

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 7, 2010



*Moses,  
you're standing  
on holy ground.*

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF March 7 – March 14

SAT:	5:30pm	Carmen Mingolla Salvati; Mary Mingolla Cutler
SUN:	7:00am	Alexander Sienkiewicz
	8:30am	Giuseppina Lostumbo Blessed Mother-Thanksgiving
	10:00am	Alfredo Piacente
	11:30am	Giuseppe Zarrella
	1:00pm	Wanda Flores
MON:	7:30am	Alex Sherman
	12:10pm	Antonio and Francesca Loquercio
TUE:	7:30am	Edward Bilinski
	12:10pm	John W. Hauck
WED:	7:30am	Demetrio Uberfil Aranibar
	12:10pm	Giuseppe and Margherita Rotundo
THU:	7:30am	Louis Rosado, Sr.
	12:10pm	Valencia Amitrano
FRI:	7:30am	Rotundo and Pistoia Families
	12:10pm	Mary A. Hauck
SAT:	8:00am	Teresa DeMaria
	5:30pm	Arianna Adames, Living
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners, Living and Deceased
	8:30am	Vincent Panetta Alex & Menchie Gapay, Living
	10:00am	Michael Stanley Krause
	11:30am	Thomas, Catherine, John and James Stanford

Note: Monday through Friday, 12:10pm mass is offered for an increase in vocations. An additional intention may be requested.



**PRAY FOR**  
Lilia "Tete" Remus

### TITHING—GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Mar. 01, 2009.....	\$11,702.00
Feb. 28, 2010.....	\$10,844.00
Children's Offering (2/28/10).....	\$ 168.00



THE ARCHDIOCESAN  
STEWARDSHIP APPEAL  
2010

The theme of *The 2010 Stewardship Appeal* is Sharing God's Gifts. This theme recognizes that we have all received gifts from God and we are each called to share those gifts with one another in gratitude. Let's express our gratitude for the ways we have been blessed by following Our Lord's example of sacrificing for others. We ask that you prayerfully consider making a gift to the *Annual Appeal* this year. Goal Objectives: The Appeal supports needy parishes and schools; preparing the clergy; retired priests and religious; works of charity; academic and spiritual formation; and specialized services.

Please consider making a gift or pledge to the Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal 2010. Thank you!

### APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER

Pray for our Orange County Vicariate clergy:

March 7	Archbishop Timothy Dolan Auxiliary Bishops
March 8	Rev. James Sidoti, O.Carm Rev. Benjamin Palacios
March 9	Rev. Robert Porpora Deacon Joseph Lieby
March 10	Rev. Paul K. Hurley Rev. Joseph Sullivan
March 11	Rev. Wacław Swierzbiolek, SDB Deacon Lawrence Kawula
March 12	Deceased Priests Deceased Deacons
March 13	Retired Priests

### PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (For Winter Closings, Call 341-0587)



"We can draw down God's Merciful Love on the whole world...through Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration." (Stephen Orze).

All are welcome to adore our Lord Jesus present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Adorers are needed for **Sunday 3:00-4:00pm, Tuesday, 1:00-2:00pm, Wednesday, 4:00-5:00pm, Thursday, 1:00-2:00am, 3:00-4:00am, Friday, 10:00-11:00am, Saturday, 5:00-6:00am.** All other hours are still available. Call the rectory, 343-6013.

## ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

DARE Graduation: Congratulations to our 6<sup>th</sup> Graders who completed the DARE course last week. Thank you to Officer Welch for preparing our students for this program and the Middletown, Police Department for allowing our students to participate in the program this year.

Bowl-A-Thon: We had a very successful Bowl-A-Thon last Sunday. Thank you to our Parent Council for sponsoring the event. A special thank you to the board for all their hard work: Mrs. Gesztesi, Mrs. Leo, Mrs. Feely and Mrs. Watts and also to all of our local businesses who sponsored lanes or contributed prizes for the day.

Basketball: Congratulations to the JV Boys and Varsity Girls Basketball teams who finished their seasons last weekend. They both completed their playoff games. We would like to congratulate them on a wonderful season.

JV Boys Team: *Justin Beairsto, Brendan Corrigan, Brandon Diaz, Colin Dulaney, Sebastian Echevarria, Raffaele Findanza, Max Horrego, Vincent Leo, Brandon Murray, Brian Sander, Demetrio Svizzero, Jarett Serrano, Gabriel Vargas*—Coaches: Ed Corrigan and Ed Leo;

Girls Varsity Team: *Nicole DiLillo, Kaitlyn Geer, Amber LoFrese, Raechel Mateja, Katherina Pierre, Nicolette Pierre, Chasity Serrano*. Coaches: Vince Smith and George Serrano.

Tricky Tray: Save the date – Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

### SPRING RAFFLE

St. Joseph's Parish Council will have a Spring Raffle. The drawing will take place on April 25, 2010. Only 700 tickets will be sold.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$500.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$250.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$100.00

Donation: \$10.00 each and may be purchased at the rectory.

