

Week of Mar 2nd – Mar 9thSaturday, March 1st

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4,18-21b/Lk 18:9-14

- 8:30 Decd Elizabeth Zappia Vallette
 4:00(Twr) Decd Mary Ellen Roche
 5:00 PM Decd Edward & Ursula Smith &
 Decd Mmbrs Smith & DePalma Families

Sunday, March 2nd – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

- 7:00 AM Sp Int For Our Parish Family
 8:30 Decd Roy Conley
 10:00 Decd Albino Correia
 11:30 Decd Irene Romano

Monday, March 3rd

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2,4-6,11-12a,13ab/ Jn 4:43-54

- 6:45 Decd Desmond D'Silva
 8:30 Decd Jose Candeias & Maria Fernandes

Tuesday, March 4th

Ez 47:1-9,12/Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9/Jn 5:1-16

- 6:45 Decd Edith Peters
 8:30 Decd William Sterico

Wednesday, March 5th

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9,13c-14,17-18/Jn 5:17-30

- 6:45 Decd Sylvester LaVista
 8:30 Decd Anna Terlecky
 7:30 PM Decd Guido Pietrosante

Thursday, March 6th

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47

- 6:45 Decd Julia Anne O'Donnell
 8:30 Decd Francis Ardivino & Richard Behrman

Friday, March 7th

Wis 2:1a,12-22/Ps 34:17-21,23/Jn1:2,10,25-30

- 6:45 Decd John Verno
 8:30 Decd George & Minna Miehle

Saturday, March 8th

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3,9b-12/Jn 7:40-53

- 8:30 Decd Mary Knapp
 4:00(Mnr) Decd Helen M. Stanford
 5:00 PM Sp Int Cana Celebration

Sunday, March 9th – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

- 7:00 AM Decd William Donovan
 8:30 Sp Int For Our Parish Family
 10:00 Decd Stanislas & Alice Deguire
 11:30 Decd Madeline & John Settembrino

MEMORIALS: Week of March 2nd

SANCTUARY LAMP: In memory of John Verno

BREAD & WINE: Special Intention Anne Anderson

STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S BLESSINGS - TITHING

February 23 – 24, 2008.....	\$6,950.85
Last year	\$9,955.00

This marks the end of the second quarter and half-way point in the fiscal year:

Year to Date 2008.....	\$204,513.23
Year to Date 2007.....	\$202,835.00

Thank you for your on-going sacrifices and support!

"Bring your tithes to the storehouseand see if I do not pour out my blessings upon you in abundance....." (Malachi 3: 10)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK.... LENT IV – Laetare!

Traditionally this is known as "Laetare" Sunday", a point in the Lenten Season which marks our joy in the fact that we are that much closer to the renewal of our Baptism and the celebration of that of the elect. The name of the day comes from the Latin translation of the first words of the Entrance Antiphon: "Rejoice, Jerusalem," it urges us, "Be glad for her, you who love her, rejoice with her, you who mourned for her!" Easter is approaching – the day of our salvation! May God continue to guide, enlighten and purify all of us during the Lenten season. - Fr. John



STATIONS OF THE CROSS - JOIN US FOR THE Stations of the Cross **each Friday of Lent at 12 Noon** in church.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN - We thank all who have returned pledges and payments to the Parish Bicentennial Campaign. To date, we have received **\$644,465 in pledges from 194 parish families.** God bless you! You are in our daily prayer and remembrance. This phase of roof replacement is expected to be completed by the end of April, depending on the weather.



CARDINAL'S ANNUAL APPEAL – Our parish participation in this year's Cardinal's Appeal has been delayed until after Easter in deference to our active participation in the Bicentennial Campaign.

