

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



SATURDAY, MARCH 9

5:00 MATTHEW DRISCOLL

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUINN & McCAULEY FAMILY

8:30 AL & SUE AMORE

10:00 ONORIO & CECILIA MORELLI

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 NELSON COELHO

5:00 GRACE SEAMAN

MONDAY, MARCH 11

7:00 SISTER ELIZABETH RILEY

9:00 CHARLES & MARY DONOHUE & CHARLES DONOHUE

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

7:00 FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

9:00 JOHN MARRONE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

7:00 JOHNNY SANTALIZ TORO

9:00 EILEEN DOWNING

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

7:00 SPECIAL INTENTION FOR VERONIQUE HAZELL

9:00 KATHLEEN M. REILLY

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

7:00 FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

9:00 NICHOLAS TORELLO

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

9:00 CATHERINE KORENSKI

5:00 JOSEPH SYKES & MARY SYKES FROTHINGHAM

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

7:00 ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

8:30 MARY McGRATH

10:00 CECILIA & ONORIO MORELLI

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 PATRICIA KAVANAGH & CLARENCE KAVANAGH

5:00 MARY KIRINCICH

The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of Johnny Santaliz Toro requested by the Santaliz Rivera Family.

The Sanctuary Candle is in loving memory of Mary Santora requested by Rosetta Messina and Family.

Lectors March 16 and 17

Saturday, March 16

5:00 Frank Ponterio

Sunday, March 17

7:00 Theresa Zulch

8:30 Kennedy Apoe

10:00 Roy Hansen

11:30 Maria Montuori

1:00 Charles Sullivan

5:00 Jane Coyle

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*

III Sheryl Miller and Timothy Clyne

Collection for March 3

Regular . . . . . \$7,867.00  
Monthly . . . . . \$3,302.00

The second collection this weekend is for Catholic Relief. Christian Catholic Families of Bethlehem will be selling religious items after all Masses.



On March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, the SACRED HEART YOUTH GROUP will be taking Palm Cross orders after each Mass. The cost of a 28-inch Palm Cross is \$10.00. We will be accepting cash only. The Palm Crosses will be distributed after Masses on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

## FASTING FROM THE INTERNET...

Just last week I was getting an oil change on my car, a process that took considerably longer than expected. This particular day, I remembered, was the Pope's last day and his departure from the Vatican was to be broadcast by the networks. Not having a TV in front of me, I was able to watch the Pope's farewell over the I-Phone! I thought to myself, what a wonderful invention and how technology has so advanced these several years so that you can now actually watch an entire program on such a small device as a phone.

All of us know that the Internet has brought many blessings to our society and our world. Unfortunately, like any human thing, it has also been abused and corrupted. Consider that some of our youth are now so "addicted" to the Internet and spend so much time on it they no longer socialize or enjoy outdoor recreation.

Then there is the widespread problem of Internet pornography and the development of a "fantasy life" devoid from reality. I think specifically of the recent case of the so-called "Cannibal Cop," Gilberto Valle who became addicted to certain sites on the Internet that cater to sexual deviancy.

Valle spent so much time on the Web and these sites that he wanted to put his fantasy life into reality by kidnapping women and eating them. A professor from Johns Hopkins University Fred Berlin, quoted in the *Daily News* last week about this case, made a very astute comment. Mr. Berlin said, "I think the Internet is like atomic energy - it can blow up the world or light up the world depending on different circumstances." How true! For Officer Valle, his Internet use led to the world really "blowing up" on him.

We as Catholics still believe in a thing called "Original Sin." Original Sin was the sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve. This sin is

passed down to us by our birth. The Catechism of the Church tells us: "By our first parents' sin, the devil has acquired a certain domination over man...ignorance of the fact that man has a wounded nature inclined to evil give rise to serious errors in the areas of education, politics, social action and morals."

One of the first principles of the moral law is that good should be done and evil avoided. In order for us to do good and to be good we need to avoid what are called the "near occasions of sin." A near occasion of sin is any person, place or thing that because of its nature or human frailty can lead us to do wrong. For some people, the Internet could be an occasion of sin. With the click of a mouse, there is a veritable cesspool of pornography and other questionable sites readily available.

It is obvious that there should be some regulation of the Internet and for young people, it is absolutely necessary for parental supervision. Perhaps all of us have become too technologically addicted today. Many of us don't have our "noses in books" anymore but rather have our eyes fixed on screens.

Since this is Lent, maybe a good resolution would be to "fast" a little not only from favorite foods but also from the Internet. Speaking from experience, much time can be wasted on the Web. Imagine if we collected all the minutes that we spent "surfing the net." Those minutes would probably add up to hours and maybe days! Just think if we gave that time to prayer? We might be saints by now!

This Lent let us "shut down" our computer a little more so that we can "open up" to the Lord!

Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome



CCD classes for March - 13, 20



## 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 59<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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 7:15 PM. Stations of the Cross will follow at 7:30PM.



### **SACRED HEART SCHOOL**

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.



**Congratulations to all our Sacred Heart Spartans who participated in the Basketball Championships on Staten Island**

### LENT

Parish/Portugal Choirs sing a beautiful Lenten choral liturgy today, March 10 11:30AM-don't miss it!!

Kids Praise/Family Choirs sing a rousing St. Patty's Day Mass next week, March 17, arrive 11:15AM - choir loft Special Prizes!! Treats!! Coffee!! Bring the family-then go to the parade!! Spring Brides! Where are you?? If your wedding is coming up in the next few months, please come to the choir loft after any 1PM Mass on Sunday to assist in planning the music for your wedding! See you in the loft!! (white door in vestibule)

Pamela 442-0058 (VM 24)

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

### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE MARCH 16 and 17

#### Saturday, March 16

5:00 Joseph Basile, Elizabeth Althoff

#### Sunday, March 17

7:00 Ryan & Kelly O'Neil

8:30 Kyle Watson, Margaret Donovan

10:00 Deirdre & John McCafferty

11:30 Emma Newgarden, Maeve Butler, Patrick Buzzard

1:00 Luisa Montuori, Steven & Nick Bivona

5:00 John Paul Hoey, Gabrielle Garcia



### **PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION OF A NEW POPE**

O God, eternal shepherd,  
who govern your flock with unfailing care,

grant in your boundless fatherly love  
a pastor for your Church  
who will please you by his holiness  
and to us show watchful care.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen