

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

5:00 BRENDAN HOEY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:00 JOHN McGAUGHEY

8:30 AL & SUE AMORE

10:00 XUE QIAN ZHEN

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 SALVATORE PARAMITO & SONS

5:00 RUTH BURKE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:00 MARGARET LONG

9:00 MARY & JOHN KIRINCICH

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:00 PETER PELLEGRITO

9:00 DOUGLAS & BLANCHE CARNEGIE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:00 SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR KIM PICKERING

9:00 McCORMICK FAMILY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:00 FR. JEROME & FAMILY

9:00 RALPH W. GEIDEL

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00 LORETTA BUDNICK

9:00 THOMAS H. McDONOUGH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:00 CHARLES F. WALSH

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

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of
Marian Vicars

The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of Peter Edward
Pellegrito requested by Nora Bocignone and Family.

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, February 28

5:00 Frank Ponterio Pat Foley

Sunday, March 1

7:00 Sr. Iraida Charlie Blaich

8:30 Charles Romanelli Mary Ann Gambardella

10:00 Frank DiSalvo Theresa Cunningham

11:30 Stephen Brown Ken Wisniewski

1:00 Charles Sullivan John Mooney

5:00 Fred Maley 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 Christine Murphy and Craig McKendry

Due to the wintry weather conditions, the February 15
collection will be posted in next week's bulletin.



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.

FIFTY SHADES OF PORN...

Recently there has been a great deal of attention given in the media to a new movie *Fifty Shades of Grey*. The movie takes its name from the novel authored by E.L. James (aka Erika Mitchel). Now at the outset, I have to tell you that I have not seen the film or read the book. However, this movie is really not appropriate for a priest or any Catholic to see for that matter.

The Catholic News Service has classified *Fifty Shades of Grey* as offensive to morality. The story concerns two young people - Anastasia Steele (Dakota Johnson), a shy, mousy college student, and Christian Grey (Jamie Dornan) an intimidating business tycoon who was tapped to give the commencement address at her college graduation. In the story Anastasia interviews Christian for the college newspaper and they fall for each other. Ana reveals to Christian that she is still a virgin. His response to that is "Where have you been?" After her "deflowerment" in the conventional manner, Christian reveals a rather unconventional side - namely that he is perverted, a sado-masochist with a penchant for whips and chains.

After hesitation, Ana signs a contract and cooperates with Christian's perverted desires and designs. She becomes his sex slave. What a terribly "disedifying story" to say the least. Yet listening to a radio review of the film the other day, the commentators were not shocked at all by the film. One woman said that the film was "funny."

Really, there is nothing funny in *Fifty Shades of Grey*. It is a sad movie and a terrible commentary on what passes for "entertainment" in our current society. Unfortunately, the movie will probably be a cash cow at the box office.

In America today, many people have a big

problem with pornography. Thanks to the Internet, you don't have to go out to the movies to see porn - it can come right to your own home. The book and film *Fifty Shades of Grey* are really "fifty shades of porn" a vehicle that degrades women and encourages promiscuity and perversion.

What is the Catholic teaching on sexuality? The *Catechism of the Church* tells us this: "Lust is disordered desire for or inordinate enjoyment of sexual pleasure. Sexual pleasure is morally disordered when sought for itself, isolated from procreative or unitive purposes." What that means is that God's gift of sex is morally legitimate only within the context of marriage. Even within that context, sexual activity must be open to life and not closed off.

Is this difficult? Yes, but with God's grace all things are possible. Today many of our young people have been corrupted by the pagan and hedonist environment all around us. The message that films like *Fifty Shades of Grey* send out is that "chaste makes waste!" Nothing could be further from the truth. Sexual self control, purity and virtue truly bring happiness in the long run.

Of course, many will say to that, "Father, you're not with it!" But upon reflection I would respond that we are not meant to be with "it" - we are meant to be with Christ! How forgetful we are of Heaven and our eternal destiny. Through our Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confession, let us strive in the words of Saint Paul to be "blameless and pure children of God, without defect in the midst of a twisted and perverted generation among whom you shine like stars in the sky."

Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome

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 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.

Parish Choir/France Traveling Choir sings today Feb. 22, 2015 11:30AM 1st Sunday Lent!! Don't miss it!! Better yet, come sing these glorious and mystical melodies with us (arrive 11AM choir loft) See you there!!


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., Feb. 25 5-6PM Chapel-join us today!! (Registration forms required) Family Choir/France Traveling Choir sings 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!!

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!

 **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 February Class - 25th

BIBLE STUDY GROUP meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7PM in the rectory. If you are interested in joining contact the rectory at 718-442-0058.



Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via victimassist@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

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ST. PETER'S BOYS HIGH SCHOOL CHINESE AUCTION Sponsored by the St. Peter's Boys HS Parents' Club - March 6th in the school Gym. Doors open 6PM. Raffles, refreshments and prizes. \$5.00 Admission. Any one under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. No children under 12 admitted.