

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, February 23rd

8:30 AM: Mass of multiple intentions

5:00 PM: Chester Brzuszewski [*Theresa & Sylvio DiCocco*]

### Sunday, February 24th

#### Third Sunday of Lent

8 AM: Living and deceased of the parish

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

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

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

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

### Monday, February 25th

7 AM: Jake Locascio (living) [*Nancy Krauter*]

8:30 AM: Carmela Caputo [*daughter, Carmela Gebbi*]

### Tuesday, February 26th

7:AM: Robert Esperancilla [*Marina Virdone*]

8:30 AM: Bruno Zeni [*Zabatta family*]

### Wednesday, February 27th

7:AM: Ralph A. Ferro (14th Anniversary) [*Father Ferro*]

8:30 AM: Sean Bolan [*family*]

### Thursday, February 28th

7:AM: Peggy Smith [*Desouza family*]

8:30 AM: Mario Testani [*Claudio & Luciana Palmari*]

### Friday, February 29th

7:AM: Peggy Smith [*Noreen Zebrowski*]

8:30 AM: Frances Walsh [*Theresa & Michael Milo*]

### Saturday, March 1st

8:30 AM: *Living:* Irene Herbert

*Deceased:* Monsignor Martin Reddy, Father Vincent Liu, Anthony Hroncich, Gerhard Geiger, Fiona O'Sullivan, Edward T. Karlson, Beverly Alvino, Richard Palazzolo, Pureza Villasenor

5 PM: Judy & Eddie Krupski (Happy Anniversary) [*Catherine Turley*]

### Sunday, March 2nd

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent

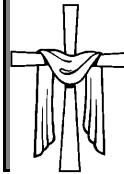
8 AM: Living and deceased members of the parish

9:30 AM: Rajkumar Tharmalingam [*wife, Mary*]

11 AM: Ernesto Rodrigues [*Lopes family*]

12:30PM: David Cahill [*Kate Farrell & family*]

5 PM: *call rectory to reserve intention*



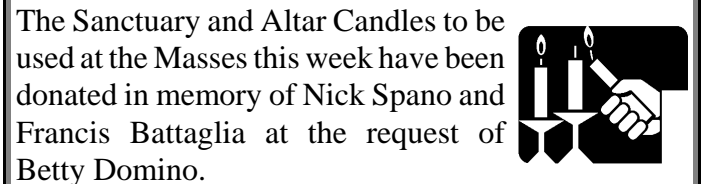
## FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

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

Alice Gelpke



The gifts of bread and wine to be used at all the Masses this week have been donated in memory of Harold Johnson at the request of Melissa Johnson.



The Sanctuary and Altar Candles to be used at the Masses this week have been donated in memory of Nick Spano and Francis Battaglia at the request of Betty Domino.



## 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: **\$10,826.50**. 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**

**Friday, February 29th - Join us as we support our Youth Ministry at Past Night!** Cost Your Own. The time is 7:30pm in the School Auditorium. Mary for more information at (516) 775-0858

**READINGS OF THE WEEK**

- Monday:** 2 Kings 5: 1-15a . . . . . Luke 4: 24-30
- Tuesday:** Daniel 3: 34-43 . . . . Matthew 18: 21-35
- Wednesday:** Deut 4: 1, 5-9 . . . . Matthew 5: 17-19
- Thursday:** Jeremiah 7: 23-28 . . . . Luke 11: 14-23
- Friday:** Hosea 14: 2-10 . . . . . Mark 12: 28-34
- Saturday:** Hosea 6: 1-6 . . . . . Luke 18: 9-14

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10AM, The cost is \$43.00 at Memorial Park. Reservations are required. Please contact Joe Renta at 775-6608 or email at [rentamail@verizon.net](mailto:rentamail@verizon.net). Please give us the ages of children. Rain date: March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**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.

**THANK YOU FROM THE GIRL SCOUTS**



The Girl Scouts of Brownie Troop 1099 and Cadette Troop 1586 would like to thank all who donated money last weekend at the Masses. Your generous donations will be used to send Girl Scout Cookies to the brave men and women in the military overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as to the wounded in hospitals such as Walter Reed. Your generosity and kindness was overwhelming. Thank you for your "Gift of Caring" and for helping send a piece of home to these brave men and women!

