

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



The mercy of God brings healing and peace through forgiveness of our sins.

"Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth"—he said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." - Mk 2:9-11

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd marks the beginning of Lent, a period of sober reflection, self-examination, and spiritual redirection. Lent is a season of penance and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

Ashes will be distributed: during and following the 8:15 am and 12 noon Masses and the 3:30 pm and 7:00 pm Prayer Services

Ash Wednesday Collection: There will be a special collection to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society

Lenten Scripture Faith Sharing



Amazing Love the Power and Grace of the Cross

Through our Scripture Faith Sharing Groups we are given the opportunity to draw closer to Jesus and one another, to find strength to give that wholehearted "yes" and to see the power with which God responds. This Lent, as we focus on the love God offered to us through the great sacrifice of His Son and witnessed by the Cross, we invite you to answer God's call and experience for yourself His love and mercy.

Groups are forming now. Please call the rectory and leave your name, address and phone number.

The first of six weekly sessions begins this week. The seventh and final meeting will be held in the rectory Blue Room on Monday, April 2, 2012.



Lenten Regulations

As the season of Lent draws near, it is helpful to recall the discipline of the Church in regard to fast, abstinence, and other forms of penance.

✠ **Abstinence:** The Church requires all the faithful who have reached their 14th year of age to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.

✠ **Fasting:** All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 are also bound to observe the fasting regulation on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may also be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day. The Church also requests that pastors and parents see to it that young persons who are not bound to follow the above requirements, are educated in an authentic sense of penance. Individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting or abstaining may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast or abstain, but should perform some other act of penance or charity.

✠ **Penance:** By divine law each of us in our own way must do penance. We must all turn from sin and make reparation to God for our sins. We must forgive and show love for one another just as we ask for God's love and forgiveness. The Code of Canon and our bishops remind us of other works and means of doing penance: prayer, acts of self-denial, almsgiving and works of personal charity, such as attending Mass daily, praying the Rosary, making the Way of the Cross, teaching the illiterate to read, reading to the blind, helping at a soup kitchen, visiting the sick and shut-ins or giving an over-worked mother a break by baby-sitting. Each of these actions can all be even more meaningful and demanding than simply abstaining from meat on Friday. (The Way of the Cross is prayed each Friday of Lent, following the 12 noon Mass.)

✠ **Reconciliation:** All of the Faithful are encouraged to avail themselves of the *Sacrament of Reconciliation*, since it is a true encounter with the loving, forgiving Saviour, Who takes away the burden of our sin, forgives our failing and is the source of peace and joy. (Every Saturday at 1:00 pm, we are each afforded the opportunity to receive Reconciliation for our sins.)



Those who are sick, especially:

Lois Wexler, Valerie Wolfer, Vincenza Sciuto, Maureen McGovern, Kevin O'Connor, Timothy Lynch, Allan T. Blomquist, Grace Cristiano, Fran Carlson, Freda Ubina, Paul Flansburg, Christopher Studzinski, Mary Vazquez, Lorraine Thompson, Henry Rathan, John Kane, Annmarie Cooney, Theodore Dima, Joseph Gardner, Ann Marie Gillespie, Josephine Frontera, David J. Gerrity, Carl Hood, Nilda Y., Kristina Kudder, Muriel Colligan, Sarah Othman, Patricia Fraser, Inna Kavulych, Maryann Olsen, Ann Marie Whitty, Amanda Koch, Patricia Kim, Joseph Oliva, Nadia Hohgrawe, Firefighter Michael Behette, Anthony Nocera, Richard Cahill, Rosalie Daum, Bahram Vafale, Kristin LaLima, Rick Jordan

Those who have died, especially: James Kraemer, Patricia O'Shea, Vincetn Grima, Marie Carrara

National Black and Indian Mission Collection

Next week's second collection for Black and Native Americans meets the needs of those who would bring the light of Christ's witness to the impoverished, the isolated and the despairing among the Black and Indian people. It is only through the constant generosity of the Church members that such wonderful events are realized. Credit for the success of so many evangelization programs belongs not only to the priests, deacons and sisters working in the parishes and schools, but also to the dedicated and devoted lay people who give of their precious time weekdays after work and on weekends. Please give what you are able to the collection on February 25th & 26th.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

- ✦ **Donations of new and gently used clothing may be dropped off at the St. Vincent de Paul store front** on 80th Street and 7th Avenue. Please do not bring clothes to the Church or the rectory, as we do not have the facilities to store them.
- ✦ **Donate your old car** - The SVdP Car Donation Program has proven to be a vital supporter of the society's Free Burial Program for the last fifteen years. For more information or to arrange to donate your car, please call Mr. Jim Shea at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 718-625-1400.

Parish Support

Sixth Ordinary Sunday, February 12, 2012

Plate Offering	\$11,531.50
Parish Faith Direct	\$ 971.00
Total Tithe	\$12,502.50
PSR	\$ 1,351.00
Fuel Collection	\$ 6,012.00

Movies with a Lenten Theme

Join Father Andre and the principal of our school Mrs. Andrea D'Emic on Wednesdays of Lent from February 29th to March 21st and watch four secular movies that highlight Lenten themes. Light refreshments will be served at 7:00 pm followed by a brief discussion after the movie lead by Mrs. Andrea D'Emic. Showtime 7:30 pm in the school auditorium. Engage fellow parishioners through film and fellowship as we journey through Lent.



