

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

JESUS SAYS “WHEN YOU GIVE ALMS” - OUR THIRD LENTEN CHALLENGE

Jesus gives us our three Lenten challenges in the Ash Wednesday Gospel. This week’s challenge is this: “*When you give alms do not blow a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do.*” Matthew 6:2

In our parish we try to focus on this Ash Wednesday challenge by tithing our income and also offering God some of our Time and Talents to tangibly acknowledge that everything we have is first and foremost God’s free gift to us. In the Sacred Scriptures God calls on us to return to Him the first fruits, a Tithe of our income. We do this first in our weekly parish offering where God enables us, as Jesus’ disciples, to personally participate here in our parish in His sacred work with the Time and Talents and Treasure (Income) that He gives us.

People who faithfully Tithe give witness that their tithing, their giving alms, is before all else about their personal relationship with God, and only after that, about helping God’s church do His work. Many of us have heard this good message from tithers and we faithfully contribute half of our 10% Tithe to our parish each week. Some of us too, have increased our parish offering and are moving closer to tithing our income, but not all at once. Our parish rejoices in all these great acts of faith in God’s care.

I encourage you, especially now in Lent, to realize that tithing our Time, our Talent and our Income is above all else about our personal relationship with God. It is linked together with our Prayer and Fasting. When you prepare your Sunday collection envelope each week, please pause and tell God that you are making a big sacrifice in your gift to Him, even ahead of your other financial obligations, because you are grateful for everything He does for you every day. Thank God too, that your generous offering helps your parish do His sacred work here in our community.

Listening to Tithing witnesses has helped me make my own personal Tithing much more about placing all my faith in God and not just about making charitable contributions. I hope and pray that you too see your more generous giving as being all about your personal response to God, putting greater faith and trust in His care for you.

Our parish has the responsibility to do God’s sacred work: We worship God here; God’s Word is preached and taught to our people here; people in need receive God’s help here. All the people working and volunteering here, this holy parish ground here, even our parish buildings here - God uses all of us and everything here for His sacred purpose when we offer our Treasure, Time and Talent to Him.

The other half of our financial Tithe supports special parish projects, our diocese and the Church across the world. Our **Partners in Faith** pledges are great examples of that. We can also help people personally and through worthy charities with our money, our Time and Talents. All this returns to God the first fruits, the Tithes, of everything He gives us every day.

Thank you for your greater generosity which I pray is helping you have stronger faith in God and helping our parish to do more of God’s work in our community. May we continue responding to Jesus with all our Lenten Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving preparing us to renew our Baptismal promises to Jesus at this Easter.

God Bless, Father Herb

TITHING

February 14-20, 2016 (Extreme Cold) \$13,855.00
Same Week Last Year: (Snow) \$11,748.00

Words of Tithing from the Pews:

From the Pastor: Generosity in our hearts is a sign of God’s presence within us. This is part of the Light our Lord asks us to shine into the darkness around us. Thank you for your sacrifice of Tithing. Thank you for your Lenten Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving (Tithing).

Words on tithing from the Pews: Tithing has been a blessing for me. Returning to God a part of my income made me realize that I must also give more of my time to people around me.

Thank you for your sacrifice of Tithing!

MASS ATTENDANCE

Mass attendance for February 13/14: 1709 (Extreme Cold)

**“WELCOME HOME” THIS MONDAY CONFESSIONS
FOR LENT-7:00PM-8:30PM**

This week only, our Lenten Monday Confessions will instead move to Tuesday as part of our Parish Mission. This is a wonderful opportunity to come to Confession as a family or to invite a friend who has not had the opportunity to go to Confession in some time. Don’t be afraid! Information will be provided. Ask the priest to help you. Experience the gracious mercy of God!
www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org.

**ADORATION CHAPEL-ADORERS ESPECIALLY
SATURDAY, SUNDAY & MONDAY
PLEASE COME TO BE WITH JESUS!**

We need an Adorer for the following hours: Sunday at 2 PM, Monday at 2 PM & Saturday at 7 PM. Please consider signing up to spend an hour with Jesus or even perhaps becoming a substitute. Please call Kim Arminio if you can help – 973-402-1289. “What I really prefer is adoration in the evening. In the evening between 7 & 8 PM, I stay in front of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour in adoration.” Pope Francis had told us.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FEBRUARY 29-MARCH 6

MONDAY 2 Kings 5: 1-15ab
Gospel: Luke 4: 24-30

TUESDAY Daniel 3: 25, 34-43
Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35

WEDNESDAY Deuteronomy 4: 1, 5-9
Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-19

THURSDAY Jeremiah 7: 23-28
Gospel: Luke 11: 14-23

FRIDAY Hosea 14: 2-10
Gospel: Mark 12: 28-34

SATURDAY Hosea 6: 1-6
Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14

SUNDAY Joshua 5: 17-21
2 Corinthians 5: 17-21
Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

SANCTUARY LAMPS/FLOWERS



You may have the Sanctuary Candles in the Church, Chapel or Adoration Chapel burn in memory of a loved one (\$10.00 donation), roses at the Tabernacle (\$10.00 donation), or flowers at the altar (\$50.00 Donation). Please call or stop into the rectory office.

February 28-March 5, 2016

Sanctuary Lamp in the Church is for the People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp in Mary’s Daily Chapel is for Anthony & Marie Perrone

Sanctuary Lamps in the Adoration Chapel are for Gregory Loff, Charles Hathaway, Richard Locilento, In Thanksgiving

Tabernacle Roses in the Church:

Altar Flowers:

SAVE THE DATES FOR OUR

PARISH LENTEN MISSION-THIS WEEK NOW

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29-7:30PM,

TUESDAY, MARCH 1-7:30PM (With Confessions) &

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2-7:00PM-Closing Mass

HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

“YOU ARE PETER.” - WE ARE PETER!

Presented by Msgr. Chris DiLella

It’s Here Now!

We have transportation if you need it. Please call Millie at 973-335-8035.

K OF C PANCAKE BREAKFAST-SUNDAY MARCH 6

The Parsippany Knights of Columbus, Council 3680, is having an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast on Sunday March 6 from 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon at our All Saints Academy cafeteria. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, donuts, coffee, tea and orange juice. \$7/adults, \$5/senior citizens and \$3 children 4-10 years old. Children under 4/free.

SAINT PETER’S GOLDEN AGE-MARCH 7

Saint Peter’s Golden Age will meet at the Community Center on **Monday, March 7** at 11:00 AM – All are welcome!

MARTHA MINISTRY

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2016- TEAM 4

Lucille Cicitta, Dorothy Sanzone,
Jane Johnson, Christina Smith

MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 29-MARCH 6, 2016

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2016

6:45AM – Gertrude D’Souza

8:00AM – Hamplish Meracado (4th Anniv.), Elizabeth & Ed Patterson, Special Intention for Marie Cardone

7:00PM – People of the Parish

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016

6:45AM – Kathleen Tillyer

8:00AM – Antoinette & Lawrence DiBello

7:00PM – Dora Corpuz (1st Anniv.), Special Intention for Marie Cardone

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016

6:45AM – Deceased Deacons of the Parish

8:00AM – Enrico Ferrera

7:00PM – Francis X. Wrenn, Sr. (**Parish Mission Mass**)

THURSDAY, March 3, 2016-St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin

6:45AM – Deceased Priests of the Parish

8:00AM – Special Intention for Fr. Ron Sordillo

7:00PM – Special Intention for Fr. William Santeliz

FRIDAY, March 4, 2016-St. Casimir – World Day of Prayer

6:45AM – Special Intention for Fr. Babu

8:00AM – Special Intention for Msgr. Chris

10:00AM – Special Intention for Msgr. Herb, Fr. Joe & Fr. Tim

7:00PM – Special Intention for Fr. Yojan

SATURDAY, March 5, 2016

8:00AM – Enrico Ferrera, Rafaela Antonio Navea, Sr., Leoncia Mesiona

5:30PM – Charles SanFilippo, Ann Cywinski (14th Anniv.), James Gallagher

7:00PM – Javier Zapata, Leonel Vasquez Solano, Special Intention For Miguel Ferrer Alvarez

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016 – 4th Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM – Cresenzo DiLella, Louis Frontera

9:00 AM – Helen Clayton, Mary Lubrano, George Sowinski

10:30 AM – Amber Nicole & Francis Kinney, Jr., John Olsavsky, Jr., Jean Jackson

12:00 PM – Carroll & Skoczylas Families, Frank Guarino, Enrico Ferrera

7:00PM – Harry Wiedner

BAD WEATHER COLLECTIONS

THANK YOU FOR MAKING UP YOUR OFFERING

Already in 2016 we have experienced the great blizzard weekend and the weekend of the extremely cold polar blast.



Many of us were legitimately unable to come to Mass on one or both of these difficult weekends because of the dangerous weather conditions. It is always important to be careful and prudent when such weather events happen. Naturally, of course, this put quite a big dent in our parish collection contributions on both of these severe weekends. So we thank our many parishioners who generously made up your weekly donation on the weekends after these weather emergencies. We spend a lot of money on these weekends to do a good job cleaning the snow and preventing ice from endangering you here at the parish. We lose major collection contributions because of the weather and we spend more money for storm clean up. But your kindness to remember and contribute your weekly offering afterwards for the weeks you had to stay home is a very big help to pay for both our regular weekly bills and clearing snow and ice. Thank you again for being so aware and responsive to these emergency situations. Your generous response makes all the difference.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH – FEB. 28-MARCH 5, 2016

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016

Simple Meal Sign-up – Narthex
Msgr. Chris to Speak at Masses on Parish Mission – Church
Blessing of Expectant Parents - Church
8:00AM – Men’s Basketball – Parish Center
9:00AM – Children’s Gospel Program – Church Hall
10:15AM – Sunday CCD – School
11:00AM – Food Pantry Distribution - School
12:30PM – CYO Basketball – Parish Center
5:30PM – 10th Grade Confirmation Class in Chapel

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2016

10:30AM – Parish Staff Meeting – Rectory
10:30AM – Troy Hills Nursing Home Service
1:00PM – ASA Reconciliation - Church
4:15PM – Monday CCD - School
6:00PM – CYO Basketball – Parish Center

7:30PM – Parish Mission – Church

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016

10:00AM – Peanuts Playgroup – Church Hall
4:00PM – Children’s Choir – Church/Church Hall
6:00PM – CYO Basketball – Parish Center
7:15PM – Tuesday CCD – School

7:30PM – Parish Mission & Confessions - Church

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016

6:00PM – CYO Basketball – Parish Center
7:00PM – Boy Scouts – Cafeteria

7:00PM – Parish Mission – Closing Mass - Church/Church Hall

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2016

6:00PM – CYO Basketball – Parish Center
7:30PM – Spanish Choir – Chapel
7:30PM – Adult Choir – Church/Church Hall
8:30PM – Men’s Basketball – Parish Center

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2016

10:00AM – ASA First Firday Liturgy – Church
6:00PM – Simple Lenten Meal – Church Hall
6:00PM – Girl Scouts - Cafeteria
6:00PM – Begin Again - Convent
6:00PM – CYO Basketball – Parish Center
6:30PM – Girl Scout Troop 96097 – CCD Office
7:30PM – Caregivers Support Group - Convent

7:30PM – Stations of the Cross –English – Church

7:30PM – Indian Prayer Group – Chapel

8:15PM – Stations of the Cross – Spanish - Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016

8:30AM – Polish School – School
1:00PM – CYO Basketball – Parish Center
4:00PM – Confessions – Church
5:30PM – Palm Cross Sale – Narthex
Food Pantry Open House for One Half Hour After Mass - School
7:30PM – AA – Church Hall
8:00PM – Indian Sports – Parish Center

JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF TO HEALING

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP – MARCH 8-MARCH 29

The death of a loved one is the most difficult life experiences one can have. Often sharing with others helps us cope with the myriad of emotions we are experiencing. St. Peter’s is offering a Bereavement Support Group to journey with those who have lost a loved one. **The group gathers on Tuesdays from Feb. 23 6 weeks (excluding March 1st for our Parish Mission) from 7:30-9 PM in the Convent.**

The weekly sessions will include: - the grieving process - how to cope with life changes - how to cope with my feelings - dealing with the holidays - the gift of memories - How grief affects my relationship with God. If you know of someone who would find our group helpful, please invite them. If you have any questions, kindly call Sr. Sylvia at 973-334-2090.

*For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose
under heaven...*

...a time to born

...a time to die

...a time to heal

Fr. Babu, Fr. William Santeliz, Lisa Calabrese

...a time to love

“...and a time of peace.” Ecclesiastes 3:11

BINGO

FEBRUARY 28, 2016 – BINGO

TEAM B – MARY ANN CISTARO

POWERBALL #1 \$255

LET’S GO THIS SPRING TO

SPAIN, FRANCE & ITALY APRIL 11-21, 2016

Our parish is sponsoring a European trip to the exciting city of Barcelona, Spain and then on to Lourdes, where Mary visited with Saint Bernadette. We travel to Nice and visit Monte Carlo from there. Leaving France, we go to Northern Italy to Stresa on Lake Maggiore the Italian/Swiss Lake district. After a full day visiting islands at Lake Maggiore, we go to Milan for our last full day. The next morning we fly home from Milan. Many places on this itinerary we have probably never visited before.

Please call or stop at the Rectory for a beautiful trip brochure. Please speak directly with the travel agency, Nuovo Tours at 973-882-0021, if you wish.

OPEN HOUSE

COME VISIT OUR FOOD PANTRY – MARCH 5/6

Saint Peter the Apostle has had a Food Pantry for over 30 years. It is in the school building at the back of the building addition.

Please come to our Open House and have a look. We will be there for ½ hour after every Mass on the weekend of March 5th and March 6th.

See what we are all about and how your monthly generosity with food and money helps about fifty families a month.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS – MARCH 10TH

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, March 10 at St. Christopher’s Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany at 7:30 PM in Room 101. Program: “Spring Forward With New Hope” (Sharing Photos of Our Children). Come and let us help each other learn how to begin again. For more information, please call Lily Capriglione at 973-568-4164.

DEADLINE FOR SPRING PRE-CANA-MARCH 27

The deadline for our Spring Pre-Cana is Sunday, March 27th, 2016. If you are planning your wedding for this year and have not signed up yet for Pre-Cana, please call the Rectory for an application.

ADORATION PARKING

JUST FOR ADORERS, PLEASE

Please be advised that the designated parking spaces in front of the Adoration Chapel are for an adorer scheduled to be at the Chapel. When attending Mass, please do not park in the adoration parking spots. Thank you for your cooperation.

ALTAR SERVERS – MARCH 5/6, 2016

5:30PM – Levoyer, Dugan, Cherayil
7:30AM – Torres
9:00AM – Bonadarowicz, Regalado, Adams
10:30AM – Umansky, Coyle, Coyle
12:00PM – Solomon, Brecher, Brecher
7:00PM – Keimel, Gonzales

Youth News

Contact John Cammarata at
spayouthminister@gmail.com

Please visit www.facebook.com/spayouthministry

ASA – A MODEL SCHOOL FOR STEM EDUCATION

VISIT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE:
WWW.ALLSAINTSPAR.ORG

Since its inception in 2009, All Saints Academy has been a forerunner in STEM education in the Parsippany area and Morris County. The subjects of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math are high-focus academic areas that are vital to our future – the future of our region, the future of our country and the future of our children. STEM is everywhere and shapes our daily existence. All Saints Academy provides all students – from preschool to grade eight – with a STEM enriched learning environment. Critical thinking and problem solving skills, creativity, teamwork, learning through process and challenge, innovation and global insight are key elements in student-centered STEM education. All Saints Academy teachers and staff are uniquely prepared to develop and implement lessons that combine the traditional elements of math, science and technology and interface them with the engineering design process. And all of this is done in a faith filled environment that places a paramount value on Christian ideals. From February 28 through March 2, All Saints Academy will participate in a specific STEM Education evaluation protocol with AdvancEd. A team of professional STEM education leaders will visit All Saints with the goal of our school earning *STEM Certification* on a national level. To learn more about All Saints Academy and STEM Education, contact our school principal, Mrs. Judy Berg at 973-334-4704.

PIZZA NIGHTS WITH THE BISHOP – MARCH 1 & 17

Pizza with the Bishop is on Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 PM at Morris Catholic. The next Pizza Night with Bishop will be on Thursday, March 17 at 7 PM at Pope John XXIII High School in Sparta. All young men of high school age are invited to participate in the evening of prayer, discussion and fraternity with Bishop Serratelli and other young men as well as priests from around the diocese. If you know of someone who may be interested, please ask them to call the Vocation Office at 973-777-8818, ext. 711 or by email at jbrogan@patersondiocese.org.

OUTREACH CORNER

A parishioner needs a ride to the 5:30 PM Mass on Saturday; please call the Rectory if you can help. Thank you.
A parishioner is looking for a full bed. Please call the Rectory.

SAINT PETER’S BOOK CLUB-APRIL 18



Saint Peter’s Book Club will meet on Monday, April 18, 2016 at 7:30 PM in the Church Hall. We will discuss the book, *The Light Between Oceans* by M. L. Stedman. Coffee and dessert will be served. Everyone is welcome to join us.

LENTEN CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROJECTS

Just want to give another update on what’s happening with our Lenten Simple Meal and Random Acts of Mercy. In the spirit of Lent, almost 50 people joined us for our second Simple Meal. All seemed to enjoy it. The proceeds total \$1,305!!! Thank you so much in the name of the Haitian people. Let’s continue to make a difference in the lives of the poorest of the poor.
It was wonderful to see our “Random Acts of Mercy” being brought to the altar with the bread and wine at Mass. Remember to jot down your Random Acts of Mercy as you enter church and place them in the basket. Hopefully, we are looking around to see where we can find Jesus and reach out to Him in people we meet.

SOMETHING NEW FOR SPRING!-MAY 6-PARISH TALENT SHOW

Save the date! On May 6th, Saint Peter’s will hold its first talent show. All parishioners are invited to participate and share their unique talents. You can sing a song, tell a few jokes (good tastes of course!), perform magic tricks, do a dance or anything else that will entertain, inspire or amaze your fellow parishioners. It can be a classic everyone will know, or something you wrote or invented yourself. You can perform alone or with a group of friends.
If you have a talent you would like to share, please contact the rectory office during normal business hours. Once we have enough acts, we’ll schedule a rehearsal or two, and put together a show which we’ll perform on the evening of Friday, May 6th. Don’t be shy! Sign up today.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS-

WE NEED PARTICIPANTS FOR GOOD FRIDAY-MARCH 25

This year our parish will once again pray the Living Stations of the Cross at noon on Good Friday. We invite anyone who has not participated in the past to become part of the group who presents this unique prayer experience every year. No experience or memorization of lines is needed. Young or old, man or woman, strong enough to help lift Jesus on the cross or caring enough to weep with the women of Jerusalem, it doesn’t matter. All you need is a willingness to pray and participate in this solemn commendation of our Lord’s Passion. If you want to help our parish pray in a special way on Good Friday and participate as a character or part of the crowd in the Living Stations of the Cross, please contact the rectory during normal business hours.

FINAL FOUR BEEFSTEAK DINNER – APRIL 2

Join us for a full beefsteak dinner (catered by The Brownstone Restaurant). Includes Cold Antipasto, Pasta, Filet Mignon, Fries, Dessert, Soda and Coffee. BYOB. The NCAA Final Four games will be shown on a huge 144” screen. There will be a 50/50 and additional Raffles available during the event.
Date: April 2, 2016 (Doors open one hour before first game. Dinner served 6:30 PM). **Where:** Parish Center, 189 Baldwin Road, Parsippany. **Cost:** \$50/person. Return this form to the Rectory or place in the collection basket along with your regular contribution envelope.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Email _____

Phone: _____

#of Tickets _____ x \$50 = _____

RSVP NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2016

**Hablando español en
San Pedro Apóstol
28 de febrero de 2016
Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma**

Dios los bendiga, *Pacho Herb*

**PREVENCIÓN DE LA TRATA DE PERSONAS Y LA
ESCLAVITUD**

Atención. El 8 de febrero es el día de Santa Josefina Bakhita, una niña sudanesa que fue esclavizada a la edad de 7 y fue llamada por su captor: *Bakhita*, "Afortunada". Ella experimentó las humillaciones físicas y morales de la esclavitud. Santa Bakhita, fue canonizada en el 2000 y es considerada la patrona de los niños secuestrados y de las víctimas de la trata. Oremos a Santa Bakhita para que proteja a los niños, especialmente aquellos que son explotados sexualmente o como mano de obra. Para recursos de oración, visite: sisteragainstrafficking.org. *Poner fin a la esclavitud es un trabajo de todos.*

Horario de las Misas:

lunes a viernes: 6:45am y 8:00am en inglés
sábado: 5:30 pm en inglés y 7:00pm en español
domingo: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12m y 7:00pm en inglés

Confesiones:

sábado: 4:00pm a 5:00pm
lunes: 7:00pm a 8:30pm (en todas las parroquias de la diócesis)

Mensaje del párroco:

Jesús dice: "Cuando das limosna" – Nuestro tercer reto de Cuaresma

Jesús nos da nuestros tres retos Cuaresmales en el evangelio del Miércoles de Ceniza. Esta semana Su reto es éste: "Por tanto, cuando hagas limosna, no lo vayas trompeteando por delante como hacen los hipócritas" Mateo 6,2

En nuestra parroquia tratamos de enfocarnos en este reto de Miércoles de Ceniza, con el diezmo de nuestros ingresos y ofreciendo nuestro Tiempo y Talento; para reconocer tangiblemente que todo lo que tenemos, Dios nos los da de gratis. En las Sagradas Escrituras, Dios nos invita a que le devolvamos nuestros primeros frutos, el diezmo de nuestro ingreso. Hacemos ésto primero con nuestra parroquia, donde Dios nos invita, como a los discípulos de Jesús, a que personalmente hagamos Su sagrado trabajo con el Tiempo y Talento que El nos ha dado.

La personas que fielmente aportan su diezmo, su limosna es antes que nada en su relación personal con Dios, y solo después de éso, en ayudar a la iglesia de Dios en hacer Su trabajo. Muchos de nosotros hemos escuchado este mensaje de personas que aportan la mitad de su diezmo de 10% a nuestra parroquia. También, algunos de nosotros hemos aumentado nuestra aportación en la colecta y estamos en camino a dar el diezmo de nuestros ingresos; pero no todo de momento. Nuestra parroquia se regocija en estos grandes actos de fe en el cuidado de Dios.

Los exorto, especialmente ahora en la Cuaresma, a darse cuenta que el diezmo de nuestro tiempo, talento e ingreso se debe mayormente a nuestra relación con Dios en Jesús. Está atado a nuestra oración y ayuno. Cuando prepare su sobre para la colecta dominical, deténgase siempre y dígame a Dios, que está haciendo un gran sacrificio en el regalo que le hace, aún antes de cualquier obligación financiera; porque está tan agradecido por todo lo que El hace por usted todos los días. Agradézcale también, que su generosa ofrenda esté también ayudando a su parroquia poder hacer Su sagrado trabajo, aquí en nuestra comunidad.

Escuchar a los que dan el diezmo, me ha ayudado a que mi propio diezmo sea de poner toda mi fe en Dios y no sólo una contribución caritativa. Yo espero y oro que usted vea su más generosa ofrenda, como una respuesta a los caminos de Dios, poniendo más fe y confianza en el cuidado que El le tiene.

Nuestra parroquia tiene la responsabilidad de hacer el sagrado trabajo de Dios: aquí se alaba a Dios, aquí se predica y enseña la Palabra de Dios a nuestra gente, aquí se le da la ayuda de Dios a las personas necesitadas. Aquí hay personas que trabajan y ofrecen su trabajo voluntariamente, el suelo sagrado de nuestra parroquia, incluso los edificios de nuestra parroquia – Dios nos usa a todos y todo aquí para Su sagrado propósito, cuando le damos nuestro Tesoro, Tiempo y Talento.

La otra mitad de nuestro diezmo apoya proyectos especiales en nuestra parroquia, nuestra diócesis y la Iglesia alrededor del mundo. Las ofrendas de nuestros generosos **Compañeros en la fe** son maravillosos ejemplos de ésto. Y personalmente ayudamos a personas y caridades con nuestro dinero, nuestro tiempo y talentos. Todo ésto es devolverle a Dios los primeros frutos de todo lo que El nos provee diariamente.

Gracias por su gran generosidad, la cual oro lo lleve a una fe más fuerte en Dios, al igual que ayuda a nuestra parroquia poder hacer más de la obra de Dios. Que podamos continuar respondiendo a Jesús con nuestra oración, ayuno y limosna durante la Cuaresma, preparándonos para renovar nuestras promesas Bautismales a Jesús en esta Pascua.

**LECTURA REFLEXIÓN 068
EL PESO DE LA ORACIÓN**

Una mujer humildemente vestida, con un rostro que reflejaba sufrimiento y derrota, entró a una tienda. Se acercó al dueño y avergonzada, le preguntó si podía llevarse algunas cosas a crédito. Con voz suave le explicó que su esposo estaba muy enfermo y que no podía trabajar; tenían siete niños y necesitaban comida.

El dueño, inflexible, le pidió que abandonara su tienda. Pero la mujer pensando en su familia continuó rogándole: ¡Por favor señor! Se lo pagaré tan pronto como pueda. El dueño se excusó diciendo que no podía darle crédito ya que no tenía una cuenta de crédito en su tienda.

Cerca del mostrador se encontraba un cliente que escuchó la conversación entre el dueño de la tienda y la mujer.

El cliente se acercó y le dijo al dueño de la tienda que él se haría cargo de lo que la mujer necesitara para su familia, pero éste no le hizo caso.

Se dirigió a la mujer y le preguntó: ¿Tiene usted una lista de compra? Si señor, respondió ella.

Está bien, ponga su lista en la balanza y lo que pese su lista, se lo daré yo en comestibles.

La mujer titubeó por un momento y cabizbaja, buscó en su cartera un pedazo de papel y escribió en él. Luego temerosa, puso el pedazo de papel en la balanza.

Al hacerlo la balanza bajó de golpe, como si hubiera puesto sobre ella una roca o un pedazo de hierro. Los ojos del dueño y cliente se llenaron de asombro. Tal como había dicho, el dueño comenzó a poner comestibles al otro lado de la balanza, pero ésta no se movía, así que continuó poniendo más y más comestibles, pero como la balanza nunca se igualaba, no aguantó más y agarró el pedazo de papel para ver si había algún truco. El dueño miró el papel y lo leyó asombrado. No era una lista de compra, era una oración que decía: "Querido Señor, tú conoces mis necesidades, dejo esta situación en tus manos". El dueño de la tienda le dio a la mujer todos los comestibles que había reunido y se quedó en silencio, mientras la mujer abandonaba la tienda.

"Solo Dios sabe cuánto pesa una Oración"

**CONOCE Y DEFIENDE TÚ FE N 068
PILDORAS CRISTIANAS.....
LA ORACIÓN**

A veces no nos damos cuenta de lo importante que es rezar u orar. Queremos sentir a Dios muy cerca, dicen que así es más fácil ser bueno, es más fácil vivir sereno, contento, confiado. Sin embargo, la verdad no sabemos bien ¿Qué es orar? ¿Cómo se ora? ¿Para qué se ora?

