

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 7, 2010

Saturday, February 6th

St. Mary

5:15 p.m. People of the Parish

White Church

6:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 7th

St. Mary

7:30 a.m. William F. Harrington

8:45 a.m. Laura Vieira

10:00 a.m. Mario dela Pava

11:30 a.m. Elaine Ludwig

White Church

8:30 a.m. Padre Pio Prayer Group Intentions

11:30 a.m. Richard Campbell

St. Matthias

10:30 a.m. Frank Duffy

St. Mary

Monday, February 8th

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Paolicelli Family

9:00 a.m. Philip E. Brady

Tuesday, February 9th

8:00 a.m. Living Members of the Paolicelli Family

9:00 a.m. Timothy Bertucci (living)

Wednesday, February 10th

8:00 a.m. Andrea Hercegova (living)

9:00 a.m. Edmund Cass

Thursday, February 11th

8:00 a.m. Carmella Sarcuni (living)

9:00 a.m. Delia Fox

Friday, February 12th

8:00 a.m. For Strength for our Crosses

9:00 a.m. Helen Fox

Saturday, February 13th

St. Mary

8:00 a.m. Stella Maar

9:00 a.m. Rose Malsbury

5:15 p.m. People of the Parish

White Church

6:00 p.m. Vera Stella

Sunday, February 14th

St. Mary

7:30 a.m. Michael, Gertrude & Kelly Vuotto

8:45 a.m. Padre Pio Prayer Group Intentions

10:00 a.m. Hannah McKay

11:30 a.m. Robert Sirabella

White Church

8:30 a.m. For the Conversion of All Hearts

11:30 a.m.

St. Matthias

10:30 a.m. Patrick J. Hart, Jr.

COLLECTION TOTAL

For Last Sunday: \$ 8,808

Thank you for your generous support.

Remember that we need \$8,800 in Sunday collections to cover our weekly parish expenses.



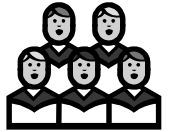
Please pray for our sick: Fr. William Dalton, Geraldine Biddiscome, Frances Havel, Joseph Jednesty, Laura Monaghan.

Please pray for those stationed overseas: Steven Gallo (nephew of Robin & Christopher Moro).

Please pray for our deceased: Laura Vieira

CHILDREN'S CHOIR – SAINT MARY'S

PARISH IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE FORMATION OF A NEW CHILDREN'S CHOIR. ALL YOUNG PEOPLE FROM GRADES 3 – 7 ARE INVITED TO JOIN. WE WILL SING AT THE 10:00 AM SUNDAY FAMILY MASS, PERFORM IN CONCERTS, LEARN GREAT MUSIC, IMPROVE OUR VOCAL SKILLS AND HAVE FUN! REHEARSALS WILL BE AT THE CHURCH ON THURSDAYS, FROM 5:30 – 6:40 PM. THE FIRST REHEARSAL WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 25TH, 2010. PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH RECTORY AT 232-3356 OR OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR FOR A REGISTRATION FORM OR MORE INFORMATION.



St. Mary's Senior Breakfast: Please join us Monday, February 8th for our St. Valentine's Day Senior Breakfast, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Schools are closed the following week, so we'll celebrate St. Valentine a little early!! Come enjoy some yummy chocolate chip pancakes and more!! Bring a friend and don't forget to wear red!!!!

Music Ministry Needs Your Help

The music program of St. Mary's is in need of a piano to assist us in the development of our current adult choir and also to help us form a children's choir. Any donations you can make to this cause would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the rectory or put in the collection basket in an envelope marked "MUSIC MINISTRY". Thank you in advance for your support.



Missed a Bulletin?

Find it on our parish website: www.catholic-church.org/stmary/

Are You Planning to Marry in 2010-2011?

If you are planning to receive the Sacrament of Marriage in the year 2010-2011, please be sure to contact either Fr. Paul or Fr. Connors, preferably at least six months before the wedding so we can see if the date is available and get you signed up for the marriage preparation programs. (And by the way even before you begin, make sure you have invited Christ to your wedding. It takes three to make a successful marriage!)



From the Desk of Fr. Paul Waddell

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

St. Francis of Assisi once said, “What wonderful majesty! What stupendous condescension! O sublime humility! That is the Lord of the whole universe, God, the Son of God should humble Himself like this under the form of a little bread for our salvation!”

