

February 22, 2009

Sacred Heart Church

Week of February 22nd – March 1st

Saturday, February 21st

Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145:2-5,10-11/Mk 9:2-13
8:30 Decd Nancy McCormick
4:00 (T) Decd MaryAnne Costello
5:00 pm Decd Marion Kotelez

Sunday, February 22nd – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 42:18-19, 21-22,24b-25/Ps 41:2-5,13-14/ 2 Cor 1:18-22/Mk 2:1-12
7:00 am Sp Int For Our Parish Family
8:30 Decd Mildred Dulak
10:00 Decd Arlene McDonald
11:30 Decd Eileen Roche Clarke

Monday, February 23th – St. Polycarp

Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1-2,5/Mk 9:14-29
6:45 Decd Antonio Vitullo
8:30 Decd Thomas Sullivan Jr.

Tuesday, February 24th

Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4,18-19,27-28,39-40/Mk 9:30-37
6:45 Decd James Bisaccia
8:30 Decd Louise Sheldon

Wednesday, February 25th – Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-6a,12-14,17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6,16-18
6:45 Decd Robert Dunne
8:30 Decd John Roche & Eileen Roche Clarke
7:30 pm Decd Florencio Yabut

Thursday, February 26th

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4,6/Lk 9:22-25
6:45 Decd Irene Stanczyk
8:30 Decd Lucia Persichilli Tejani

Friday, February 27th

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6a,18-19/Mt 9:14-15
6:45 Decd Joseph W. Carroll
8:30 Decd Francis X. Byrnes

Saturday, February 28th

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32
8:30 Decd Regina & Pietro DelMonaco
4:00 (T) Decd Angelina Quintavalle
5:00 pm Decd Bill Mannix

Sunday, March 1st – First Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-9/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
7:00 am Decd William Donovan
8:30 Decd Arlene McDonald
10:00 Sp Int For Our Parish Family
11:30 Decd Irene Romano

MEMORIALS: Week of February 22nd

SANCTUARY LAMP:

Sp Int Barbara Egan

BREAD & WINE:

Sp Int Anne Anderson



STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S BLESSINGS - TITHING

February 15, 2009 \$8,859.65
Last year..... \$7,402.75

We are grateful for your continued support of the parish and various appeals. May God bless your generosity to Sacred Heart!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK.... LENT BEGINS! – The season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 25. The meaning of Lent can be summed up in one word: "Preparation". For those elected for Baptism, Lent is a 40 day final period of intense preparation before they "die with Christ and are reborn in the waters of Baptism". For those of us already baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus, Lent is also a 40 day period of preparation to renew our baptismal promises at Easter. Together we use the gift of the season of Lent to prepare ourselves to be renewed in Christ. May your Lent be fruitful and grace-filled!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Moe

ASH WEDNESDAY - We prepare to begin the season of Lent by accepting Ashes on our heads as a sign of our willingness to repent for our sins and turn again to God and his grace. Blessed ashes may be distributed ONLY at Mass or a service of the Word on Ash Wednesday. Services will be held at the following times:

- 6:45 am Eucharist in Church
8:30 am Eucharist in Church (SHGS & SHHS)
1:00 pm Service of the Word (Finian Tower)
1:00 pm Service of the Word (Monastery Manor)
3:00 pm Service of the Word (Church)
7:30 pm Eucharist in Church

The OLPH Novena (7:00 pm) and Rosary (after Mass) will be held as usual.

Ashes may be brought to the sick or homebound on Ash Wednesday but should be celebrated within a Liturgy of the Word as found in the missalette. Ashes cannot be distributed from the parish office or outside of Mass. It is not appropriate for infants or children who have not reached the age of reason to receive ashes. Receiving ashes is not a sign of being a Christian or Catholic but of being a sinner – willing to try again.

PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING - The parish community of Sacred Heart offers encouragement and support to those who wish to participate in communal expressions of the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Prayer - In addition to the usual weekend Masses, the Eucharist is celebrated Monday through Friday at 6:45 and 8:30 am, Wednesday at 7:30 pm, and on Saturday at 8:30 am. Morning Prayer is celebrated Monday through

Saturday at 8:00 am. This year we will also celebrate the **Stations of the Cross on each of the Fridays of Lent at 12:30 pm.**

Fasting and Abstinence - Persons 14 years of age and older are asked to **abstain** from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. In addition, those between the ages of 18 and 59 years are asked to **fast** on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday as their health permits. "Fasting" means only one full meal in addition to two lighter meals.

Almsgiving... Sacred Heart Parish will once again participate in the Lenten Folder program which combines sacrifice and almsgiving during Lent. Lenten Folders can be obtained in the pew or at the back of the church and returned to church on Holy Thursday or after as part of the offering for the poor.

LENTEN LUNCH - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Francis of Assisi is credited with popularizing the devotion known as the Stations of the Cross. It is a particularly Franciscan devotion because it asks us to look at and reflect on images of Jesus in his final hours of suffering and glory and respond from our hearts in prayer.



Join us for a Lenten Lunch (Soup and Salad) hosted by the Bereavement Committee this Friday at 11:45 in the Church Hall followed by the Stations of the Cross at 12:30 in the church.



Prayer Requests
Dominic Villara, Ellen Boyle, Al Femia, Sr. Gloria Sullivan OSU, Mary Leavey, Dorothy Aurisy, Marion Travers, Lucia Rampa, Rose Panessa, Louis Mehrtens, Irene Bybel, Mary Galle, Ada Russak, Margaret Castle, Winifred Persise, Judy Persise, Kathleen Liberati, Constantine Castiglione, Ronald Milne, Faye Siami, Irene Hickey, Marietta Rasulo, Mary Hanczor

MARRIAGE BANNS

- II Paul Anthony Zaino & Lisa Constantinople
- II Michael Williams & Jo-Ann Rodriguez

CARDINAL'S APPEAL

\$1,500,000 of the funds raised through the 2009 Cardinal's Appeal will be dedicated to the charitable works across the Archdiocese of New York. Each year the Archdiocese, Catholic Charities and its other charitable organizations provide hope and support to those in need throughout our community. Your gift to the 2009 Appeal will ensure the continuation of vital programs that reach out to so many in need.



Sunday, February 22nd

Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:00am
Religious Education 11:00 am
Sacred Heart Fraternity 12:45 pm Instruction
1:30 pm Meeting

Monday, February 23rd

Religious Education 7:00 pm
RCIA 7:30 pm

Wednesday, February 25th

Ash Wednesday - see schedule
O.L.P.H. Novena 7:00 pm; Mass - 7:30 pm

Saturday, February 28th

Scripture Study 9:15 am

Sunday, March 1st

Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:00am
Religious Education 11:00 am

THE SHARING COMMUNITY

We will be preparing lunch for The Sharing Community on Friday, February 27th. Please pick up your pans at Irene Hickey's house on Wednesday, February 25th.

We are also looking for additional cooks to help prepare lunch once a month for the Sharing Community. We would like to be able to have extra cooks available so that we can set up a rotation and not rely on the same people each month. This is particularly helpful in the winter and summer months when many people are away. Pans and all ingredients are supplied each month. Please call the Parish Office and leave your name and number and one of the committee members will get back to you. Thank you for all your help!

WEDDING JUBILARIANS DURING 2009:

Our **PARISH CANA CELEBRATION** will be held on **Saturday, May 30th**. This year, we would like to add our Diamond Jubilarians to our celebration. If you are celebrating 60 years of marriage during 2009, please contact the Parish Office by March 20th. To qualify for our Parish Cana Celebration, couples **must be registered, participating members of the parish.**

CHILD PROTECTION

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious, or lay person serving the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford at 212-371-1000 x2949 or Deacon Lawrence O'Toole at 914-594-4646. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, <http://ny-archdiocese.org>. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

LENTEN REFLECTIONS AND RETREATS

NORTH YONKERS PRESERVATION & DEVELOPMENT CORP. DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICE

Tuesday Feb 24 Groceries South
 Wednesday Feb 25 Walmart
 Thursday Feb 26 Groceries North
 For information or reservations, please call 423-9754.



SACRED HEART GRADE SCHOOL

AVON FUNDRAISER

The Grade School will be holding an Avon Fundraiser to benefit the general needs of the school. Catalogs and order forms are available in the Grade School and Parish Offices. Please call the Grade School (963-5318) for information.

FIFTH GRADE NEWS

In December, Fr. Charles helped us understand the Sacrament of Baptism better by performing a Baptism. Four sets of parents and godparents were selected and their babies became "new little Christians." This was a great learning experience to be a witness to this ceremony and having Fr. Charles explaining everything as he went along. We thank him for his time and knowledge that was given to us. We would also like to thank Br. Michael who has been coming to our class to enhance our Religion lessons. We learn so much from his visits and look forward to his next visit.

On January 13th, we joined students from grades 4 through 8 and had the pleasure of attending a game at Iona College. This was a thank you for participating in the Christmas concert. We had a great time and would love to go again!

SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL

BLOOD BANK

The students, faculty and staff were able to donate 90 units of blood at their Blood Drive last week. This was a great turnout! We thank the parishioners who were able to join us and support us.

CLASS OF 1989

Sacred Heart High School, Class of 1989, is having a 20 year reunion on March 14, 2009. For more information please contact Carla Ascencao Foto at cfoto@inbox.com or visit the High School website at sacredhearths.net

PASSIONIST SPIRITUAL CENTER

CARDINAL SPELLMAN RETREAT HOUSE, 5801 PALISADE AVE, BRONX
PAUL THE APOSTLE; AN INCREDIBLE JOURNEY OF FAITH

Join the Women of Sacred Heart on a Weekend Retreat (or Saturday only) for Lent. Do you feel that the world is closing in on you? Is there hunger in your soul? Then this is the time you should turn to prayer and consider a week-end retreat at the Passionist Spiritual Center March 13th- 15th. Bring along a friend! For details call: Olga Jakubek 914-969-1725

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE CHURCH, 77 LEE AVE, YONKERS

Have you been looking to revitalize your faith, deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ, enrich your prayer life and learn about the gifts of the Holy Spirit? Join this seminar for the Tuesdays of Lent, March 3,10,17,24,31, April 7 & 14 at 8:00 sharp. Register now. Meet at the Prayer Meeting in the Church Hall between 7:20 and 7:45. Call 965-9333 for further information.



Our Men and Women in the Service

OPERATION SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Please remember to drop off at the friary or place in the box in the vestibule any goodies you would like to donate to the troops. Toiletries, NO BAR SOAPS, chap stick, hand sanitizers, baby wipes. Food and snacks: powdered drink mixes, Pringles, peanuts, dried fruits, fruit in pop top cans or plastic containers, nuts, beef jerky, power bars, breakfast bars, M&Ms, chocolate bars. To help keep them 'busy': DVDs, CDs, AT&T telephone cards – international use, magazines, word puzzle books, Sudoku puzzles, current magazines. Things to keep them more comfortable: socks, towels, flashlights/with batteries, fly paper, insect repellent, deodorant, jockey shorts underwear (all sizes), more socks!! Checks made out to OSOT (tax deductible) are most welcome to help with the cost of the mailings. Thanks to all for helping the morale raising for our troops.

OUR MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Please pray for peace and the safe return of our men and women serving in the armed forces everywhere, especially those listed below:



Joseph Norcini - Army,	Matt Stough - Marines,
Brendan Mayer-Army,	Joseph Uzzi - Marines,
Michael Jones – Navy,	Walter Urtz III – Navy,
Thomas Sabol - Marines,	James Allen – Navy,
Robert M. Wilson – Air Force,	Daniel Bronner – Navy,
Adrienne Serbaroli-Bronner – Marines	