

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, February 16th

8:30 AM: Mass of multiple intentions

5:00 PM: Eleni & Henri Soury [*son & family*]

### Sunday, February 16th -Second Sunday of Lent

8 AM: Living and deceased of the parish

9:30 AM: Grace McGrenaghan [*Michael & Margaret Grady & family*]

11 AM: Robert Reina [*Bernadette Klee & friends*]

12:30AM: Joan & John Russo [*family*]

5 PM: Cecil Conlon [*Mary Conlon*]

### Monday, February 18th

7 AM: No Mass

8:30 AM: Richard Palazzolo [*mom*]

### Tuesday, February 19th

7:AM: Elvira Minella & Phyllis Minella [*Evelyn Minella*]

8:30 AM: Patrick Biggins [*Joyce & James McCabe*]

### Wednesday, February 20th

7:AM: Margaret Paternostro [*daughter, Rosemary Hart*]

8:30 AM: William Lyons [*Diane Palumbo*]

### Thursday, February 21st

7:AM: Josephine Griffin [*Theresa DiCocco*]

8:30 AM: Emma Frizzi (Anniversary) [*niece, Debbie*]

### Friday, February 22nd

7:AM: Patrick & Catherine Curry

Anthony & Theresa Budion [*family*]

8:30 AM: Lucy Graziano [*daughter*]

### Saturday, February 23rd

8:30 AM: *Living:* Ruth Sellons, Marie Landino, Irene Herbert, Turley family,

*Deceased:* Monsignor Martin Reddy, Father Vincent Liu, Richard Palazzolo, John & Rita McGee, Anna Bennett, Jeanne Sauchelli, Charlotte Mudzinski, Rita & Tom McCarthy, Josephine Rivera, Edward T. Karlson, Deceased Members of the Turley family

*Special Intentions:* Georgiana Schmitt (Happy Birthday)

5 PM: Chester Brzuszewski [*Theresa & Sylvio DiCocco*]

### Sunday, February 24th - Third Sunday of Lent

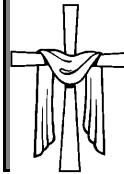
8 AM: Living and deceased members of the parish

9:30 AM: Salvatore Pergola [*Maria*]

11 AM: Connor Michael Ashby [*Sidito family*]

12:30PM: Peter Sawchuk [*Helen & Ted Chilarski*]

5 PM: Ann & Howard Ammerman [*family*]



### FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please keep in your prayers the members of our parish family who have recently died:

Anthony Saitta.



The gifts of bread and wine to be used at all the Masses this week have been donated in memory of John O'Looney at the request of his family.

The Sanctuary and Altar Candles to be used at the Masses this week have been donated in memory of Richard Palazzolo at the request of his loving family.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:



Patricia Belyus, Anthony Casillo, Walter and Randy Schlegel, Catherine D'Amelio, Nancy Gentile, Karen Iraggi,

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, Corinne Ganzeria and Donald McDonald.

### 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 Pierrenoe, 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: **\$11,249.81**. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> -Bowling at the Sheridan Lanes** at 6:30pm. The cost is \$3.50 per game and \$3.00 to rent shoes. Call Marie at (516) 627-5983 for information.

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

***Banns of Marriage***

**Third Announcement**

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

**READINGS OF THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Daniel 9: 4-10 . . . . . Luke 6: 36-38
- Tuesday:** Isaiah 1: 1-10 . . . . . Matthew 23: 1-12
- Wednesday:** Jeremiah 18:18-20 .. Matthew 20: 17-28
- Thursday:** Jeremiah 17: 5-10 . . . . . Luke 16: 19-31
- Friday:** 1 Peter 5: 1-4 . . . . . Matthew 16: 13-19
- Saturday:** Micah 7: 14-15 . . . . . Luke 15: 1-3

**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.

**SPIRITUAL ADOPT-A-BABY PROGRAM**



*Over 200 babies have been "spiritually adopted" by our parishioners!*

**Three Month Developing Baby** - "I grabbed my hand!" The baby can now squint, swallow and move his tongue. He sleeps and awakens. Fingernails and toenails form and he now has his own unique set of fingerprints. Sensitive to touch, he will tightly grasp an object placed in the palm of his hand. He breathes amniotic fluid to help develop and strengthen the respiratory system, but he gets the oxygen he needs through the umbilical cord.

