

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 5, 2017

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

I pray Lent got off to a good start for everyone. This is a much welcome and needed season of renewal. I know I need it so much. I am happy that Fr. Innocent accepted my invitation to give a series of spiritual talks each Tuesday evening during Lent. I think we all recognize Fr. Innocent's spiritual depth and his talent for preaching and teaching, and I am so glad that he will be sharing those talents to enrich our Lenten experience.

Every year on this First Sunday of Lent the Church gives us this rich Gospel of Jesus' temptations in the Desert. For forty days Jesus fasted and prayed in the desert and was tempted by the devil. Jesus was physically weary and starving after those forty days, and the devil, as he does with us, comes to tempt Him where he was most vulnerable. Each time Jesus said "No" to temptation and "Yes" to the Will of God to undo on our behalf the "No" to God by Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden which we heard in the First Reading.

First, the devil tempts Jesus to change stone into bread. This corresponds to our tendency to seek sensual pleasure. Jesus never performed a miracle for His own benefit or gratification. He did everything in obedience to the Will of His Father and for the good of others. Jesus teaches us that with His help we can choose to do the Will of God in all things and are not slaves to our cravings and selfish desires. Then, the devil takes Jesus to the top of the Temple and says: *"If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here."* He was tempting Jesus to show off that He is the Son of God by some meaningless display of power. This is the human temptation to seek my own glory, to elevate my own will over the Will of God.

Finally, the devil takes Jesus to the top of a high mountain and shows him all the kingdoms of the world and says, *"I will give you power over all of them if you worship me."* This corresponds to our temptation to seek power and wealth. How many have sold out their faith and their moral values to go after power and money and fame. So many worship the false gods of money, power, pleasure, and worldly honors. Jesus replies: *"You shall worship the Lord your God, Him alone shall you serve."*

Lent is the time to get this disorder of our sinful human condition back into the right order: Putting God first and center in my life, thinking of others before myself, and putting myself last. And the fundamental disciplines of Prayer, Fasting, and Acts of Charity help us to do just that. The whole point is to become holier, to become more like Jesus. *"Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like unto thine."* May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey

LENTEN OBSERVANCES

*****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

Lenten Talks

Beginning- March 7th, 2017

7pm -8pm Tuesdays during Lent



CARDINAL'S APPEAL

The 2017 Cardinal's Appeal is ongoing. **Next weekend is Commitment Weekend.** At all Masses you will have an opportunity to make your commitment to the Appeal. As children of Christ we are called to serve others out of gratitude to God. Please consider a sacrificial pledge to the 2017 Appeal. Our goal is \$114,000. Thank you!

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS'S NAME

February 26th Collection – \$15,698.

Last Year's Collection – \$13,371.

PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY

Ron Hartmann	Joseph Lo Scalzo
Joseph Gangone, Sr.	Joey Lopipo
Giuseppe Gambino	Anthony Gianni
William K. Lieb	Joseph A. Toro
Patrick Massaro	Mary Simonelli
Cathleta Linton	Martina Weber
Patricia Ann Scrofani	Mr. & Mrs. Irudayaraju
Vincenza Tornetti	

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 2:30pm in the school gymnasium on Sunday, June 25, 2017.

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR PARISH

40 DAYS FOR LIFE 40daysforlife.com

March 1- April 9, 2017

Prayer & Fasting / Community Outreach / Peaceful Vigil
Visit the website: www.40daysforlife.com

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT OF JOHN PAUL II #2554

Woman Volunteers needed at St. Zita's Villa:
Volunteers needed to serve meals and assist with arts & crafts and other recreational activities for elderly women residents. 2 to 4 hour commitment is needed per month. For info: contact Jeanne Flaherty (917) 572-8345 or email: Jeanne@geocap.com.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The following children from our parish and school have achieved honors this quarter at Paramus Catholic High School. The following students are deserving of our congratulations:

James Argo, William Argo, Christine Carrozza, Doreen Dorcelly, Skyler Keough, Grace Mattern, Leanne Mattern, Jasmine Thomas Petit, Stephanie Lezin and Dylan Nguyen.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 5

Family Catechesis Rel. Ed. – 2pm cafeteria
CYO Clinic – 1:30pm in the gym

Monday, March 6

Rel. Ed. Grade 6 – 4:30pm in the school
Rel. Ed. – Grade 7 – 7:00pm in the school
Hispanic RCIA – 7:00pm rectory

Tuesday, March 7

Rel. Ed. – Grades 3–5 – 4:30pm in the school
CYO Basketball – 5pm in the gym
Rel. Ed. – Grade 8 – 7:00pm

Lenten Talk – 7pm in the Church

Wednesday, March 8

Children's Choir Practice – 5pm Church
CYO Basketball – 5pm in the gym
Choir Practice – 7:00pm in the Church
HSA Meeting – 7:00pm school library
Hispanic Prayer Group – 8pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, March 9

CYO Basketball – 5pm in the gym
RCIA – 7:00pm rectory

Friday, March 10

Prayer Shawl Mtg. – 1pm Rectory
Stations of the Cross – 7:30pm

Saturday, March 11

St. Joseph Group – 7:30am in the Rectory
Rel. Ed. Grades 1 & 2 – 9:30am in the school
Rel. Ed. First Penance – 11am and 1pm Church
CYO -11am – to 4pm in the gym

Sunday, March 12

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**

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.

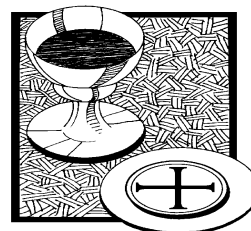
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Church and our Parish Community the following children who were recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

CLAYTON JOSEPH BISIG
Son of Scott and Elena

TAYLOR JANE INOA
Daughter of Santiago and Maria

MARINA STARR CANDELA
Daughter of Mariano and Danielle



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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

MONDAY, MARCH 6

7:00am – Robert, Mae & Bob Kleid

9:00am – Catherine Halloran

7:15pm – **Novena Prayers**

7:30pm – Lenten Mass

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

7:00am – Robert & Bob Kleid

9:00am – William Halloran

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

7:00am – Nikola Spinderk

9:00am – Special Intentions Cangelose Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

7:00am – John Griffiths

9:00am – Deacon Joseph Witt

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

7:00am – Msgr. Charles Zanotti

9:00am – Nancy D'Anna

7:30pm – Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

9:00am – Eustace "Hop" Morgese

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Charles & Elaine Jock

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

7:00am – Parish Memorial Society

8:30am – Dianne Messina

10:00am – Anne Lynch

11:30am – Deacon Joseph Witt

1:00pm – All Parishioners

5:30pm – Deborah Krucic

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, Ed Fryns, 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, 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 MARCH 5, 2017

Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of

DEACON JOSEPH WITT



All Parishioners Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, friends, benefactors, relatives, priests, religious and especially **Kathryn Materna and Maria Flora Gonzalez.**

BOOSTER CLUB WINNER

WEEK 19-THOMAS J. KEANE