

# PARISH BULLETIN

January 29, 2006

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### *Sunday, January 29, 2006*

7:30 Maria Grasso  
9:00 Anthony Federicci  
10:30 Mary F. Harding  
12:00 Nivia Lopez  
5:00 Joseph Zeoli

### *Monday*

7:00 John Spagna  
9:00 Patricia Burpoe

### *Tuesday*

7:00 Linda McMullen  
9:00 John Hickey

### *Wednesday*

7:00 Martin Voelkel  
9:00 Henry & Elizabeth Sands

### *Thursday*

7:00 Frances Carelli  
9:00 Thomas Farrell

### *Friday*

7:00 Elizabeth Hand  
9:00 Kevin & Edward O'Neill

### *Saturday*

9:00 Helen Dawson  
5:00 Lucille Nichter

### *Sunday, February 5, 2006*

7:30 Frederick J. DesMarais  
9:00 John Spagna  
10:30 Mary Farrell  
12:00 Adrianna Sichel  
5:00 Rose Ulrich

**Please pray for the sick and terminally ill:** Donna Domic, Joseph Lydon, Margarita Ho, Nilda Muniz, Susan Fischer, Kathleen McDonald, Sherry Plumridge, Deoarine Srikishun, Mary Cecchini, Florence Frischmann, Lini Hauser, Ursula Sbordone, Lissette O'Leary, Ethel Thomas, Gordon C. Gladden, Karen Biolsi, Sunil Kannampala, Sister Eleanor Singer, Betty Knudsen, Josephine Carrano, Patrick Padian, Kristina Wheeler, Carmen Mattai, Bill Talbot, Evelyn Jones, Diane DeAngelo, Jane Alfini, Bill Sheluck, Bruce Paul, Pam Perricone, Lucylee Chiles, Joann Fanozzi, Joseph Segreti and Abraham Kallarackal.

### **Banns of Marriage:**

*Kevin Vecchione & Trisha Lynn Marshall*

*God promises to be in our midst when we gather in prayer. Strengthened by this conviction, we beseech the risen Christ to fill the world with his peace. We call upon Mary, the first disciple and the Queen of Peace, to intercede for us and for the people of our time that we may walk in the way of peace. In this context, we encourage devotion to Our Lady of Peace.*

*The Challenge of Peace*

*Pastoral Letter*

*United States Catholic Congress*

*Mary, Queen of Peace, We entrust our lives to you.  
Shelter us from war, hatred and oppression.  
Teach us to live in peace, to educate ourselves for  
peace.*

*Inspire us to act justly, to revere all God has made.  
Root peace firmly in our hearts and in our world.*

*Amen.*

*Pope John Paul II*

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*When the Feast of the Presentation originated in 4<sup>th</sup> century Jerusalem, it featured a procession with candles and a liturgy, which emphasized Simeon's role and his recognition of the Infant Jesus as the One he has awaited. In the 8<sup>th</sup> century a commemoration of Mary's purification was added and in the 10<sup>th</sup> century the blessing of candles. We still bless and light candles on February 2 to signify our acceptance of Jesus, the Light of the World.*

*Parish Collection...\$6,779 was received the weekend of January 21/22. \$1,907 was collected for Endowment Fund. Please remember our weekly goal of \$8,500 to meet our ongoing expenses. Thank you for your continued support.*

*Christmas Collection...Thank you for your generosity this Christmas Season. An additional \$550 was collected bringing the total to \$57,147.*

### *Upcoming Meetings ~*

*Parish Council...Thursday, February 2 at 8:00 p.m.*

*Pax Christi...Monday, February 6 at 8:00 p.m.*

*Altar & Rosary...Tuesday, February 7 at 7:30 p.m.*

*Our Centering Prayer Group meets every Monday 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Cry Room. Call 591-3073.*

*Martyred in 317, St. Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, worked many miracles during his lifetime, one of which was the cure of a boy who was choking on a fish bone stuck in his throat. On Friday, February 3, we celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise and we ask his intercession with God for protection from physical troubles and ailments of the throat through the custom of Blessings of Throats, which will take place after the 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. Masses and again at 12:00 Noon.*

**February is Catholic Press Month**...next weekend, February 4/5 there will be a second collection to help defray the cost of the **Catholic New York** newspaper to the parish. The suggested donation is \$12. **Thank you!**

**Immaculate Conception School News...**

**...Open House ...Wednesday, February 1 from 9:00 –11a.m. Please invite your friends to come and see what we are all about!**

**...Visit our website at [www.icsirvington.net](http://www.icsirvington.net) to learn more about what goes on at ICS.**

**...Sweetheart Dance...Friday, February 10 from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Cost: \$25 per family (one adult/one child); \$5 for each additional Sweetheart. Reservations are a must. All students must be accompanied by an adult. Raffle tickets: 12 for \$20 or \$2 per ticket. Raffle Prizes Needed: Please drop off donations at the main office of the school marked for the Sweetheart Dance. For info call Joyce Biolsi at 591-7317. Flyers can be found on the table in the vestibule of the Church.**

**As we prepare for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Immaculate Conception School...Calling All Alumni...**Please email your name, address, phone number, etc. to [immacon.icc@verizon.net](mailto:immacon.icc@verizon.net). **We would also appreciate your help in locating your classmates who no longer live in the area.**

**Parish Prayer Chain ~**

**...Need prayer support for a special need for yourself or others? Call Helen 591-9677 and/or Jane 591-3073. Leave prayer request on answering machine, if necessary. They in turn will pass your request to the members of the Prayer Chain. God Is Love...*Believe in the power of prayer!***

**...If you would like to join the prayer chain please call Helen 591-9677 and/or Jane 591-3073.**

**Religious Education News...**

**...First Eucharist Retreat...**

**Monday, February 6 from 3:45-5:45 p.m. for all those 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders whose last names begin with A-L.**

**...Monday, February 13 from 3:45-5:45 p.m. for all those 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders whose last names begin with M-Z. Both sessions will be held in the school gym.**

**Important Notice...Safe Environment Program... Urgent...Please note: Any one who has not completed the requirements for this program will not be allowed to return to their position.**

**Open House ~**

**~ Archbishop Stepinac High School, White Plains...Wednesday, February 1 at 7:30 p.m. For info call 946-4800 ext. 263.**

**~ Dominican High School College Fair, Orangeburg, NY...Sunday, January 29 from 1:00-6:00 p.m. For info call 845-359-7800.**

**Annual CYO Coaches Game...Saturday, February 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Super Bowl Party will be held immediately after the game (8:00 p.m.) at Doubleday's, Dobbs Ferry. Super Bowl Box: \$100 per box. For info call Noreen Degnan at 591-5549.**

**Dows Lane Elementary School is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Birthday Party on Tuesday, February 7 at 9:00 a.m. All Dows Lane alumni are invited to attend. Please contact Irene O'Donnell at 591-3318 for additional information.**

**Homebound, Sick and Elderly...If you know any one who would like to receive Communion, please call the Rectory at 591-7480, so that they can be placed on the Communion Call List.**

**The Friends of Irvington Library present...The Hudson ~ A History...Sunday, January 29 at 4:00 p.m. For info call 591-7840.**

**Center for Spiritual Development, White Plains...will sponsor several workshops during the next couple of weeks. For information flyers can be found on the table in the church vestibule.**

**Have you moved to the area recently? Do you attend Mass here regularly? Please speak to one of the priests or contact the Rectory office during the week to register as a member of the parish. Please let us know of a change in address or phone number.**

**Angels Have Wheels** – All Medicare recipients should now be aware that if they suffer from conditions such as arthritis, cardiovascular disease, respiratory disorders and have difficulty walking or propelling a standard wheelchair, they maybe eligible to receive an electric wheelchair paid for by Medicare. For info call Gregory at 1-800-810-2877.

**Lectors needed...**If you would like to become a lector at the weekend Masses, please call the Rectory at 591-7480.

**Become a Mentor...Abbott House, Irvington** is a residential care facility for boys who have been abused, neglected or abandoned. Call 591-7300 ext. 3090.

*If you or a loved one is in the hospital...*Due to the enactment of the Health Insurance Portability/Accountability Act (or the Privacy Act, as it is sometimes referred to) many area hospitals will no longer be printing parish/congregation lists in the Pastoral Care Department or at the Information Desk. Therefore, we recommend that a family member call the rectory when someone is hospitalized, if the person would like to be visited by a parish priest.