



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 13

8:30 AM Thomas Kelly

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 13,

5:30 PM Angelina Maurigi

7:00 PM Stephanie Ottowski

Sunday, February 14, World Marriage Day

7:30 AM Jeffrey C. Ford

9:00 AM Stephen Saley

10:30 AM Angela Diorio

12:00 PM Raymond Hulanick

7:00 PM Lidia Karpa

Monday, February 15

7:00 AM Hugh O'Donnell

8:30 AM Clara Paczkowski

7:00 PM Gina Razak

Tuesday, February 16

7:00 AM Mary Caruso

8:30 AM Sam J. Colucci 1st Anniversary

7:00 PM Louis Primamore

Wednesday, February 17, Ash Wednesday

Fast and Abstinence

7:00 AM Dorothy Warholick

8:30 AM Catherine Moran

12:00 PM Walter Walker

7:00 PM Rita Sauer

Thursday, February 18

7:00 AM Owen D. Burke

8:30 AM Rhoda Grady

12:00 PM Rocco Nufrio

7:00 PM Jillian Ellis

Friday, February 19

7:00 AM Siobhan Toomey

8:30 AM Guiseppe DeMaria 49th Anniversary

12:00 PM Christina Pinto

7:00 PM Dan Oakes

Saturday, February 20

8:30 AM David Brophy

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 20

5:30 PM Joseph & Anna Firca

7:00 PM Trisha Hulanick

Sunday, February 21

7:30 AM Jeffrey Sacks

9:00 AM Amelia Belunis

10:30 AM Fred Cassel

12:00 PM William Welsh

7:00 PM Evelyn Petroski

Many biblical writers used the combination of a blessing and a curse to teach us about the right course of action. Jeremiah today tells us that all those who trust in human beings are cursed, and that those who trust in God are blessed. The language is very stark and uncompromising. Jeremiah wants his hearers to put their trust in God, even in the difficult times in which he lived. Those who were relying on their own resources will be sorely disappointed.

St. Luke today also recalls Jesus using this combination of blessings and curses in his sermon in the plain. His language is very stark. Those who are poor, hungry, grieving and reviled are all to be blessed. Those who are rich, full, laughing and well respected are to be cursed. In St. Matthew's gospel, this material is presented as the Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount. Many commentators suggest that Matthew's version is more sensitive because he seems to "spiritualize" the poverty and hunger that Jesus declares to be blessed.

It is certainly true that the church has never required a total renunciation of this world's goods in order to live a holy life. But Luke's language focuses our attention on the message of Jesus. He loved the poor, and he wants us to do the same. This gospel challenges all of us who are rich, or full, or laughing, or well respected to ask ourselves how are we trying to help the poor, the hungry, the grieving and the reviled.

As we join with the Lord Jesus in this Mass today, let us ask him to enlighten our minds, and to teach us how to use our blessings wisely so that they do not become a curse for us.

Our Weekly Collection

For the week of February 7, 2010 \$13,871.28

God bless you!
Father Bob

**ASH WEDNESDAY- DISTRIBUTION OF
ASHES AT ALL MASSES AND AT 3:30 PM**

Schedule of Events for February 14th-February 21st

- Sun** Mass & Confessions 7 pm
- Mon** Novena Mass, Miraculous Medal&St. Jude 8:30 am
Recitation of the Rosary 6:40 pm
Novena Mass, Miraculous Medal & St. Jude 7 pm
Catechesis 8 pm
- Tues** Senior Citizens A.C. Trip 9:15 am
Mass & Confessions 7 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm
C.Y.O. Meeting 8 pm
- Wed** **ASH WEDNESDAY**
DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES AT ALL MASSES
AND AT 3:30 PM.
Mass & Confessions 7 pm
R.C.I.A. Instruction 7:30 pm
Beloved Disciple Prayer Group Meeting 7:45 pm
Divorced & Separated Support Group Meeting 8 pm
- Thurs** Cenacle of Life in Church 8-8:30 am & 9-9:30 am
Mass & Confessions 7 pm
Catechesis 8 pm
Bereavement Support Meeting 7:30pm
- Fri** Mass & Confessions 7 pm
Spirit & Truth Meeting 8 pm
- Sat** Confessions 1-2 pm
Mass & Confessions 7 pm
- Sun** Mass & Confessions 7 pm

February 14, 2010—6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.” - Luke 6:24

Jesus' words to the crowd can seem harsh to all of us who enjoy the many blessings of living in one of the richest countries of the world. Yet, in reality the sin is not in being rich. The sin is in failing to share our blessings. When was the last time you looked at your income and determined what percentage you were giving to those who had less than you? Remember the Bible teaches us to give 10%. How close are you to that level of giving?

Memorials for the week of February 14



Ash Wednesday- February 17th

Altar

Candles:In memory of **Raymond Hulanick**

Tabernacle

Candles: In memory of **Walter Gorczyca 1st Anniv.**

Perpetual

Adoration Set: In memory of **Monica Plungis**

Perpetual

Adoration Set: In memory of **The Stetz Family**

Sanctuary

Lamp: In memory of **Edward V. Ratyniak 1st Anniv.**

Bread

& Wine: In memory of **Walter Gorczyca**

Memorial

Flowers: In memory of **John Juzefyk 10th Anniv.**

**Songs of Celebration for
The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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| Gathering Song: Blest Be the Lord | GP2-599 |
| Presentation Song: Be Not Afraid | GP2-602 |
| Communion Song: Only This I Want | GP2-575 |
| The Cry of the Poor | GP2-203 |
| Sending Forth: For You Are My God | GP2-612 |

*We offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of
Joseph N. Turiello, Jr.
Josephine Papa*

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish

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| Anne Gessner | David Wallster | Jean Tokar |
| Ann Fegter | Louis Scafidi, Sr. | Thomas Hathaway |
| Jason Greenbush | William Campell | Pietro Battistella |
| Mary Piersel | Alexander Moya | RussD'Arcangelo |
| Helen Pamori | Dot Aliverto | Mary Holencsak |
| Raymond Payne, Sr | Theresa Russell | Ed Rutkowski |
| Noreen Roach | Edward Miller | Bertha Madjeski |
| Nancy Ludivico | Arthur Garrett | Joseph Turiello |
| Regina Viteka | Angelo Pauline | Steve Thorpe |
| Harrison Gassaway | | |

Please Pray for Our Military and Their Families

- Lt Cdr. Frank J. Walter III USN,
2LT Jeffrey A. Regep USA,
Eric Heaning , National Guard
PO3 Thomas Maes-USN,
AIC Wesley T. Koza USAF,
Rev. Captain Henryk Lorenc US Army Chaplain.
HM3 Lance Dearing, USN,
PFC Gregory Melencio USA
SSG Douglas Fishgrund USA
Mercylinda V. Miro USN
Lt. John DeLorenzo USAF
LCPL Stephanie Rae Cowley USMC

Adorers are needed for our twenty four hour a day Adoration Chapel. The hours most in need are, Sunday at 3 am, Thursday at 11 am, and Friday at 6 pm.

Word of Life

In vitro fertilization further depersonalizes the act of generating a child, turning it into a technical process in a laboratory. This procedure is so far from a loving act of the spouses that it can even be used to conceive a child if neither of them is alive, for the body of neither one is involved in the act of generating this life once sperm and egg are obtained and stored. Because these embryos are deliberately created not in the nurturing environment of the mother's body but in the poor substitute of a culture in a glass dish, the great majority of them die.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Life-Giving Love in an Age of Technology-Nov. 2009

PLEASE REMEMBER US IN YOUR WILL. OUR CORPORATE TITLE IS ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE R. C. CHURCH.

St. John's Pre Cana

St. Johns will be hosting a Pre-Cana on **Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010** in the Gym. There will be **40 engaged couples** from around our Diocese and beyond, coming here to prepare to enter into a Catholic marriage. Father Paolo and married couples from this Parish will facilitate the day of prayer, talks, and discussion. Please keep all of us in your prayers. If you are married any where from 1 month to 75+ years and would like to join us please call or e-mail Tom and Lorraine at 732-827-2941 or tomdwcicz@aol.com.

60 th Anniversary Raffle Books

Please make certain to return all **60th Anniversary raffle books** to the rectory as soon as possible. Please take part in this once in a lifetime opportunity to celebrate with our parish family.

Shrine of the Holy Innocents

Mount St. Alphonsus, located in New York's Ulster County, continues work on its Shrine of the Holy Innocents, a shrine dedicated to babies unborn and babies born too soon.

Plans for the shrine include over 4000 memorial bricks, plus statuary and landscaping. The shrine will be located on a sacred plot of land just yards from the burial ground of Redemptorist priests and brothers, and Redemptoristine sisters.

The first memorial brick for the shrine was recently purchased by a woman that suffered the loss of a baby more than 50 years ago. That mother cried tears of joy because she knew that the memory of her baby would live on at the shrine.

Those interested in purchasing memorial bricks are asked to contact Mike Sweeney at (845) 384-8050, or email mike@MountSaintAlphonsus.org. Sweeney and his wife lost a baby in September 2008.

The shrine is expected to take several years to complete. Construction will be completed in stages, with the first stage being completed, and the shrine being opened, later this year. A Board of Directors is currently being formed to oversee the Shrine. For more info, please visit MountSaintAlphonsus.org.

Retrouvaille-"Rediscovery" Ministry for Troubled Marriages

Is your Marriage tearing you apart? RETROUVAILE ("Rediscovery") is a program of the Catholic Church designed to provide practical help and support to married couples in failing relationships. This program, offered by the Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark, is three-fold and begins with a weekend experience on **March 19-21, 2010**. For more information about this ministry of hope and healing, please call the Family Life Office at 973-497-4327.

Social Concerns Update

This **Friday, February 19th** is the date for fruit juices and sandwiches. Please have your donations to the parking lot before 9 am. Thank you again for your assistance in this corporal work of mercy.

Save the date, April 17th

On **Saturday, April 17, 2010** St. John's will be having a fun night of Music, Dancing, Lite Fare Food, and Drink. The stage show will be performed by the **Jersey Sound Band**, an eight member group singing songs from the 50's through 70's & Motown era. The evening is for people 21 and over, with tickets priced at \$30.00 per person all inclusive. Doors will open at 7:00 pm to enjoy the Lite Fare. The show will begin at 8:00 pm and run until Midnight. So **SAVE THE DATE** and look for further information as to when tickets will go on sale in future bulletins.

A Super Thank You

The Respect Life Ministry would like to thank all the wonderful people who made this year's **Super Bowl Bake Sale a Super Success**. From those who baked the goodies to those who donated their time and all the wonderful people who purchased the baked goods, we can only say thank you and may God bless you.

Divorced & Separated Support Group

Are you struggling with the pain of separation and/or divorce? Come join our Christ centered peer support group, it meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday evening of each month at 8pm in the Rectory parlor. For more information call Deacon Ed 908-925-0996

MARRIED COUPLES – IT'S LENTEN RESOLUTION TIME.

Resolve to start a new love affair with your spouse that's beyond your wildest dreams, a sign of Christ's Love for the Church. It can happen on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. **Sign up soon so you can renew your love for one another.** For more info Sal and Sylvia Vasallo at 1 800 823-Love or email sylvia12@aol.com

Military families, are you getting ready to deploy? Is your family trying to reconnect after deployment? **Marriage Encounter offers tools of communication that have kept many military marriages strong and happy through out the ups and downs of military service.** Contact your local chaplain or call 1-800-823-5683 for more information.