

# PARISH BULLETIN

March 5, 2006

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### *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

### *Monday*

7:00 Elizabeth Hand  
9:00 Mary Herlitz

### *Tuesday*

7:00 Joseph LaGreca  
9:00 Joanna Knowles

### *Wednesday*

7:00 John Tucci  
9:00 Margaret Silipo

### *Thursday*

7:00 Joan K. Kuchera  
9:00 Sean Maroney

### *Friday*

7:00 Mary Rita Skivington  
9:00 Lorraine Carmody

### *Saturday*

9:00 Charles Ferling  
5:00 Bruno Betro

### *Sunday, March 12, 2006*

7:30 Peter & Florence Cossa and Domenico Stratta  
9:00 Michael Tewey  
10:30 Brigid & Patrick McCloskey  
12:00 Rose Napolitano  
5:00 Joseph Canizzaro

**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, Michael Galici and Abraham Kallarackal.

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

**Repent! Believe in the Gospel!**

*With a cross of ashes on our forehead and these words in our ears we began this season of Lent.*

*Two things are required of us. First, we must turn away from our half-hearted way of living our faith and turn toward God and our neighbors in a more decisive and dedicated way. More time should be given to prayer and reflection and also to works of caring and sharing with those in need.*

*Secondly, we are called to a deeper and stronger belief in our Lord, Jesus Christ. Reading a chapter of the New Testament each day will give us a clearer idea of what Jesus is asking of us. A deepening of our faith will lead us to do as Jesus did. We should develop a stronger sense of the needs of others for our attention, compassion and charity.*

*“Now is the acceptable time! Now, this Lent can be a time of great grace and growth for our Spiritual Life. Don't waste it!*

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**Parish Collection...\$7,698** was received the weekend of February 25/26. 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.**

**Peter's Pence...**This weekend, March 4/5, there will be a second collection to help continue the Pope's pastoral care for the church, share the gospel message throughout the world, and assist victims of disaster. More than 98 cents of each contributed dollar goes directly to support the Holy Father's spiritual and charitable works. **Please be generous!**

**CYO Basketball News...**

**Congratulations to ~**

**...5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls – Westchester/Putnum County Champions.**

**...8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls made it to the semi-finals.**

**...8<sup>th</sup> Grade girls made it to the quarterfinals.**

**Thanks to all the coaches, players, parents who continue to support our basketball program.**

### *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, **April 7**, therefore, **Stations will not be held at 2:00 p.m. on that day.***

**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...*

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

*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.*

*...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!***

### **Reunions ~**

*...St. Lawrence O'Toole Grammar School, Brewster, NY. Email [p609@nyeducation.org](mailto:p609@nyeducation.org).*

*...Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School, North Salem, NY. Call 277-4686.*

**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...*

*...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 info please contact Richard Toomy at 591-6824.

**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.

**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.

The **Sisters of the Divine Compassion**, 52 North Broadway, White Plains...

*...Lenten Vespers Service* on Sunday, March 19 at 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

*...Lenten Lunches: Food for Body & Soul...*Fridays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7 from 12 noon – 1:00p.m. there will be a light lunch, shared discussion, reflection and prayer in the Convent. Donation: \$6. For info call Sr. Felicitas Russell at 798-1123.