

# EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FEBRUARY 26, 2017

### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

It is hard to believe that Lent begins with Ash Wednesday this week. Lent is such a blessed time for penance and spiritual renewal that we all need so much. The readings and prayers of the Liturgy of Ash Wednesday call us to conversion of heart. As we approach to receive the ashes on our foreheads this Wednesday, we may hear the words: *“Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.”* We are reminded that we are mortal, that we are sinners, and therefore, that we need to repent and seek God’s Mercy. We may also hear the words: *“Repent and believe in the Gospel.”* That is what conversion is – turning away from sin and turning toward Christ with all our hearts.

In the Gospel of Ash Wednesday from St. Matthew, Jesus lays out for us the fundamentals for countering our tendency toward sin and strengthening us in holiness. Just as the Yankees and Mets are about to begin spring training to work on the *fundamentals* of the game in order to get back into physical shape and be ready to play at their best this season, so do we begin our *“spring training”* this Wednesday, working on the *fundamentals* of the spiritual life in order to get back into spiritual shape and be ready to live our faith more fervently with hearts and minds renewed. The *fundamentals* which Jesus lays out for us is **Prayer, Fasting, and Alms Giving.**

**Prayer:** There is no better sacrifice I can make than the sacrifice of my time for prayer. That is, dedicating some time every day to spend with the Lord in silence, perhaps reading from one the four Gospels each day, committing some time each week to stop in and spend time with the Lord before the Blessed Sacrament, praying the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross, getting to Mass more often during the week, participating in Mass more devoutly on the Lord’s Day. **Fasting:** There is no better way to undo my tendency toward self-indulgence than fasting, for when I deny myself something that gives me pleasure, I am strengthening my will to say “No” to myself and “Yes” to God. **Alms Giving:** Finally, there is no better way to reverse my tendency toward selfishness than alms giving. That is, putting the needs of others before my own by doing acts of charity and giving generously to those in need.

**Prayer, Fasting, and Alms Giving** are the *fundamentals* to getting things back in the right order: God first, then others, and myself last.

In this regard, I just want to acknowledge and thank five sixth graders of our School who have demonstrated the spirit of Lent and self-giving: **Mia Bruno, Hailey Mercado, L’Nai Marrero, Shyaan Thomas, and Christopher DePaolo.** Completely on their own initiative they decided that they wanted to do something for the poor. They came up with their own idea to raise some money, and gave me \$150 for our Parish to give to those in need. Nobody asked them to do this. I was so moved by their genuine goodness and generosity. They remind us of what we are all about as disciples of Christ. We are very proud of them and of all our children. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. Matthew J. Furey

### 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>,

April 3, 2017

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#### RECONCILIATION MONDAY CONFESSIONS

April 10<sup>th</sup> / 3pm to 9pm

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#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS at 7:30pm

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, (Holy Hour 6:30pm to 7:30pm)

10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>,

April 7<sup>th</sup>, (Holy Hour 6:30pm to 7:30pm)

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>

### SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS’S NAME

February 19<sup>th</sup> Collection – \$16,090.

Last Year’s Collection – \$15,522.

Winter Maintenance Collection- \$5,694

Last Year’s Collection - \$ 6,285.

## LENTEN SEASON 2017

**Lenten Fast and Abstinence** – During the Season of Lent, the Church urges all the Faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily life through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

“**FASTING**” requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

“**ABSTINENCE**” prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able.

**Ash Wednesday & Good Friday  
are days of fast & abstinence.  
Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence**

### Office of the Cardinal:

**This year, the Solemnity of Saint Patrick, our patron, falls on a Friday, and I have decided to dispense our people from abstaining from meat.**

**Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan**

### CARDINAL'S APPEAL SUPPORTING OUR NEEDY PARISHES

The *Cardinal's Appeal* supports our parishes, the lifeblood of our greater archdiocesan family. The *Cardinal's Appeal* supports our spiritual homes during times when they cannot support themselves. With the assistance of the Cardinal's Appeal 85 parishes in need across the ten counties were helped last year. Please show your support for the *Appeal* by making your pledge today. Your commitment will help us reach our parish goal. Of \$114,000.00. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

### 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. Visit [www.formed.org](http://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](http://www.formed.org) just click on the “Login” button to access all of the information on the **FORMED** web site.

