

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



SATURDAY, MARCH 2

5:00 REV. DANIEL SMITH

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

7:00 MARIE D. CARNEGIE
8:30 BEN ZARRELLI
10:00 KENNETH AIANI
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 MICHAEL McGLYNN
5:00 MICHAEL MATTHEWS

MONDAY, MARCH 4

7:00 THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES
9:00 ALEXANDER ROSS

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

7:00 JOANNE ESPOSITO
9:00 MSGR. MATTHEW DEAHY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

7:00 ANTHONY T. BIVETTO 12TH ANNIVERSARY &
VICTORIA HANDOG 12TH ANNIVERSARY
9:00 MARGARET CAMMARANO

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

7:00 REV. SANTINO TITTA
9:00 JOSEPH & GRACE ABATE

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

9:00 NED THOMPSON 5TH ANNIVERSARY
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

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of
Carol Ann Probst

The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of Gus Scutarie
requested by Rosetta and Tony Messina.

The Sanctuary Candle is in loving memory of Thomas
McAvoy requested by Joann Delahunt.

Lectors
March 9 and 10

Saturday, March 9

5:00 Mary Rosso

Sunday, March 10

7:00 Joe Meagher
8:30 Don O'Shea
10:00 Frank DiSalvo
11:30 Ken Wisniewski
1:00 Charles Sullivan
5:00 Youth Group

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

II Sheryl Miller and Timothy Clyne

Collection for February 24

Regular \$6,817.50
50/50 \$535.00

Congratulations to Mrs. Brendan Hoey on winning the February 50/50 drawing.

This weekend, in-pew pledges for the Cardinal's Appeal during all Masses.

Next weekend the second collection is for Catholic Relief.

Next weekend Christian Catholic Families of Bethlehem will be selling religious items after all Masses.



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 7:30PM.

THE WISDOM OF MRS. TRAVERS...

In my first parish at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Scarsdale, New York, I inherited a good number of Communion calls from a priest there who was reassigned to a new parish. A “Communion call” is a visit that a priest, deacon or special minister makes to the housebound to bring the Eucharist to them. For me, it’s always a wonderful experience.

Now, there was one Communion call at Immaculate Heart Parish that I could never forget. Her name was Mrs. Mercedes Travers and she lived on Clarence Road. Mrs. Travers was almost 90 years old and in failing health. She would regale me with stories about priests that she knew through the years.

Mrs. Travers never complained about her health. She had an expression delivered in her Irish brogue that went something like this: “From the time you’re born till you lie in a hearse, there’s nothing so bad that it couldn’t be worse!”

Through the years, I have often thought about those words of wisdom. When we honestly think about our own sufferings and trials in life, we could say, “It could always be worse!” But oftentimes instead of adopting that attitude, what happens? We complain! Or as another old Irish grandmother put it, “You’re having a pity party aren’t you?”

When we are absorbed inwardly by our own problems and troubles, we do indeed tend to have pity parties, in which “poor me” is center stage. One way to get out of the complaining rut is to think a little about the sufferings of others and indeed to consider the sufferings of Jesus Christ. The Scripture tells us, “Think diligently upon Him who endured so many contradictions that you may not faint or grow weary.”

When we do reflect upon the sufferings of Christ we “get out of ourselves” and are

strengthened to bear our daily cross, whatever that might be. We are now in the season of Lent and the Church encourages us to center our attention more on the sufferings of Jesus Christ. Meditating on the Passion of Christ is not meant to be an exercise in morbidity or self-punishment. Rather, it is meant to spur us on to greater devotion, sacrifice and generosity in our own lives.

Saint Gregory wrote: “If we recall the Passion of Jesus Christ, nothing seems so hard that it cannot be borne with equanimity.” The saints knew what they were talking about! An excellent way for all of us to meditate on the sufferings of Jesus Christ is to pray the Stations of the Cross during Lent.

Here at Sacred Heart, the Stations are conducted each Friday in the church at 7:30PM. At each station, we stop, pray and consider what it cost our Blessed Lord to achieve our salvation.

In the Stations, we see our Lord accused, then condemned to death but silent through it all. We witness His carrying the heavy cross, falling three times, but each time valiantly picking up that cross and beginning again. We view His Blessed Mother Mary consoling and comforting Him on that sorrowful way. Finally, the Crucifixion itself, Jesus bows His head and dies in fulfillment of His Father’s will.

When we prayerfully make the Stations the Lord will give us the interior strength to bear the crosses that inevitably come to us. Yes, it could always be worse for us in this life, but it is always better when we unite our sufferings with those of the Lord.

“We adore You O Christ and we praise You; for by your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.”

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.

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.



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outstanding school and meet Mrs. Lacagnino, Principal, faculty, staff, parents, and our students. Call 718-442-0347 for more information.



CCD classes for March - 6, 13, 20

CCD Penance - March 9th 11AM

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



LENT

Family Choir sings today for 3rd Sunday Lent March 3, 2013 11:30AM Mass - Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Mom and Dad - come on up and help Kids Praise Choir sing an inspiring Mass today!!

Parish Choir/Portugal Choir sings next week 11:30AM 4th Sunday of Lent - don't miss this beautiful choral liturgy!!

Spring Brides! Where are you?? If your wedding is coming up, 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!!

Pamela 442-0058 (VM 24)

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

YOUTH GROUP MEETING AND MASS Sunday, March 10th. All high school students are welcome. Please join us at the 5:00PM Mass. The meeting will follow immediately after Mass.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE MARCH 9 & 10

Saturday, March 9

5:00 Steven & Megan Laureno

Sunday, March 10

7:00 Matthew Kalikas, Steven Mickel

8:30 William Hollnsteiner, Bianca Roman

10:00 Kristen Gilbride, Andrew Johnson

11:30 Nick Antonacci, Andrea & Donald Regan

1:00 Jonathan Montemayor, Shea Murphy, Matthew Miller

5:00 Nicholas Fortunato, Kyle Watson

WAY OF THE CROSS OVER THE BROOKLYN

BRIDGE Sponsored by Communion and Liberation - Good Friday-10AM-1:30PM. All are invited. The procession will begin at St. James Cathedral in Bklyn, cross the bridge into Manhattan, stop for meditations at City Hall Park and near Ground Zero, and will conclude at St. Peter's Church on Barclay St. For information call 212-337-3580.