

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

5:00 HELEN & RICHARD MELDRUM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:00 MARIE D. CARNEGIE
8:30 BEN ZARRELLI
10:00 MARIE & FRANK BARNARD
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 DOLORES KUNKA
5:00 JOHN J. PRENTY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:00 VICKY MARIA SANTIAGO
9:00 JOHN KUBASEK

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:00 WANDA KALINOWSKA FOR HEALTH & BLESSING
9:00 WILLIAM HEALY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:00 ALFRED RUSSO
9:00 ALEXANDER ROSS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00 VINCENT MECCA
9:00 BEN ZARRELLI

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:00 WALTER MEAGHER
9:00 PHYLLIS OPPENHEIMER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:00 DR. ALFRED RUSSO 1ST ANNIVERSARY
5:00 JOSEPH JAVARUSKI

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:00 MARIE MELLO 2ND ANNIVERSARY
8:30 AL & SUE AMORE
10:00 SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR CHENG FAMILY
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 LAURA O'HANLON
5:00 BARBARA AIELLO

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the soul of
Dorothy Ricciardi

The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of Nicholas of Tolentino
and Souls in Purgatory.

The Sanctuary Candle is in loving memory of Helen and Theodore
Wisniewski requested by Ken and Francine Wisniewski.

Lectors

February 9 and 10

Saturday, February 9

5:00 Mary Rosso

Sunday, February 10

7:00 Joe Meagher

8:30 Don O'Shea

10:00 Frank DiSalvo

11:30 Ken Wisniewski

1:00 Charles Sullivan

5:00

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

Collection for January 27

Regular \$6,665.00
Christmas \$4,353.90
Feed Our Neighbor \$871.00
50/50 \$555.00

Congratulations to Rita Petrizzi on winning the
January 50/50 Drawing.

Next weekend there will be a special collection for
Peter's Pence.

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.

PRAY, HOPE AND DON'T WORRY...

Recently, a former parishioner sent me an e-mail concerning his health. Although this man is not that old, (early 60's) he is facing the prospect of heart valve replacement. Naturally, that news about his health was very unsettling for him as it would be for any one of us. He asked for prayers which I said would certainly be forthcoming.

However, I felt that I should try at least to give him some advice to help him negotiate what probably is a very difficult time in his life. Suddenly, some words of Padre Pio came back to mind. Most of us have heard about Saint Padre Pio. He is a relatively recent saint having died in September, 1968.

Padre Pio, a holy Capuchin priest, received the rare privilege of the stigmata. He actually received the marks of the crucified Christ on his body. Although this privilege brought the holy priest prominence and fame, it also brought him a great deal of suffering. At one point, the Vatican forbade Padre Pio to exercise a public ministry at all because they suspected the friar of being a pious fraud. Eventually, the ban was lifted and Padre Pio was vindicated. Pope John Paul II canonized him a saint on June 16, 2002.

The words of Saint Pio that came to me and which I e-mailed to my friend were these: "Pray, Hope and Don't Worry!" What excellent advice. Praying means to keep in touch with the Lord each day by talking with Him. We have more than an Internet or "Facebook" connection with Christ. Rather we can have a living relationship with the Lord in prayer and dialogue. All we have to do is to open our hearts to the Lord who loves us so very much. When we

pray, God's power, His grace is within us in a very special way.

What does Hope mean? It means that in spite of everything that can happen to us in this life, we know and believe that God is there and cares for us. The Psalm says, "Why are you downcast O my soul? Why are you disturbed...hope in God, I will praise Him still my Savior and my God."

Remember that old song, "High Hopes?" It was all about a little ant that could move a rubber tree plant because the ant had high hopes! What about the hopes of a Christian? They cannot be any stronger or higher because they are based on faith in the living Christ who "loved us and gave Himself for us."

Finally, "Don't Worry." That's a biggie for many people. We all tend to worry and fret about many things. There was a blooper in a parish bulletin one Sunday. It read "Don't let worry kill you off... Let the Church help!" The Church and faith in Christ are supposed to help us overcome and conquer our fears. Jesus said in the Gospel, "Fear is useless, what is needed is trust."

Yes, there is so much to worry about in our world today, violence, terrorism, the state of the economy and our own personal cares and concerns as well. But let's remember again who's really in charge of the world and of our lives. We are in good hands!

"Pray, Hope and Don't Worry," the maxim of a saint. May it be ours as well as we live each day!
Sincerely, Father Jerome



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Mark Your Calendars!!

Family Choir and Kids Praise Choir sing for 11:30AM Mass Feb. 3, 2013 - Aunts, Uncles, Cousins - come on up and help us create a beautiful music liturgy!! Prizes!! Treats!! Coffee!! See you there!!

Kids Praise Choir (grades 1-5) resumes Wed., Feb. 6th 5-6PM. Chapel across from school - see you there!! (Registration required)

LENT!!!

Believe it or not, Ash Wednesday and Lent are just around the corner and this shortened season this year makes it a purrrfect opportunity to join Parish Choir. Really, I don't think there is a more bittersweetly beautiful pilgrimage in the music of the Church calendar than Lent, Holy Week - Easter!! Bring a friend, an older child-hop on board and join us for this remarkable adventure!!

See you February 6, 2013

7:30PM Basement of Rectory.

Give it a try-you won't be sorry!!!

See you there!!

Pamela 442-0058 (VM 24)

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



CCD classes for February - 6, 13, 27-
NO CLASS on February 20th

February 13th is Ash Wednesday - Children are to go to the 3 o'clock service - there is no class in the school that day

Confirmation Candidates Retreat - February 9th

Penance Practice for CCD is February 27th from 3:30 to 5:00 in the church

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY will meet on Sun., Feb. 10th at the 8:30AM Mass with a breakfast immediately following in the school cafeteria. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

CELEBRATION Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2013 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Sun., June 23rd at 2:00 PM. *Pre-registration is required.* **The closing date to register for the Mass is Tues., June 4th.** Please contact the rectory at 718-442-0058 to register.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 9 & 10

Saturday, February 9

5:00 Stephen & Megan Laureno

Sunday, February 10

7:00 Deidre & John McCafferty

8:30 Patrick & Keifer Regan

10:00 Bianca Roman, Giovanni Ercolano

11:30 Luisa Montuori, Rudy Merlino, Peter LaPeruta

1:00 Sam Medina, Joseph Basile, Vicky Bruno

5:00 Regie Delamasa, Kristen Gilbride

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 email at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.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.