

Week of Feb 17th – Feb 24th

Saturday, February 16th

Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8/Mt 5:20-26

8:30 Decd Carolyn Ong Briones

4:00(Twr) Decd Joseph Burke

5:00 PM Decd Decd Mbrs Anderson & Quinn Families

Sunday, February 17th - Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22/2 Tim 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

7:00 AM Decd Charles Sullivan

8:30 Decd Anna & Nicholas Rosato &
Decd Mbrs Totten & Rosato Families

10:00 Sp Int For Our Parish Family

11:30 Decd Scott Grimshaw

Monday, February 18th

Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8-9,11,13/Lk 6:36-38

8:30 Decd Chet Kielb

Tuesday, February 19th

Is 1:10,16-20/Ps 50:8-9,16bc-17,21,23/Mt 23:1-12

6:45 Decd Nancy McCormick (40th Anniv)

8:30 Decd Arlene Ball (Anniv)

Wednesday, February 20th

Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6,14-16/Mt 20:17-28

6:45 Decd Elizabeth Liptak

8:30 Decd Emidio, Ersilia & Antonio DiMarco

7:30 PM Decd Maria DeSantis

Thursday, February 21st

Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4,6/Lk 16:19-31

6:45 Decd Antonio Vitullo

8:30 Decd Elizabeth Smith

Friday, February 22nd - Chair of St Peter, Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a,4-6/Mt 16:13-19

6:45 Decd Desmond D'Silva

8:30 Decd Anna Terlecky

Saturday, February 23rd

Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8/Mt 5:20-26

8:30 Decd Florence Yabut

4:00(Mnr) Decd John Dillon

5:00 PM Decd Marion Kotelez

Sunday, February 24th - Third Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22/2 Tim 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

7:00 AM Decd Albert Demarco

8:30 Sp Int Vincent Guzman

10:00 Decd Mae Dunne

11:30 Sp Int For Our Parish Family

MEMORIALS: Week of February 17th

SANCTUARY LAMP:

Decd Mbrs Halpin & Landy Families

BREAD & WINE:

In memory Arlene Ball

STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S BLESSINGS - TITHING

February 9 – 10, 2008..... \$7,750.47

Last year \$9,096.00

Our sincerest thanks to you for your witness to God's goodness!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK.... LENT II – The second Sunday of Lent presents the beautiful and familiar gospel of the Transfiguration of Jesus and the Old Testament "call of Abraham". The point of the first reading is that God's plans were at work long before anyone had any grasp on the importance of a wandering chief and his family. God is at work in the everyday moments of life, times when it seems that nothing of significance is going on, much less a response to a call from God. Abram heard and obeyed God's call by responding to his urge to leave his land for a better life. In this response to his situation in life, God was present. God is present in the ordinary events of people's lives too, even though they may recognize God only in hindsight. At the transfiguration, the apostles Peter, James, and John were privileged to see the glory of God in Jesus. God offers other opportunities to witness glory on this earth. For many people, God's glory may be in nature; for others, it is in music, and for others, in a person they admire and love. If people become aware, they can experience God's glory every day.

Happy Lent!

Fr. John

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - There are many ways to reflect on the Passion of Jesus; the Seven Last Words, for example, invite us to listen to reflections on the themes from the Passion accounts. 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 the Stations of the Cross each **Friday of Lent at 12 Noon** in church.



BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN - We are making progress on our Bicentennial Pledges since mailing out the final letter. We thank all who have returned pledges to the Parish Bicentennial Campaign. To date, we have received **\$638,940 in pledges from 189 parish families**. As payments become due we are aware of the on-going nature of the sacrifices that many people have made for the sake of the parish. God bless you. You are in our daily prayer and remembrance. The scaffolding for the first phase of the roof replacement should be going up shortly.

ST. PATRICK PARADE - Congratulations to Sacred Heart parishioners **Maureen McGillicuddy, Scott McGowan and Jean Tickell** who were recently installed as aides to the Grand Marshall of the Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade, **Mike Morley**. The parade can be viewed **Sunday, March 2** along South Broadway from Radford Street to Getty Square beginning at 1:30 PM. Watch also for Sacred Heart Schools who will be represented in the parade. There are many people with Sacred Heart roots who work to make this important cultural and civic event a success each year and we are grateful for their hard work.

