

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 7, 2010

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Ten days from now, the season of Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday. If we take the season seriously, we know that it can be a time of personal sacrifice and a time to grow in our faith. It is a special time of the year to remember Jesus' sacrifices for us but it is not the only time of the year to do such things. In fact, the season of Lent should help us to live a deeper life of faith all year through. While it would be a good time now to think and pray about how we plan to live Lent this year, it would also be a good time to think of how we can change our faith life for the better. How can we allow Jesus to change our lives to be more like His? How can we make our Lenten practices into a way of life?

This does not mean we have to be on our knees at every minute of every day. Not too many people do that during Lent anyway. However, it might help to be on our knees more, or at least to pray more often as Jesus did. It would certainly help to think more of others as Jesus did, and to deny ourselves of certain pleasures to make our faith stronger.

One of the ways to be strong in mind, heart and soul is to participate fervently in the sacrifice of the Mass. Sunday (or Saturday evening) attendance is a given, but what about attending more than once a week? Wouldn't it be uplifting to attend Mass once or more a week in addition to the Sunday obligation? I realize it is difficult for some during the week so the priests want to offer a special Lenten opportunity.

On all of the Monday evenings during Lent, we will change the usual novena schedule in order to offer Mass. We will have the regular Novena prayers at 7:15pm from Monday, February 22 until Monday, March 29 inclusive, followed by a Lenten Mass and homily and the Prayer for the Year of the Priests (since this is the Lenten season in the Year of the Priests). We will return to the Monday Novena prayers and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Easter but it would be wonderful to participate in weekday Masses if at all possible.

I pray that we may all begin even now to set our hearts once again on the ways of God in our lives and resolve to keep our prayer life strong. We may not be able to keep our Lenten practices all year long but we can make every effort to pray everyday and to walk on our journey through life with Jesus. He promised to be with us always, not only during Lent or Easter or Christmas. He is leading us to heaven every single day. We have only to listen and follow the Good Shepherd - the Shepherd of our souls.

Sincerely in Christ,

Msgr. Joseph R. Giandurco

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

Dear Friends in the Lord:

The recent earthquake in Haiti that has resulted in the loss of hundreds of thousands of lives and immense property and natural resource damage is a reminder of the tremendous amount of pain and suffering that exists in our world. From the Middle East to Africa to Latin America and elsewhere across the globe we never stop learning about the various hardships and challenges that our brothers and sisters in the Lord are facing on a daily basis.

All too often, local authorities alone are not able to afford their people the relief that is needed. Thus it is that the Holy Father receives countless appeals for assistance from needy nations and people. In turn, he asks all Catholics to support him, primarily through the annual Peter's Pence Appeal. This annual collection enables all of us here in the archdiocese to demonstrate our fidelity to the Holy Father as well as our concern for and solidarity with those less fortunate than ourselves.

With this in mind, I ask that you be as generous as you can in making sacrificial offering to this year's collection, which will be taken up in our parishes on the weekend of February 13th and 14th. You will be doing the work of the Lord, and for this I am most grateful

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,
Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan
Archbishop of New York

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION - \$15,039.

LAST YEAR'S COLLECTION - \$15,202.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL BOOK FAIR TODAY, SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7

Everyone's invited to our Scholastic Book Fair **TODAY** Sunday, February 7th at Sacred Heart School, 1st Floor Classroom from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Come and explore the wonderful world of reading. Great gifts for everyone, including adults. All proceeds benefit Sacred Heart School.

Light refreshments will be served.

TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS WORKSHOP (TPS) FOR THE HAITIAN COMMUNITY

On January 15, 2010, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Janet Napolitano, announced the designation of Haiti for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) in response to the January 12th, 2010 earthquake in Haiti. TPS gives immigrants permission to stay and work for the next 18 months. The Church of St. Joseph's will be hosting a TPS Workshop Training, conducted by Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New York, to discuss the statutory and regulatory eligibility requirements for TPS, as well as, the instructions for Haitian nationals to apply for TPS. The training will be held **TODAY, Sunday, February 7 at the Church of St. Joseph, 245 N. Main Street, Spring Valley.** For more information, please call 356-0311.

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, February 8

CCD - Grade 6 - 4:30 to 6pm & Grade - 7 - 8:30pm
Cheerleaders - 5 - 6:30pm gym & 6:30- 7:30pm cafeteria
C.Y.O. Basketball - 6:30 to 9pm in the gym

Tuesday, February 9

Parish Council Meeting - 7:30 in the Rectory conf. room
CCD - Grades 3,4,5 - 4:30 - 6pm 8th Grade 7 - 8:30pm
C.Y.O. Basketball - 5 to 7pm in the gym

Wednesday, February 10

St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry - 2 to 4pm Rectory
HSA Meeting - 7:30pm in teacher's lounge
C.Y.O. Basketball - 6:30 to 9pm in the gym
Choir - 7:30 to 9pm in Church

JOVENES - 8 to 10pm in the art room

Hispanic Bible Study - 8 to 9:30pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, February 11

C.Y.O. Basketball - 5 to 8pm in the gym

Friday, February 12

Father/Daughter Dance - 7 to 10pm in the cafeteria
C.Y.O. Basketball - 5:30 to 9pm in the gym - games
Women's Cornerstone Meeting - 7:30pm in the Rectory

Saturday, February 13

St. Joseph Group - 7:30am in the Rectory lounge
C.Y.O. Basketball - 10am to 4pm in the gym
CCD Classes - Grades 1 and 2 - 9:30 to 11am

Sunday, February 14

Life Teen Band - 4pm to 5:30pm in Church



**SUPER BOWL PARTY! TODAY, FEBRUARY 7
AT 6:30PM IN THE CAFETERIA
All high school teens welcome!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 21 - Snow Tubing Trip from 2 to 4pm

Feb. 27 - Soup Kitchen Service

Contact Mike & Shana Kravatz for information about Life Teen: youthministrysh@gmail.com or on the Facebook Group "Sacred Heart Life Teen, Suffern, NY"

INTERFAITH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Good Samaritan Hospital is sponsoring an interfaith support group for those who have lost a loved one. The group will meet for eight sessions beginning Tuesday, February 9 from 7:00 to 8:30pm in Good Samaritan Hospital auditorium. To register or if you have any questions, please call the Pastoral Care Office at 368-5171.

WEEKEND LENTEN RETREAT

A Weekend Lenten Retreat *SEEK THE LORD* by the Franciscan Retreat Team, will be held Tuesday, February 19th through Thursday, February 21st in Newton, NJ. For more information call: Father Tom Kelly, OFM at (973) 985-9736 or Deacon Milt (973) 271-5097.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY - FEBRUARY 14



Worldwide Marriage Encounter and Family Life/Respect Life Office cordially invites you, your family and friends to celebrate World Marriage Day 2010 on Sunday, February 14, 2010 for a 10:15am Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. World Marriage Day is an annual event honoring the vocation of marriage and family. This celebration affirms the life-long, sacramental commitment of husbands and wives and

gives witness to the positive impact of their vocations on their families, communities, the Church and our Nation! The Longest Married Couple in the Archdiocese of NY will be honored. Reception immediately following: St. Patrick's Cathedral Meeting Room, 51st and Madison Avenue. Seating is limited. R.S.V.P. - (212) 371-1011, ext.3190.

THE MARIAN SHRINE LENTEN LECTURE SERIES

The Salesians of St. John Bosco Marian Shrine in Stony Point is sponsoring Lenten Lecture Series to be held on Thursdays in the Mary Help of Christians Chapel. The first session will be held on February 18th and each Thursday in Lent. For further information call (845) 947-2200, ext. 301.

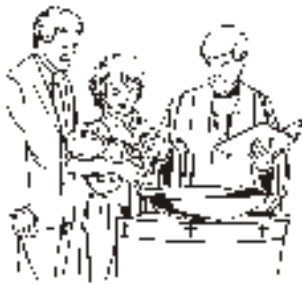
VILLAGE OF SUFFERN

The Village of Suffern is sponsoring a trip on Saturday, April 10, 2010 to a matinee performance of the Broadway production of *Promises, Promises*. The cost is \$98.00 per person, which includes front mezzanine seating and bus transportation. Please contact Suffern Recreation at (845) 357-7943 for reservations or for further information.

ANUNCIOS

La lectura de la Biblia en Español tendrá lugar, como siempre, los miércoles, a las 8 de la noche, en la cafetería de la escuela.

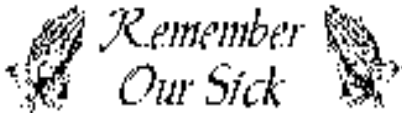
Los proximos bautizos tendrán lugar el 20 de febrero, 2010 a la 1pm. Contacto con (357-0035).



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Church and our Parish Community the following children who were recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

Eugene Thomas Cummings, III, son of Eugene & Soany
Ashleigh Rose Gannon, daughter of Michael & Amy



We pray for all those serving in the Armed Forces and for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them, especially: **Keith Alanis, Christine Arehart, Mary Ann Campbell, Mary Lou Chester, Cody Frasier, William Grau, John Hurley, Sarah Hyman, Margaret Lencsak, Dorothy McIntyre, Peggy Pitt, Etta Rooney, Thomas Seabury, Ellen Smith, Lawrence Stroff and Nicholas Vertullo.**

The names on our Prayer for the Sick list are kept on the list for five weeks. After five weeks you will need to call the Rectory Office to be continued for the next five weeks.



**Remember
Those who
Have Died**

Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, benefactors, relatives, friends, priests and religious who have served us here at Sacred Heart and for those who have died, especially: **Florence Iannacone and William Grau.**

ALTAR MEMORIALS WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7

**Altar Candles In Memory of
Gilbert O'Grady**

**Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of
Elizabeth Saunders**



When Masses are not available for a particular day Altar Memorials are a special way you can remember those who have died and those intentions you may wish to remember for the living.



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm - Parish Memorial Society
7:30pm - Mary Ann Binghi

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00am - Parishioners of Sacred Heart
8:30am - Michael McGillicuddy
10:00am - Carmela and Albert LaBruna - CHURCH
10:00am - Maria Elda Revelli - SCHOOL
10:30am - MISA EN ESPANOL - Tagaste
11:30am - Richard J. Lynch
1:00pm - Muriel Crandall
5:30pm - Amalio Zuño

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:00am - Toni Rosado
9:00am - Bill Halloran

7:15pm - NOVENA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:00am - Leonie Wright
9:00am - Intention of Kenneth Frank - Birthday

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:00am - Anna Saro
9:00am - Marie Errico

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:00am - Robert O. Colbath
9:00am - Protection of the Unborn Children

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:00am - Carmela Cogliano
9:00am - Francesco Varano

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

9:00am - Henry J. Heck

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm - Parish Memorial Society
7:30pm - George W. Herbst

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:00am - Parishioners of Sacred Heart
8:30am - Joseph Jarkewicz
10:00am - Bianca Gasparini - CHURCH
10:00am - Rosemarie L. Parisi - SCHOOL
10:30am - MISA EN ESPANOL - Tagaste
11:30am - Bob Hayden
1:00pm - Joan Nappo
5:30pm - Angelo Perrone

SACRED HEART BOOSTER CLUB WINNER

WEEK 17 - JOAN MC DOWELL