

LAETARE SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - REJOICE

PLEASE COME TO MASS EVERY WEEK AND INVITE A FRIEND TO COME WITH YOU!

Today, on Laetare Sunday, Lent's Sunday of Joy, we are hopefully still persevering in our Lenten works of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving charity. We are preparing our hearts now to celebrate the great mysteries of our salvation in Holy Week and Easter. Every year in Lent, we commit ourselves to get ready for Easter again when we will renew our baptismal promises to Our Lord. As we move closer to these great feasts in April, please come to be with Jesus and with our parish community for Mass every weekend. **Please commit or recommit yourself to making your participation at weekend Mass the keystone and the rock on which you build your relationship with Our Lord and with our parish.** We constantly encourage this in all our religious education programs, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and at every opportunity we have to speak and pray with each other. Everyone who ministers in our parish joins our priests and deacons in trying our best to make our weekend Masses the very heart and soul of everything we are about here in our parish.

Every one of us need each other to be here at Mass every weekend because this is what Jesus expects from every one of us. Please, please receive this consistent and insistent message as Good News, as gentle encouragement, as an affirming reminder of how absolutely important, necessary and wonderful your personal presence and active participation are for our parish liturgy every weekend.

Please remember, when you and I are not at weekend Mass, Jesus misses us! He expects us to be there with Him! As a priest, when I am not here people notice that I am missing. But your presence or your absence are just as noticeable and important to Jesus as mine is. Do you remember that one lost sheep in St Luke's Gospel (Luke 15: 1-7)? That lost sheep is you or me whenever we deliberately miss Mass. The Lord wants us all here for Mass with Him because of how much He loves every one of us. When I say we are missed, I mean that Jesus misses us because God Our Father wants us here with Jesus His Son every weekend at Mass. The Third Great Commandment is The Father's own commandment to Keep Holy the Lord's Day.

Our personal presence is also important because our parish community is not as strong when we aren't here at Mass. When someone who usually comes to the same Mass isn't in their usual seat because of illness, vacation or other reason, people really do notice and often they inquire with the priests about the missing person. They pray for someone who is sick or away. This means we realize that we are actually a parish community, a family. We are trying to be a parish family in the Lord, so that every person's presence and participation is very important to Jesus and to all of us. We want everyone here so that we are always becoming a stronger community of disciples, so that we will offer better worship and praise to Our Lord at every parish Mass.

With all this in mind, please try to bring a family member or a friend with you to Mass next Sunday, and then on Palm Sunday, on Easter Sunday and every Sunday. Pray about it first and then ask someone who doesn't come to Church very often. Parishioners do this. Some of you bring friends and neighbors here. Wonderful things happen to some people who have been away from Church. They have been finding our Lord and our Catholic Church in their lives again. Usually this begins with coming to weekend Mass, **because of your gentle invitations.** So don't be afraid! Count on the Holy Spirit to be with you! Invite someone to come with you to our weekend Mass. Bring them with you. Please pray that our Sunday Mass attendance increases because we are here ourselves and because we are gently inviting our family, neighbors and friends to join us. May our parish community grow stronger in the Lord every week, especially in the weekend Mass.

God Bless, Father Herb

WORDS OF TITHING FROM THE PEWS:

From the Pastor: God gives us Himself. God gives us everything. It is a blessing to give Him back my Tithing gift each week as a small return for everything I receive. Please faithfully join me in giving back our first fruits – never the leftovers – to Jesus for His Church

Words on tithing from the Pews: It is simple to Tithe: you give back 10 percent of what you earn to the source of your spiritual life. It's done for the joy of giving. When you lovingly contribute, the abundance starts to come to you in many ways.

Sunday Collections This February (4Weekends): \$64,947.76

Sunday Collections Last February (4Weekends): \$68,533.24

This is a \$3,585.48 decrease.

Faith Direct Parishioners: 105

Thank you for your Tithing sacrifices!

MASS ATTENDANCE

Mass attendance for March 18/19: 1711

GOOD FRIDAY LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

WE NEED PARTICIPANTS – APRIL 14



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 that presents this unique prayer experience every year. No experience or memorization of lines is needed. Young or old, man or women, strong enough to help lift Jesus on the cross or caring enough to weep with the women of Jerusalem, it doesn't matter. All we need is a willingness to pray and participate in this solemn commendation of Our Lord's Passion. If you can help, please contact the rectory during regular business hours (973-334-2090). Thank you!

SCRIPTURE READINGS MARCH 27-APRIL 2

MONDAY	Isaiah 65: 17-21 Gospel: John 4: 43-54
TUESDAY	Ezekiel 47: 1-9, 12 Gospel: John 5: 1-16
WEDNESDAY	Isaiah 49: 8-15 Gospel: John 5: 17-30
THURSDAY	Exodus 32: 7-14 Gospel: John 5: 31-47
FRIDAY	Wisdom 2: 1a, 12-22 Gospel: John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30
SATURDAY	Jeremiah 11: 18-20 Gospel: John 7: 4--53
SUNDAY	Ezekiel 37: 12-14 Romans 8: 8-11 Gospel: John 11: 1-45

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.

March 26-April 1, 2017

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

Sanctuary Lamp in Mary's Daily Chapel is for the Lucille Bonfanti

Sanctuary Lamps in the Adoration Chapel are for the Special Intention of Marleen Carabello, Lena Marotto, In Thanksgiving

WHAT KIND OF FASTING IS THE LORD ASKING FOR US?