FR. FINIAN SULLIVAN SCHOLARSHIP DINNER - DANCE – Congratulations to **Chris and Joanne Uzzi**, this year's honorees at the annual Fr. Finian Sullivan Scholarship Dinner – Dance. Save the date – **Saturday, April 26, 2008** for a great evening of dining and dancing in good company for a great purpose. Last year, the event raised over \$19,000 for scholarships for Sacred Heart Grade and High Schools. Many families who struggle to provide a quality Catholic education have benefited from this dinner-dance over the past 38 years. Our special thanks to the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick for their extra support of this effort and to the many people who have served as Committee members and honorees over the years.

WEDDING JUBILARIANS DURING 2008:

Our **PARISH CANA CELEBRATION** will be held on **Saturday, March 8th**. Golden and Silver Jubilarians will be honored at the 5:00 PM Mass, with a reception following. Couples celebrating their 25th & 50th Anniversaries anytime during 2008 are eligible for Anniversary Awards. To qualify for our Parish Cana Celebration, couples **must be registered, participating members of the parish.**

Scrolls will be conferred on the Golden Jubilarians in St. Patrick's Cathedral on a date to be announced. Silver Jubilarians will receive their scrolls at the Parish Celebration. Golden and Silver Jubilarian couples should call the parish office by **Feb 21st**.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, February 18th for the President's Day holiday. There will be only one Mass on that day – at 8:30 AM.



EVENTS AND MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, February 17th

No Children's Liturgy or Religious Ed

Monday, February 18th

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, February 20th

O.L.P.H. 7:00 PM - Novena 7:30 Mass

Rosary following 7:30 Mass

Sunday, February 24th

Children' Liturgy 10:00 am

Religious Education 11:00 am

FUNERALS

Feb 11 Rose Valpacchio

Feb 13 Fr. James Jones OFM Cap.

Feb 15 John Roche

Feb 15 Eileen Blanca

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III Brian Bracken and Meghan McSpedon

PAPAL VISIT

Information regarding the Papal visit in April and tickets for the Celebration of Mass at Yankee Stadium can be found on the insert in today's bulletin. Additional forms are available at the Parish Office.

VOLUNTEERS FOR PAPAL VISIT

The Archdiocese has released applications for volunteers for the Papal visit in April. Volunteers are needed for the variety of venues including St Joseph's Seminary. All applications must be completed and returned to the Archdiocese by this Fri, Feb 22nd. Applications are available in the Parish Office.

DONATIONS TO THE SACRED HEART ROOF FUND IN MEMORY OF LOYOLA "LOY" KENNEY

Guss & Theresa Hayes

Colleen O'Rourke Kensinger

Andrew & Laura McCadden

James & Kathleen Rittinger

PARISH REQUESTS PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Rose Panessa, Carol Moran, Franklin Sid, Louis Mehrtens, Irene Bybel, Mary Galle, Ada Russak, Margaret Castle, Winifred Persise, Judy Persise, Kathleen Liberati, Constantine Castiglione, Anne Higgins, Ronald Milne, Faye Siami, Irene Hickey, Teresita Seeto, Marietta Rasulo, Mary Hanczor

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, DVDs, CDs, Crystal Lite, socks, towels, flashlights/with batteries, fly paper, insect repellent, dried fruits, deodorant, fruit in pop top cans or plastic containers, nuts, beef jerky, more socks!!, jockey shorts underwear (all sizes), AT&T telephone cards – international use, power bars, breakfast bars, NO BAR SOAPS, hand sanitizers, baby wipes, magazines, puzzle books, M&Ms. Now that the weather is cooler, chocolate is acceptable. 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.



Monastery Manor, a recently renovated senior citizen residence at 2 Finian Sullivan Drive, has immediate openings. Please call 914-963-0202 for information or an application.

FRANK CONROY BASKETBALL CAMP FEB: 18-22

Open to Boys and Girls, Ages 7-15. Call Coach Conroy for Information at 914-576-9826

NORTH YONKERS BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

2008 Baseball, Softball & T-Ball Sign-ups held every Thursday and Saturday in February from 7-9 PM and Saturdays from 10-Noon. Early Bird Special in February. Information: Tony 914-610-9385 or Tina 914-557-0116

THE NORTH YONKERS PRESERVATION & DEVELOPMENT CORP. announces the following upcoming events:

Medicare Part D: On Monday, Feb 25th SOS will sponsor a very informative program on the current status of Medicare Part D & what to expect in the future. NY State EPIC Representative Laura Mulvihill will be the guest speaker. Refreshments will be served.