**COMING UP THIS WEEK**

**Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Rectory Closed - President's Day**

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

**Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

7:00PM: Holy Spirit 999 Club Mtg - Martin Hall

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

**Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

1:00PM: Senior Mtg - Martin Hall

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

**Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

4:00PM: MusikGarten - Martin Hall

7:00PM: Teen Scene - Auditorium/Cafeteria

**Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

Hospitality After 9:30 & 11:00 Masses

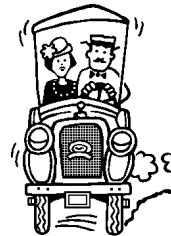
**FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



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.

**THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL WILL PRESENT ITS DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE FOR INSURANCE AND POINT REDUCTION**



This special course will once again be given in the Msgr. Martin Hall on Saturday, March 8, 2008 from 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM. To register, or for more information on how to reduce your auto insurance, get the total points on your license reduced, and learn how to Save Your Life, call "Driver Education" at (631) 360-9720. Seats are limited. The cost is \$45.00 per person

**ATTENTION SENIORS**

Our next meeting will be February 21<sup>st</sup> at 1PM in Martin Hall. All are welcome. For information call Ann Bishop at (516) 775-3969.

## 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

*Because the journey never ends!*



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 is the story of the Samaritan woman at the well. Our *Catholic Update* will give us some wonderful spiritual

insights for this Third Sunday of Lent. Don't miss out!

### 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 20, 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.

## NEWS FROM YOUTH MINISTRY

Thank you to everyone who made our Souper Bowl Sunday collection a huge success. Thanks to your generosity, we collected \$4,254.17. Of the money collected, \$2,254.17 has been given to Social Ministry and \$2,000 has been sent to our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. Thank you to all who donated and to all of the Teen Scene and Youth Group members and volunteers who read and collected at the masses.

**Pasta, Pasta, Pasta!!!** Our annual **Pasta Night Fundraiser** will be 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.



### *WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008*

**Count down to Sydney...149 days to go!!!**



In a few weeks we will begin an "Adopt a Pilgrim" campaign. Members of the parish will have the opportunity to either financially or spiritually adopt a pilgrim. More details will be available about this program in a few weeks.

### *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 an email to [HolySpYouth@aol.com](mailto:HolySpYouth@aol.com)

**Keep the date open for our Annual Lenten Soup Supper Night**  
**Wednesday, March 12 – 6:30 PM**

(details to follow)



***Reflection by Father Tony***

Today's gospel (much like life itself) is a study in contradictions. Imagine Jesus climbing this mountain with three of his disciples; they come to the top of the mountain and they are out of breath, perspiring, and somewhat grimy – perhaps even a bit torn up from the dusty rocky road they have just climbed. A more human image of Jesus you could not imagine! And suddenly the outer appearance of this grimy, sweaty man gives way to a glorified person, appearing in dazzlingly white array, hovering above the very earth which, just a few moments back, had ripped into his bare feet. We have come to speak of this mystery of contradictions about Jesus in our credal statement: one person, two natures, human and divine.

The contradictions continue. While Jesus stands resplendent in glory, a voice is heard from heaven: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him!" Shortly after this, we hear that Jesus is going to be turned over to evil men, suffer and die. Is this how God the Father should treat a beloved Son?

Life itself is full of contradictions. If you are a rationalist, trying to make sense out of your life, you will continually be exhausted with the frustration of applying logic to the polarities of life. If you are a lover, you immediately are given the heart and eyes of a mystic who can see God peeking through all things! Only a lover can dare to look beyond the evidence; only a lover will still believe when common sense says "no." Only a lover can come to adore His indwelling presence hidden in the ordinariness of life itself.

