

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, February 2nd**

8:30 AM: Mass of multiple intentions  
5:00 PM: Peter Sawchuk [ *Patricia Burns* ]

**Sunday, February 3rd-**

**Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

8 AM: Living and deceased of the parish  
9:30 AM: Isabelle Romano [ *daughter, Lillian* ]  
11 AM: M/M Julio Rivera [ *daughter & grandchildren* ]  
12:30AM: Mary Moran [ *Dolores Saldok* ]  
5 PM: Joseph Tamburino (6th Anniversary) [ *wife* ]

**Monday, February 4th**

7 AM: Frank Rafferty [ *Richard & Maureen Tully* ]  
8:30 AM: Carol & Leo Kolakowski (50th Anniversary)  
[ *Joyce & James McCabe, Jr.* ]

**Tuesday, February 5th**

7:AM: James Kane [ *wife* ]  
8:30 AM: Paul Scavone [ *daughter* ]

**Wednesday, February 6th**

7:AM: Arthur & Louise Carbone [ *Angie & family* ]  
8:30 AM: Mary Lilly [ *Our Lady of Star of Hope* ]

**Thursday, February 7th**

7:AM: Stella Oborski [ *Helen & Ted Chilarski* ]  
8:30 AM: Mary DeCanio [ *Elizabeth Mallett* ]

**Friday, February 8th**

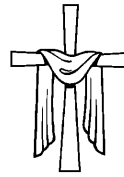
7:AM: Dominick DeMauro [ *wife, Catherine* ]  
8:30 AM: Marie Fives [ *Joan Eliot* ]

**Saturday, February 9th**

8:30 AM: *Living:* Dominick Barilla  
*Deceased:* Monsignor Leo Goggin, Father Walter Korycki, Richard Palazzolo, Marge, Anna & Pasquale Bianco, Josephine Griffin, Ann Calderone, Frank Annetta, Julius P. Weber, Anna & Frank Bodzas, Mary & John Pellechia, Carl & Barbara Prommersberger, Irma Wall, Connor Ashby, Raymond Connery, Gregory Sirc  
5 PM: Maryann Ammerman [ *family* ]

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

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



**FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE**

Please keep in your prayers the members of our parish family who have recently died: Josephine F. Rivera, Jack Loscala., Rita and Thomas McCarthy & Gloria Naughton



**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.*

**READINGS OF THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 2 Samuel 15: 13-14 . . . . . Mark 5: 1-20  
**Tuesday:** 2 Samuel 18: 9-10 . . . . . Mark 5: 21-43  
**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 5: 20-6:2 . . . . . Matthew 6: 1-6  
**Thursday:** Duet 30: 15-20 . . . . . Luke 9: 22-25  
**Friday:** Isaiah 58: 1-9: 1-4 . . . . . Matthew 9: 14-15  
**Saturday:** Isaiah 58: 9-14 . . . . . Luke 5: 27-32

**STEWARDSHIP**

Last weekend's collection: **\$10,818.23**. 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 8th - General Meeting** - Holy Spirit Singles at the Parish Center, 16 South from 7:30 – 9:30pm. We will be discussing future social plans and volunteer opportunities. We then head over to the diner afterwards to socialize (cost your own). We will also be collecting items to send to our troops so please bring something with you. Call Mary for more information (516) 775-0858.

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

***Banns of Marriage*****First Announcement**

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

**Second Announcement**

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

**WELCOME TO THE NEW MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:**

*Those baptized in the month of January:* Evan Matthew McCabe, Ryan Salvatore Kucan, Sean Matthew Andrade, Jameson Riley Walsh, and Gia Paolina Antonia Scarapicchia..

**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS**

The Holy Spirit Rosary Altar Society will hold its meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM with Rosary and Benediction in the Church followed by a meeting in Martin Hall. Our guest is John Quinn who is speaking on children with Special needs. Followed by coffee and cake. Everyone is welcome.

