-8047 for further details.

2014 CARDINALS APPEAL \$8,750,000 of the funds raised through the Appeal helps needy schools and parishes throughout the Archdiocese. While continuing the great tradition of educating our youth and providing spiritual refuge and enlightenment, many of our parishes and schools need assistance to meet their day to day requirements. Invest in your faith and parish community and make your gift to the Appeal.