

# PARISH BULLETIN

March 12, 2006

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### *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 Cannizzaro

### *Monday*

- 7:00 Borislav Pezer  
9:00 Karl Menz

### *Tuesday*

- 7:00 Madeline Annabale  
9:00 Rev. Peter McCall

### *Wednesday*

- 7:00 Linda Vechesky  
9:00 Paul Devlin

### *Thursday*

- 7:00 Guiseppe Pensabene  
9:00 William & Joseph Rosson

### *Friday, Feast of St. Patrick*

- 7:00 Assunta Cecere Sbordone  
9:00 Dec. Mem. Kelker & McDonald Families

### *Saturday*

- 9:00 James Sweeney  
5:00 Edgar J. Brennan

### *Sunday, March 19, 2006*

- 7:30 Frank Kilroy  
9:00 Guiseppe Marzella  
10:30 Assunta Cecere Sbordone  
12:00 Mary Brereton  
5:00 John Leslie

**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, and Abraham Kallarackal.

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

*To the surprise of many people Pope Benedict XVI's First Encyclical was not about laws and rigid rules but rather about the commandment to love. In his NCR article entitled "Papa Ratzinger Outsmarts His Critics", Robert Royal says of the new Pope "beneath all the brilliance and profundity there is a simple holiness."*

*Since today's readings refer to the great mystery of God's love for us, here are some brief quotes from "God is Love."*

*"We have come to believe in God's love: in these words the Christian can express the fundamental decision of his life. Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction...In acknowledging the centrality of love, Christian faith has retained the core of Israel's faith, while at the same time giving it new depth and breadth."*

*In a world where the name of God is sometimes associated with vengeance or even a duty of hatred and violence, this message is both timely and significant. For this reason, I wish in my first Encyclical to speak of the love which God lavishes upon us and which we in turn must share with others.*

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*Parish Collection...\$9,637* was received the weekend of March 4/5. \$1,025 was collected for Peter's Pence. *Thank you for your continued support.*

*Save the date!*

*April 28-29-30*

*Youth 2000 NY*

*Immaculate Conception School Auditorium*

*April 30*

*Annual Ladies Communion Brunch*

*May 1*

*Confirmation*

*May 6*

*First Communion*

*June 13*

*Annual Golf Outing*

**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.

### *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.

### *CYO Basketball News...*

*Congratulations to ~*

...**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls – Westchester/Putnam 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.**

**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 cradle 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.**

### **Youth 2000 NY**

*Experience the Power of His Presence*

**April 28, 29, 30, 2006**

**Immaculate Conception School Auditorium**

Register Early – Space is Limited

Flyers and Registration forms are available on the table in the vestibule.

### *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.

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 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.

**Home Healthcare aide highly recommended...Yvonne Walters...Call her at 718-562-5704.**

Thank you for your generosity last month in the **Endowment Collection**. This weekend, February 18/19 we will again call upon your kindness in the second collection to make contributions to your parish for which only the income generated from the invested funds can be used to defray parish expenses