PARISH CANA CELEBRATION- This Saturday, March 8th, we will be celebrating a total of 175 years of marriage for four Jubilarian couples of our parish. We congratulate our Golden Jubilarians: **John & Maureen Brennan, Tom & Carol Hand, and John & Barbara Miksad.** We also congratulate one Silver Anniversary couple: **Tom & Joyce Goff.** Our celebration will begin with the 5pm Mass on Saturday. We invite everyone to join us for the Liturgy in celebration of marriage and to bless these couples on their jubilee anniversaries.

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.

ST. VALENTINE PARTY - THANKS! We offer our thanks to the organizers of the St Valentine's Party. More than 100 people enjoyed an evening of good food, dancing and great company in honor of St. Valentine. The committee donated \$1,318.00 which will be used for the on-going renovation of the church hall and kitchen. They are looking forward to organizing additional social events.

SISTERS OF ST. AGNES – 150TH JUBILEE – Congratulations to the Sisters of St. Agnes who are celebrating their 150th Jubilee this year. The Sisters of St. Agnes served here at Sacred Heart for many years in the elementary and high schools and on the parish pastoral and administrative staffs. Many young women of Sacred Heart Parish entered this congregation and were the channel of God's graces upon our community over the years. The sisters have produced a 150th Jubilee calendar which is available for free in the book rack in the church vestibule or at the parish office.

FEASTS OF THE MONTH OF MARCH – There are several feasts that are traditionally celebrated in the month of March that are affected by the early date of Easter this year.

- **Feast of St. Patrick**, patron of the Archdiocese of New York, traditionally celebrated on March 17, is **transferred this year only to Friday, March 14** since March 17 falls during Holy Week. The Archbishop has lifted the obligation for Fast and Abstinence that day. Catholics are asked to find another day to offer the traditional Friday acts of Penance.
- **Feast of St. Joseph**, patron of the universal church, traditionally celebrated on March 19, is **transferred to Saturday, March 15** for the same reason. This is true for the entire Catholic Church.
- **Feast of the Annunciation**, traditional celebrated on March 25 is transferred this year to March 31.

In Memory.... We would like to gratefully acknowledge the donation of this year's parish database service contract in memory of **+Loy Kenney** by David McLaughlin of Personalized Computer Services.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, March 2nd

Children' Liturgy 10:00 am
Religious Education 11:00 am

Monday, March 3rd

RCIA 7:00 pm
Religious Education 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 5th

O.L.P.H. 7:00 PM - Novena 7:30 Mass
Rosary following 7:30 Mass
Boy Scouts 7:30 pm

Thursday, March 6th

Reflection on Forgiveness – 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 9th

Children' Liturgy 10:00 am
Religious Education 11:00 am

BAPTISMS

Natalie Ricardo Carter
Matthew James Pilot

FUNERALS

Feb 22 Joel Anglero
Feb 29 Patrick Cocciardi
Mar 1 Catherine Lyons

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II Thomas Dedde II & Katherine Murphy

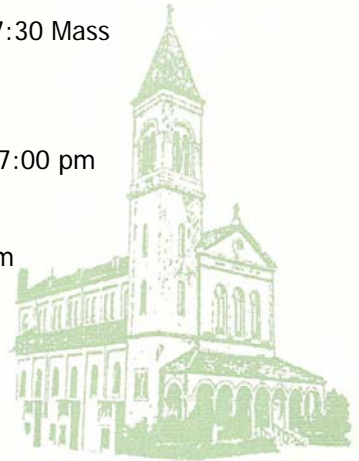
PARISH REQUESTS PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

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

The **MASS BOOK** for the months of **September, October, November and December, 2008** is now open. We ask that you do not request more than one Saturday Vigil or Sunday Mass during these four months. The stipend for a Saturday Vigil or Sunday Mass in the Church is \$15.00 per Mass. The stipend for a weekday Mass and Finian Sullivan Tower or Monastery Manor is \$10.00 per Mass. Your cooperation with these stipulations will be appreciated.

EASTER NOVENA CARD: There is an attractive EASTER NOVENA CARD available in the pews this weekend. This is an excellent way for us to remember our relatives and friends, living and deceased in a special novena of Masses beginning on Easter Sunday. The cards are also available in the parish office. The stipend envelope can be placed either in the collection basket or brought to the parish office.

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.



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.



WOMEN OF SACRED HEART...

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 (or 1 day) at the Passionist Spiritual Center (Cardinal Spellman Retreat House), in Riverdale, NY March 28th - 30th. Bring along a friend! For details call: Olga Jakubek 914-969-1725

NORTH YONKERS BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Baseball, Softball & T-Ball Sign-ups for boys ages 5-16 and girls 5-18 Thurs. Mar 6,13,27 7-9pm and Sat. Mar 1,8,15,29 10-noon. Information: Tony 914-610-9385 or Tina 914-557-0116

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

Health Fair: Doctors United P.C. will sponsor a Health Fair from 10:00am to 2:00pm on Wednesday, Mar 5th at the Preservation Center. Services include: blood pressure screening, trigger point massage & consultation with a doctor. All services are free.

Dial-A-Ride Service:

Tues Mar 4 Groceries South

Wed Mar 5 Cross County

Thurs Mar 6 Groceries North

Call 423-9754 for information and reservations.

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! We want to see everyone!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Jesus came into the world so that we could see the truth and not be blind. Sometimes we are blinded in our marriage by the cares of the modern world. The next Marriage Encounter weekend is April 18-20. For more information call: Ray & Diane @ 914-524-7088.

BICENTENNIAL YEAR: CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Lecture Series: The first of a seven part lecture series, "The Irish in New York; What about the Saints?" given by Dr. John McCarthy, Professor Emeritus of History and former Director of the Institute of Irish Studies, Fordham University. First lecture will be held Thursday, March 6 at 7pm. Fordham University Rose Hill Campus, Tognins Library, 441 E. Fordham Rd, Bronx. For info: 718-817-0662 or www.fordham.edu/cs/. Admission is free.

Concert Series: The Irish Heritage Concert: Thursday, March 13, 7pm. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at a concert featuring traditional and contemporary Irish music to honor our patron saint at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Performances by The Cathedral of St Patrick Choir, The Cathedral of Saint Patrick Young Singers, and Mick Maloney and friends. Seating is free and open to the public!

SISTERS OF DIVINE COMPASSION

continue their 2nd year of monthly Sunday Concerts in the Chapel on March 9th at 4 pm when Brian Conway, the Irish Sligo Fiddler and his accompaniment on flute and piano, Brendan Dolan will perform Kitty's Wedding, Exile of Erin, Maeve's fancy and other traditional reels and jigs at the Chapel of the Divine Compassion, 52 No Broadway, White Plains. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children. Call Neil Granstand 914-798-1140 or ngranstand@divinecompassion.org. Tickets are available at the door.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS AND RETREATS

ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH

10 Squire Ave, Yonkers

"Finding God in all things-A Retreat of Lenten Recollection"

A three day Parish Mission with Fr. Jim Van Dyke SJ. running from Monday, March 3rd thru Wednesday, March 5th. There will be two sessions each of those days: 12:10 with Mass and 7:00pm with Benediction. Confession will be available on Tuesday evening.

ST CASIMIR CHURCH

259 Nepperhan Ave, Yonkers

"Journey of Forgiveness" Det. Steven McDonald will be the guest lecturer on his journey of injury and forgiveness.

Sun, Mar. 9 immediately following 11:30 Mass.

CAPUCHIN FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGES- Capuchin Journey Pilgrimage Program invites you to join them on various Pilgrimages, Weekend Getaways and days of Recollections. Some of the highlights for the year are; Southern Italy, The Holy Land, Washington DC, Philadelphia, Montreal and many more exciting and spiritual locations. Please call Capuchin Journeys office at 1-866-363-5917 x5917 for a schedule and programs to our exciting pilgrimages or e-mail pilgrimiges@capuchin.org.