**St. Patrick School's Annual Card Party
A Night Out With Friends**



Date: Thursday, March 22, 2012
Time: 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm
Place: The Rex Manor
1100 60th Street
Cost: \$50.00 per person
Includes 4 course meal with wine and soda plus 5 free first tier tickets

Please call St. Patrick School office, 718-833-0124 for more information or to purchase tickets.



St. Patrick School News

2011-2012 Registration: We are currently accepting registration for all grades. Personal tours and additional registration dates are available by appointment. Please call the school office at 718-833-0124.



Calling All Men!!!

Join the St. Patrick's Men's Club for an in Parish retreat

Led by:

Fr. John Delendick
Chaplain for the FDNY

As he leads us through

"The Empty Pages of Our Gospels"

Date: Saturday, February 25, 2012
Time: 9:00 am – 12 noon (Mass will follow.)
Continental breakfast will be served
Location: St. Patrick's Rectory Meeting Room
(enter under the arch)
RSVP: Call the Rectory, 718-238-2600 to register.

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Blasts from the Past featuring the *Rhapsody*

Players – Back by popular demand, St. John's Episcopal Church (99th Street and Ft. Hamilton P'kwy.) will host an **ENCORE PERFORMANCE** of this sell-out show on Saturday, March 3rd at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and include coffee and dessert. Hurry! Call (646) 335-2710 or email broadwayjack@earthlink.net and reserve your seats today! Seating is limited!



Bay Ridge Winter Recess Camp – Monday, February 20th through Friday, February 24th – for boys and girls ages 4 to 16 at the Holy Angels Academy, 74th Street between 3rd and 4th Avenues. Call 718-745-7776 for more information. Extended day and transportation are available.



Bishop Kearney High School will hold their 39th Annual Card Party Extravaganza on Friday, March 23rd, doors open at 7:00 pm. The \$20.00 donation includes sandwich, soda, coffee and cookies. For more information or to purchase tickets call S. Virginia, 718-236-6363 x 247. *No tickets will be sold at the door!*



Next February 1st (2013) *The Explorer of the Sea* will sail from Bayonne, NJ to the Caribbean. Make plans to join your friends on a 10 day cruise and leave the cold behind. Rates are \$1,140.00 for an inside cabin, \$1,340.00 for an Ocean View and \$1,740.00 for a balcony room. For more information or to book your trip call Joan Paradiso at Paradise Travel, 718-745-0556.

Repentance, Renewal, Reconciliation, Remember

Lent 2012 Sunday Evening Prayer 3:30 pm

"See, I establish my covenant with you."

February 26th St. Andrew the Apostle (6713 Ridge. Blvd.)

"Walk in my presence."

March 4th Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church (6753 Fourth Avenue)

"I am the Lord your God."

March 11th Visitation Monastery (8902 Ridge Blvd.) with Archimandrite Eugene Pappas, Three Hierarchs Greek Orthodox Church

"That everyone that looks on him may live."

March 18th St. John's Episcopal Church (9818 Fort Hamilton Parkway)

"I will be their God."

March 25th Our Saviour's Lutheran Church (414 80th Street)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Mass Intentions

If you have arranged to have a Sunday mass offered and would like to bring the gifts up at the Offertory, please inform the ushers upon your arrival so they know where you are seated and they will not pick someone else.

February 18th 5:00 PM	Saturday, Vigil Seventh Ordinary Sunday 1. Patrick & Nancy Cloherty 2. Helen Sullivan (Anniversary) 3. William John McNally (Anniversary) 4. Rev. Thomas Anastasio
February 19th 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM 5:00 PM	Sunday, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time People of the Parish Mary Tung Angela and Nicholas Proscia Hilda Elena Rodriguez Andrea Watson and Valentino Oliveri (Living)
February 20th 7:30 AM 8:15 AM 12 NOON	Monday, Weekday (President's Day) Visitation 51 st Birthday Thanksgiving (Living) Leonard and O'Toole Families
February 21st 7:30 AM 8:15 AM 12 NOON	Tuesday, Weekday Visitation Sylvia Zraick (Anniversary) Charles McTaggart
February 22nd 7:30 AM 8:15 AM 12 NOON	Ash Wednesday Visitation Angela & Daniel Moore Sam Ricetti
February 23rd 7:30 AM 8:15 AM 12 NOON	Thursday, Lenten Weekday) Visitation Joseph E. Rushing Deceased members of the Avolio Family
February 24th 7:30 AM 8:15 AM 12 NOON	Friday, Lenten Weekday Visitation Lucille Rubino Bridget Keegan
February 25th 8:15 AM 12 NOON	Saturday, Lenten Weekday Catherine, Thomas & Therese Marie Malone Intentions of St. Patrick's Men's Club
February 25th 5:00 PM	Saturday, Vigil First Sunday of Lent 1. Ethel & Richard Lynch 2. Lawrence & Josephine Caruana and Frances Caruana Hagevik 3. Joseph Armone (Anniversary) 4. Rose Zrake
February 26th 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM 5:00 PM	First Sunday of Lent People of the Parish Yolanda Rosalio Leonard Glessing (sick) Margaret Judge Remo Rossomando

In recognition of President's Day, the rectory offices will be closed tomorrow, February 20, 2012.