

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 28, 2016**



Mass Intentions for the Week
February 28 – March 6

SAT:	5:30pm	Frank & Teresa Connolly
Sun:	7:00am	Jimmy & Margaret Tirpak (living) Intentions
	9:00am	Kenneth R. Van Sciver Clara, Romeo & Laura Vicere
LATIN:	9:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	11:30am	Mary Citriniti
	1:00pm	Jose Pagan & George Moret
MON:	7:30am	Michael, Kathleen & Danny O'Callaghan
	12:10pm	Adelina Villafane
TUE	7:30am	Antonio Giovanni
	12:10pm	Ed Gavin
WED:	7:30am	Carol Lynch Latimer
	12:10pm	Frank Sorice
THUR:	7:30am	Alfredo Piacente
	12:10pm	Demetrio Petrizzo
FRI:	7:30am	Antoinette D'Imperio
	12:10pm	Oreste De Maria
SAT:	8:00am	Thomas Steven Grecco
	5:30pm	Louis Ingrassia, Sr.
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Frank Sorice Giuseppina & Raffaele Elia
	11:30am	Susie Bianchi & Carmen "Chopper" DeStefano
	1:00pm	Raul Cid

PRAY FOR

Joseph Black
Anna Ruggiero

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

DEACON DONALD PRENDERGAST

My dear St. Joseph Family,

While some of you know how my life as a Deacon has turned a corner, many of you do not. I am sure that there have been some who have noticed that I have not been at Mass. Well, it's because in my constant and prayerful search for God's voice in my life I have come to know that I am being called to serve in a new way. In early Fall I spent a week on retreat with Deacon Alex Gapay at a Monastery that I have visited with my family for the past 10 years. Deacon Alex and I had a wonderful time. Soon after returning home I received an email from the Sister in charge, the Prioris, Sister Amena who asked me if I knew of a Deacon who might be interested in being the Monastery Caretaker. After speaking to my wife, Marilyn, about this calling, I told Sister Amena that in fact I was interested. We began to meet and discuss the job as well as serving as Deacon of the Monastery. I consulted my Spiritual Director and our pastor, Father Dennis. I even discussed this opportunity with Bishop Dominick Lagonegro. On January 7th I began a trial period working and living at the Monastery of Bethlehem located in Livingston Manor, Sullivan County.

There are 19 Sisters here in total and while they pray and create beautiful religious icons and pottery, I take care of the grounds, buildings, and security. The charism of this religious order is silence and solitude. While they speak, they don't have unnecessary conversations.

The day begins with Morning Prayer at 6:45am followed by Mass and ends with Evening Prayer at 5:45pm. Their patron is St. Bruno. Many of their traditions are from the Eastern Rite but they are Roman Catholics. As for my official assignment the Archdiocese will decide if I am to be assigned to the Monastery or the local parish. Until then my name will continue to appear on the bulletin as Fr. Dennis will continue to be my Pastor until the official transfer. I remain here alone driving back and forth to see my family until the end of the school year. During the summer my family will join me here.

Please know that you are all in my heart and my prayers. Please pray for me in this new vocation of service. You are always welcome to visit and spend time on retreat, even if just for the day. The Sisters can be reached at 845-439-4300. You are always welcome. I would like to thank my brother Deacons whom I will miss most of all. Each of you have made me a better Deacon and servant of God's people. God bless you all.

Deacon Don Prendergast



THE CARDINAL'S APPEAL

For the *Cardinal's Appeal* to be truly successful, we must have the support from all of our families. The *Appeal* is a vital source of funding for the programs and ministries that sustain the parishes across the Archdiocese. It is not too late to make your gift. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you for your kind support.

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER

Parishes of the Orange County Vicariate are uniting in prayer each day throughout the year for the members of our beloved clergy. Please remember:

February 28	Cardinal Dolan Auxiliary Bishops
February 29	Rev. Fernando Hernandez Rev. Patrick Bonner
February 23	Rev. Bladi Socualaya Deacon Brian O'Neill
February 24	Rev. Michael Palazzo Rev. Niranjan Rodrigo
February 25	Rev. Matthew Newcomb Deacon Paul Weireter
February 26	Rev. Michael Cedro Rev. Joseph Emmanuel
February 27	Vocations Seminarians

THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Each time we encounter a suffering person, we encounter Jesus in disguise. The Catholic Relief Services Collection funds six Catholic agencies that serve the disguised Jesus in our suffering brothers and sisters around the world. His disguise might be that of those suffering from natural disaster, those displaced by violence or war, or those migrants searching for a better life. Your support of this collection is an opportunity to **help Jesus in disguise**.

