

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



SATURDAY, MARCH 17

5:00 MATTHEW DRISCOLL

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

7:00 THOMAS DONNELLY
 8:30 KAY McMULLEN
 10:00 JANE McCARTHY
 11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 1:00 BESSIE ALTHOFF
 5:00 ALBERT BARTOLO, SR.

MONDAY, MARCH 19

7:00 THE DUQUE FAMILY
 9:00 LILY LEYDEN

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

7:00 WILLIAM O'HALLORAN
 9:00 ROBERT CROWE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

7:00 GERTRUDE McCAFFREY
 9:00 ANTHONY LUONGO

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

7:00 PATRICK KING
 9:00 ANNIE MAY EGAN

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

7:00 JOSEPH PREMUS
 9:00 CATHERINE LONG

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

9:00 DOROTHY McNAMARA
 5:00 MIKE AMOIA

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUINN & McCAULEY FAMILY
 8:30 AL & SUE AMORE
 10:00 GEORGE AMOIA
 11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 1:00 ARTHUR FRANZ
 5:00 JOSEPH LEIGH

The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of **Rose Bradley** requested by Doris Bradley and Family.

Flowers on the Altar in loving memory of the **Deceased Members of the Franz Family.**

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers
Weekend of March 24-25

Saturday, March 24

5:00 Bill Jones Barbara Kelly

Sunday, March 25

7:00 Sr. Angela
 8:30 Charles Romanelli Mary Romanelli
 10:00 Roy Hansen John Caban
 11:30 Ken Wisniewski Patricia Hoey
 1:00 Stephen Brown Theresa Cunningham
 5:00 Teresa Hudik

Sick Relatives & Friends

Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Kathryn Brock, Patricia Repoli, Al Frezio, Julie Hunting, Meghan Clark, Mary DiSalvo, Youlanda Santella, Tim Campagna, Alberto Meranda, Matthew Gleason, Jerry Russo, Ethel Thomas, Ruth Irons, Gordon C. Gladden, Ian Torello, Anna Parente, James Parente, John Lewis, Gerard Crane, Mimi Norberg, Marianne Garlan, Ruth Manieri, Tommy Baratta, Dawn Meade, Lauren Lam, Rafaella Tierno, Mary Kenney, John C. Marino, Alice Longo, Spc. Bryan Camacho, Patsy Jackson, Gabrielle Plumy, Michael Rucci, Sylvia Lichtenstein, Cpl Justin Campbell, Daniel Gomes, Grace Ford Seamans, Christian Pepo, Roseanne Liveo, Robert Donohue, Ottimia Paradiso, Elizabeth James Timmins, Robert Poggi, USM, Bernard D. Nidus MD, Joyce Rusinak, Barbara Brennan, Venera Delamonico, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Franco DeGennaro, Robert Gaylord, Al Ross



Jason Patrick Ajello
 Matthew John Calabrese
 Madison Concetta Murante

Collection for March 11

Regular Collection \$8,603.17
 Fuel \$992.00
 The second collection this weekend is for Catholic Relief School
 School Budget Deficit \$1,430.00
 School Building Fund \$313.00
 Rev. Poole Scholarship \$84.00

JOSEPH - A SAINT FOR EVERYONE...

Every year, usually in the month of March, our Youth Activities Council here at Sacred Heart runs a wonderful party in honor of two great saints - Saint Patrick and Saint Joseph. Now, sometimes this party has some different names. For those of Irish descent, the party is called "The Saint Patrick's - Saint Joseph Party." Those of Italian background say, "No, it's the Saint Joseph - Saint Patrick's Party."

Whatever you call it, the party is a fun time with both corned beef and cabbage and pasta and meatballs - the best of both worlds! In any event, it seems that Saint Joseph is always identified as an Italian saint. Maybe because many from Italy have a strong devotion to him as witnessed by such Italian traditions as the "Saint Joseph's Table" and all the food and "dolce" that go along with that!

Actually, Saint Joseph was not Italian and never set foot in that country. Saint Joseph though, is a saint for everyone; in fact, he is called the Patron Saint of the Universal Church. All of us, Italian, Irish, Polish, German, African-Americans and others can learn from him.

This Monday, March 19th, we celebrate his feast day. Although during the Lenten season, we do not sing the Gloria at Mass, on Joseph's Feast we do. His life was truly one that gave God glory and it is a life that we can all learn from. What can the humble carpenter of Nazareth teach us today in our supposedly sophisticated world of 2012? Three things really.

The first is Fidelity. That word means faithfulness. Joseph was faithful to the will of God despite some terribly trying times. Recall the Gospel story where Joseph discovered that Mary, his fiancée, was pregnant. He could not understand that at all! As the late Holy Father Pope John Paul II wrote in his letter on Saint Joseph: "He sought a way out of what was for him a very difficult situation."

But when the Lord appeared to him in a dream and told him that it was by the Holy Spirit that the child was conceived, he laid aside his doubts and put his faith and trust in the Lord. It was this steadfast faith in God that brought Saint Joseph through many trying times - the poverty of Bethlehem, the exile to Egypt and the loss of the child Jesus for three days. Because his faith was firm, he was firm!

Secondly, Joseph's Silence speaks to us. There is not one recorded word of Joseph in the entire Gospel. Yet, his silence was golden. Often enough there is so much talking today in our world and maybe even in the Church.

There was a running club that I once belonged to in my last parish. The name of the club was the Taconic Road Runners. Their motto in Latin was "Facta, Non Verba." "Deeds - Not Words!" Well, Joseph was a man of few words but his deeds in the eyes of Almighty God were tremendous. He was the custodian and guardian of Jesus Christ - a very great vocation indeed.

Finally, Saint Joseph teaches us the value of Work. Today in our world, many people do not realize that whatever job that they do, however small, should be done well. Work can and should be considered as a calling or vocation.

Saint Joseph was a simple carpenter in Nazareth. He was accustomed to manual labor; it was a tough job and existence but he worked hard in order to provide for Mary and Jesus. Our work, if done well, can help us draw closer to God.

As we celebrate Saint Joseph's Feast this Monday, may all of us, no matter what nationality, invoke his special fatherly intercession!

Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome



SACRED HEART SCHOOL
is now accepting applications
for the 2012-2013 academic

year. A private tour of the school can be arranged by appointment only. For additional information please call the school office at 718-442-0347.



Kids Praise Choir sings a fantastic 4th Sunday in Lent Mass today, March 18, 2012 at 11:30 AM. Don't miss it!! See you there!!

Do you love to travel... And sing?? We are planning our next trip and space is limited - come join us for an adventure you will never forget!! See Pamela for details!!

Pamela
442-0058 VM 24



CCD - MARCH CLASSES:
March 21, 28



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

SACRED HEART YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The SHYG is taking orders for Palm Crosses. Please see the order form enclosed in today's bulletin. The next meeting is April 15th. We meet at the 5:00 PM Mass and the meeting follows in the rectory. All high school students are invited to join us.

SACRED HEART TROOP/PACK74 - March 19 - General Meeting

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE MARCH 24 & 25

Saturday, March 24

5:00 PM Michael Dillon, Matthew Miller, Noreen Donnelly, Kyle Watson

Sunday, March 25

7:00 AM Albert Cardone, Giovanni Ercolano

8:30 AM Ryan O'Neil, Gabrielle Garcia

10:00 AM Alaina Santiago, Dustin Soliven, Shea Murphy, Chris Riccardi

11:30 AM Chris Ferrandino, Cassidy Zarrelli, Elizabeth Althoff, Peter Nagengast

1:00 PM Margaret Donovan, Jackie Sullivan, John Altschuler, Sam Medina

5:00 PM Stephen & Megan Lauren, Nick Fortunato, Regie Delamasa

Attn. All Brides of SH!!

All prospective brides (grooms if you want!) must come up to the choir loft for their music consultation regarding their wedding at least 6 weeks prior to your wedding (or traditional music will be selected for you). You do not need an appointment - just come up after any 1 PM Mass on Sun - See you in the loft!!

Questions??

Pamela 442-0058 VM 24

Join a Choir! See you in the loft! Join a Choir!

AS STEWARDS AND DISCIPLES OF CHRIST, we recognize that all the goods and riches in our life are gifts from God. Strengthened by the Eucharist, we respond to God's generosity in our lives with gratitude by using and sharing our gifts in service of others. Please share your gifts and make a gift to the *2012 Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal*.

BLOOD DRIVE - ST. TERESA GIRL SCOUT TROOP

5374 Bronze Award Community Service Project - "A Pie for a Pint" Blood Drive - Sunday, Mar. 25th from 8AM to 2PM Lower Church Hall, St. Teresa Church (Victory Blvd and Slosson Ave). Anyone who donates will receive a voucher from Jimmy Max Restaurant for a free pizza.

GOOD COUNSEL HOMES LUNCHEON Twentieth Annual Communion Luncheon for Good Counsel Homes will be Saturday, March 31st at Holy Family Church, Watchogue Rd. Fr. Andrew Apostoli, C.F.R. will be the guest speaker. Tickets are \$20 per person. For information call Deacon Jim Stahlnecker at 718-494-2743.