Continuing our study of the Eucharist from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, let us pray for the grace to appreciate and love our Eucharistic Lord more and more.

The first announcement of the Eucharist (in Jn 6:60) divided the disciples, just as the announcement of the Passion scandalized them: “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” The Eucharist and the Cross are stumbling blocks. It is the same mystery and it never ceases to be an occasion of division. “Will you also go away?”: the Lord’s question echoes through the ages, as a loving invitation to discover that only He has ‘the words of eternal life’ and that to receive in the faith the gift of His Eucharist is to receive the Lord himself.

The Lord, having loved those who were His own, loved them to the end. Knowing that the hour had come to leave this world and return to the Father, in the course of a meal He washed their feet and gave them the commandment of love. In order to leave them a pledge of this love, in order to never depart from His own and to make them sharers in His Passover, He instituted the Eucharist as the memorial of His Death and Resurrection, and commanded His apostles to celebrate it until His return; “thereby He constituted them priests of the New Testament.”

The three synoptic Gospels and St. Paul have handed on to us the account of the institution of the Eucharist; St. John, for his part, reports the words of Jesus in the synagogue of Capernaum that prepare for the institution of the Eucharist: Christ calls Himself the bread of life, come down from heaven.

Jesus chose the time of Passover to fulfill what He had announced at Capernaum: giving His disciples His Body and His Blood:

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover meal for us, that we may eat it...” They went...and prepared the Passover. And when the hour came, He sat at a table, and the apostles with Him. And He said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you I shall not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”...And He took bread, and when He had given thanks He broke it and gave it to them saying, “This

is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And likewise the cup after supper, saying, “This cup which is poured out for you is the New Covenant in my blood.”

By celebrating the Last Supper with His apostles in the course of the Passover meal, Jesus gave the Jewish Passover its definitive meaning. Jesus’ passing over to His father by His death and Resurrection, the new Passover, is anticipated in the Supper and celebrated in the Eucharist, which fulfills the Jewish Passover and anticipates the final Passover of the Church in the glory of the kingdom.

“Do this in memory of me”

The command of Jesus to repeat his actions and words “until he comes” does not only ask us to remember Jesus and what He did. It is directed at the liturgical celebration, by the apostles and their successors, of the *memorial* of Christ, of His life, of His death, of His Resurrection, and of His intercession in the presence of the Father.

From the beginning the Church has been faithful to the Lord’s command. Of the Church of Jerusalem it is written:

They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayers...Day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts.

It was above all on “the first day of the week,” Sunday, the day of Jesus’ resurrection, that the Christians met to “break bread.” From that time on down to our own day the celebration of the Eucharist has been continued so that today we encounter it everywhere in the Church with the same fundamental structure. It remains the center of the Church’s life.

Thus from celebration to celebration, as they proclaim the Paschal mystery of Jesus “until He comes,” the pilgrim People of God advances, “following the narrow way of the cross,” toward the heavenly banquet, when all the elect will be seated at the table of the kingdom.

Continued next week.

Fr. Paul

“Place the outcome of your desires in the hands of divine providence, and abandon yourself in God’s arms like a child...”

St. Padre Pio, O.F.M. Cap.

A message from the Secular Franciscans of St. Mary of the Assumption

Computer Equipment Needed

We are once again collecting donations of computers, printers and network equipment to rebuild and send to Fr. Paul Ameyaw’s parish in Ghana. All personal data will be eliminated from any machines donated. Thank you! Please e-mail: SaintMarysParishCouncil@gmail.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter and the
Family Life/Respect Life Office

Cordially invite you, your family and friends to celebrate

World Marriage Day 2010
February 14th, 2010
10:15 am Mass
St. Patrick's Cathedral

World Marriage Day is an annual event honoring the vocation of marriage and family. This celebration affirms the life-long, sacramental commitment of husbands and wives and gives witness to the positive impact of their vocation on their families, communities, the Church and our Nation!

The Longest Married Couple in the Archdiocese of NY will be honored. Reception immediately following Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral Meeting Room, 51st Street & Madison Avenue. Seating is limited, RSVP 646-794-3190.