Dial-A-Ride Service:

Mon Feb 18 Stew Leonard's
Tues Feb 19 Groceries South
Thurs Feb 21 Groceries North

Call 423-9754 for information and reservations.

CATHOLIC WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will hold their monthly meeting at 7:15 pm on Tuesday, Feb 19th, in the auditorium of Christ the King School, 740 North Broadway. New members are welcome. Coffee and cake will follow the meeting. For further information, please call 914-476-4436.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE is offering a healing weekend from Mar. 28-30 at the Mt. Alvernia Retreat House in Wappingers Falls. This event is open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. This weekend includes personal talks by peers, personal writing time, and small group sharing. It is for those who are ready to begin anew. Reservations are required. Please call as soon as possible to insure your spot! For information or registration, please call Marianne 203-426-6930 or Fran 914-556-8902.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

At St John's Riverside Hospital: Education and Support to help cope with cancer. Wed, Feb. 20, 7pm Info: 964-4441.

CHURCH OF ST BRENDAN- 100TH ANNIVERSARY

As the Church of St Brendan celebrates its 100th Anniversary, Faculty and Alumni are invited to come together for a Mass of Thanksgiving for 96 years of dedication and ministry on Sat. April 5th at 12 noon. A Luncheon and tours of the school will follow the Mass. Reservations for the luncheon are necessary. Suggested donation \$15. RSVP by March 8th to Sr. Catherine Naughton, OP 718-547-6655, Joan Reilly 718-798-4806 or stbrendanchurch@gmail.com. Please share this information with others you might be in touch with!

LENTEN REFLECTIONS AND RETREATS

CARDINAL SPELLMAN HIGH SCHOOL

1991 Needham Ave, Bronx, NY

Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Family Life & Respect Life Office Family Life Conference Sat, Mar 1, 8:30-4:00 Keynote Speakers Jennifer Roback Morse and Kathleen Gallagher. To register go to www.FLRL.org. or call 212-371-1011 x3195

CAPUCHIN YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

781 ROUTE 9D, GARRISON, NY

Boys DDA Weekend Thurs, Mar 6th - Sun, Mar 9th. Registration fee \$135. (Early Bird by Feb 26th -\$120). For registration visit our website at www.cyfm.org or call 845-424-3609.

FRANCISCAN RETREAT CENTER,

49 Jackson Ave, Hastings-on-Hudson

Lenten Scripture Sharing and Prayer Group:

10-11 AM or 7-9PM, Wednesdays, Feb 6-Mar 19. These sessions will be based on the booklet "Embracing the Healing Cross" by Edward Hayes. Suggested offering of \$30. Info Sr. Margaret Toohill 914-478-3930 x132

DIVINE COMPASSION SPIRITUALITY CENTER:

52 North Broadway, White Plains

Lenten Lunches: A simple lunch of homemade soup and bread, some quiet time to ponder a seasonal reading and an opportunity to share our thoughts in this informal setting. Dates: Feb 22ND, 29TH, March 7TH, 14TH, noon to 1:00 PM. Suggested donation: \$5.00 per meeting.

ST PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH

77 Lee Ave, Yonkers

Life in the Spirit Seminar Reflection, Self-Examination and Spiritual Direction Tuesdays of Lent, Feb 19,26 Mar 4, 11,18, & 25. 8pm Sharp! Info 965-9333

AN EXCERPT FROM: "SOLANUS CASEY, THE OFFICIAL ACCOUNT OF A VIRTUOUS AMERICAN LIFE"

THE PRACTICE OF THE VIRTUES BY

SOLANUS CASEY *The Theological Virtues*

The Practice of the Love of God

"As children, both Margaret and Bernard Casey Jr. had God's provident love for them modeled in the 'solicitude' of their 'sturdy, honest, virtuous parents.' When he joined the Capuchin Order, Solanus Casey immediately began by trying to grow in that love. On March 20, 1897, a few months into his novitiate, Solanus called himself to a 'renewal frequently of resolve to strive for Love of God,' which included detachment from earthly affections and singleness of purpose, meditation on 'the passion of Jesus Christ,' uniformity of his will with God's will, mental prayer (meditation and contemplation) and intercessory prayer. He concluded this section with a quotation in Latin translated here: "Perfection" according to St Bonaventure, "principally consists in charity, in that it is the most high perfection, when it excludes all covetousness, which is the enemy of charity. Covetousness however informs all things and will not voluntarily let go of them. Here then is the root of all evil: covetousness: thus the root and principle of perfection is most high poverty."