

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, March 6th, Weekday
5:00 PM Michael Marinaro (21st Anniversary)

SUNDAY, March 7th, Third Sunday of Lent
7:30 AM Corrado Lelli, Sr. (16th Anniversary)
9:00 AM Emily and Ben Carnivale
10:30 AM Vincent Vaccarella
12:00 NN Albert Rinaldi

MONDAY, March 8th, Saint John of God, religious
7:00 AM John Roman
8:30 AM Betty McClain
12:00 NN Anthony Tozzi
7:00 PM Joseph Mittl

TUESDAY, March 9th, Saint Francis of Rome, religious
7:00 AM Mary Ann Conway
8:30 AM Mildred Buckworth
12:00 NN Joseph Mittl
7:00 PM Antoinetta DaCunha

WEDNESDAY, March 10th, Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM Mary A Buob
8:30 AM Bernice Carlsson
12:00 NN Anthony J. Tozzi
7:00 PM Yvonne Crum

THURSDAY, March 11th, Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM Eileen and John Fagan
8:30 AM Cindy McGrath (1st Anniversary)
12:00 NN Thomas Canning
7:00 PM Antoinetta DaCunha

FRIDAY, March 12th, Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM Rocco Cleffi (40th Anniversary)
8:30 AM Richard Needles
12:00 NN Dr. Anthony Deltufo (5th Anniversary)
7:00 PM Robby Bellacosa

SATURDAY, March 13th, Lenten Weekday
8:30 AM Memorial Mass
5:00 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, March 14th, Fourth Sunday of Lent
7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:00 AM Irene and Anthony Page
10:30 AM Joseph Passanante (15th Anniversary)
12:00 NN Medley Christopher (6th Anniversary)

Memorial Mass, March 13th
Vincent DeVingo

THIS WEEK . . . IN THE PARISH

Sunday, March 7th, Third Sunday of Lent
Masses: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12:00 NN
Religious Ed Gr. LL-8, 9 – 10:15 AM, SJH, DPC, MH
Confirmation Candidate Blessing 12:00 NN Mass, CH
Livingstones Prayer Group 2:30 – 4:00PM, CH

Monday, March 8th
Masses: 7:00, 8:30 AM, 12:00 NN and 7:00 PM
Eucharistic Adoration 12:30 – 6:30 PM, CH
Novena to St. Jude and Benediction 6:30 PM, CH
AQA Play Practice 3:00 – 3:45 PM, DPC
Religious Ed, Gr LL-5. 3:30-4:45 PM, SJH, DPC, & MH
Religious Ed, Gr 6, 7, 8. 7:00-8:30 PM, SJH & MH

Tuesday, March 9th
Masses: 7:00, 8:30 AM, 12:00 NN and 7:00 PM
Religious Ed, Gr LL-5. 3:30-4:45 PM, SJH, DPC, & MH
Religious Ed, Gr 6, 7, 8. 7:00-8:30 PM, SJH & MH
Bereavement 7:30-8:45 PM, CH

Wednesday, March 10th
Masses: 7:00, 8:30 AM, 12:00 NN and 7:00 PM
Miraculous Medal Novena following the 8:30 AM and 12:00
NN Masses
AQA Play Practice 3:00 – 3:45 PM, DPC
Boy Scouts 7:00 – 9:30 PM, SJH
Lector's Meeting 7:40 PM, CH

Thursday, March 11th
Masses: 7:00, 8:30 AM, 12:00 NN and 7:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM, CH

Friday, March 12th
Masses: 7:00, 8:30 AM, 12:00 NN and 7:00 PM
Scripture Group 9:30 AM, MH
Banner Day 7:00 – 9:00 PM, SJH
Saint Patrick's Dance 7:00 PM, DPC
Stations of the Cross 7:30PM, CH