**COMING UP THIS WEEK**

**Monday, February 25th**

- 7:15 & 8:30PM: AA Meeting-Cafeteria & Auditorium
- 7:30PM: Rosary Altar Soc. Board Mtg- Martin Hall

**Tuesday, February 26th**

- 6:30PM: "Take Off Pounds Sensibly" North Mtg. Rm
- 7:15PM: Legion of Mary Mtg - Ctrl. Mtg. Rm
- 7:15PM: Rel. Ed. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade - Church
- 7:15PM: Rel. Ed. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - School

**Wednesday, February 27th**

- 9:45AM: Adult Scripture Study - Central Mtg. Room
- 6:00PM: Staff Meeting - North Meeting Room
- 7:30PM: Pastoral Formation Inst. Class-Martin Hall

**Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

- 3:30PM: Rel Education families - cafeteria
- 3:30PM: Rel Ed - Gr. 1, 2, & 3 - School
- 3:30PM: Rel Ed - Gr. 2 - Church
- 7:15 & 8:30PM: AA Meeting - Cafeteria& Auditorium
- 7:30PM: Pastoral Council - Martin Hall

**Friday, February 29th**

- 4:00PM: MusikGarten - Martin Hall
- 7:00PM: Youth Ministry Pasta Night - Auditorium

**Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

- 7:00AM:& 2:00PM: AA Meeting - Cafeteria
- 11:00AM: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Penance - Church

**Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Hospitality After 9:30 & 11:00 Masses**

- 9:30AM: Early Childhood Liturgy #13
- 10:30AM: Religious Ed - Gr. 4,5, 6 & SRE - School
- 10:30AM: Religious Ed - Gr. 4 - Cafeteria

**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.

## 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.holyspirtchurch.com](http://www.holyspirtchurch.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 relates the healing of the blind man. Our *Catholic Update* entitled "Lent, Journey into our Inner Self" will explore how Lent challenges us to explore our own blindness.

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### 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### THIS FRIDAY - PASTA NIGHT!

**Pasta, Pasta, Pasta!!!** Our annual **Pasta Night Fundraiser** will be held on **Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup>** 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...142 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 email to [HolySpYouth@aol.com](mailto:HolySpYouth@aol.com)

**Reflection by Father Tony**

“Come, see a man who told me everything I have done.” The words capture the excitement of the Samaritan woman who, having met Jesus, comes to believe that she has met “the Prophet” and now wants to spread the joy of her discovery with the people of her town. On the surface, we might read these words to simply mean, “I have met this extraordinary man who has these psychic powers to read minds and, if you’re curious, you too ought to come to meet this man.” However, like all passages in John’s gospel, this particular passage asks us to go deeper.

First, let us begin with the Samaritan woman. We hear that she has been married five times – that must have been a record even in those days! She comes to the well at noon when most of the women would have gathered in the early morning, before the heat of the day, to carry the heavy water-laden buckets back to the house for all the daily needs. Either she is a late sleeper, or she feels ostracized by the women of the town and rarely goes to the “water hole” with the other villagers present. In either case, she comes across as a real mess, embarrassed by her past, carrying a sense of shame about her present circumstances.

Then this woman meets Jesus who knows the secrets of her heart and holds them, not with scorn, but as if he were holding a treasure. For, no matter what pain we bear from our past, Jesus holds that past, our sin-infected shameful past, with hands of tender love. Jesus looks into her eyes and He sees the deep thirst that is there, a thirst that cannot be quenched by the waters of Jacob’s well, a thirst for love, for acceptance. Jesus promises her water from a well of *life-giving* water where she will never thirst again. She believes this prophet (literally “one who speaks on behalf of God”) can provide her with the love for which she has been longing her whole life long.

All our thirsts come down to this: we were created for love, created to receive the abundant love of God who wants to fill every single void in our hearts. All our past sins come down to this: in our longing for the well of God’s eternal love, we settled to drink out of a puddle. Every sin, every bad choice we have ever made, started out as a longing for God that somehow went “bezerk.” Jesus the teacher, the prophet, the one who has come to reveal God’s eternal plan for your redemption, comes to invite you today to see the twisted, distorted lies that lead us to drink out of dirty puddles. May we all come to know Him who quenches every human thirst.

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*Holy Spirit proudly presents:*

**FIFTH ANNUAL LENTEN SOUP SUPPER**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> BEGINNING AT 6:30 PM IN THE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

***All Are Invited!***

What is Lent in Holy Spirit without a good bowl of Minestrone. I’d love to get that recipe for Pasta Fagioli (whoever brought that the last two years – better plan to bring it this year also!) What about the wonderful chicken noodle – not to mention beef barley. What a variety we’ve had over the years.

It’s a great evening to spend with your fellow parishioners and to enjoy good company and have a simple meal together. If you would like to help out (bringing your favorite soup, of course,) please call the rectory and let us know what you’d like to bring to the table. If you can’t make soup -- that’s OK -- just call the rectory and let us know that you are coming! We always have more than enough soup for everyone!! **That is why we have moved this year to the auditorium – so even more people can gather to share fellowship and a good meal!**

***What does the Soup Supper have to do with Lent?*** Lent really is a time to recognize that we have made life so cluttered and complicated. Isn’t it wonderful just to enjoy one another’s company around a simple no-fuss meal and, in the process, be sharing something so profound as the presence of Christ in our midst?

## FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

**SPIRITUALITY FOR SINGLES** - Join us on March 1<sup>st</sup> for fellowship for Catholic singles. Mass at 7:30PM in the church, followed by a SPECIAL EVENT - “AMUSING GRACE” presented by Tom Brennen and Stevie G.B. refreshments and pizza. St. Aidan’s Church, 505 Willis Avenue, Williston Park, \$5 donation at the door. For further information call (516) 746-6585.

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR FUNDRAISER:** Join us for an Irish Night Celebration with dinner and dancing on Thursday, March 6, 2008 from 7-11PM at Antun’s of Queen Village (96-43 Springfield Blvd.). Traditional Irish fare. Entertainment provided by Irish Mist. Tickets: \$40/each. Advanced reservations required. For more information, please call the Development Office at Queen of Peace at (718) 464-1800x 2544. All proceeds benefit the elderly Residents at Queen of Peace.

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL UPDATE

Last weekend, some 147 parishioners made their way down to the cafeteria to make a pledge to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. In addition, some sixteen parishioners have already responded to the appeal from the early mailing that had taken place. These 163 families have pledged over \$53,000! What an incredible outpouring of support!

**As wonderful as this support is, it represents only about 7% of the overall parish!** What a sad statement that would be which might say that only 7% of the parishioners believe in the mission of the Church – or that only 7% of our parishioners think that it might be important to guarantee that the mission of the Church is able to reach the next generation.

We have all received so much from the sacrifices that were made by generations long since gone. Sadly, those generations which took the greatest share of the responsibility of providing the structures whereby the tradition of the faith is preserved and shared is quickly dying! Are new people stepping in to do their part to allow the work of Christ to continue on Long Island?

The Catholic Ministries Appeal supports so many good works, but as Father Tony said last week, even beyond the direct services that are provided for the poor, the marginalized, and the elderly of Long Island, the appeal supports programs of formation that will have a direct impact on how the gospel message is to be shared with future generations. The appeal specifically helps the helpers! Let us give three simple examples:

1. **Marriage preparation.** Everyone knows how difficult it is for marriage to survive in this culture. **The Catholic Church is one of the few organizations that does any significant marriage preparation for engaged couples.** Many married couples give their time and talent in helping in our marriage preparation programs. The Appeal wants to provide more programs of marriage enrichment and “how to” ideas to help sharpen their skills so that they can provide programs of excellence!
2. **Pastoral Formation Institute.** We are very happy to host the diocesan Pastoral Formation Institute at Holy Spirit Parish. Through this three-year program, lay volunteers are getting the skills that they need to perform any number of ministerial tasks in our parishes! Our own Youth Minister, Christine Early has gained so much from the Institute, helping to equip her to be a more effective youth leader for our community.
3. **Vocation office and the seminary.** There is a vocation crisis on Long Island. We have one of the lowest priest-per-people ratio in the nation! Yet we need to strengthen our efforts in vocation awareness and recruitment as well as the formation of seminarians so that we can continue to equip the priests of the future with the skills they so desperately need to provide us with pastoral leadership and sacramental celebrations!

Just three programs – of over dozens that are supported by the appeal. ***Can any one of us afford to sit back and take a passive attitude and say, “It doesn't matter to me if the faith really continues on Long Island”?*** This weekend, volunteers will be available to take your pledges in the school cafeteria. On the weekend of March 9<sup>th</sup>, we will again have the opportunity for our parishioners to make a pledge as tables will be set up near the doorways of the Church. ***Please don't allow only 7% to carry the work of 100%! Let's all do our share!***

*Holy Spirit Singles presents*

## First Annual Easter Egg Hunt

*For children Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade*

Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to noon

We begin at Holy Spirit Parish Center – Martin Hall – and from there begin our exploration for our Easter Eggs. The cost is only \$5 per child, and will include religious based crafts and activities that center on the story of Holy Week along with refreshments and, of course, our very first Easter Egg Hunt!

Space is limited so register early!!!

Registration forms are available at the rectory office!

