

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers  
Weekend of March 10-11

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

5:00 VIC NAVEIRA

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

7:00 MARIE D. CARNEGIE  
8:30 FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES  
10:00 DORIS SWEENEY  
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
1:00 BESSIE ALTHOFF  
5:00 GLORIA RODRIGUEZ 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY

MONDAY, MARCH 5

7:00 LEONARD DePROSPRO  
9:00 THOMAS LAUB

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

7:00 MAUREEN COLLINS-ARENA  
9:00 CONCETTA DeFRANCESCO

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

7:00 EDWARD JOSEPH LOWE, JR.  
9:00 DEE KENNEDY & CORINNE A. O'BRIEN

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

7:00 SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR  
PATRICK O'CONNOR  
9:00 JOHN MARRONE

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

7:00 LARRY GALEA  
9:00 NED THOMPSON 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

9:00 CHARLES & MARY DONOHUE  
5:00 ONORIO MORELLI

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

7:00 DAVID JOHNSON  
8:30 ALICE PERRY  
10:00 XUE QIANG ZHENG  
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
1:00 BEN ZARRELLI  
5:00 DR. ANTHONY FLAGIELLO

Saturday, March 10

5:00 Mary Rosso Teresa Hudik

Sunday, March 11

7:00 Joe Meagher  
8:30 Don O'Shea Barbara Kelly  
10:00 Frank DiSalvo Patricia Hoey  
11:30 Ken Wisniewski Ken Wisniewski  
1:00 Charles Sullivan Theresa Cunningham  
5:00 Angela Medina

Sick Relatives & Friends

Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Kathryn Brock, Margaret Shay, Patricia Repoli, Al Frezio, Julie Hunting, Meghan Clark, Mary DiSalvo, Youlanda Santella, Tim Campagna, Alberto Meranda, Matthew Gleason, Jerry Russo, Ethel Thomas, Aurora David, 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, Rev. Thomas Blessin SJ, 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, Joan Romano, Roseanne Liveo, Robert Donohue, Ottimia Paradiso, Elizabeth James Timmins, Robert Poggi, USM, Spec. Michael Biggins, Marie Elaine Jerome, Tom Kopf, Bernard D. Nidus MD, Joyce Rusinak, Jeffrey Schnorbus, Barbara Brennan, Venera Delamonico, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Franco DeGennaro, Robert Gaylord

Collection for February 26

Regular Collection ..... \$8,321.00  
50/50 ..... \$510.00  
Congratulations to Mrs. Jean Buzzard on winning the February 50/50 drawing.

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the soul of  
Rose Bradley  
Doris Solomon Perez

The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of Mary and Frank Messina requested by Rosetta and Tony Messina.

The Sanctuary Candle is in loving memory of Mary and Frank Santoro requested by Rosetta and Tony Messina.



**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 7:30 PM.

## “G POWER” IN OUR SOULS”...

Recently, I stopped at a Shell gasoline station for a fill-up. While I was getting gas at the pump I noticed a brand of gas that I had never heard of before. The gas was called “V Power” and was advertised as a higher grade of fuel, promising maximum protection for the car’s engine and optimum performance. Of course, not surprisingly, the gas is more expensive than the regular brands!

However, the name appealed to me, so I filled up with “V Power” and it did seem to make a difference in the smooth running of my car. Now, this bulletin article is not an advertisement for Shell Gasoline! However, I would like to draw a comparison between the engine of a car and the spiritual engine of our body which is the soul.

Just the way a car needs the proper fuel to function properly and garner the best possible mileage, so too our souls. The “fuel” that our soul requires is called “Grace.” It is really this “G Power” that keeps the spiritual motor inside running efficiently.

What is Grace? It has been described as the life of God in us. The word actually means “gift.” There are two types of Grace.

One is called Actual Grace. Actual Grace is a special help from God which enlightens us and moves our will to do good and to avoid evil. An example of the reception of an Actual Grace would be the great Saint Paul the Apostle who was enlightened by a special voice from Heaven on the road to Damascus. Paul cooperated with the Grace given to him by the Lord, was converted and became a great saint.

