

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, February 9th

8:30 AM: Mass of multiple intentions  
5:00 PM: Maryann Ammerman [family]

### Sunday, February 10th - First Sunday of Lent

8 AM: Living and deceased of the parish  
9:30 AM: Paul Poje [Maureen & Frank Smith]  
11 AM: Thomas Fitzgerald [Edward Hysyk]  
12:30AM: Frances Protasiewicz (80th birthday living) [family]  
5 PM: Salvatore Guiseppa Mauceri [family]

### Monday, February 11th

7 AM: Tony Scalfani [nephew]  
8:30 AM: William Quinn [wife]

### Tuesday, February 12th

7:AM: Charles & Angelina Cantoni [Angela Carbone]  
8:30 AM: Paul Scavone [Bruno Zeni]

### Wednesday, February 13th

7:AM: Thomas M. McMahon [wife, Kathleen]  
8:30 AM: Thomas Lamb [wife, Mary]

### Thursday, February 14th

7:AM: Perlita Poblete [Constance Karabelas]  
8:30 AM: Patrick Biggins [Eileen Grimes]

### Friday, February 15th

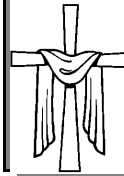
7:AM: Jean & Pat Lorenzo [family]  
8:30 AM: Joseph & Brother John Cheruvankalayil [Cyriac Joseph]

### Saturday, February 16th

8:30 AM: *Living:* Geiger family  
*Deceased:* Bergmann family, Monsignor Leo Goggin, Father Walter Korycki, Juana Melia Estrella, Ann, Jose & Rose Olivo, Richard Palazzolo, Dorothy Popiel, Gerhard Geiger, Josephine Griffin, Kathleen Artis, Sylvia & Anthony Zucchero  
5 PM: Eleni & Henri Soury [son & family]

### Sunday, February 17th - Second Sunday of Lent

8 AM: Living and deceased members of the parish  
9:30 AM: Grace Mc Grenaghan [Michael & Margaret Grady & family]  
11 AM: Robert Reina [Bernedette Klee & friends]  
12:30PM: Joan & John Russo (living Wedding Anniversary) [family]  
5 PM: Cecil Conlon [Mary Conlon & family]



## FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please keep in your prayers the members of our parish family who have recently died: Peter Petti, Sr. and Francis Fangmann, Sr.



The gifts of bread and wine to be used at all the Masses this week have been donated in memory of Rocco and Olimpia Spano at the request of their daughter, Betty Domino.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Patricia Belyus, Anthony Casillo, Walter and Randy Schlegel, Catherine D'Amelio, Nancy Gentile, Karen Irraggi, Joseph Wlodarczyk, Michael Onerato, Dominic Barilla, Carmela BosoReale, Peggy O'Neill, Elizabeth Wissinger, Matthew Raible, John Foppiano, Lester Fogel, Carol Beaumet, Sean Rooney, Richard Philips, Edward Casey, Rosemary Amato, Stephen D'Amato, Helen Chilarski, Victor Doto, Frank Porcaro, Evan Poelker, Agnes and Ann Brennan, Lena Gambitsky, James Carbo, Victoria Cioffi, John Fasse, Shirley Lally, Joyce Daino, Joseph Scarfo, Vincent Amato, Joan Kinckiner, Virginia Metacarpa, Charlie Campbell, Frances Cantreva, Alejandro Senn, Mike Tumulty, Roseann Menekou, Dorothy Neuman, Diane Lloyd, Harry Walters, Rose Marie McLean and Corinne Ganzeria..

## SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Let us lift up in prayer our brave men and women who fight for freedom and justice throughout our world: *Rory Kent, Mike Panza, Daniel Hudson, Rafael Lopez, Larry Provost, Ian Robertson, Michael Scotto, Thomas J. Bova, Thomas Niemczyk, Arnaldo Albornod, Raphael Albornod, Adam Przybyszewski, Jonah Biddick, Matthew Geremia, Deborah K. Hollinger, Joseph Strong, Christopher Dede, Jean Pierrenoel, Anthony Caruso, Joseph Richman, Lloyd Blackburn, Christopher Hayes, Jason Scarlata, John and Scott Ianno, Evan Poelker, Michael Wendleken, Douglas Cianchetta, Robert Ryan, James Barlow, Thomas Sadlo, Raymond Boiano, John Young.*

**STEWARDSHIP**

Last weekend's collection: **\$11,966.47**. We thank those who truly respond to the invitation of Jesus to make sacrifices for the sake of the mission of his Church.

**NEWS FROM ADULT SINGLES' GROUP**

**Saturday, February 16th - Let's celebrate Chinese New Year.** Cost Your Own at Jani's. RSVP By February 13th. Call Nora at (516) 354-0389 for restaurant, time and cost.

**Friday, February 29th - Join us as we support our Youth Ministry at Past Night!** Cost Your Own. The time is 7:30pm in the Auditorium

***Banns of Marriage***

**Second Announcement**

- Kathryn Leahy (*Holy Spirit*) and Jeremiah DiRusso (*St. Theresa's Church, Trumbull, CT*)
- Patrice Fernandez (*Holy Spirit*) and Eileen Completo (*St. Rose, Philippines*)

**Third Announcement**

- Danielle Casamento (*Holy Spirit*) and Anthony Fratangelo (*Sacred Heart, Monroe, NY*)
- Shawn Walsh (*Holy Spirit*) and Sophia Ramcharan (*Hempstead, NY*)

**READINGS OF THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Leviticus 19: 1-2 . . . Matthew 25: 31-46

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 55: 10-11 . . . . . Matthew 6: 7-15

**Wednesday:** Jonah 3: 1-10 . . . . . Luke 11: 29-32

**Thursday:** Esther C: 12, 14-16 . . Matthew 7: 7-12

**Friday:** Ezekiel 18: 21-28 . . . . . Matthew 5: 20-26

**Saturday:** Deut 26: 16-19 . . . . . Matthew 5: 43-48

**HOLY SPIRIT CYO TRACK**

CYO track is open to all boys and girls, grades K thru 8. It is all about healthy exercise, sportsmanship, and FUN! Flyers will be coming into the schools over the next few weeks. For information, call Ed Woods at 358-7007 or Peter Williams at 741-4533.

**ATTENTION SENIORS**

We have several openings for our Woodloch Pines trip on March 10-14. Anyone interested in joining us, call Ann Bishop at (516) 775-3969. We also have a trip to Greece coming up in September.

**COMING UP THIS WEEK**

**Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

7:15 & 8:30PM: AA Meeting-Cafeteria & Auditorium

7:30PM: Girl Scouts Leader's Mtg.- Martin Hall

**Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**

6:30PM: "Take Off Pounds Sensibly" North Mtg. Rm

7:15PM: Parents w/o Partners - Cafeteria

7:15PM: Legion of Mary Mtg - Ctrl. Mtg. Rm

**Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

9:45AM: Adult Scripture Study - Central Meeting Rm.

7:30PM: Pastoral Formation Institute Class-Martin Hall

**Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

3:30PM: Religious Ed. Gr. 1,2, & 3 - School

3:30PM: 1<sup>st</sup> Gr. Church Tour. - Church

7:15 & 8:30PM: AA Meeting - Cafeteria& Auditorium

**Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

4:00PM: MusikGarten - Martin Hall

7:00PM: Teen Scene - Auditorium/Cafeteria

**Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

7:00AM:& 2:00PM: AA Meeting - Cafeteria

5:30PM: Holy Spirit 999 Club Drawing - Cafeteria

7:00PM: Holy Spirit Singles Social - Martin Hall

**Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

Hospitality After 9:30 & 11:00 Masses

**FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



Every Friday Evening throughout the season of Lent, we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross in our Church beginning at 7:30 p.m.

**GIRL SCOUT NEWS**



The Girl Scouts of Brownie Troop 1099 and Cadette Troop 1586 will be collecting money after all the Masses next weekend (February 16-17) in order to send Girl Scout Cookies to all the brave men and women serving our country. Any donation amount will be graciously accepted. Cookies are sent overseas to Iraq and Afghanistan as well as to the wounded in hospitals such as Walter Reed. Please join us in this gesture to let our service men and women know we are thinking of them and to help bring a little piece of home to them.

## HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL OF RELIGION



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Holy Spirit School of Religion provides religion classes for children in grades one through eight and preparation for the Sacraments of Eucharist (First Communion), Penance and Confirmation for children who attend public schools. Holy Spirit's children are welcome to receive these sacraments here at their home parish regardless of where they attend school, public, parochial or private. For children attending religion classes regularly, only immediate preparation for the sacraments is necessary.

Our **Special Needs Program** is dedicated to meeting the catechetical needs of children who have physical or developmental challenges.

The weekly class schedule during the school year can be found here in the bulletin under "**Coming Up this Week**," or on our website [www.holyspiritchurch.com](http://www.holyspiritchurch.com) listed under "**Upcoming Events**." Please call 354-2363 for further information.

## HOLY SPIRIT ADULT FAITH FORMATION

In the vestibule of the Church, there is a special pamphlet rack containing a publication called "Catholic Update." Each week, we will be providing a special *Catholic Update* that will help further our understanding of our faith. Next week's gospel, the Transfiguration, leads us to understand Lent in terms of our own transformation. Our *Catholic Update* entitled "Lent: A Journey into the Inner Self" will prove helpful in guiding us in this pathway of conversion.

### SCRIPTURE STUDY FOR ADULTS

All are welcome to join our group which meets weekly to read the Scripture readings for the coming Sunday's Mass, and to pray and reflect on their meaning in our daily lives. Please join us next Wednesday, February 13, 2008, from 9:45 until 11:15am, in the Central Meeting Room which is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Parish Center.



## Catholic Ministries Appeal

Dioceses of Rockville Centre

Supporting the Community Around Us



A number of years after the inauguration of the Bishop's Annual Appeal in 1978, a parish's goal was established by a very complicated formula that took into account the history of successful years in which a parish was able to surpass its goal. In other words, a parish which was able to go beyond its goal received an even higher goal the following year!

In recent years, the Catholic Ministries Appeal changed its approach to goal setting; goals are more realistically established according to the history of contributions that parishioners normally make to a parish in the offertory collection. That was good news for Holy Spirit. Now, instead of being penalized for doing good on the Appeal by receiving successively higher goals each year, we have a goal that is more in keeping with the financial abilities of our parishioners. That is great news. What is even greater news is that, because of the generosity of our parishioners, we have received rebates of over \$45,000 from last year's appeal because we went almost 180% over goal!

Wait – the best news is yet to come! Our Catholic Ministries Appeal goal is once again in the mid-sixties (\$66,100 to be exact); however, this year the sharing formula has changed. Now, once we have achieved our goal, we will receive back 85% of all monies collected over goal! That means that if our parishioners are as generous this year as they were last year, we stand to receive over \$50,000!

Of course, the Catholic Ministries Appeal is not about the wonderful benefits that come back to us as a parish – it is all about the tremendously important work that is funded by the Appeal year after year. You do know that money from the Appeal goes *directly* into services – outreach and charities, hospitals, high schools and our seminary, chaplaincy programs, formation, etc. The money does not go to administrative costs (neither the Bishop's office, the Chancery, or even the Catholic Ministries Appeal office itself!). Your generosity, blessed by God, is making a difference so that the voice of the gospel can be heard in an increasingly secular Long Island because your money is going to direct services.

Next week, we will have the formal beginning of this year's Appeal with the opportunity for all of us to make a pledge. Again, we thank you in advance for your understanding, your generosity and your willingness to do your part to make sure that God's work is being accomplished here on Long Island.

### ***Reflection by Father Tony***

At the very beginning of his public ministry, Jesus retreats into the desert in order for him to hear more clearly the call of his Father to inaugurate the Kingdom through his words and deeds. It is no surprise, therefore, that Satan will rear his ugly head in order to thwart this divine mission right at its very roots. Satan is not creative; only God has the power to create. All Satan can do is take what exists and twist it into a lie so that we will no longer stand in an attitude of openness and trust of the Father who so loves us. Such were the tactics of Satan as we hear in today's first reading as he tells Eve, "God certainly doesn't love you – you have to take happiness into your own hands!" And so, Satan tries to convince Jesus that he must take control of his own destiny and not be open to the will of God.

"You have the power to turn stones into bread. You have the power to feed yourself. Why not? What's so wrong about a little bread? You don't see anyone else worrying about your well being.

"If you go out there and start preaching, no one is going to believe you. They need some kind of a sign – something spectacular that will show them that God really is on your side. Throw yourself down from the pinnacle of this temple and God will send his angels to catch you; that will give everyone the sign they need to take you seriously!

"Sometimes if you really want to do something good, you have to get your hands a little dirty. If you really want to achieve your lofty goals in life, sometimes you have to use my methods to get your goals accomplished. Sometimes you have to fight fire with fire. I know how things work – and I know how to get things done. Give me my due – everyone else does – and I will help you get where you need to be in life."

The tactics that Satan used against Jesus are the very same tactics of the devil in our lives as well. These are tactics that draw us to focus on our need for comfort, for prestige, for power. Meanwhile, it is our Father who so desires to take care of all our needs. It is our Father who has given us the dignity and prestige of being his beloved daughters and sons. It is the Father who wants to be the center of our universe, not to control us, but simply to love us. In this season of Lent, pray for that gift of enlightenment to understand how Satan will twist reality to keep us from believing and receiving the God who loves us so abundantly.

---

## **NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY**

Please join us as we conduct a drive, "**Have a Heart for the Homeless**", for the following items, **new/unused baby items, non-perishable food and unopened toiletries**. We will be joining other parishes in assisting the **Nassau-Suffolk Coalition for the Homeless** in their efforts to help Long Island's homeless and impoverished individuals and families. On **February 13, 2008, from 6PM-8PM**, the Coalition will hold a special Valentine's Eve Candlelight Vigil for the homeless on the Great Lawn and Multi-purpose Room at Farmingdale State College. All are welcome to participate. The items we collect will be taken to this vigil. Please bring items to the Church or the Social Ministry Office in the Parish Center.

---

## **ADULT EDUCATION SERIES WITH FATHER CHRISTOPHER**

We are very blessed to have Father Christopher with us at Holy Spirit. As you know, he is getting his doctorate in religious Studies from Fordham University. In the course of his years of education, Father not only has accumulated a lot of knowledge concerning our faith, but also has progressed in studying the ways of communicating that faith to us.

So many of us have questions about the tradition of the faith – and it is so hard to take the time to get good and accurate answers. Father Christopher would like to conduct a program which he successfully ran in previous parishes in the United States to which he was assigned. The format of the program is a simple one of question and answer. People gather and submit their questions and Father offers them in a concise and understandable way the treasures of the tradition of our faith.

The program will take place on Sunday evenings in the Church after the 5:00 PM Mass, beginning with the First Sunday of Lent, Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> and every Sunday evening to follow. For further information, you may call Father Christopher at 516-354-0359.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008*****Count Down to Sydney...156 days to go!!***

We are beginning our spiritual preparation for our pilgrimage. Please continue to pray for all WYD pilgrims. Through the WYD08 experience, young people from throughout the world will make a pilgrimage in faith, meet, and experience the love of God. The young people will have an opportunity to rediscover their baptismal calling and the centrality of the sacraments of the Eucharist and reconciliation, and so discover a new apostolic zeal to witness more fully the Gospel in the modern world. "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8)

**NEWS FROM YOUTH MINISTRY**

Pasta, Pasta, Pasta!!! Our annual Pasta Night Fundraiser will held on Friday February 29th at 7pm. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children and seniors. Again there will be raffle and door prizes to be won and good times to be had by all. Come down, and bring the family. All pasta dishes will be meatless in observance of Lent.

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

We are in the process of developing a Young Adult Ministry for all women and men, single and married, in their twenties and thirties. Our inaugural meeting will take place on Saturday February 23rd. If you are interested in learning more about this new ministry, please contact Christine in the Youth Ministry Office at 516-354-2784 or send and email to HolySpYouth@aol.com



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

February 10, 2008

The ancient Jewish *Prayer of Manasseh* expresses so well our attitude as we enter into this beautiful and grace-filled season of Lent: "Lord, I am who am sinner...bend the knees of my heart before You and I am beseeching your kindness. I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned...Forgive me, O Lord, forgive me!"

The human heart that desires to love and be loved has deep within it a restlessness that, as St. Augustine reminds us, remains "restless until we rest in thee, O Lord". All the loves that support us, parents, spouses, family, friends, can never fulfill the deepest longing which is union with the One who created us and redeemed us, God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This Lent, I invite all of us, you and me, to turn humbly to that God of love who constantly calls us to open ourselves to His forgiveness, His healing and let His love penetrate the dark corners of our lives. Let Him purify our own loves, our own motives, our own words and actions and make us all ever more faithfully the constant disciples of His Son Who died and rose for us.

There is no better way to do this than taking a part of each day to read the Scriptures, the Gospels, the writings of Paul and especially the Passion narratives of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. There is so much we can receive from careful reading of the Word of God letting it lead us into a deeper examination of our own lives that then calls us to offer our prayers of sorrow and repentance to the God Who is always with us.

The ancient Church practices of fasting and alms giving, chastening our own lives and responding with generosity to the needs of others, especially the poor, help make us ready to follow Him more closely and to make of our lives examples for others.

This Lent, how beneficial it would be for us all to let the daily liturgy of the Church be a part of our lives. We accompany the Lord in the readings at Mass each day of Lent. We make the Church's prayer our personal prayer. We live more deeply our identity as members of His Body, the Church of Christ.

Let Mary be with us during our Lenten journey this year. May she inspire us by her fidelity to her Son, standing as she did at the foot of the cross. Let her lead us to Him and let her prayer strengthen our prayer through the rosary and through the devotions that unite us to her in this holy season.

Thus may we all this Lent "bend the knees of our hearts" to the Lord who will grant us forgiveness for all our sins by His death and resurrection. For He has ransomed us from death and calls us to share now in His life, the divine life that makes our hearts one with Him as he is one with us.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre