

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 7, 2010**

Saturday, March 6th

St. Mary
5:15 p.m. People of the Parish
White Church
6:00 p.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, March 7th

St. Mary
7:30 a.m. Bob Meyer (living)
8:45 a.m. Frank Sforza
10:00 a.m. Nicola & Palma Sementilli
11:30 a.m. Padre Pio Prayer Group Intentions

White Church
8:30 a.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory
11:30 a.m. Anna May & George Martabano

St. Matthias
10:30 a.m. Ellen Lupinacci

St. Mary

Monday, March 8th

8:00 a.m. Caroline Goulden (living)
9:00 a.m. James Fox (living)

Tuesday, March 9th

8:00 a.m. Grace Citarell
9:00 a.m. Marie Brady (living)

Wednesday, March 10th

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
9:00 a.m. John McLaughlin, Sr.

Thursday, March 11th

8:00 a.m. Caroline Goulden (living)
9:00 a.m. John McLaughlin, Jr.

Friday, March 12th

8:00 a.m. Rose Malsbury
9:00 a.m. John Brady
7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross



Saturday, March 13th

St. Mary
8:00 a.m. Caroline Goulden (living)
9:00 a.m. Brian T. Hart
5:15 p.m. People of the Parish
White Church
6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 14th

St. Mary
7:30 a.m. Raymond Biddiscombe
8:45 a.m. Frank Sforza
10:00 a.m. Edith Mazza
11:30 a.m. Fred Iusi

White Church
8:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. A Special Intention

St. Matthias
10:30 a.m. John Schiesser

COLLECTION TOTAL

For Last Sunday: \$ 8,230

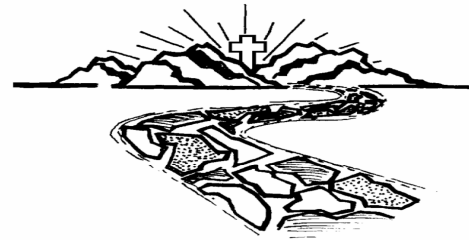
For Fuel & Heat: \$ 3,487

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.



**Carry the cross
and follow me.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LENT

Come join us as we make the way of the cross after Benediction at 7:30pm on the following Fridays of Lent: March 12th, March 19th and March 26th.

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2010

Fasting—prescribes that only one full meal a day be taken. Two smaller meals may be taken to maintain strength, but these taken together should not equal another full meal. Fasting obliges from the 18th to the 59th birthday.

Abstinence—Forbids the eating of meat. Abstinence obliges from the 14th birthday on.

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday—are days of fast and abstinence from meat.

All Fridays of Lent—are days of abstinence from meat.

Save the dates!

St. Mary's will be hosting a parish Lenten mission led by Fr. Richard Gill. The topic will be "At Home Again—rediscovering what is great about our Catholic faith". It will take place March 21st—March 23rd each night from 7-8:15pm.

Watch the bulletin for further details!!

From the Desk of Fr. Paul Waddell

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is the final excerpt from the Catechism on the Eucharist. As we journey through Lent may our focus be on our Eucharistic Lord who gave Himself and became a victim.

“Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us,” is present in many ways to His Church: in His word, in His Church’s prayer, “where two or three are gathered in my name,” in the poor, the sick, and the imprisoned, in the sacraments of which He is the author, in the sacrifice of the Mass, and in the person of the minister. But “He is present... most especially in the Eucharistic species.”

The mode of Christ’s presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the sacraments as “the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the sacraments tend.” In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist “the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, *the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained.*” “This presence is called ‘real’ – by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be ‘real’ too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a *substantial* presence by which Christ, God and man, makes Himself wholly and entirely present.”

It is by the conversion of the bread and wine into Christ’s body and blood that Christ becomes present in this sacrament. The Church Fathers strongly affirmed the faith of the Church in the efficacy of the Word of Christ and of the action of Holy Spirit to bring about this conversion. Thus St. John Chrysostom declares:

It is not man causes the things offered to become the Body and Blood of Christ, but He who was crucified for us, Christ Himself. The priest, in the role of Christ, pronounces these words, but their power and grace are God’s. This is my body, he says. This word transforms the things offered.

And St. Ambrose says about this conversion:

Be convinced that this is not what nature has formed, but what the blessing has consecrated. The power of the blessing prevails over that of nature, because by the blessing nature itself is changed....Could not Christ’s word,

which can make from nothing what did not exist, change existing things into what they were not before? It is no less a feat to give things their original nature than to change their nature.

The Council of Trent summarizes the Catholic faith by declaring: “Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly His body that He was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God, and this holy Council now declares again, that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the wine into the substance of His blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation.”

The Eucharistic presence of Christ begins at the moment of the consecration and endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist. Christ is present whole and entire in each of the species and whole and entire in each of their parts, in such a way that the breaking of bread does not divide Christ.

The late Jesuit Theologian, Father John Hardon sums it all up. “We should never again use the expression, “When Jesus was on earth” or think of Him as being only in heaven, Jesus is still on earth.” And you get to receive Him who is always ready to receive you.

Fr.Paul

Lenten Food Drive : St. Mary's Parish will be holding our annual Lenten Food Drive to benefit the Community Center of Northern Westchester. In years past, through your generosity, our parish has donated around 2000 pounds of food to the Center. Please consider making this part of your Lenten almsgiving. We distributed bags at the masses on **March 6th and 7th** and will be collecting them on **March 20th and March 21st**. We would appreciate your bringing your donation of food only on that weekend as a group will be stocking the shelves at the Center on that day. If you can't return the bag on the designated weekend please leave it under the porch of the old (now refurbished) rectory in the bin provided. Giving to the Community Center is a great way to help those in need. If you would like to help hand out bags, collect bags or stock shelves please email MaryEllen McLaughlin at laugher5@optonline.net.

Evening Retreat for Men – March 9th
(2nd Tuesday – 6:30-9:30pm – Dinner included)

Re-charge your batteries! This evening retreat includes two meditations, time for personal reflection, opportunity for reconciliation, Mass and dinner. It is 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. A donation of \$25 is appreciated. For more information or to RSVP call 244-3685 or olmkevents@sbcglobal.net. (www.olmk.org)

**Kennedy Catholic presents
'Fiddler' & Art Show March 11-14**

The annual Kennedy Catholic Art Show and Spring Musical will take place March 11 – 14. While student art will be on display in the Commons, the Kennedy Catholic Players will be staging "Fiddler on the Roof" in the Auditorium. Show dates are March 11-13 at 7 p.m., and a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, March 14, with an optional Mass and Brunch for an additional \$15. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors. Order yours by calling (914) 509-1401 or e-mailing fiddler@kennedycatholic.org.

"Lord, I thank Thee for the sufferings Thou art sending me. Send me more, if it be Thy good pleasure. My pleasure is that You afflict me and spare me not, for the fulfillment of Thy holy will is the greatest consolation of my life."
St. Francis of Assisi
A message from the Secular Franciscans of St. Mary of the Assumption

St. Mary's Senior Breakfast: Please come join us, a week early, for our next Senior Breakfast celebrating St. Patrick's Day!! We rescheduled due to a conflict many of you had with a luncheon on the 15th. We will be meeting **Monday, March 8**, after the 9:00 Mass, at St. Mary's School cafeteria. Get ready for some Irish Soda Bread and other goodies, as well as a performance by the famous Kelly-Oster School of Irish Dance step dancers, which includes some of our own parishioners! Don't forget to wear something green, and we'll see you there!

GET AWAY...
Need some time to reflect and get things together? A weekend silent retreat may be just right for you, to help escape the craziness of daily life and give you a chance to sort things out. Priests from the Legionaries of Christ direct Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius at Our Lady of Mt. Kisco Retreat Center, a tranquil setting on 98 acres of hills and woodlands where you can take time to be alone with the Lord and rediscover a spirituality rooted in the Gospels. It consists of guided meditations, personal prayer, opportunities for reconciliation and spiritual direction.
Women's Weekends:
March 12-14, June 11-13, Aug 13-15, Oct 22-24, Dec. 10-12
Men's Weekends: Mar 19-21, June 4-6, Aug 20-22, Dec 17-19
Retreat weekends begin Friday afternoon with Mass at 5pm and end Sunday at 5pm. For more information call 914-244-3685, e-mail olmkevents@sbcglobal.net or visit www.olmk.org.

FATIMA, OUR HOPE
EWTN Presents

Documentary about the events of Fatima and their impact on the world. A history of the Fatima apparitions along with a brief history of that area in Portugal is presented, in addition to the global spiritual response to Fatima, along with Pope John Paul II's visit there. *Airs March 10 at 10PM & March 13 at 5AM. (60 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.

Some News Highlights From the CCD Office ...

All of the children in CCD are collecting money during Lent to donate to Operation Ricebowl, an organization within Catholic Relief Services that provides food, water and other necessities to children all over the world. A special Congratulations to Mrs. Azzari's third grade class who recently raised \$150 for Haitian relief through a bake sale after CCD classes.

Please pray for our 2nd grade students who recently received the Sacrament of First Penance and are now preparing for their First Holy Communion in May. We are so proud of them.

Also, as a reminder, the First Communion Retreat will be held on Sunday, March 21st from 12:30 to 3:00 pm in the Cafeteria of St. Mary's School. All second grade students are encouraged to attend. Our next grade level Mass will be next Sunday, March 14, 2010 at 10:00 am. The third grade students will be participating in the Mass by reading and presenting the gifts. We hope you'll join us.

Please join us! The newly formed St. Mary's children's choir will be meeting on Thursdays at 5:30pm at the church. All young singers grades 3-7 are invited to join!



A Healing Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Church in Yorktown Heights on Thursday, March 18th at 8pm. Come early for song and praise at 7:45pm. Fr. Thomas Kreiser will be the celebrant. Individual prayer for healing will follow the Mass. Bring your physical, emotional and spiritual needs to the Lord for His healing touch. For further information please call 914-526-6538.

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.