Volunteer Needed

Fr. Paul and Ann Marie Lynch are looking for volunteers to launder and iron small linens for the Church. It would involve helping -5 times a year—and learning from Ann Marie how to do them. Please contact Ann Marie Lynch at 232-4673.

Lost your job? Worries about job security? Come to a Free career Coaching Session: Catholic Charities is offering a free program by a Certified Professional Career Coach. Learn the Dos and Don'ts of networking and tactics for finding jobs in a difficult market. Ann Ruecker, MPA, MA CPPC will provide you with practical information and follow up strategies that you can take with you and use the next day. Those that attend these two part sessions will be eligible for individual follow up coaching sessions. Registrations are being taken for the next two-part workshop series held at Graymoor Spiritual Life center, 1320 Route 9, Garrison, NY 10524:

Part One: Tuesday, February 23rd, 7pm

Part Two: Tuesday, March 16th, 7pm

To register or for more information, please call Karen Reynolds at 914-476-2700 x212.

The St. Mary's Religious Education Program is in immediate need of two volunteers; a first grade catechist on Tuesdays and a third grade catechist on Wednesdays at St. Mary's School. The hours are 4:20 pm to 5:30 pm. If you can help us out or would like more information, please call Susan Gmuer at 232-4648.

Evening Retreat for Men

February 9, 6:30-9:30pm (2nd Tues. – Dinner included)

Recharge your batteries! This evening retreat includes two meditations, time for personal reflection, opportunity for reconciliation, Mass and lunch or dinner. They are directed by priests of the Legionaries of Christ, assisted by Regnum Christi, and held at Our Lady of Mt.

Kisco Retreat Center, 773 Armonk Road (Rte. 128), Mt. Kisco. Donation of \$25 is appreciated. For more information or to RSVP call 244-3685 or olmkevents@sbcglobal.net.

SIGNS OF LIFE

EWTN Premieres - Teaching Series

Dr. Scott Hahn presents a clear and comprehensive guide to the Biblical doctrines and historical traditions that underlie Catholic beliefs and practices. *Airs Mondays at 9PM, Thursdays at 2AM & Saturdays at 6:30AM. (30 mins.)*

EWTN can be seen in our area on Cablevision – channel 69 from 8pm to 11am, SusCom – channel 68, DISH Network 261 and DIRECTV 370. Visit www.ewtn.com for the latest updates and schedules or call 205-271-2989.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

St. Augustine Church, 381 North Highland Avenue, Ossining, NY 10562, is sponsoring an Adult Confirmation Class on Monday evenings starting February 8th at 7:30 PM in the School Library. The course is a 7-week program and culminates with Confirmation during the 8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 3rd. The cost of the course is \$100. For more information, please call Judy Slominski at (914) 941-0614.

Fordham University's Graduate School of Religion will hold an Open House on Thursday February 18th at 6:30PM at the Rose Hill Bronx Campus. For more information please call 718-817-0866 or visit us at www.fordham.edu/gre.

First Annual Pilgrimage of New York City:

A coalition of Catholic young adult groups in New York City welcomes you to this first annual pilgrimage. Our city has been blessed throughout history with great saints, great churches, and holy Catholic men and women, and we invite you to join us in celebrating their legacy and finding inspiration in their life stories. On March 20, 2010, we will walk from the shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, near Manhattan's northern tip, to the shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, close to battery park. Along the way, we will visit other churches connected to New York's Catholic history. **The event is free but you must register for the pilgrimage at www.pofnyc.org.** Browse our website to learn more about the famous churches you can visit, the saints you will honor, and the routes you can follow. If you wish you can make donations to worthy charities such as Pilgrimage of our Children's Future and St. Joseph's Seminary on the web site.

Theology on Tap-NYC (a young adult apostolate) presents "Does God really Forgive Sins In the Confessional?" on March 1, 2010 at Metro 53 Bar, 307 East 53rd Street at 7pm-9pm. Ever wonder why we need to tell our sins to a priest, whom many feel is a complete stranger to us? Can't we talk to God directly to get forgiveness? If God knows what we do and forgives no matter what, then why do we need to go to confession? Come and find out this night! The speaker is the Rector of the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Monsignor Robert Ritchie. Please visit us at www.totnyc.org.