**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.

**COMING UP THIS WEEK****Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

7:15 & 8:30 PM: AA Meeting-Cafeteria & Auditorium  
7:30PM: St. Vincent De Paul Soc. Mtg. - Cntr. Mtg. Rm.

**Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**

6:30PM: "Take Off Pounds Sensibly" North Mtg. Rm  
7:15PM: Rel. Ed. Gr. 7&8 - School.  
7:15PM: Legion of Mary Mtg - Ctrl. Mtg. Rm  
7:30PM: Taize Prayer - Church

**Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

9:45AM: Adult Scripture Study - Central Meeting Rm.  
7:30PM: Pastoral Formation Institute Class-Martin Hall

**Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

1:00PM: Senior Meeting - Martin Hall  
3:30PM: Religious Ed. Gr. 1,2, & 3 - School  
3:30PM: 1<sup>st</sup> Gr. Church Tour. - Church  
7:15 & 8:30 PM: AA Meeting - Cafeteria& Auditorium  
7:30PM: Rel Ed. Catechist Prayer - Rel Ed Office

**Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

4:00PM: MusikGarten - Martin Hall  
7:00PM: Teen Scene - Auditorium/Cafeteria  
7:00PM: Holy Spirit Singles Mtg. - Martin Hall  
7:30PM: Divine Mercy Cenacle - Church

**Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

7:00AM:& 2:00PM: AA Meeting - Cafeteria  
9:30AM: Marriage Enrichment Program - Martin Hall  
10:30AM: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade family Workshop - Cafeteria  
11:15AM: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade family Workshop - Church

**Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

Hospitality After 9:30 & 11:00 Masses  
9:30AM: Early Childhood Liturgy-Church & Auditorium  
10:30AM: & 11:45AM: - Rel. Ed. Gr. 4,5, 6, SRE - School  
1:00PM: New Hyde Park Curia Mtg. - Martin Hall  
2:00PM: Cub Scouts Blue/Gold Dinner - Cafeteria

**NEW HYDE PARK KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

The New Hyde Park Knights of Columbus invites parishioners to come join the celebration of St. Patrick's Day on Saturday, March 8th from 8:00 PM to 12 Midnite at the council hall located at 1000 Marcus Avenue, New Hyde Park. The cost to attend is \$37.50 per person and includes: Traditional Corned Beef dinner with all the trimmings, coffee, tea, dessert, and Irish Coffee. Two bars will provide refreshments. Music by John the Funtime DJ and entertainment by the Innis Free Irish Step Dancers. The Irish Raffle conducted will benefit the AMT Children of Hope Infant Burial Foundation. So, gather a few friends and join in on the fun! Make your reservations early by calling Harry O'Connor at 516-328-1826.

## 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

### 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 5, 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.

## FROM THE LITURGY COMMITTEE

### *This Year's Lenten Focus*



Each year, our liturgy committee presents to the parish a particular theme that enables us to keep our focus throughout the holy season of Lent. This year, the theme is: "Christ has Come to Break the Chains of our Slavery."

Lent is our holy pilgrimage that culminates in the celebration of the Christian Passover, Easter Sunday. At the first Passover meal, the Israelites were very much aware of their slavery and God's promise to free them from oppression. Taking the blood of the Passover lamb, they sprinkled it upon their doorposts so that they would not only be spared the plague of the death of the first-born, but that they would finally be set free

from the hands of Pharaoh and the Egyptians. The Passover Meal comes to celebrate God's deliverance from slavery and their victory over the forces of evil.

Christ, the new Lamb, has been slain to free us from the oppression and slavery to sin. Therefore, Lent itself is a celebration in hope that, not by our power but by the power of Christ crucified, can we be set free from those things that enslave us.

What keeps you a slave? Are there addictions in your life that keep you in chains? Addictions to food, alcohol, prescription medication, nicotine, pornography are the more obvious; however, there are less obvious addictive patterns that medicate the pain of low self-esteem – workaholicism, people pleasing, jealousy of others, deception, etc. These patterns are also real chains that bind us.

Next weekend, our homilies will help us to reflect upon some of these chains that keep us from experiencing the deep and abiding love that Christ has come to offer us through the Easter sacraments. During the Mass, you will be given a "link" of a paper chain upon which we will invite you to write that habit/attitude/pattern of behavior that keeps you enslaved. Placing these links in a basket, they will later form a chain that will drape our prayer cross in the vestibule of the church. Our prayer throughout Lent is for the captivity that all of us feel, praying for our brothers and sisters, so that the grace of the risen Christ can set us free.

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

Today's gospel begins the famous "sermon on the Mount," the inaugural address, as it were, of Jesus' public ministry. Jesus begins with the Beatitudes, the nine pronouncements which declare those who are being blessed by God and found worthy of inheritance of the Kingdom.

I believe many of us have misunderstood what the beatitudes are all about; we tend to think of them as "commandments of the new law." If you want to get into heaven, you have to *become* poor in spirit, meek, merciful, a peacemaker, etc. We have even given the beatitudes a gitchy kind of title: Be-Attitudes – attitudes that tell us what we ought to be like if we are going to find our reward. However, I believe that the force of the beatitudes is not telling us what attitudes we need to embrace; rather, they are a pronouncement concerning God's favor coming to rest upon those who have been beat up by the world. In other words, the Beatitudes are not an ethical code; rather, they form a proclamation of faith that God favors the outcast and the downtrodden.

Has it ever happened in your life that you have tried so hard to do what was right, to extend yourself in love to others, to show kindness and mercy, only to have been hurt, misunderstood, even betrayed by someone you trusted? Has it ever happened to you that you were trying to make peace only to find yourself hopelessly caught in the middle? Has it ever happened to you that you felt out of place in a world that seems to value prestige or possessions? Or you felt out of place because of the losses you've experienced in life and feel that you just don't fit in? Has it ever happened to you that you were taken advantage of because you were naive or wanted to believe the best about someone? God sees your hurt, your pain, your loss, your disappointment, and he wants even now to bless you abundantly.

Up until the time of Jesus, people understood God's blessings coming to us in the form of a trouble-free life, a prosperous life, a comfortable life; those with hardships, therefore, were probably suffering their misfortune as some kind of punishment from God for some misdeed of their past. In his inaugural address, Jesus turns all that around by saying that God is blessing those who are struggling with life itself. Upon *you* God's favor rests.

### **FEBRUARY 6: ASH WEDNESDAY**

*From Father Tony*

I can remember my first Ash Wednesday as a priest. When I was walking back from the Church after my third "Ash Wednesday Prayer Service," carrying a bowl of ashes in my hand, a car pulled up next to me in the parking lot. The mother rolled down her window, stuck her head out the car, pointed to her forehead and said, "Father, I know I'm late for ashes – but I have to get to the store. Can you give me ashes?" From that drive-up experience I said, "There has got to be a better way!"

Ash Wednesday is a powerful day in our Church – a call to prayer and reflection, humbly placing ourselves before God as we ask for the grace of conversion in our lives. It is my hope that this Ash Wednesday can truly be a prayerful experience for the many people who wish to come and participate in this sacramental sign that heralds the beginning of Lent. We will be distributing ashes during the Masses which we have scheduled for the day: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., and 7:30 p.m. Throughout the course of the rest of the day, ashes will be distributed in the Church, non stop, from 9:00 a.m. until the beginning of the evening Mass at 7:30 p.m. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed, meditative music will be playing and a bulletin containing prayers and reflective readings will be made available. May all who share in this moment of prayer hear the call of God to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.

**Fast and Abstinence.** All Catholics who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and during the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION: THE CHURCH IN NEED**

On Ash Wednesday, there will be votive boxes at the entrances of the church for your special donation to help "The Church in Need." Traditionally this Ash Wednesday collection was taken only for Central and Eastern Europe, but as need increases in other areas of the globe, so does the desire to share our resources with them. The monies collected at this time will be shared among three areas of the world where there is particular need for help:

- Central and Eastern Europe – the collection will help needy families materially and spiritually rebuild churches that have fallen, and support the sisters and brothers who have suffered for the faith
- Latin America- the funds collected will go to promoting solidarity throughout the hemisphere by providing support for pastoral projects in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Africa – the funds will go to assisting African countries where poverty, sickness and political strife prevent people from living in dignity

Thank you for your generosity.

**ELLIOT SPITZER AND THE PRO-ABORTION AGENDA**

Governor Spitzer has introduced a bill entitled ‘Reproductive Health and Privacy Protection Act,’ a bill that would raise abortion to the level of a fundamental right, like the freedom of speech, and would therefore prohibit virtually any restrictions at all. It would prohibit ‘discrimination’ regarding the right to abortion to such an extent that Catholic hospitals could be forced to provide abortions or lose their license to operate. It would prohibit parental notification, expand the over-the-counter availability of the morning-after pill to children of any age and force all insurers to cover abortion for any reason. **Let your voice be known.** Go to the parish website, [www.holyspiritchurch.com](http://www.holyspiritchurch.com) and click onto the link: Fight Governor Spitzer’s Radical Abortion Plan. You will be directed to a page that will help you send an e-mail to our representatives in Albany. **It takes less than a minute – and can save countless lives!**

**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.

**HUNGRY LONG ISLANDERS... HOW CAN THIS BE?**

"Poverty in the United States [and on Long Island] is a wound in the soul of our country [and our region.]"

Poverty in America: A Threat to the Common Good , Catholic Charities USA, 2006 -**Inadequate Government Funding For Child Care** -This information is published by: MICAHA\*: A Campaign to End LI Poverty. To learn more about the MICAHA campaign, contact Dr. Richard Koubek at Catholic Charities (Koubek.richard@catholiccharities.cc ) or Rev. Thomas Goodhue at the LI Council of Churches (LICCHemp@aol.com)

Child care makes it possible for thousands of Long Island parents to work; it is essential to the economic survival of working poor parents. On Long Island, child care is a \$612 million dollar industry that has been estimated to generate almost \$2 in total additional sales for every dollar spent on child care. The quality and funding of child care is determined by a mix of market forces and government policies. The State government determines, county by county, market rates for child care services. For example, the current market rate for Nassau and Suffolk County children, ages 3-5, in regulated child care (family/group family and center-based care) is \$250 a week. The government provides child care subsidies for working poor families. But, because federal and State funding for child care falls short of the need, low-income parents must pay a Family Share (co-payment) for their child care. In Suffolk County, for example, with a current 25% Family Share, a family earning \$40,000 a year would have to pay \$93.26 a week toward the \$250 cost of child care, or \$373 a month. Take a look at this monthly budget for a family of four earning \$40,000 year. Where can they reduce or eliminate spending in order to find \$373 to pay their Family Share of child care? Will they have to choose between buying food and paying for child care? Will they seek help at a food pantry? (Note: One option is to use an unregulated, possibly unsafe, illegal provider who may be cheaper)

<b><u>Budget Item</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly Expenditure</u></b>
Food .....	\$420
Rent (2 bedroom apartment, with utilities) .....	\$1,304
Telephone .....	\$65
Auto maintenance: gas, insurance, repairs, loan .....	\$434
Clothes .....	\$140
Miscellaneous: household, personal hygiene, bedding, etc. ....	\$350
Federal/state taxes .....	\$670
Monthly Total .....	:\$3,333

Sources: The Child Care Industry: An Integral Part of Long Island’s Economy, Rauch Foundation, 2004, Pp 3,4. NYS Office of Children & Family Services Child Care