### MONTHLY ROSARY CRUSADE

The monthly Rosary Crusade to End Abortion will be held today, Sunday, March 7 from 4:00-5:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. You are invited to come to the holy hour that includes special Prayers for the Unborn, the Rosary of Our Lady and the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Important reminder: Registration for the 2010-2011 school year will take place as follows: Wednesdays: March 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 7:30pm, and Saturdays: March 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – Noon. Other times are available by calling the Religious Education Office to make an appointment. Please take advantage of these registration times, both to ensure that you will get a slot in the session you prefer and because late fees will be imposed once the March registration period ends. Please be reminded re-registration is not automatic; students must be re-registered annually and continue their faith formation for the entirety of our eight-year program.

Our Religious Education Program welcomes all public school children of registered parishioners who will be in Grade one or above in September 2010. Proof of Baptism is required for all new registrants. Please call the Religious Education Office at 343-4415 if you have any questions. Thank you.

### TELL ALL SOULS ABOUT MY MERCY

Bob Allard who has appeared on EWTN, will tell of his return to the Catholic Church after 25 years, and how Jesus' message of mercy changed his life.

WHEN: SUNDAY, MARCH 21 @ 2:00PM

WHERE: Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church Parish Center, 626 County Route 22, Middletown, NY 10940 (South Centerville)

Refreshments will be served following Bob's talk. For information/directions, call Yolanda, 845-355-2903. E-Mail [dms@hvc.rr.com](mailto:dms@hvc.rr.com).

Sponsored by *The Ladies Confraternity*.

### SHORTER NOTICES

- ❖ ST. JOSEPH'S LAY APOSTLES OF JESUS CHRIST THE RETURNING KING will meet Sunday, March 14, 3:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Everyone is welcome. Come and join us. For more information, call 1-800-363-3913, Ext. 7.
- ❖ FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE, Saturday, Marcy 27, 10:00am-3:30pm, St. Joseph's Seminary, 201 Seminary Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704. Keynote Speakers: Archbishop Timothy Dolan, Mrs. Helen Alvare, Fr. Charles P. Connor, Ph.D., Mother Agnes Mary, S.V. Admission Fee: \$25.00 (includes lunch). To register: [www.flrl.org](http://www.flrl.org), or call 212-371-1011, X3195. See fliers on the bulletin boards.

## USHERS TO MEET

There will be a meeting of St. Joseph's Ushers on Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the parish center under the church. Refreshments will be served.

## LENT, A EUCHARISTIC TIME

"The Eucharist draws us into Jesus' act of self-oblation ... we enter into the very dynamic of His self-giving' (*Encyclical Deus caritas est*, 13). Let us live Lent then, as a 'Eucharistic' time in which, welcoming the love of Jesus, we learn to spread it around us with every word and deed. Contemplating "Him whom they have pierced" moves us in this way to open our hearts to others, recognizing the wounds inflicted upon the dignity of the human person; it moves us, in particular, to fight every form of contempt for life and human exploitation and to alleviate the tragedies of loneliness and abandonment of so many people. May Lent be for every Christian a renewed experience of God's love given to us in Christ, a love that each day we, in turn, must 're-give' to our neighbor, especially to the one who suffers most and is in need. Only in this way will we be able to participate fully in the joy of Easter". (*Pope Benedict XVI, Lenten Message, 2007*)

## C.D.A. MONTHLY MEETING

On Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Rosemary #681, Middletown, will hold their regular meeting at 7:00pm in St. Joseph's Parish Center. Please wear purple in support of our Catholic Daughters Organization.

St. Joseph's Food Pantry is in need of family style food items. Please bring some items to our meeting.

New members are always welcome. Call Maureen at 386-2319.

## K OF C FISH FRY

A Lenten Fish Fry will be held on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> in St. Joseph's Parish Center/Gym. Proceeds from this event will benefit the relief effort in Haiti. Dinner will be served between 5:30 to 8:00pm. Take-out will be available. Fried Fish or Spaghetti with Clam Sauce will be served with a Side Dish and Soft Drinks. Tickets are \$15.00 each. This event is being sponsored by the Middletown Knights of Columbus Council #486. For more information or tickets, call Doug Linguanti, (845) 344-5922.

### ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL WINNING CALENDAR NUMBERS

Feb. 26 - #1609	Mar. 01 - #1774
Feb. 27 - #1922	Mar. 02 - #1457
Feb. 28 - #1863	Mar. 03 - #1971
Mar. 04 - #1741	

## A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

"Leading the flock across the desert, he (Moses) came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There an angel of the Lord appeared to him in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed. So Moses decided, 'I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why the bush was not burned.' When the Lord saw him coming over to look at it more closely, God called out to him from the bush, 'Moses, Moses... Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father...'"

With Moses we meet God today on another mountain. As He revealed Himself on Tabor at the Transfiguration, today it is in the wonder of a burning bush. Moses represents us all as we strive to know more about the Lord who reveals Himself in countless ways. How do I discover the Lord today?

Some find Him through the well known leaders in the church like the Holy Father, or even Archbishop Romero whose death we commemorate this week. Some discover Him in the signs of nature, a sunset, a picturesque snow or refreshing waterfall. Some find Him in family events of great significance, a christening, and wedding or even in the death of a loved one. For Moses, it was in the phenomenon of the burning bush. All of these summon us to draw closer to the God who wishes to be close to us. Like Moses we answer His calling our name. 'Here I am.'

As Moses was told to remove his sandals because the ground was holy, we realize that the events above are sacred, holy moments in which God speaks to us and we respond. The Samaritan woman met Jesus at the well, while Moses encountered God at the burning bush. Where do I expect to find Him this week? "Here I am".

## HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

