

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 19, 2017

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

Lent is now less than two weeks away and Spring is not far behind. The word Lent means Springtime, which fills us with a sense of hope and new life. And the source of this hope, of this new life, is our Lord Jesus who makes all things new. Throughout this whole month of February, beginning with "The Beatitudes" three weeks ago, we have been listening to and pondering Jesus' Sermon on the Mount which reveals to us what a person is like who has been made new by His Love. The Sermon on the Mount is a great preparation for our Lenten program, as we strive to become holier, as we strive to become more like Jesus.

It would be great spiritual reading to reflect upon this monumental Sermon from the 5th, 6th, and 7th Chapters of St. Matthew's Gospel which goes to the very heart of Jesus' teaching. Jesus is telling us that, if we are to live as true children of our Heavenly Father, then more is expected of us. We are called to live by a higher standard, to think with the Mind of Jesus and to love with the Heart of Jesus. "You must be perfect," Jesus says, "as your Heavenly is perfect." Reflecting on the Sermon on the Mount will give us plenty to work on during Lent.

In today's section of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says: "You have heard it was said, 'love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father." We are called to respond to evil with love, to forgive others from the heart. In short we are called to love not according to human standards, but according to God's standards. That doesn't come easy or natural to us, but Jesus gives us the strength by His Grace. We feed into evil and give it so much power over our lives when we hold on to hurt, anger, and resentment; when we allow the poison of another person's sin to seep into and poison our own heart. It leads to so much division and unrest, to the destruction of relationships, marriages, families; it can lead to violence and wars among nations; it brings about so much unhappiness and robs us of inner peace and serenity. Evil only has as much power over us as we give it.

Jesus shows us a better way. He gives us the power over evil, the power of forgiveness, the power of Divine Love. This is the Love Jesus lived out all the way to the Cross, when He allowed Himself to be handed over to His enemies, and from the Cross forgave them and prayed for them. Imagine what our world would be like if everyone truly lived this way? What peace there would be in the world, what peace there would be in our families, what peace there would be in our hearts. "Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, make our hearts like unto thine." May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey

**BLOOD DRIVE
PRESIDENT'S DAY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017
2PM TO 8PM
WALK-INS WELCOME
(SACRED HEART SCHOOL GYMNASIUM)**
Please help save a life by donating. The New York Blood Center along with Cardinal Dolan ask for your help.

**ASH WEDNESDAY
AND LENTEN OBSERVANCES**
ASH WEDNESDAY - MARCH 1, 2017
**Masses with Ashes: 7:00am
9:00am
12:10pm
7:30pm**
Prayer Service with Ashes: 4:00pm
*******SPECIAL LENTEN MASSES*******
Mondays at 7:30pm
Novena Prayers will be held at 7:15pm
March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th,
April 3, 2017

RECONCILIATION MONDAY CONFESSIONS
April 10th / 3pm to 9pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS at 7:30pm
March 3rd, (Holy Hour 6:30pm to 7:30pm)
10th, 17th, 24th, 31st,
April 7th, (Holy Hour 6:30pm to 7:30pm)
April 14th, 2017
11th, 18th, 25th

PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY

January

Theresa J. Erp	Enza Portelli
Rose A. Proto	Mark Sevasta
Maryann Lipori	Larry Roemer
Candida Rosa Montes	Fred B. Natoli, Jr.
Mercedes Harthman	Charles E. Bohmert, Jr.
Mary Sevasta	Samuel Anzalone
Haven Hobbs	Joseph Dugandzic
Augusta Lavinio	James McLoughlin, Sr.
Patricia Fitzgerald	Bill Leili
Garabet Spenjian	Richard Marzolla
Betty O'Brien	Allan Fox
Margaret Yurcik	James Tomelden
Nora Gay	Phil Mancuso
Ann Bervier	Vito M. Cifichiello
Deirdra Dunn O'Dell	John C. Bologna
Bette Bracigliano	John Ruppert, Jr.
	Edward Rogan

Miller, Gelso, Marani & Aiello Families

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 19

CYO Clinic – 1:30pm in the gym

Monday, February 20 President's Day

No 7am Mass and No Novena

BLOOD DRIVE – 2pm to 8pm in the gym

Office Closed

Rel. Ed. Closed

School Closed

Tuesday, February 21

Rel. Ed. – Grades 3–5 – 4:30pm in the school

CYO Basketball – 5pm in the gym

Rel. Ed. – Grade 8 – 7:00pm

Parish Council Mtg. - 7:30pm in the rectory

Wednesday, February 22

CYO Basketball – 5pm in the gym

Children's Choir Practice – 5pm Church

Choir Practice – 7:00pm in the Church

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, February 23

CYO Basketball – 5pm in the gym

RCIA – 7:00pm rectory

Friday, February 24

HSA Pottery Painting - 6pm in the cafeteria

Saturday, February 25

St. Joseph Group – 7:30am in the Rectory

Rel. Ed. Grades 1 & 2 – 9:30am in the school

CYO -11am – to 4pm in the gym

Sunday, February 26

CYO Clinic – 1:30pm in the gym

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS'S NAME

February 12th Collection – \$10,398

Winter Storm

Last Year's Collection – \$13,731.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL

SUPPORTING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS \$ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The *Cardinal's Appeal* is shaping our future church through its support of the Department of Education, which serves more than 88,000 students from pre-K through twelfth grade. Our youth are taught coursework in Catholic religious and sacramental preparation and are also provided with service opportunities. In addition, our catechetical programs allow for over 93,000 young people and adults to shape, strengthen and fully recognize their bond with the Lord and His Church. I humbly ask that you join your fellow parishioners and make a commitment to the *Cardinal's Appeal* today.

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES

CATHOLIC COUPLE CHECKUP GIVEAWAY!!

The Archdiocese of New York's Family Life † Respect Life Office is excited to announce that as part of World Marriage Week (and Valentine's Day), we are offering 100 free codes for married couples to take the *Catholic Couple checkup!*

What is the *Catholic Couple Checkup*?

The Catholic Couple Checkup is an online tool designed to identify the unique relationship strengths and growth areas of dating, engaged, or married couple. Research has shown this process improves relationships by stimulating honest dialogue, increasing understanding, and empowering couples. It's an enjoyable, easy, private way to take the temperature of your relationship and start some meaningful conversations.

Best of all...it's on us!

Visit nyfamilylife.org during the month of February to get your free code. Don't miss out-the free codes are first come, first serve!

For questions or further information, contact Izabella Nagle at izabella.nagle@archny.org.

FORMED AT SACRED HEART

FORMED Is An Innovative Online Platform Through Which You Can Have Access To A Wide Range Of Top Quality Faith Formation Resources. Our parish has a free one-year subscription. This can be compared to Netflix for Catholics, but it is so much more. Now, the best Catholic study programs, movies, audio presentations and eBooks from the most trusted apostolates are all just a click away.

Visit www.formed.org and click the "Register" link and use the parish code **CK6N9W**. You can then complete the simple registration form and create a username and password. You only need to register one time. After that, when you visit www.formed.org just click on the "Login" button to access all of the information on the **FORMED** web site.

**CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE
GOOD COUNSEL HOMES**

For Pregnancy emergencies call: 1-800-723-8331
www.goodcounselhomes.org

ANUNCIOS

El Grupo de Oración en Español tiene lugar habitualmente los miércoles, a las 8 de la noche en la cafetería.

Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán lugar el 11 de marzo 2017 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.



We pray for all those serving in the **Armed Forces** and for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Larry Adler, Keith Alanis, Daniel Albarelli, Frank Paul Allegretti, Luciano Antonucci, Jenna Applebaum, Peter Boano, Harris Brownstein, Lisa Eckert Brownstein, Annette Burbridge, Dolores Cangelose, Frank Calfa, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Lorraine Cortez, Robert Cosenza, Joe Davey, Lilla DiBerardino, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, Florence Downey, Lucy Donlon, John Duffy, Nicholas Eckert, Peter Eckert, Jamie Erwin, Denise Ferrara, Stefanie Gaudelli, Tia Gardner, Arlene Gentile, Debra Gravina, John Grasso, Sarah Hyman, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Susan Jarkiewicz, Adrienne Kelly, Mary Kierman, Jon Kip, Anthony Kulik, Jay Leone, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Laura Mack, Thomas Mathai, Barbara Mazza, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Fr. Estella Morales, Jennifer O'Hara, Fr. Jack Oldfield, Stacey Olayan, Deana Olsen, Tina Osika, Joseph Pasculli, Patricia Plotkin, Adolf Radeljic, Etta Rooney, Mary Russo, Virginia Ryan, Daniel Sammarone, Nicholas Salzman, Eleanor Scelza, Erica Scully, Ruth Schwetz, Jean Simons, Aurelia Sargo, Claudia Spano, Kate Stack, Maureen Starke, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, James P. Toner, Phyllis Varacalli, Carol Van Vandt, Millie Vazquez, Peter Veraldo and Fr. Wing.

**ALTAR MEMORIALS
FEBRUARY 19, 2017**

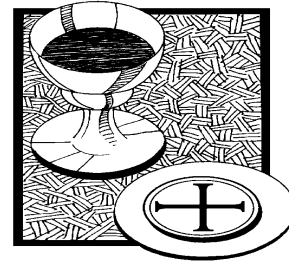


**Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of**

RICHARD LYNCH, JR.

BOOSTER CLUB WINNER

WEEK 17 – ANGELA SMITH



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:00am – Vincent Whelan

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

5:30pm – Andrew Statham

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:00am – Parish Memorial Society

8:30am – Dianne Messina

10:00am – Patricia Brennan

11:30am – Peggy McGrath

1:00pm – All Parishioners

5:30pm – Porcie Etienne

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 President's Day

7:00am – Canceled

9:00am – Richard B. Brennan

7:15pm – **Novena Canceled**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:00am – Guagliano Alfredo

9:00am – Antoino Russo

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:00am – Stanley Stryko

9:00am – In Thanksgiving to Sacred Heart

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:00am – Joseph Dugandzic

9:00am – Anthony Collins

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:00am – Betty O'Brien

9:00am – Thomas E. Duffy

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00am – Dr Andrew L. Kravic

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Michael Keegan

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:00am – Parish Memorial Society

8:30am – Andrew Yaroschak

10:00am – Patrick Brennan

11:30am – Michael Keegan

1:00pm – All Parishioners

5:30pm – Gina DiLorenzo



All Parishioners Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, friends, benefactors, relatives, priests, religious. and especially **Patrick Massaro.**