PORK DINNER

The pork dinner will be held on Saturday, April 9 after the 5:30pm mass. Tickets will be sold on the weekends of March 5th & 6th and also March 12th & 13th after all the Masses. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 6-10 years old, 5 years and under are free. Tickets can also be purchased at the rectory, Monday-Friday from 9:00am – 4:00pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

As part of their alms-giving during Lent, Religious education Children and their families are supporting Holy Childhood Association this will provide support for needy children in underprivileged countries. This activity occurs during the Holy Season of Lent to familiarize children with the spirit of alms giving and the personal sacrifices we offer to God in preparation for the celebration of the Easter season.

Orders for Confirmation photo packages:

If you would like to order a photo package for your child's Confirmation please come in to the Religious Education office to place any orders. Orders will be taken during classes or you may also schedule an appointment if needed. Money is due at time of order please.

EDUCATION ON ASSISTED SUICIDE

An Educational Evening on Opposing Assisted Suicide will be held here at St. Joseph's Parish Center/Meeting Room on Wednesday, March 9 from 7:30-9pm.

Assisted suicide continues to be in the forefront of issues being considered in Albany. Some claim it is simply "medical assistance in dying" and not suicide. But what is really at stake here? Are lethal pills the most we can offer to our brothers and sisters who find themselves suffering with a terminal illness? Join us to learn the facts as we look at the legislation and all of its medical, legal and ethical implications.

This event is sponsored by the Family Life Respect Life Office of the Archdioceses of NY with main speaker, Ed Mechmann, Esq. Public Policy Director and Sr. Lucy Marie, Respect Life Coordinator.

SHORTER NOTICES

†LENTEN LITURGY & SACRED WORKSHOPS AT ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY(YONKERS) – "Music of Holy Week" Workshop, Friday, March 4 from 2-5:30pm. "Liturgy of the Easter Vigil" Seminar, Friday, March 4 at 7pm. For more information call 914-968-6200 ext. 8177 or liturgy@archny.org

†OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL SACHOOL, 205 Wawayanda Ave., Middletown, NY is sponsoring a Tricky Tray on Saturday, March 5. Doors open at 5:30pm and calling begin at 7:00pm. The Entrance Fee is \$5.00 which includes one sheet of tickets. Children under five are free.



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

One Guardian of the Eucharist recently said, "I feel like I'm signing my name in the book of heaven when I sign in for my holy hour." Wow. He knows that he is adoring Jesus, true God and true man in the Blessed Sacrament. He knows that this same Jesus is who he will be adoring forever in heaven! Come know the joy of adoring Jesus, truly present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. Choose any hour day or night on any day of the week. Jesus will be there waiting for you. Call Marty/Clarice 692-4510.
Hours of critical need:

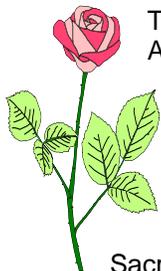
Monday 3-4 AM
Tuesday 1-2 AM
Tuesday 4-5 AM
Wednesday 3-4 AM
Thursday 1-2 AM
Friday Midnight- 1 AM
Saturday Midnight- 1 AM

(For Winter Closings, Call 341-0587)

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

You are needed for the success of 40 Days. Perhaps you cannot stand vigil but you are needed. The main thrust of this initiative is a peaceful, prayerful presence to those entering the abortion facility. But all people of God, young and old, should be praying and fasting for these mothers seeking an abortion. No one knows the spiritual effect one rosary, one Mass, or a day of fasting will have on these women. In this Year of Mercy reach out to save the babies through your prayer. In the first ten days of this current campaign there have been 121 babies saved worldwide and as many mothers and fathers spared the heartbreak of abortion. Be part of the good that is happening!

MONTHLY ROSARY CRUSADE



This month the Rosary Crusade to end Abortion will be held on Sunday March 6th 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 Chaplet and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

FIRST FRIDAY/FIRST SATURDAY

On March 4th, the First Friday Masses will be 7:30am and 12:10pm. There will be a Holy Hour at 8:00pm.

Confessions will be heard on Thursday, March 3rd from 4:15-5:00pm. First Saturday devotions follow the 8:00am mass on March 5th.

MUSIC FOR MASS DURING LENT

During Lent we'll use a simple, familiar Gregorian Chant for the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) Agnus Dei (Lamb of God), as well as the Memorial Acclamation below. We invite you to enrich our worship by following along with the words below:

Sanctus (Holy, Holy)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Savior of the world, for by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be conducted on Wednesday's after the 12:10pm Mass and on Fridays' at 7:00pm in the main Church. The Friday Stations will be bilingual and are followed by the Year of Mercy Holy Hour.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH WINNING CALENDAR NUMBERS

Feb 12 - #3787	Feb 19 - #2137
Feb 13 - #3527	Feb 20 - #2031
Feb 14 - #2734	Feb 21 - #3342
Feb 15 - #2384	Feb 22 - #2353
Feb 16 - #2149	Feb 23 - #2319
Feb 17 - #3841	Feb 24 - #3645
Feb 18 - #2070	Feb 25 - #2792