Saturday, March 13th
Masses: 8:30 AM, 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 14th, Fourth Sunday of Lent
Masses, 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12:00 NN
Religious Ed Gr. LL-8, 9 – 10:15 AM, SJH, DPC, MH
UNICO Sports Breakfast 7:00 AM, DPC

Daly Parish Center - DPC, St. Joseph Hall - SJH, Youth Center - YR,
Madonna Hall – MH





Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

Readings for the Week of March 7, 2010

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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SANCTUARY LAMP & ALTAR CANDLES

The Sanctuary Lamp this week will burn in memory of
Cindy McGrath,
gift of Ann and Gus Anselmi.
The Altar Candles this week will burn in memory of
Thomas Dubelt,
gift of Ronnie and John Bonder.

HOSTS & WINE

The Hosts and Wine to be used at the Masses this week are
donated in memory of
Cindy McGrath,
gift of Gail Judge.

Parishioners who wish to bring up the Hosts and Wine,
please see one of the ushers before Mass.

Saint Philomena Church is served by:

- Rev. Msgr. John J. Laferrera, Pastor*
- Rev. Brian X. Needles, Parochial Vicar*
- Rev. Gerald J. Buonopane, Parochial Vicar*
- Rev. Msgr. Kevin M. Hanbury, Weekend Assistant*
- Rev. Matthew Eraly, In Residence*
- Deacon Joseph Francione, Adult Enrichment*
- Deacon Fred Smith, Coordinator for RCIA*
- Sr. Barbara Howard, S.S.J., Pastoral Associate, Sharing Office*
- Sr. Lena Picillo, O.P., Principal, Aquinas Academy*
- Mrs. Gloria Castucci, Director for Early Childhood Ctr.*
- Mrs. Helen Diskin, Pastoral Associate for Catechetics*
- Mr. Gary R. Ruth, Coordinator, Religious Ed & Confirmation*
- Ms. Francesca Spaltro, Youth Minister*
- Dr. Adrian Collins, Music Minister*
- Mrs. Marian Collins, Choir Director*
- Eustace Anselmi and Dorothy Knapp, Trustees*

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PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY AROUND THE GLOBE IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY SERVICES ESPECIALLY THOSE FROM OUR PARISH:

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:
Edward J. Rimelis, Jr.

**FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL
AT HOME OR IN THE HOSPITAL
AND FOR THEIR CARETAKERS:**

Marie Cece, Marianne D'Altrui, John DeVita, John Dolan, Ellen Koepf, Kay Leary, Ricky Lombardi, Paige Menner, John Meyer, Colleen Noack, Maryjane O'Neill, Mildred Opat, Charlotte & Nathaniel Popat, Patricia Perrotta, Marie Specchio, Jerry Wyman, Tricia Schafer, Joey Foglio, Payton Leigh Dimick, Patrick Sierchio, Brian Mariani, Henry Korzeniowski, Michelle Dougherty, Joanne Rocco, Sharon Klesse, Susan Amy Kelly, Joe Valentine, Alice DeVenezia, Ernie Viviani, Jr. Helen Kimmel, Connie Stevenson, Paul Lopes, Joe Dimino, Darlene O'Neill Bell, Nancy Marchese, Jean Fitzgerald and John Gunther

Open Your Home to Our Lady

Welcoming a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima into your home is a very special way to show your love for Mary. A sign-up sheet to request the Statue is located in the vestibule of the Church. The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be at the home of the Susanna Galluccio, (973-822-2591), this week for the recitation of the Family Rosary.

The Rosary is also recited after the 7:00 & 8:30AM Mass each morning.

From the Sharing Office. . .

Please note that we are finished taking winter clothes (as I watch the snow coming down). We have taken care of many people who needed winter clothing over and above what we took to St. Peter's. Thank you.

Because of your generous donations to the Sharing Office we were able to assist Several Sources with the burial fees for one of the women who gave birth to a still born baby. Keep her in your prayers, please.

