

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 2010

ST. JOHN OF GOD CHURCH

4:00PM David Brown r/o Wife, Janet
also Francis Monahan, Jr. r/o Parents

ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

4:00 PM. Cindy Garner r/o Peggy and Joe Moke
Michael Johnson r/o wife, Joan
Eddie Charlton r/o Mother and Father

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 2010

8:00 AM Mary Zaccagni r/o Husband, Louis
also Jane Rumsey r/o Bob and Kathy
D'Imperio

9:00 AM Eleanor Schuster r/o Husband
also Clare Jackson r/o Gentzow Family

10:00 AM Melvin Sethman r/o wife, Bernadette
Lawrence Kephart r/o The South Family
Also John Tighe Sr. r/o The McGay Family

11:00AM Richard Boucher
r/o Mr. & Mrs. Ruzicki
Also Fred Puper r/o Sandra Borkowski and
Joseph Sharkey r/o Wife, Cass

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, February 22nd

9:00AM Special Intention Joyce and Jason Phillips,
r/o R. Monaghan
also Marie Lawrence (1st Anniv.) r/o The Parish

Tuesday, February 23rd

9:00AM Trudy York r/o Allan & Chris Molino
also Jay Margeson r/o The Borkowski Family

Wednesday, February 24th

9:00AM George Borkowski r/o Family
also Thomas Hamilton r/o Peg Hamilton

Thursday, February 25th

9:00AM Living & Deceased members of
Lonergan & McGeehan Families r/o
Joe & Anne Lonergan
Also Anne C. McKee r/o Mr. & Mrs. Corey Shaw

Friday, February 26th

9:00AM Kevin Daly r/o Dennis Flynn
also Frank Schnitzenboumer
r/o The Niwinski Family

CONVENER'S CORNER

FROM LENTEN COMPANION - AN
EDITORIAL BY FATHER PETER JOHN
CAMERON, O.P.

As the ashes go on our forehead, the first words of Lent we hear are: "Remember; you are dust and unto dust you will return." Who don't we recoil in outrage, panic, or despair?

Vicky Aryenyo is a forty-three-year old mother from Uganda. When she conceived her third child a son, her husband began to act strangely. Vicky soon discovered why: The man had cheated on her. He had infected Vicky and her baby with the HIV virus. He then abandoned them. Disease ravaged Vicky's body, and she prayed either to be healed or to die.

One day a Catholic woman named Rose came and looked at Vicky with a gaze she had never known before. Rose said, "Don't you know you have a value? Don't you know value is greater than the value of that disease?" Those words...that look gave Vicky the strength to live her life again. And now she witnesses to the world: "I know I'm not alone because Christ was able to pull me from my dying bed. I have decided to forgive my husband. God raised my hope and he resurrected my body. I am willing and ready to follow. Christ will always hold my hands and write my destiny. I surrender to him."

The words "Remember, you are dust. Are not a threat; they are an invitation this Lent – no matter what the circumstances of your life may be – to meet the Man who raised Vicky from the dead.

CHURCH REGULATIONS REGARDING FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

Fasting means, limiting oneself to one full

meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are eighteen years of age but not yet fifty-nine are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted.

Father Soprano

COLLECTION TOTALS

WEEK OF SUNDAY JANUARY 14TH

St. John of God

Sunday \$ 7,811.00

School Subsidy \$ 1,805.00

St. Raymond

Sunday \$5,202.00

School Subsidy \$1,444.00

LITURGICAL ROLES

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20TH

St. John of God Parish

4:00 PM Linda Hurd, Peg Lipsett, Linda Mittleberger, Janet Neill, Betty Pettit

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

St. Raymond Parish

4:00 PM. Fred Baker, Theresa Rader.
Barbara Richards

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21st

8:00 AM Regina Bennett, Carol Lennox,
Lois Morrison

9:00 AM. Marilyn Dressel, Claudia Gentzow,
Rich Hooyman, Carlie McGranaghan,
Ed White

10:00 AM Charlie & Pat Baumann,
Mary Ellen Howe

11:00 AM Rita Golden, Jerry Mueller,
John & Marge Oxley, Pati Sparks

LECTORS

SATURDAY February 20th

St. John of God Church

4:00 PM Ed McCrane
Ruby Monaghan

St. Raymond Church

4:00 PM. Cydney Elsey

SUNDAY February 21st

8:00 AM Peg Nagata

9:00 AM Marilyn Kobik
Tom Will

10:00 AM Tom Logue

11:00 AM Dolores Boyle
Ruby Monaghan

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, February 20th

St. John of God Church

4:00 PM A. Sinnerard

St. Raymond Church

4:00 PM. Debbie Martino, Angela Rader

SUNDAY, February 21st

8:00 AM Team 2

9:00 AM. Joseph Walsh
Gabrielle Masterson

10:00 AM. Team 1

11:00 AM. Kasey & Karli Whitten

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Helen Conwell, Bernie Corrigan, Albert Cremin, Evelyn Dixon, Karin Graves, Meghan Hannigan, Fr. Julian Karczewski, Jay Lloyd, Ruth Longinotti, Mary Mallon, Barbara Marriner, Ida McCabe, Msgr. Thomas McIntyre, Cass Moore, Gabrielle Moriarty, Cass Murphy, Peggy Nailie, William O'Brien, Joan O'Connell, Joan Pauciello, Ed Poserina, Dottie Price, David Prodoehl, Diane Read, Glenn Rickards, Ernie Rissling, Lorraine Ritter, Sister Kathleen, Jim Sweitzer, Macy Tilsneer, John Waugh, Paul Weitzleban and all those who are seriously ill.

Lenten Series on Christian Mystics

The Marianist Family Retreat Center is offering a Lenten series Kindling the Spirit: Gifts of the Mystics. It will explore the gifts of such mystics as Julian of Norwich, Hildegard of Bingen, Meister Eckhart, Thomas Merton, and others. Through readings, prayer, and sharing, participants will discover how these women and men may speak to our hearts and minds in ways that deepen our faith and strengthen us on our spiritual paths. It will be presented five Thursday evenings beginning Feb 25 from 7-8 or 8:30 pm at the Marianist Family Retreat Center at Cape & Yale Avenues, Cape May Point 08212. Presenter will be Lorinda Desrosiers. Call to register at 884-3829 during office hours (9:00AM – 4:00 PM)

CARIBBEAN CRUISE

Cruise Eastern Caribbean with Fr. Bob Matysik of St. Nicholas Of Tolentine Parish in Atlantic City. Wave goodbye to the winter weather and set sail for sun and fun. Royal Caribbean's elegance Serenade of the Seas awaits you. March 6 – 13, 2010 for \$1105 PP including airfare from Phila. Call Fantasy Travel 1-800-772-0047

Good Samaritan: If you need help getting to Mass, with transportation, running errands, appointments, shopping, we have volunteers available to assist you. They will also visit hospitals, nursing homes, and your home. Let us know your needs and we will try to provide for you. Call Pati Sparks at 886-8071 or 408-0648

Wildwood Catholic High School Bus Trip – Tickets

are available for Wildwood Catholic High School's 3rd annual "Do What You Like in New York". Set for Saturday, March 20, 2010 – Leave WCHS at 8:00 am, arrive in New York at 11:00 am, and depart New York at 7:30 PM. Plenty of time to shop, see a show, have a relaxing dinner. Tickets are \$45.00 each and will include bus transportation, continental breakfast, door prizes and lots of fun. For tickets, and further information, please call Joanne Raucci at 522-7406.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Come Let Us Adore"

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is at St. John of God every Friday after the 9:00 AM Mass until the noon hour, also the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on First Friday, will be from 9:30 AM till noon and again at 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, The Eucharist is the chief source of growth in our spiritual life. Pope John Paul II tells us: "The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic Adoration. Jesus waits for us in the sacrament of Love." Come let us adore – spend a few minutes with your Loving Lord. Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary Devotions are prayed every Friday at 3:00 PM in the Chapel.

LENTEN SERVICES

Deacon Gary Tankard will lead an Adult Enrichment Service on Thursdays beginning at 9:45 AM. At St. John of God Hall after the 9 AM. Mass. The series will investigate obstacles to Christian conversion based on Heresies of the Heart by Raymond LaMothe, of Paulist Press.

Confessions are celebrated every Saturday afternoon from 2:30 to 3:30 PM. A Parish Penance Service will be held on Wednesday, March 24th at 7 PM. At St. Raymond Parish.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at 12 Noon at St. John of God Parish and 7 PM. at St. Raymond's on Fridays during Lent.

ROSARY MAKERS

The Rosary Makers of St. John of God meet every Tuesday in Room 6 with the exception of the 1st Tuesday of the month. New members are welcome. For information call Anne Lonergan at 886-2808.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Jesus was led by the Spirit into "the wilderness"

What is the wilderness to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Are there uncharted areas in your marriage or family you avoid? Lent is not about working on our agenda, but letting God work His agenda in us.

PARENTING POINTERS

(Lent). Lent is not just about "giving up" but also humbling oneself in the service of others. Even children can serve by cleaning up, letting someone else go first, even smiling instead of smirking. Being willing servants different from being a slave. "The last will be first, and the first will be last." (Mt. 20:10)

FROM LARRY DiPAUL

If you have an interest in discussing the least known teachings of our Catholic Faith; unless you want to know why Jesus is so demanding; unless you want to explore more deeply who God is, who Jesus is, what the word beyond our own looks like, and how Jesus calls us to live in a world marked by such poverty, hunger, violence, and despair; how we are called to recognize and protect the life and dignity of every person from conception to natural death. We will meet for 6 consecutive Thursdays in Lent, from 7 PM. To 8:30 PM., at Our Lady of the Angels Parish Center, 35 Mechanic Street, Cape May Court House (609-465-5432). Larry DiPaul, Director of Life and Justice for the Camden Diocese, will facilitate these sessions. To register, please call 856-964-9777 or E-Mail

dipaul@romero-center.org

THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

It is wonderful to see the early weeks of Lent as a catechism for those who are on a journey toward Baptism at the Easter Vigil. Each liturgy offers a new "lesson in the faith" for those new believers. Viewed this way, Lent can be a journey of renewal in faith for us all. We listen, with the hearts of children, learning old lessons, as though for the first time.

And each day, we pray these special prayers that simply help us keep turning to God for the graces we need for the day. Throughout the day, we find moments, perhaps "in the background" while we are doing other things that help us remember what we are asking for. Our desire grows as we make changes to our daily patterns. As we make sacrifices, in order to experience freedom from self-directed needs, we also experience a freedom for other-directed love and generosity.

SENIOR TRIP

The Lower Township Federation of Senior Citizens, are sponsoring a Senior Trip to SHOWBOAT.

Date: Tuesday, February 23rd...Cost \$18.00 per person. Package includes \$30.00

Bus leaves Big Lots at 10 AM. Bus returns to Big Lots at 6 PM. For reservations or further information please call 886-5362 or 465-3309.

THE GOSPEL CHALLENGE

Let us use Lent as a time to become stronger in our prayer life (our communion with the Father). Our relationship with God empowers us to overcome the snares of the devil...Even in easy times, let us remain vigilant trusting only in God lest we be unprepared for the devil's certain return.

FROM WILDWOOD CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Wildwood Catholic is sponsoring a PASTA FESTIVAL on Sunday, March 7th from 3 to 7 PM. At the high school at 1500 Central Avenue in North wildwood. Cost: \$12.00 for adults and Children under 11 \$6/00. For further information or tickets please call 522-7257.

CAN CAN SUNDAYS

Please remember that every Weekend in Can-Can weekend at St. Raymond Parish. We ask you to please bring food for the needy of Lower Township. The food is given to Lower Cape May Rescue Squad for distribution to the needy of this area. As always we ask you to please be generous.

COOKBOOK

This will be last week we will be collecting recipes for our new cookbook. Please have them into the rectory by Friday.

Thank you

