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St. Joseph Parish Bulletin

February 21, 2010

OMASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 21 (First Sunday of Lent)

Duet 26:4-10 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13

7:30am Patrick Rusne
 9:00am John A. Kenny
 10:00am (Aud) Rosalie Haffner
 10:30am Ruth McKie
 11:45am Ruth & George House
 1:00pm The People of St. Joseph Parish
 Susan Ambrosino and Baby Gerard,
 Joseph J. Seviroli Sr.(8th Ann)
 Ann Murtaugh, Mary Swedenburg,
 Marcel Tousaint

5:30pm Rosemary O'Brien

Monday, February 22

1 Peter 5:1-4 Matt 16:13-19

8:00am Margaret & Timothy Shea & Family
 9:00am James E. Flynn
 12:10 pm Robert Reilly
 8:00pm Deceased Parishioners

Tuesday, February 23

Isaiah 55:10-11 Matt 6:7-15

8:00am Ronald Habacker, Jr.
 9:00am Marie Rabuse
 12:10pm Anne Mastromatteo

Wednesday, February 24

Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 11:29-32

8:00am Joseph & Agnes McGoldrick
 9:00am Sr. Margaret Louise Shea,CSJ
 12:10pm Jim O'Mahoney

Thursday, February 25

Esther C :12: 14 -16, 23 -25 Matt 7:7-12

8:00am Thomas Groake
 9:00am William F. Boyd
 12:10p m Sr. Maura Eichner,SSND

Friday, February 26

Ezekiel 18:21 - 28 Matt 5:20 -26

8:00am Patricia Welsh
 9:00am James Flynn
 12:10pm Robert Imbornine

Saturday, February 27

Deut 26:16 - 19 Matt 5: 43 -48

8:30am Joan Todaro
 5:00pm Margaret Devic, Donald Ponte,
 Mr. Spotter, Generoso Gambale

Sunday, February 28

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18 Phil 3:17 -4:1 Luke 9:26-36

7:30am William F. Bailey
 9:00am Geraldine Holland (5th Ann)
 10:00am (Aud.) Robert Francis Noble
 10:30am Mary Tully
 11:45am Robert Noble
 1:00pm Edward Purcell, Gehsomino Papa, Robert
 Stanley Klebbe, Dorothy Smith,
 Frank V. Dachille
 5:30pm The People of Saint Joseph Parish

 **ALTAR SERVERS**

Saturday, February 20

5:00pm B. FitzGerald M. FitzGerald T. FitzGerald

Sunday, February 21

7:30am I Balady, L. Balady, M. Crapotta
9:00am J. Rogers, M. Rogers, M. Rogers
10:00am (Aud) D. O'Malley, J. O'Malley, G. Sanossian
10:30am A. McAward, D. McAward, C. Regan
11:45am B. DeBold, A. Duic, K. O'Rourke
1:00pm E. Austria, V. Austria, D. Giordano
5:30pm E. Donnelly, M. Donnelly, A. Haggerty

BANNS OF MARRIAGE



Congratulations and best wishes for a happy, holy married life to:
James Reynolds and Claire Robitaille

BAPTISMS

We welcome with joy the following newly baptized children in our faith:

Julia Noel Genovese
Michael Christopher Genovese

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

"If anyone is sick among you, ask the community to pray..." Please pray for: Page Accetta, Robert Auricchio, Jennifer Blake, Ryan Bradley, Mary Brosnan, Jacqueline Bruce, Denise Bruzzo, Lorraine Cagliostro, Baby Daniel Hogan Cheatham, Gina Corleto, Margaret Cullen, Robert Dolce, Sheila Dollard, Charles Dunleavy, Tony Endre, Mell Farrell, Little Michael Feeney, Keith Fox, Patricia Gilvary, Joseph Gottlieb, Evelyn Hemersbach, Baby Charlotte James, Shirley Jessen, Edward Johnson, John Kelly, Carole Koehler, James Lasko, Madison Claire Lewinger, David Lieson, Roy Mayer, Donald McCabe, Dennis McAuliffe, Bobby Menges, Mary Modesto, Jim Molloy, Angela Munnely, Maureen O'Connell, Cecelia Ortiz, Marianne Piscopo, Kevin Quill, Kathleen Smith, Emma Tynan Quinn, Diana Renton, Sally Richards, Stephanie Ryan, Liz Sarno, Charlie Schmitt, Little Julia Schwartz, Timothy Shanley Sr., James Stumpf, Little Catherine Vogt, Eleanor Waluk, Michael Winnicki, Carol Woods

DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Flaminia Rizzi, John Conroy

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes will meet this week as scheduled.

Sixth Grade - This week the Sixth Graders will have an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during class time. Classes 6-9, 6-10, 6-11, 6-12 and 6-13 are to report directly to Church.

Third Grade THURSDAY ONLY - The children who meet on Thursday will have an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during class time. The Thursday classes are to report directly to Church. They will be dismissed as usual.