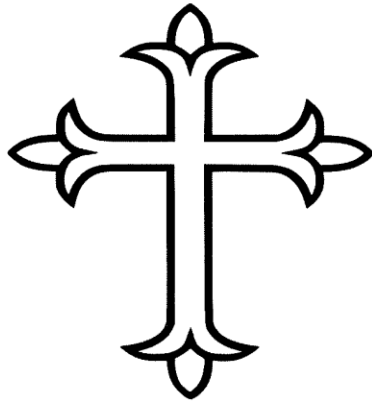
¿QUÉ ES LA ORACIÓN?

- La **ORACIÓN** es elevar el alma a Dios.
- Orar es platicar con Dios.

LA VIDA DE ORACIÓN

- La vida de oración es estar siempre en presencia de Dios. ¿Qué significa esto?
- Significa que **ORAR**, es estar convencido que Dios está contigo y que te está mirando, hagas lo que hagas (trabajar, descansar, estar en familia, comer, sufrir, divertirse...). Tú puedes desde tu corazón platicarle lo que sientes en cada momento. Él te escucha.

**CONTINÚA EL PRÓXIMO SÁBADO... NO TE LAS PIERDAS....
Rev. Yojaneider García-Ramírez**



THE ROSARY/ALTAR SOCIETY

IS TAKING ORDERS FOR GRAVESITE PALM CROSSES

THE COST WILL BE \$8.00 PER CROSS

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE NO.

of Crosses _____ @ \$8.00 each for a total of \$ _____

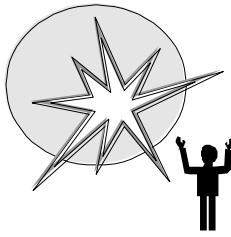
Makes Checks Payable to: The Rosary/Altar Society

Please place your checks in the collection basket or send to the Rectory addressed to the Rosary/Altar Society

The crosses will be available for pick-up in the Narthex after mass starting 3/5 & 3/6 and 3/12 & 3/13

Any Questions please call Liz Dennis at 973-335-4091

Journey Through Grief To Healing



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The purpose of the group is to support those who have experienced the death of a loved one. In a warm and caring atmosphere we will explore ways to better understand and cope with our grief through sharing and discussion. The group meets for six sessions.

DATES: FEBRUARY 23 – MARCH 29 (Excluding March 1st – Our Parish Mission)

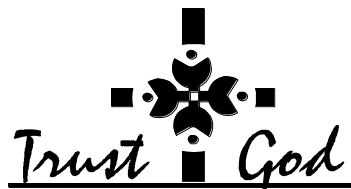
DAY: TUESDAYS

**PLACE: SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE CONVENT
189 BALDWIN ROAD
PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054**

TIME: 7:30 – 9:00 P.M.

FACILITATOR: SISTER SYLVIA BERZINSKI, SSC

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 973-334-2090



Saint Peter the Apostle Church

Final Four Beefsteak Dinner



April 2, 2016

Join us for a full beefsteak dinner (catered by the Brownstone Restaurant) includes Cold Antipasto, Pasta, Filet Mignon, Fries, Dessert, Soda, Bottled Water and Coffee – BYOB

The NCAA Final Four Games will be shown on a huge 144" screen.

There will be a 50/50 and additional Raffles held during the event.

Date: April 2, 2016 (Doors open one hour before first game Dinner served at 6:30 PM).

Where: All Saints Academy Gym (189 Baldwin Road, Parsippany)

Cost: \$50.00 Per Person

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Number of Tickets: _____ x \$50= _____



Please return reservation form to the Rectory – 179 Baldwin Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054 or place in the collection basket along with your regular contribution envelope.

RSVP No Later than Tuesday, March 29th, 2016

Reserved for Rice Bowl – English Version Only