

SAVE THE DATES!

The Parish of the Holy Cross

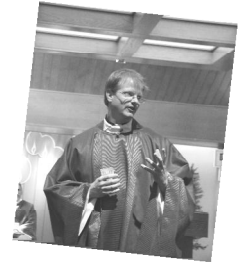
PARISH LENTEN MISSION

A Fresh Look at Lent:

Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving



*Presented by Fr. Jim McNamara
and Fr. John Sureau*



Sunday, February 26, 2012

Monday, February 27, 2012*

Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

7:30 P.M.—Church

(Brief presentations will be offered at the 9 A.M. Mass on these two days.)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated after the mission on Sunday and Monday. Come and consider receiving the sacrament this Lent!



Come and take some time for you this Lent. Together, we'll look at, pray about and reflect upon these three ancient Lenten practices. We'll recognize they are as needed today as any other time in history! (Plus, we'll learn more about life in the "house"!)

Remembering our Sick

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You...

Please pray for the sick of the parish, their families and caregivers:

**Joseph Conte
Anna Kralik**

“Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, ‘I do will it. Be made clean.’” Mark 1:41

If you would like to have the name of your loved one listed in our prayers for the sick, please contact the Parish Office at 631.265.2200 or e-mail to pothc@optonline.net .

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses February 18th/19th

5:00 PM	Fr. Jim
8:00 AM	Fr. John
9:30 AM	Fr. John
11:30 AM	Fr. John



Scripture Readings for February 18th/19th

+ *Isaiah 43:18-19,21-22,24-25*
+ *2 Corinthians 1:18-22*
+ *Mark 2:1-12*



*“I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.”*

Responsorial Psalm

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Psalm 32



*The **Bread and Wine**
for the week
February 12th - February 18th,
have been donated
in honor of
Fara Virginia Giuliano
by her loving family.*

Mardi Gras Celebration

Sunday, February 19, 2012

*Immediately following the
11:30 A.M. Mass*



Join our parish's final celebration before Lent begins! Come for an afternoon of music, games, Mardi Gras food, and fun!

Want to help?? Great!!! Our next planning meeting is on Monday, February 13, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. in the Fr. Joe Room. For more information contact Fr. John at jsureau@drvc.org or 631.265.2200, x. 14.

ATTENTION LECTORS, USHERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS!



Please pick up a Lenten and Holy Week Sign Up Form in the Fr. Joe Room and complete it today so we can make our schedules for Ash Wednesday, the Parish Mission, Holy Week and Easter! All forms must be returned by **February 19, 2012!**

LENT 2012 – *The Burning of the Palms*

LENT

We have been and are actively preparing for the season of Lent at the Parish of the Holy Cross and we need your help! **Ash Wednesday** begins the Lenten season and the signing of ashes is a powerful reminder to us of this time of reflection, reconciliation and renewal. The ashes come from burned palm – preferably the palm distributed last Palm Sunday.

Please bring back any palm you have at home by next week and place it in the baskets in the Atrium. This palm will be burned as part of the Mardi Gras Celebration on February 19th.

The purpose of this action is twofold. First, it actively involves each of us in the celebration of Ash Wednesday and Lent. Second, it demonstrates the continuous work of our liturgical cycle/year. By connecting last Palm Sunday with this year's Ash Wednesday, we are reminded of the dying and rising of Christ – the Paschal Mystery – that which we celebrate each time we gather for Eucharist.



ASH WEDNESDAY 2012 - Wednesday, February 22



Invite your friends and loved ones to come back to Church this Lent beginning on this day. Come before work, after work, during work, during the day, at night, whenever!

**There's a time and place for everyone here
at the Parish of the Holy Cross!**

- **Prayer Services** will be offered at **7 A.M., 12 Noon, 3 P.M.** and **4:30 P.M.**
- **Mass** will be celebrated at **9 A.M.** and **7:30 P.M.**
- Our Church will be open all day for you to come and pray privately.
- The Scripture readings for the day speak to us of the challenges and benefits of this season. . . . *Joel 2:12-18 + 2 Corinthians 5:20 – 6:2 + Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18*
- We are challenged to fast, limiting food to one full meal with minimal food at the other two meal times and abstain from meat. (This is required of all adults from ages 18-59 and only of those whose health would not be at risk by doing so -so Fr. Jim is off the hook!) We fast and abstain - not as punishment - but to focus our prayer, unite with the less fortunate, and reflect on the ways God's love can change our hearts.

Life Teen News - February Calendar

The members of Life Teen would like to thank the parish for their generous support for our Souper Bowl of Caring. Tallies will be listed next week. This past weekend, teens and core went to Manhattan for the sandwich drive to feed those less fortunate. Great job teens...you have made such a difference in someone else's life! See next week's bulletin for photographs of our trip! Attention Teens! Save the date: **LOCK IN**: Friday 3/30/12 6pm. Details to follow!

- 2/12/12 5pm Life Teen Mass followed by Life Night. Teens don't forget to bring a friend!
- 2/19/12 **NO** Life Teen Mass or Life Night in observance of President's Day.
- 2/26/12 **2pm** Life Day Event, Dinner concluding with 5pm Life Teen Mass.



Remember Our Spring Retreat is scheduled for: March 23-25 at Camp Alvernia. Mark your calendars! Don't forget to bring a friend.

THANK YOU!

We give great thanks to the Webelos Den 10 from Pack 57 especially:

Jack Dombkowski
Jack Drago
Ryan Grant
Tyler Hans
Thomas Keenan

Ryan Mezzanotte
Matthew Pickow
Michael Singer
Michael Villani

They spent Saturday afternoon with their parents and troop leaders helping with our new **LOL—Loving Our Leaves—Ministry** at the Parish of the Holy Cross! They did great work and had fun while helping our parish community!

If you're interested in learning more about Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts at the Parish of the Holy Cross, contact Andy Bodor at akjlb23@optonline.net or call at 516.996.2295.



SING, DANCE, PLAY INSTRUMENTS and MORE!

Making Music

PRAYING TWICE



Making Music Praying Twice is a fun, hands-on parent/child music program for our youngest parishioners, 0 - 5 years of age, offered seasonally in 4, 6, and 10 week sessions throughout the year.

Children and parents, led by a trained teacher, use instruments, toys, and scarves to dance, sing, play games, and pray together.

Register for our *Lent Season* now!

Six Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 AM
February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2012

Tuition: \$90. for 1 child; \$140. for 2 or more children
(Tuition includes 2 CD's & a Family Songbook. Tuition assistance is available, if needed.)

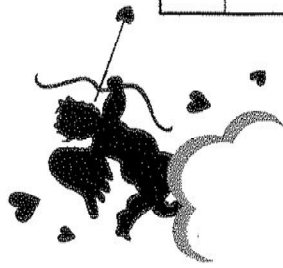
Registration is limited to the first 12 children who sign up.

To register, or for more information, please call Jude at 265-2200x16.

Roof Collection

This weekend we will have a second collection for our Roof and Other Major Renovations (**ROMR**). This second collection takes place on the second Sunday of each month, and we track progress toward payment of our \$136,000 Mission Assistance Loan. Thank you for your continued support.





**Parish of the Holy Cross
Cash Calendar ~ February 2012**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 \$50	2 \$50	3 \$50	4 \$50
5 \$50	6 \$50	7 \$50	8 \$50	9 \$50	10 \$50	11 \$50
12 \$50	13 \$50	14 \$500	15 \$50	16 \$50	17 \$50	18 \$50
19 \$50	20 \$50	21 \$50	22 \$50	23 \$50	24 \$50	25 \$50
26 \$50	27 \$50	28 \$50	29 \$50			

***\$10 per chance ~
29 chances to win
~ \$500.00 on
February 14th***

February 2012 Cash Calendar
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DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

February 6, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus:

On Friday, January 20, the President approved new regulations from the Department of Health and Human Services. These regulations mandate that, with few exceptions, all Catholic employers, including Catholic Charities and Catholic hospitals, provide coverage for contraception, abortion-producing drugs and sterilization in the healthcare benefits provided to their employees. Most insurance programs will have to include these as well.

This mandate directly interferes with the freedom of conscience of individuals and with the freedom of religious belief and practice of our Catholic institutions. The Administration has chosen to cast aside the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, denying to Catholics our nation's first and most fundamental freedom, that of religious liberty and free exercise of conscience. Regulations about healthcare are being used to re-define pregnancy as a disease and to make abortion-inducing drugs available to one and all. As a result, unless the rule is overturned, we Catholics will be compelled either to violate our consciences or to drop healthcare coverage for our employees and suffer significant penalties for doing so.

As Pope Benedict XVI said last week:

"It is imperative that the entire Catholic Community in the United States come to realize the grave threats to the Church's moral witness presented by a radical secularism which finds increasing expression in the political and cultural spheres . . . Of particular concern are certain attempts being made to limit the most cherished of American freedoms, the freedom of religion."

I would ask of you two things. First, as a community of faith, we must commit ourselves to prayer and fasting that wisdom and justice may prevail and religious liberty may be restored. Without God, we can do nothing; with God, nothing is impossible. Second, I would recommend that you contact your US Congressional representatives to express to them why this mandate cannot stand and to support religious freedom through the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 2012. This legislation, sponsored by Senator Marco Rubio, would reverse the Administration's decision. To learn more about this assault on religious liberty, the US Bishops have set up the following special website: www.usccb.org/conscience.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- Saturday, February 11th** 5 PM Mass
 • LEVEL 7 LETTERS DUE Worship Area
- Sunday, February 12th** All Masses
 • LEVEL 7 LETTERS DUE Worship Area
 • BOY SCOUTS SUNDAY 9:30 AM Worship Area
 • BAPTISMS 1:00 PM Worship Area
 • ALTAR SERVER TRAINING #2 3:30 PM Wor.Ar./FJ Rm.
 • LIFE TEEN MASS 5:00 PM Worship Area
- Monday, February 13th** 4:30 PM
 • ONE-TO-ONE FJ Rm./Atr./Ch.
 • CONFESSION 6:30-7:30PM Deacons' Office
 • ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT Chapel
 • MARDI GRAS PLANNING 7:30PM Fr. Joe Room
- Thursday, February 16th** 10:00-11:45 AM
 • SCRIPTURE STUDY Fr. Joe Room
 • ALTAR SERVER TRAINING #2 3:30 PM Wor.Ar./FJ Rm.
 • RCIA MEETING 7:00 PM Fr. Joe Room
- Friday, February 17th** 5:00 PM
 • ALTAR SERVER TRAINING #2 Wor.Ar./FJ Rm.
- Saturday, February 18th** 3:00 PM
 • ALTAR SERVER TRAINING #3 Wor. Ar./FJ Rm
 • PRE CANA CLOSING MASS 5:00PM Worship Area
- Sunday, February 19th** After 11:30 Mass
 • MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION Atrium
 • NO LIFE TEEN MASS

Mass Intentions Schedule



Week of Feb. 12th, 9 AM Mass

- Mon.** Julia DeVito
Tues. Robert Sheehan
Wed. Luis Ramos
Thurs. Edward J. Postel Sr.
Fri. Margaret Cherry Nizlek

Saturday, February 18th, 5 PM Mass

Charles Groves, M. Cristonel Radu, Richard P. Canalini, Joseph Daly, Virginia Gioia

Sunday, February 19th, 7th Sun. Ord. Time

- 8:00 AM** People of the Parish
9:30 AM John Paul Onysko
11:30 AM John & Tom Slevin, Eleanor Grasso,
 John Scavetta, John Edward
 Holmes, Lucinda Hans-Smyser

Un-Insured? Under-Insured? Interested in Health Information?

Visit St. Sylvester Parish Center, Lower Level, in Medford, NY (park in lot on Robinson Avenue) on **Healthy Sunday**.

**Sunday, March 4, 2012
 9 AM - 1 PM**

Free Flu Vaccinations (for persons 18 years and older) + Cardiac Screening + Dental Screening + Chiropractic Spinal Screening + HIV/AIDS Information + Nutrition/Weight Loss Consultations + Health & Wellness Information and Education

Receive Information and apply for:

Medicaid, Family Health Plus, Child Health Plus, Food Stamps Information and assistance with LIPA and National Grid issues and more!

For directions call **631-475-4506**
 For information call **631-475-3871**
 Refreshments will be served!

Coordinated by St. Sylvester Parish & Farmingville Residents Association in conjunction with Catholic Health Services



At the Foot of the Cross: Reflection on the Spirituality of the Seminary Chapel

Msgr. Peter Vaccari will present a Lenten Day of Prayer at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on **Sunday, March 11, 2012** from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

Program includes conferences, lunch, opportunity for confession and Mass. Donation - \$25. Sponsored by Friends of the Seminary. Reservations required: **631-423-0483 ext. 102, bmalone@icseminary.edu**