Religious Education Board - There will be a Board meeting on Thursday, February 25th at 7:30pm in the Office.

See you on the High Seas!!!!

CALLING ALL ADULT VBS VOLUNTEERS

We are planning for this year's VBS - "High Seas - Exploring the Mighty Love of God." We will need at least 35 adult volunteers to help plan for High Seas. If you would like to help please call Connie McManus at 248-6564 or Tina Cento at 248-3615 or the Religious Ed Office at 741-7787

HUMAN SERVICES

Mass for Deceased – Monday, Feb. 22nd at 8:00 pm in Convent Chapel

The special intention for this Mass is the deceased who were buried from our parish during the month of January. You are invited to attend.

**STEWARDSHIP
A Way of Life**

Stewardship Reflection

Lent can be drudgery or it can be open to new possibilities. If we only "give up" candy or smoking or alcohol, it can be a challenge **but it is only forty days.** If we look into our lives and give up those things that keep us from "converting our lives", our lives can be changed.

Some suggestions:

We can fast from technology one day each week and experience liberation, an uncluttered bit of time to be reflective.

We can listen reflectively to our written scriptures and their Promise of Life.

We can practice a fast or almsgiving that brings us into solidarity with the hungers of our world.

We can practice happiness, the joy of remembering how deeply we are loved.

Whatever we decide, hopefully we can see Lent as a positive part of our life. Sr. Louise Cullen– Stewardship Coordinator

Financial Stewardship

The following is a comparison of the weekly collection for 2009 and 2010 Sunday, February 14

2009	2010
\$22,597	\$22,203

ST. JOSEPH'S MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Come and spend an hour of discussion of the Gospel and current events in the Church.

Why not stop by on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00pm in the Convent Center. For further details call Jack McGowan at 741-8420.

PRAYER GROUP MEETING

*Convent Chapel, Monday at 10:00 a.m.
All Are Welcome!*

MOM'S FAITH AND LIFE SHARING



Meets on all Thursdays during Lent starting on February 25th. We will not meet on February 18th because of the winter break. Join us for sharing and prayer. All children are welcome to play as the moms pray.

For more information call Deanna O'Connor 241-6430 or Sr. Louise 741-5632.

"A day hemmed in by prayer is less likely to unravel."

St. Joseph's Lenten Project 2010
Jesus, remember me when you enter into your Kingdom
Luke 23:42

The gospels during Lent take us on a journey from 'Jesus being led by the Spirit in the wilderness' (Luke 4:1) to his crucifixion. The last words spoken to Jesus on the cross are by a criminal close to death. His prayer **to remember me** echoes in our hearts as a universal need. When we remember someone, it can be a way of loving them.

This Lent you are being invited to bring hope in the midst of darkness by **remembering** a family in New Orleans who has been waiting for over four years to return to their home that was destroyed by hurricane Katrina and to children in Haiti who have lost their school during the recent earthquake. Our Lenten Project invites us to assist those whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters. When we are confronted by needs of such great magnitude, it is difficult to know how or where to begin to offer assistance. Therefore, the Parish staff chose to concentrate on two specific needs that will make a difference to the people who will be the recipients of our Lenten Project this year.

St. Bernard Project ~ Rebuilding the lives of Katrina Survivors - Family by Family

Mission: St. Bernard Project is a community-based nonprofit organization headquartered in St. Bernard Parish, a community adjacent to New Orleans' Lower 9th Ward which is a uniquely tight-knit, working class community that suffered catastrophic damage in hurricanes Rita and Katrina. Founded in 2006 the mission of St. Bernard Project is to remove barriers for families who wish to return to their homes in St. Bernard. 100% of the homes in St. Bernard Parish were destroyed and rendered uninhabitable. The St. Bernard Rebuilding Program rebuilds homes for senior citizens, people with disabilities, families who cannot afford to have their homes rebuilt by a contractor. For clients that can afford to buy supplies, the St. Bernard Project supplies supervised volunteer labor. For clients that cannot afford to buy the supplies the St. Bernard Project buys the supplies and provides the labor. A typical rebuild project takes 12 weeks to rebuild and approximately \$15,000 worth of building supplies.

Rebuilding ~ Institut Montfort School for the Deaf and Deaf-Blind in Port-au-Prince, Haiti which was destroyed by the recent earthquake.

Institut Montfort, founded by the Daughters of Wisdom in 1957, is the only school in Haiti specializing in providing education to children who are deaf and deaf-blind. The institute cares for children ranging in age from 3 to 20.

Mission: Its primary purpose is to provide basic education and vocational training to deaf and deaf-blind children. Through the process the school fosters their integration in the community where they will be residing. It helps them to become responsible citizens and contributing members of society. The children and faculty are sleeping in the yard.

This headline which appeared in the New York Times after the quake - **Haiti's Quake Set Children Adrift in a New World of Unfathomable Chaos** - illustrates how vulnerable the children are in the quake's aftermath. The reporter said: "When the ground shifted beneath them, the landscape of their universe changed forever; and not just at home: 90% of the schools in the capital are damaged or destroyed."