## PARISH CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 26

CYO Clinic – 1:30pm in the gym

### Monday, February 27

Rel. Ed. Grade 6 – 4:30pm in the school

CYO Basketball – 5pm in the gym

Rel. Ed. – Grade 7 – 7:00pm in the school

Hispanic RCIA – 7:00pm rectory

### Tuesday, February 28

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

CYO Basketball – 5pm in the gym

Rel. Ed. – Grade 8 – 7:00pm

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Comm. – 7:00pm in the rectory

### Wednesday, March 1 Ash Wednesday

Masses/Ashes – 7am, 9am, 12:10pm, and 7:30pm

Prayer Service – 4pm/Ashes

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8pm in the cafeteria

### Thursday, March 2

CYO Basketball – 5pm in the gym

RCIA – 7:00pm rectory

### Friday, March 3 First Friday

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament – 1pm

Holy Hour – 6:30pm

Stations of the Cross – 7:30pm

### Saturday, March 4

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, March 5

Family Catechesis Rel. Ed. – 2pm cafeteria

CYO Clinic – 1:30pm in the gym

### ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE TO BENEFIT

**TAGASTE MONASTERY**

**Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner**

**BYOB (soda is included)**

**50/50 Raffle**

**Live Music by Mary Taylor**

**Saturday, March 11, 2017**

**Doors open 6:00pm / Dinner Served 6:30pm**

**\$20 per person**

**Call for Reservations before March 4**

**Connie Montanye: 845-598-5595**

**Peggy Evans: 201-384-0371**

### SACRED HEART CHURCH

**\$10,000.00 RAFFLE**

**TICKETS \$100 EACH (1 IN 250 CHANCE TO WIN)**

**Available at the Rectory**

**Monday to Friday - 9am to 5pm**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE - \$10,000.00**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE - \$1,000.00**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE - \$500.00**

**Winning tickets will be drawn at 2:30pm in the school gymnasium on Sunday, June 25, 2017.**

**PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR PARISH**

## 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.

### CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE GOOD COUNSEL HOMES

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



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 Lempa, Vasily Lockhart, Laura Mack, Marie Marasuilo, 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 Sorgo, 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 26, 2017

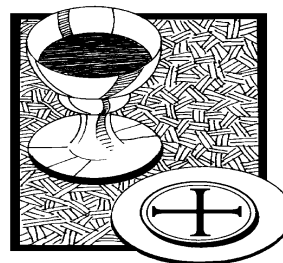
#### Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of



JOSEPH GANGONE, SR.



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



### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00am – 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 Di Lonardo

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00am – Tom Howard

9:00am – Joseph Jarkiewicz

7:15pm – **Novena**

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00am – Paula Panico

9:00am – Ruth Miller

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00am – Mass/Ashes

9:00am – Mass/Ashes

12:10pm- Mass / Ashes

4:00pm – Prayer Service/Ashes

7:30pm – Mass/ Ashes

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 2

7:00am – Deceased Members of Boano Family

9:00am – Jack Devine

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 3 First Friday

7:00am – Frank John Junta

9:00am – William Moyano

1:00pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6:30pm – Holy Hour

7:30pm – Stations of the Cross

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 4

9:00am – Gail S. Besselle

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 4

5:30pm – Michael Keegan

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 5

7:00am – Parish Memorial Society

8:30am – Geraldine Ksiakiewicz

10:00am – Catherine Lieb

11:30am – Michael Keegan

1:00pm – All Parishioners

5:30pm – Diane McKenna

### BOOSTER CLUB WINNER

WEEK 18-NAIA & MICHAEL PENIK