

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 6, 2016

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I want to share a few thoughts about the movie that won the Academy Award for best picture last Sunday.

Spotlight, the winner, is a movie about the scandal of sexual abuse of minors by some clergy. The movie also focuses on failures of church leaders, primarily the Cardinal of Boston and others, to prevent further abuse. I have to say that I did not see Spotlight or any of the other movies nominated for best picture. (I have not been to the movies in years.) I did read about the movie and about some recent polls taken among movie goers. Apparently, in polls taken among people who have seen all of the movies nominated for best picture, the movie Spotlight garnered very few votes for best picture, between one and two percent. As sometimes happens with the Oscars, it's not so much the acting, filming or directing that counts, but rather the message. The message in the movie Spotlight is that some clergy, i.e. priests, have committed terrible acts, sinful and criminal, and some in authority did nothing to stop it. That was the reason to choose the movie as the winner by the Academy, not that it was the best film.

The Vatican newspaper and the American Bishops Conference hope that the spotlight on the movie will lead to an even safer environment for all children everywhere. One criticism of the movie, reported on EWTN T.V. for example, is that the movie does not even allude to all of the steps taken since 2002 to protect children in Catholic settings. Arguably, no institution had done more than, or even as much as, the Catholic Church, to weed out the bad and change the culture of silence. Other institutions have sought to imitate the Church's safety practices, and many more should. Eventually I will see the movie which is probably uncomfortable to watch, but if it helps to continue efforts made since the whole scandal was uncovered, then maybe it should be seen by all adults and lead to prayer and the resolve that God's grace, and not sin, will win out over all.

Sincerely in Christ,

Monsignor Giandurco

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

March 5 & 6, 2016

A **second collection** for the Catholic Relief Services which helps those in urgent need, will be taken on the weekend of March 5th and 6th. Please be as generous as possible in this charitable cause.

LENTEN OBSERVANCES

*****SPECIAL LENTEN MASSES*****

Mondays at 7:30pm

Novena Prayers will be held at 7:15pm

March 7th, 14th, 2016

RECONCILIATION MONDAY CONFESSIONS

March 21 / 3pm to 9pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS at 8:00pm

March 11th, 18th, 25th

PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY

Margaret Vasso
Michael Jodice
John Hodgkins
Jean Cappitelli
Stephen Karas
Msgr. Robert Ford
Lidia Poznanska
Leo Vilord
Andrew Biondo
Joseph McGuinness
Verna Jarkiewicz
Jo Ann Garifo

Noel Power
Ruth Jones
Jane Guerra
Violet Lewandowski
Jane Karas
Lukasz Oltarzewski
Jadwiga Wroblewska
Gladys Armitage
Mary Morasco
John Barcia
Anthony John Accinni
Livia Consolazio

OUR LADY'S GUILD

Our Lady's Guild invites all the ladies of the parish to a night of Recollection with Fr. Matthew De Gance from Don Bosco on March 10th at 7pm beginning the Church and the regular monthly meeting following the cafeteria.

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

February 28TH Collection - \$13,412.
Last Year's Collection - \$13,132

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 6 4th Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 7

Religious Education CCD – Grade 6 – 4:30-6pm

Religious Education CCD – Grade 7 – 7 to 8:30pm

Novena – 7:15pm Prayers

Mass- 7:30pm

Tuesday, March 8

Religious Education– Grades 3-5 – 4:30pm in the school

Religious Education – Grade 8 – 7:00pm in the school

Wednesday, March 9

HSA Board Mtg. - 7pm in the library

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, March 10

Our Lady's Guild – 7pm in the church then school

Friday, March 11

Prayer Shawl Mtg. – 1pm in the convent

Stations of the Cross – 8pm

Saturday, March 12

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

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

Rel. Ed. Parent Mtg. – Grade 2 / 9:30am Cafeteria

Sunday, March 13 5th Sunday of Lent

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

1ST PRIZE - \$10,000.00

2ND PRIZE - \$1,000.00

3RD PRIZE - \$500.00

Winning tickets will be drawn at 8:30pm in the school gymnasium on Friday, June 3, 2016 on the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR PARISH

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

EASTER BASKETS

The St. Vincent DePaul Society of Sacred Heart Parish is once again asking for donations of hams and non-perishable foods for our Easter Baskets.

Easter Baskets will be distributed on Wednesday March 23, 2016 from 10am to 12 noon. Deadline: for donations is March 20th.

CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE

GOOD COUNSEL HOMES

For Pregnancy emergencies call

Any time of day: 1-800-723-8331

www.goodcounselhomes.org

2016 CARDINAL'S APPEAL PREPARING THE CLERGY

Spiritual leadership requires many years of study and spiritual preparation. St. Joseph's Seminary offers many programs for the education and formation of men to serve Jesus Christ here in the archdiocese and abroad. By donating to the Cardinal's Appeal, let us show our seminarians that we support them and are proud of their decision to serve the people of God. Please make your commitment today. **Your commitment will help us reach our parish goal of \$121,000.**

ROCKLAND RIGHT TO LIFE

ASSISTED SUICIDE EDUCATIONAL EVENING

TUESDAY, MARCH 15TH 7:30PM

St. Gregory Barbarigo School Gym (Garnerville, NY)

Assisted suicide continues to be in the forefront of issues being considered in Albany. Some claim it is simply "medical assistance in dying" and not suicide. But what is really at stake here? Are lethal pills the most we can offer to our brothers and sisters who find themselves suffering with a terminal illness? Join us to learn the facts as we look at the legislation and all of its medical, legal and ethical implications.