You were created in the image of the One who reveals himself, contradictorily, as Three-in-One. You were created in the image of divine love itself. Be that lover who can dare to peer into the mystery of life itself.

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

Bereavement Group --- The first reaction to a serious loss is usually a sense of unreality---it didn't happen---it's all a bad dream. Support groups can help to name your feelings. The named and accepted feelings expressed in a group can be acted upon in appropriate ways. Loss forever changes our world. An ending has occurred that demands a new beginning. A Bereavement Support Group is being formed for adults. **The eight consecutive sessions will be held in Holy Spirit Parish Center beginning Thursday, March 27 from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM.** With the help of this group we can try to understand what is happening to us during this time of loss. To register, please call the Social Ministry Office, 516-358-5339, as soon as possible.

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## **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.

## **THE MOST POWERFUL THOUGHTS ON FORGIVENESS**

*tell me you don't agree!*

“It is not in our power *not* to feel or to forget an offense; but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession.”

Catholic Catechism of the Church, # 2843

## FEEDBACK FROM OUR RECENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Three weeks ago, we asked our parishioners to comment on the following statement: *“This is what I believe is expected of me as a member of Holy Spirit parish.”* As you recall, the reason we asked our parishioners to state their expectations of Church membership was to create a list that would stand as signpost, directing all of us to understand our identity and mission as members of this Catholic faith community. About 225 questionnaires were returned to us; Father Tony and the members of the pastoral council examined each of the questionnaires. Overall, they were very well written and contained wonderful insights.

Many of the comments fell under the following categories which we have generalized for our study:

EXPECTATION	# of times mentioned
Active, full and reverent <b>participation in Sunday Mass</b> on a regular (weekly) basis	125
<b>Volunteer one’s time and talent</b> to the best of their abilities in parish ministries	110
Giving <b>financial support</b> to the parish	95
<b>Living out the gospel values</b> (kindness, treating others with respect, helping the less fortunate, avoiding passing judgment, modeling faith life, leading by example, living out the commandments and Church rules, outreach to the larger community)	92
<b>Evangelize</b> (telling others about what is happening in the parish, spreading the good news, inviting non-Catholic to participate, sharing faith with others)	42
Be <b>welcoming</b> to all	35
<b>Attend events</b> sponsored by the parish (adult formation and education, social events, etc.)	30
Participate in the <b>sacramental life</b> of the Church (particularly confession)	25
<b>Raising children</b> in the faith (being involved in their religious development)	22
<b>Encouraging children’s participation</b> in Church	16
<b>Pray</b> for pastor, priests, religious and staff	9
<b>Read</b> the bulletin	4

Those are the numbers. What the numbers don’t tell, however, is the spirit of those who participated in this survey. Our participants were genuinely happy to be part of the Holy Spirit family, finding a spirit of welcome and acceptance among its members. They showed an incredible desire to want to make their Christianity very practical, that is, an effective and outward sign of Christ’s love for all people, most especially those in need. Finally, our participants reflected a genuine attitude of thanks for the formation that they received, desiring that these traditions be passed on to generations yet to come. We sincerely thank all who took the time to participate in this survey. We will keep you informed about how we will use this data for further communication with the parish at large.

## FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

**ST. GREGORY’S THEATRE GROUP IN IT’S 29<sup>TH</sup> SEASON PRESENTS AGATHA CHRISTIE’S “THE MOUSETRAP”**, a murder mystery. Thursday-Saturday, February 21,22, 23 at 8PM, February 24 at 2PM to be held in Gregorian Hall. \$15. Adults/\$13 Senior/Children. Dinner-\$30. Brunch-\$28. Group

rates available. All performances in Gregorian Hall, Bellerose, Cross Island Parkway, North and 87<sup>th</sup> Ave. For tickets, call (718) 989-2451 or email [tickets@sgtg.org](mailto:tickets@sgtg.org) or visit [www.sgtg.org](http://www.sgtg.org).