The other Grace is called Sanctifying Grace. When a person cooperates with Actual Grace, then the Holy Spirit enters the soul and makes it beautiful, pleasing to God - truly a temple of the Holy Spirit. Through Sanctifying Grace we become the children of God and heirs to eternal life.

How can we receive more of this “G Power” in our souls? Well, here are a few suggestions: 1. Mass and Holy Communion frequently. When we receive Holy Communion we are receiving more than just a piece of bread. Rather we are receiving Jesus Christ Himself as our spiritual food. He becomes part of us in a very deep and intimate way. Why would we want to cut ourselves off from this?

2. Confession on a regular basis. Even if we do not have anything serious to confess, God’s Grace showers down upon us every time we go to the Sacrament of Penance. A good confession enables us to grow in genuine self-knowledge, correct bad habits and grow in the knowledge and the love of God.

3. Prayer. Prayer, simply put is talking to God. It can come in many different styles and packages but the bottom line is that we should do it, each and every day! When we pray God bestows His most abundant Graces upon us.

4. Doing works of kindness and charity for others. The needs of others should strike a chord in our hearts. Each time we do a kindness to others, Jesus tells us that we are really doing it to Him. “As often as you did it for one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it for me.”

Every time we receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Penance, every time we pray and do charitable deeds for others, we are receiving “G Power” in the soul’s engine. This Lent, why not drop by the Church for a full tank?

Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome

**SACRED HEART TROOP/PACK74 -March 5 -  
General Meeting**



## 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.



**CCD - MARCH CLASSES:**  
March 7, 14, 21, 28

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY** will meet on Sunday, March 11 at the 8:30 AM Mass with a breakfast immediately following in the school cafeteria. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend and become a member of the Holy Name Society and help in continuing and expanding one of the oldest and most traditional parish societies in Sacred Heart.

**SACRED HEART YOUTH GROUP NEWS** On March 11<sup>th</sup> we will once again be taking Palm Cross orders after each Mass. The cost of an individual 28-inch Palm Cross is \$10.00 cash. If you are unable to order on the 11<sup>th</sup>, please send your order to the rectory by March 18<sup>th</sup> in a sealed envelope with a notation on it: Palm Cross. Cash must accompany the order.

We will be at the church on March 25<sup>th</sup> for you to pick up your order.

*Other news...* On February 17-19th, three of our youth group members participated in a retreat - I Meet People and Christ Together - known as IMPACT. This is a weekend faith experience that affords high school students an opportunity to discover Christ in a profound way by spending peaceful time away from the distractions of the outside world.

March 11<sup>th</sup> -Next youth group meeting. All high school students are invited to join us beginning at 5:00PM Mass. The meeting follows the Mass in the rectory.

### **ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE -**

March 11 - 10 am - 2 pm. For information call 718-489-5200.



Family Choir - Your turn!!! Come on up to the loft and bring the entire family to sing the songs of Lent today, March 4, 2012 11:30 AM together - Prizes!! Treats!! Coffee!! Come on up!!

Parish Choir sings next week, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent, March 11 - 11:30 AM Mass. Join us for this wonderful musical Lenten journey - live into the beautiful music of Lent and Holy Week!! Come on up!! Sing with us!! Make this an Easter Season you won't forget!! (Bring one of your older children!!) See you in the loft!!

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!!

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P.S. CD's from Italy trip will be available - we hope, soon!! Thanks for your patience!!

Put away a hymn book!! Join the Choir!! Buy a CD!! Fill your jars!!

**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*.

### **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE MARCH 10 & 11**

#### Saturday, March 10

5:00 PM Michael & Danielle Riccardi, Nick Antonacci, Bianca Roman

#### Sunday, March 11

7:00 AM Stephen & Megan Laureno

8:30 AM Regie Delamasa, Cassidy Zarrelli

10:00 AM Peter LaPeruta, Andrew Johnson, John Altschuler

11:30 AM Nick Fortunato, Kristen Gilbride, Caitlyn Gould, John Paul Hoey

1:00 PM Olivia & Anthony Scanni, Kyle Watson, Jackie Sullivan

5:00 PM Tullis Gardner, Jonathan Montemayor