The food pick-ups at the Pru, Izod and Secaucus (TV show MERCY) are providing families, day workers and soup kitchens with prepared foods for their clients. They are soooo grateful.

The Bereavement Group is meeting on Tuesday nights in Madonna Hall from 7:30-8:45..

Catholic Men's Conference

"Fueled by Faith, United in Christ our Hope" – A Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, March 13, 2010 at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ. Prayerful, spirit-filled, life changing! The day begins at 8:00 am, ending around 5:00 pm. Mass will be celebrated by Most Reverend Archbishop John J. Myers along with our local Bishops and Priests concelebrating. A dynamic line-up of speakers is scheduled, including Fr. Benedict Groeschel, CFR leading the public adoration.

Ticket price is \$20.00 for adults, \$15 for students and senior citizens including breakfast and lunch. For registration please visit our website at www.rcan.org/menscommission. For further details email CatholicMen@rcan.org. or call 973-497-4545.

St. Philomena Book Club

The next meeting of the St. Philomena Book Club is Thursday, March 18th at 7:30 pm in the Upper Room. We will be discussing the book, *The Strangest Way: Walking the Christian Path*, by Fr. Robert Barron. New members are always welcome. Any questions, please call Fr. Gerry at (973) 992-0994.

BANNER DAY

Families of children preparing for First Eucharist (Group "C") will gather for our last Banner Day on **Friday, March 12th in St. Joseph's Hall from 7-9PM**

If you have any questions please call the Catechetical Center at (973) 992-4466.

Youth Group News

Come check out the Youth Group every Tuesday night from 7-9 pm in the youth room. We have many events during the weeks of Lent which include our Living Stations of the Cross on April 2nd (Good Friday) at 7:30 pm. Our Antioch Team of teenagers has begun to meet and prepare for the weekend retreat. The date is still TBD but keep checking the bulletin for more information. The Team this year consists of 13 teenagers from St. Phil's and St. Catherine's youth groups. Representing St. Philomena is: Connor King, Danielle Pollaro, Beau Langdon, Francesca Laracca, Emil Olson, Joe Federico and Kyle Flemming. Please keep the teens in your prayers as we prepare for this important youth group event!

Peace, Francesca

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER & DANCE

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm, Daly Parish Center

Authentic Irish Entertainment: The Trinity Band, Irish step dancers, bagpipes

Food: Corn Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes; Chicken Nuggets and Fries for children

Desserts: Irish Soda Bread, Cookies, Coffee and Tea; BYOB

Adults: \$15.00 – Children 5-12, \$7.50 – Family of 4 or more only \$40.00

RSVP your table by calling the Rectory at 973-992-0994. Seating is limited!

Divine Mercy Conference

Divine Mercy: "The Future is Now"

March 27, 2010

Cardinal Spellman High School, Bronx, NY

For information and registration
(including optional bus transportation)

www.thedivinemercy.org/bronx

1-800-462-7426

A bus will depart from St. Philomena at 7:00 am,
returning approximately 7:00 pm.

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

Excerpts from the Diary of Saint Faustina

Oh, what awesome mysteries take place during Mass! A great mystery is accomplished in the Holy Mass. With what great devotion should we listen to and take part in this death of Jesus. (*Diary 914*)

Congratulations and Welcome . . .

*to the newest members of our parish who were
Baptized in the month of February.*

Addison Sally Ann Russo, daughter of Thomas Pat and Carolyn Lydia (Balanda)

Marianne Antonia Cicarone, daughter of Joseph Michael and Annamaria (Dacunha)

Kayleigh Regan Freivald, daughter of Jacob Daniel and Susan Marie (Scharpf)

Nolan Graham McAdams, son of Colyn Graham and Simone (Soares)

Are you celebrating your

5th, 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary?

The Archdiocese of Newark will once again be honoring those couples who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in the year 2010. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart as follows:

April 11, 2010 3:00 PM 25 years and 5 years.

May 16, 2010 3:00 PM 50 Years
(Essex and Union Counties)

June 6, 2010 3:00 PM 50 Years
(Bergen and Hudson Counties)

It is our desire that every couple in the Archdiocese deserving of such recognition be present at the appropriate liturgy. The presence of a large number of couples will give favorable witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today's society. If you are interested, please contact the rectory to reregister.

Kidney Donor Needed

A St. Philomena parishioner is in need of a kidney transplant and is seeking a kidney donor with type "O" blood who is in good physical condition, between the ages of 18 and 65. If someone can help, please contact the rectory.

Rosary "Beefsteak Dinner"

March 20, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Catered by Giresi's Catering and entertainment by "Julian & Dominique." \$40. per person. Reservations only!

For more information call Gwen Trezza @ 973-992-1587.

From the Pastor's Desk



My dear Parishioners,

“Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.” Exodus 3:7

Several years ago I have the privilege of being a part of a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Many of the sites that we visited are scenes from the life of the Lord: Bethlehem, Cana (where Jesus changed the water into wine at the wedding feast), the hill on which Jesus gave His disciples the Beatitudes, the garden where Jesus suffered His agony after the Last Supper, Calvary and the tomb where He laid for those three days before the Resurrection. At all of these places you could feel the importance of what had occurred there. For me, though, as awesome as these sites were and still are, the moment I remember as the most moving was as we gathered for a prayer service on the very steps of the temple on which Jesus walked. The temple, long ago destroyed, has just a few remaining parts including a section of the steps leading up to the temple itself. As we prayed on these steps I came to the realization that this was truly holy ground made so by the One who 2000 years ago climbed them to enter into “His Father’s house”. It was truly a moving experience!

We hear of such a moving experience today in our first reading. Moses encountered the Lord through his experience at the burning bush. He was told, as we heard, to remove his sandals for it was holy ground. It was there that the Lord spoke to Moses and ordered him to lead His people out of bondage into the freedom of the promised land. It was there that the Lord identified Himself as “I am who am.”

As we gather in church to celebrate the Eucharist and other liturgical celebrations, or as we come to church to make a quiet visit to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we realize that just as the Father spoke to Moses, so Jesus speaks to us. He speaks to us through the words of Sacred Scripture and He speaks to us in the quiet moments of our silent prayers. Through the liturgical celebrations Jesus identifies Himself as the Lord Who nourishes us through the Sacrament of His Body and Blood; as the forgiving Lord through the sacrament of Penance; as the One who heals us in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The church is truly “holy ground” where Jesus is present to us!

God bless you all,

Word of Life

The Second Vatican Council reminded the entire Church that we are to be a leaven for the world’s transformation. ... Recently, we have tried to be such a leaven in the debate about health care. It is not for us to speak to particular means of delivering health care; it is our responsibility, however, to insist, as a moral voice concern with human solidarity, that everyone should be cared for and that no one should be deliberately killed.

~ Cardinal Francis George, Presidential Address to General Meeting of U.S. bishops, Nov. 16, 2009

Peter’s Pence Collection

Next week our parish will take up the Peter’s Pence Collection. This collection allows the Holy Father to cast the light of Christ upon the world by providing emergency assistance to those who need it most around the globe. Please be generous in next week’s Peter’s Pence Collection.

St. Jude Novena and Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction every Monday

Every Monday, from 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm, we have the great privilege and opportunity of spending time with Our Lord and adoring Him in the Eucharist as we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration concludes with Novena prayers to St. Jude and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Please join us on Mondays as we adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and as we invoke the intercession of St. Jude.

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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Feb. 27-28, 2010

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Income from Parishioners, Church of the Resurrection, Jersey City, Diocesan Assessment, Church of the Resurrection, Amount available for Parish Expenses, Net this week last year, Archdiocesan Retired Priests, and (Ash Wednesday Collection).