As our Lenten journey continues, we are asked to remember a family who has been waiting since September 2005 to return to their home and children in the Institut Montfort who lost their boarding school. Each week there will be a highlight about these two projects in our bulletin. Please keep the envelope enclosed in today's bulletin and return it anytime during Lent. There is a display in the front of Church that offers more information.

The Adult Faith Formation Board Presents:

***Paths to Prayer: A Six Week Seminar
facilitated by Monsignor Brian McNamara***

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS,
March 3rd, 10th and 24th

7:30pm in the St. Agnes Room (the basement of the Church)

Each session will begin with different types of prayer experiences followed by presentations and discussions on Chapters from the book *Paths to Prayer* written by Bishop Robert Morneau (books available for participants). In the Gospels, we see Jesus at prayer over and over again from the Baptism to his death on the cross. The disciples of Jesus even asked him to teach them how to pray.

Please join us for this special program to help your prayer life grow more fully.

Monsignor McNamara is a familiar face here at St. Joseph's: he was an associate pastor here from 1998 – 2002; he later served as pastor of Sts. Philip and James Church in St. James and he is now director of Priest Personnel for the Diocese of Rockville Centre while living back here at St. Joseph Church.

If you have any questions, please call Sister Kathleen Corr at the Rectory 747-3535 ext. 12.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal 2010

The Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) is in full swing at this time both in our own parish and throughout the Diocese.

So many people are depending on your kindness. Last year, over 500,000 meals were served to senior citizens and families in need. The Office of Hospital Ministry helps more than 300,000 in Catholic Hospitals. The Diocese supports fifteen housing complexes with 1200 affordable apartments for senior citizens. The list of those who need the help of the Catholic Church gets larger every year and all this is possible because of you. Recently, Parish Food Pantries have seen a 25% increase in demand.

Have you given thought to making a pledge in 2010? Never before has your support been so needed by our Diocese in these days of financial challenges.

No gift is too small. The Ministries Appeal is also such a big help to Saint Joseph's. As soon as we reach our goal, over 75% of your donations come back to the parish to help us with our own expenses. Please Help!



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

February 17, 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict, has given us a moving and insightful Message for this Lent. It can be found on the Vatican website, www.vatican.va. He begins with St Paul's affirmation, "*The justice of God has been manifested through faith in Jesus Christ.*" He then unpacks the meaning of justice which for most persons means what one person owes to another. But he places that into a bigger picture in which we see human efforts at justice within the broader world of our relationship with God as the measure of our relations with one another. Such a vision allows us to confront the reality of injustice and evil on a level that we could not have without seeing our lives within the wondrous and awesome reality of a God Who created us in love, established us with the gift of freedom and calls us to live that freedom by choosing the good over all the various concrete possibilities and real distractions of evil and of injustice.

The Holy Father repeats the words of Jesus Himself that "*there is nothing outside a man which by going into him can defile him; but the things which come out of a man are what defile... What comes out of a man is what defiles a man. For from within, from the heart of man come evil thoughts.*" It is the evil that infects the human heart, the evil that springs from a mean heart that wounds him as it wounds others and wounds our relations with God and with one another. The Old Testament justice that comes from God is one that seeks to bring about the liberation of the human heart. This comes in fullness when Jesus mounted the cross to free us from sin and bring us into a restored and renewed relation to God and one another. This is "the justice that comes from grace" that goes beyond any human concept of justice because it is the fruit of the "exorbitant price" God has paid for liberation, the price of the death of His own Son.

We then must be the ever grateful recipients of a justice that is divine, that liberates, that forgives, that gives new life that flowers into gratitude, reconciliation, forgiveness and unbounded charity. Clearly what has been given to us we must then give to others, that same understanding, forgiveness, reconciliation, love and peace.

My dear friends, this Lenten message I wish to make my own for each and every one of you. And I desire to make this message of the Holy Father very concrete by applying it to a situation that I believe is too prevalent in our Church today, one that has infected too many of us and threatens to poison our very life as Christ's Church on Long Island. I am referring to how much we seem to be always attacking one another, feeling free to speak ill of one another, even slandering those with whom we do not agree. How can we who have been forgiven by Christ not offer forgiveness and respect, love and peace to one another? If from out of our mouths come anger and bitter condemnations of our brothers and sisters, of priests and bishops, with little or no concern for objective truth and human dignity, then we have closed ourselves off from the liberating love of Jesus Who from the cross begged God to forgive even His murderers.

It would mean so much to me as your bishop and your pastor, your spiritual father and your friend, if all of us together would make a part of our Lenten journey a commitment to the message of the Holy Father and seek to build up the Body of Christ by affirming all that is good in one another. Then we can come to the Sacred Triduum and the glory of Easter with hearts lifted up by gratitude to God, by appreciation of one another and by a loving kindness that is charity, that love which is His gift to us and which is the sole way for us to live in harmony, happiness and peace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre