

PARISH BULLETIN

February 26, 2006

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 26, 2006

7:30 Dante Cecchini
9:00 Lucia DiNunzio
10:30 Eddie Ryan
12:00 Vincent Zaccardo
5:00 Joseph Giamelli

Monday

7:00 Eulogio Barrenbros
9:00 William & Joseph Rosson

Tuesday

7:00 Raphaela Intervallo
9:00 Delecta Pereis

Ash Wednesday

7:00 Dorothy Wagner
9:00 Patricia Burpoe
12:00 Marge Plaunt
8:00 Loretta O'Brien

Thursday

7:00 James Mondelli
9:00 Santiago Santizc

Friday

7:00 Bill McCormick
9:00 Kevin & Edward O'Neill

Saturday

9:00 Pam Sterino
5:00 Nancy Russo

Sunday, March 5, 2006

7:30 Frederick J. DesMarais
9:00 Michael Tewey
10:30 Mary Farrell
12:00 Mildred Lombardi
5:00 Joseph Giamelli

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, Angelina Bencivenga, Joseph Segreti and Abraham Kallarackal.

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

Lent is a time of putting aside superficial activities in order to let our calloused hearts soften enough to be vulnerable to fresh sorrows. It is equally a time to become sensitive to the scars we have left on other hearts, sensitive to the consequences of so often being heartless or halfhearted.

Jim Forest

For the Christian thee is no defeat, because Christ is risen and lives in us, and Christ has overcome all that seeks to destroy us or to block our human and spiritual growth...We do not rise with Christ unless we also first die with him.

Thomas Merton

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Let us enlarge our hearts for reconciliation ...

By receiving the ashes, we confess that we are sinners in need of the mercy of God and we ask forgiveness for the various ways in which we have hurt our brothers and sisters.

Ash Wednesday reflections by the 20th century Benedictine monk Thomas Merton: In laying upon us the light cross of ashes, the Church desires to take off our shoulders all other heavy burdens – the crushing load of worry and obsessive guilt, the dead weight of our own self-love. Lent is not so much a season of punishment as one of healing.

Lent is more than a time of fasting; it can also be a joyous season of feasting. Lent is a time to fast from certain things, and to feast on others.

*Fast from hostility; Feast on peace
Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness
Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others.*

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**“Building a Peace Church”
Monday, February 27 at 8:00 p.m.
in the Church**

**Mrs. Mary Anne Muller, President of Pax Christi
New York will be a guest speaker.**

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Parish Collection...\$6,433 was received the weekend of February 18/19. \$1,854 was collected for the parishes Endowment Fund. Please remember our weekly goal of \$8,500 to meet our ongoing expenses. **Thank you for your continued support.**

Upcoming Meetings...

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

...Altar & Rosary Society...Tuesday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m.

On Ash Wednesday, ashes will be distributed during the 7:00 & 9:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon and 8:00 p.m. Masses, and distributed again at a 3:00 p.m. service.

During Lent ~

~ Mass will be celebrated on Monday – Friday at 7:00 and 9:00 a.m.

~ Stations of the Cross will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Fridays when school is in session and again on Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. **Please note:** ICS has an early dismissal on First Friday, **March 3 and April 7**, therefore, **Stations will not be held at 2:00 p.m. on those days.**

Fast and Abstinence...We are encouraged to abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent. By doing penance on Fridays or during Lent, we are expressing by our actions sorrow for sin and an appreciation for Christ's saving act. Actions that do not express a heartfelt desire for conversion are pointless. Individual Catholics are encouraged to choose appropriate Friday penances on their own to commemorate Christ's sacrifice and signify their own change of heart. As a sign of that the Church is made up of sinners in need of conversion, **the Church during Lent calls upon all its adult members between the ages of (14-59) to fast between meals on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Catholics over the age of 13 must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and all Fridays throughout Lent.**

Immaculate Conception School News...

...Classes resume Monday, February 27.

...Visit our website at www.icsirvington.net to learn more about what goes on at ICS.

As we prepare for the 100th Anniversary of Immaculate Conception School...Calling All Alumni...Please email your name, address, phone number, etc. to 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.

...If you would like to join the prayer chain please 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!*

Altar & Rosary Society will once again sponsor their Annual Baby Shower for financially oppressed mothers in and around our local community. **New and unwrapped** baby items for newborn to age 1, i.e. (clothing, diapers, baby food, bottles, toiletries, etc.) can be left in the box provided near the Altar. Donations will be accepted until Friday, April 7. **Please be as generous as you can!**

Religious Education News...

...Classes resume February 28/March 1.

...First Penance...Saturday, March 4 at 11:00 a.m. in the Church.

...Family Mass...Sunday, March 12 at 9:00 a.m.

A Two-Day Young Adult Lenten Retreat...ages 20-40 years old...Saturday and Sunday, March 11 and 12 at Blair Lodge Retreat House, Putnam Valley, NY. Cost: \$55. For info and registration contact Sister Deanna Sabetta by March 1 at 212-371-1000 ext. 2803.

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.

Retreat for Men...All the men in the parish are invited to make the **Annual Retreat at Cardinal Spellman Retreat House**. The retreat will begin **Friday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m. with dinner and will conclude on Sunday, March 26 with Mass at 11:00 a.m.** For information please contact Richard Toomy at 591-6824.

The Catholic Widow and Widowers...Monthly Mass at 7:00 p.m. for deceased spouses followed by the monthly meeting on Monday, February 27 at St. Pius X Parish Hall, 85 Palmer Avenue, Scarsdale. For info call 921-2168.

Mass for Healing...Holy Rosary Church, Hawthorne...Monday, March 6 at 8:00 p.m. (Healing prayers for children following the Mass). Praise and Worship – 7:45 p.m.

Center for Spiritual Development, White Plains will sponsor courses and programs this Lenten season. Flyers are available on the table in the Church vestibule.