Sponsored by the Family Life Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of NY with main speaker, Ed Mechmann, Esq. Public Policy Director and Sr. Lucy Marie, Respect Life Coordinator. **Reservations are necessary:**

Sr.Lucy.Marie@archny.org

CATHOLIC WIDOW AND WIDOWERS CLUB OF

ROCKLAND COUNTY

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

The Catholic Widow and Widowers Club of Rockland County will be meeting on March 20th, Sunday at 6:30pm at St. Augustine's Church (downstairs). Dessert and coffee will be served. Guests are welcome. For information call Doty at 845-623-1739.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COMMUNITY SERVICES OF ROCKLAND (CCCSR)

Did you know that Catholic Charities Community Services of Rockland (CCCSR) was established by the 18 parishes to alleviate poverty and to serve as a "safety and support net" for all our county residents who have either lived in poverty all their lives or fallen into poverty due to unexpected circumstances?

You can help make a difference in the lives of some of our most vulnerable families **by picking up a Lenten Mite box this weekend.** Your donations will help to prevent evictions, feed the hungry and address basic emergency needs in Rockland. You can return the boxes later in Lent.

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 19 de marzo, 2016 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, Jenna Applebaum, Harris Brownstein, Lisa Eckert Brownstein, Annette Burbridge, Barbara Caccoppolo, Frank Calfa, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Lorraine Cortez, Lilla DiBerardino, Teresa Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, Joan Donahue, Florence Downey, John Duffy, Nicholas Eckert, Peter Eckert, Jamie Erwin, Denise Ferrara, Stefanie Gaudelli, Tia Gardner, Arlene Gentile, Debra Gravina, John Grasso, Anne Hart, Frances Hunter, Sarah Hyman, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Susan Jarkiewicz, Mary Kierman, Anthony Kulik, Jay Leone, Elizabeth Lempka, Nick Liso, Laura Mack, Thomas Mathai, Barbara Mazza, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Chic Nappo, Betty O'Brien, Jennifer O'Hara, Fr. Jack Oldfield, Stacey Olayan, Tina Osika, Patricia Plotkin, Adolf Radeljic, Etta Rooney, Mary Russo, Virginia Ryan, Daniel Sammarone, Nicholas Salzman, Susan Saladino, Erica Scully, Frank Schwarz, Ruth Schwetz, Claudia Spano, Claudia Spallanzani, Maureen Starke, James P. Toner, Phyllis Varacalli, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, Carol Van Vandt, Kenneth Vanadio, and Millie Vazquez.



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, friends, benefactors, relatives, priests, religious and especially **John Flannery and Angelo Giannaco.**

ALTAR MEMORIALS

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 6, 2016

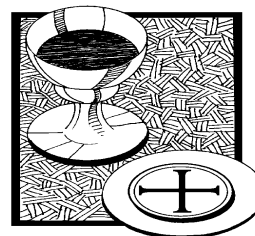
Altar Breads In Memory of
JOHN GAVIN



Altar Candles In Memory of
GLADYS ARMITAGE



Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of
DEACON JOSEPH WITT



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

9:00am – Al Witt

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY

6:00pm – Special Intentions of John Cangelose

SUNDAY, MARCH 6 4th Sunday of Lent

7:00am –George Andrela

8:30am – Parish Memorial Society

10:00am – Florence & Joe Cavanaugh

11:30am – Deacon Joseph Witt

1:00pm –Special Intentions for Rebecca, Matthew, Gregory and Veronique Hazell

5:30pm –All Parishioners

MONDAY, MARCH 7

7:00am –Robert, Mae, Bob Kleid

9:00am – William Savage

7:15pm – Novena Prayers

7:30pm –Mary Stryko

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

7:00am – Bridget Van Slyck

9:00am – Theresa Davey

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

7:00am –Victor Spina

9:00am – Deacon Joseph Witt

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

7:00am – Dennis Carroll

9:00am – Catherine Halloran

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

7:00am –Andrew Biondo

9:00am – Evelyn & Peter Salemo

8:00pm – Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

9:00am – Gloria Ammerata

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY

6:00pm – Magurno Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 13 4TH Sunday of Lent

7:00am – Rosaria Armogida

8:30am – Parish Memorial Society

10:00am – Elizabeth Etman

11:30am – Anne Lynch

1:00pm – Grace Goebertus

5:30pm – All Parishioners

BOOSTER CLUB WINNER

WEEK 2- Nick & Antoinette La Bruna