

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

I pray that Lent has gotten off to a good start for everyone. This is a much needed season of spiritual renewal. I know I need it so much. I am happy that Father Innocent accepted my invitation once again this year to give a series of spiritual talks each Tuesday evening of Lent which were so well received last year. I am also looking forward to our Parish Holy Week Mission with Father Glenn Sudano of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and the live Stations of the Cross and Passion Play with the Procession of a 16 foot Cross up Lafayette Avenue on Good Friday. Our Lenten schedule is full with so many opportunities to make this Lent the best one yet.

At times we can look at all that is going on in our world and wonder what is wrong. In the face of many scandals in the Church, Saint Mother Theresa was once asked: *"Mother, what is wrong with the Church?"* And she replied: *"Me. What is wrong with the Church is that it is filled with sinners like me."* Lent is an urgent call to all of us to greater holiness. The best thing we can do for our children, for our families, for our Church, for our Country, and for our world is what Jesus calls us to do in the Gospel today: *Repent and believe in the Gospel*, to live our faith with all our might.

This past Wednesday we began this holy season of Lent, our 40 day "retreat" marked by prayer, repentance, and acts of charity, to prepare ourselves to commemorate the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus with minds and hearts renewed. The ashes we received on our foreheads remind us that we are all mortal, that we are all sinners, and that we all need a Savior. That is why the ashes were traced on our foreheads in the sign of the Cross, the sign of our Salvation, of God's Mercy. As St. Francis of Assisi exclaimed: *"We adore you O Christ and we praise you, for by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world."*

We all know that our relationship with God is not what it should be, that we still have a long way to go to being the person God wants us to be. And so we are given this blessed time of Lent to begin again, to turn back to God with all our hearts. The whole

point is to become holier, to become more like Jesus - not just for your own sake, but for the sake of our children, our families, our Church, our Country, and our world. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Matthew J. Furey

BLOOD DRIVE PRESIDENT'S DAY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2018

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COMMUNITY SERVICES LENTEN MITE BOXES

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

TUESDAYS: LENTEN TALKS WITH FR. INNOCENT

7:00PM TO 8:00PM

FRIDAYS: LENTEN MASS AT 7:00pm

FOLLOWED BY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

at 7:30pm

February 16, 23

March 2, 9th, 16th, 23rd

Good Friday, March 30th

HOLY WEEK MISSION

March 26th, 27th & 28th 7:30pm

RECONCILIATION MONDAY MARCH 26TH
CONFESSIONS 3:00pm to 9:00pm

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PRAYER GROUP

During Lent the prayer group will meet on Tuesday nights in the Church at 7pm for the Lenten talks with Fr. Innocent and will pray the rosary immediately after.

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 8, 2018.

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR PARISH

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 18

Monday, February 19 President's Day

BLOOD DRIVE – 2pm to 8pm in the gym

Rel. Ed. – Grade 6 – Closed

Rel. Ed. – Grade 7 – Closed

Hispanic RCIA – 7:00pm Rectory

Tuesday, February 20

Rel. Ed. – Grades 3-5 – Closed

CYO Basketball- 5pm in the gym

Rel. Ed. – Grade 8 – Closed

Prayer Group – Meets in Church

Lenten Talk with Fr. Innocent – 7:00pm Church

Wednesday, February 21

St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry – 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Thursday, February 22

CYO Basketball- 5pm in the gym

RCIA -7:00pm in the Rectory

Friday, February 23

CYO Basketball- 5pm in the gym

Prayer Shawl Mtg. -1:00pm in the Rectory

Mass – 7:00pm

Stations of the Cross – 7:30pm

Saturday, February 24

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

Rel. Ed – Grades 1 & 2 - 9:30am

Knight of Columbus –

Free Throw District Level- 7:00pm in the gym

Sunday, February 25

CYO Clinic – 1:30pm

150th ANNIVERSARY MASS

JUNE 8, 2018 7:30PM

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

MAIN CELEBRANT- ARCHBISHOP CHARLES BALVO

(Graduate of Sacred Heart School)

150TH GALA DINNER DANCE

JUNE 9, 2018 CROWN PLAZA 7:00 PM

Tickets available at the Rectory Office.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Sacred Heart School is seeking a part-time Computer teacher, position requires 2 days a week grades 1-8. They are also looking for a part-time administrative assistant to work in the school's office 1-4 or 12:30 to 3:30pm. Excel and Microsoft Word needed. Call – 357-0035.

LENTEN SEASON 2018

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.

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday

are days of fast & abstinence.

Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK

MARCH 8-14

NCSW is an annual celebration that began in 2014 to honor women religious with a series of events that instruct, enlighten, and bring greater focus on the lives of these women. The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, in celebrating NCSW would like to invite you all to: 3Ps + Pray, Play, Pizza with the Sisters. March 8th - 6:30pm and March 11th - 2:00pm. St. Mary's Villa, 150 Sisters Servants Ln. Sloatsburg, NY: RSVP: Call 845-753-2840 or email: srkath25@gmail.com. Responses Needed by March 3.

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS'S NAME

February 11th Collection –\$12,270.

Last Year's Collection - \$15,698.

(Down \$3,428 from last year)

Peter's Pence Collection - \$4,290.

Last Year's Collection -\$4,239.

COLD AND FLU SEASON

In this season of colds and flu, please remember that you may give and receive the sign of peace with a simple wave of the hand or nod of the head. No insult is intended if anyone does not want to shake hands.

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 17 de febrero 2018 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

For the Third Time

Jose Ascencio Zavala & Florencia Sacencio

For the Third Time

Andrew Taranto & Addolorata Alfieri



We pray for all those serving in the **Armed Forces** and for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Luciano Antonucci, Jenna Applebaum, Michael Brady, Annette Burbridge, Dolores Cangelose, Frank Calfa, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Robert Cosenza, Joe Davey, Lilla DiBerardino, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Debra Gravina, Catherine Greeley, Carrin Holborn, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Susan Jarkiewicz, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Shace Paljusevic, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, Philomena Pelzer, Etta Rooney, Mary Russo, Daniel Sammarone, Eleanor Scelza, Ruth Schwetz, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Aurelia Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, Fr. Peter Tarantino, SA, Phyllis Varacalli, and Fr. Wing.

ALTAR MEMORIALS

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

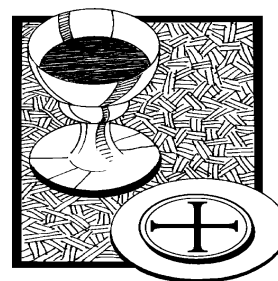
Altar Wines, Altar Breads, Altar Candles
and the
Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of

JOHN N. WANAMAKER



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, family members and loved ones.

**Especially: Constance "Connie" Maslik
Dennis Sindone
Terence Lenny**



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:00am – Rasheen McCormick

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Elaine & Charles Jock

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Richard Neil McKiever

10:00am – Vincent Whelan

11:30am – Thomas Witt

1:00pm – Peggy McGrath

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19 President Day

7:00am – **No Mass**

9:00am – Josephine O'Neill

7:15pm – **No Novena**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:00am – Robert, May & Bob Kleid

9:00am – William Halloran

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:00am – Holy Souls of Purgatory

9:00am – Jon Eshbach

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:00am – Joseph Oliveto

9:00am – Joan Lent

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:00am – William R. Sichel, Jr.

9:00am – Anthony Collins

1:00pm – SHS Stations of the Cross

7:00pm – Lenten Mass – Connie Maslik

7:30pm – Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:00am – Christina Isoldi

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Frank A. Battaglia

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Andrew L. Kravic

10:00am – Dr. Leo Greco

11:30am – Augustin Kim

1:00pm – James Halloran

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

BOOSTER CLUB

WEEK 11- GERALDINE & FRANK MESSINA