"This is the kind of fasting I have chosen... to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor with shelter" Isaiah 58:7
In Lent God shows His great love for us in Jesus. This when we want to align ourselves more closely with the Suffering Jesus. We can do that by following the suggestion of the Prophet Isaiah through our Lenten Christian Service Project, which has become a tradition for our parish.

Our Good Samaritans are sponsoring a "Simple Soup-er Meal" on Friday **April 7th from 5:00 – 7:00 PM in the Church Hall**. We invite you and your family to share in this meal and ask that you kindly make a good-will offering. All donations buy items for children in the New Jersey Battered Women's Shelter in our area. Besides helping these children, we remind ourselves that many needy people do not even have this simple meal to share.

Let us come together as a parish and let this be "the kind of fasting we have chosen".

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DURING LENT

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked us to become more aware of the many small and sometimes unnoticed opportunities we have to extend kindness and mercy to others...walking the extra mile...going out of our way. This can begin with our family, friends, our neighborhood and beyond.

Before Mass, baskets and note paper are on tables as you enter church. Briefly jot down a Random Act of Kindness you have done or received and place it in the basket. You can also write your Random Act of Kindness at home and bring it to church. When the gifts of Bread and Wine are brought to the altar, our Acts of Kindness will accompany them. This is a beautiful way to keep focused on Jesus during Lent and serves as a reminder that He is always in our midst in the presence of others.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR- MARCH 27-APRIL 2

MONDAY, March 27th

6:45AM – Joseph Ov

8:00AM – Ashley Cistaro (1st Anniv.), Special Intention for Mike Tella

7:00PM – People of the Parish

TUESDAY, March 28th

6:45AM – Paul Ryan (1st Anniv.), Joseph Ov

8:00AM – Special Intention for the Priests of the Parish

7:00PM – Special Intention for the Deacons of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, March 29th

6:45AM – Joseph Ov

8:00AM – Michael D' Ambola *12th Anniv.)

7:00PM – Peg Ryan

THURSDAY, March 30th

6:45AM – Florian Sanchez, Joseph Ov

8:00AM – Rose Mercurio, Cindy Verdon-Schieder

7:00PM – Loretto Abrenica, Sr.

FRIDAY, March 31st

6:45AM – Joseph Ov

8:00AM – Patricia Ann Behnke

7:00PM – Msgr. William Wanerka

SATURDAY, April 1st

8:00AM – Jonathan Freidinger, Stephanie Travers, Joseph Ov

5:30PM – Marge Maturo, Catherine Slater, Gladys Moran, Barbara Dianuzzo

7:00PM – Ruth Rosa Martinez, Clara Lopez, Molinares, Mejia & Barros Romero

SUNDAY, April 2nd - Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30AM – Kathleen Lindsay, Robert, George & George J. Harold, Louis Frontera

9:00AM – Tomaselli Family, Special Intention for Ella Rodriguez, Costanza & Gerard Masiello

10:30AM – Maureen Brodiuk, Josephine Corforte, Roseann Zarro

12:00PM – Thomas Smail, Sr., Diane Kogut, Michael Masiello, Sr. & Jr., Thomas Uhoda

7:00PM – Daniel Fitzgibbons (1st Anniv.), Joseph Ov, Benbrigido Sapnet

THIS WINTER'S SNOW REMOVAL ENVELOPE



When I opened my 2 month church envelope packet at the end of February, the first envelope inside was for "Snow Removal". Right away I thought, gee, we really didn't get that much snow this winter. But then our big and late snowstorm hit us two weeks ago on Tuesday, March 14th. The snow plowers were here for 2 days. They did a good job cleaning the snow for us.

So with that late and unexpected snow removal expense, after weeks of spring like weather, I am not embarrassed now to have asked for your help and to say a big "thank you" for your kindness to help us pay our big snow removal bill. Fr. Herb.

SAINT PETER'S BOOK CLUB – APRIL 21

Saint Peter's Book Club will meeting on Friday, April 21, 2017 at 7:30 PM in the Church Hall. We will discuss the novel *Saving CeeCee Honeycutt* by Beth Hoffman. Coffee, tea and dessert will be served.

MOUNT ST. DOMINIC OPEN HOUSE – APRIL 26

Mt. St. Dominic Academy located at 3 Ryerson Avenue in Caldwell, will conduct an Open House for girls in the 6th, 7th and 8th and their families on April 26th at 6:30 PM in the Performing Arts Center. Please call 973-226-0660, ext. 1122 with any questions.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH MARCH 26-APRIL 1

SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH

Blessing of Expectant Parents
9:00AM – Children’s Gospel Program – Church Hall
10:15AM – Sunday CCD – School
10:30AM – Food Pantry Client Shopping - School
12:00PM – CYO Basketball – Parish Center
3:00PM – Diocesan Scout Mass/Fellowship – Church
5:30PM – 10th Grade Class - Chapel
5:30PM – Bingo – Parish Center

MONDAY, MARCH 27TH

10:30AM – Parish Staff Meeting – Rectory
4:15PM – Monday CCD - School
6:00PM – CYO Basketball – Parish Center
7:00PM – RCIA – Rectory

7:00PM – Reconciliation (Penance) – Church

TUESDAY, MARCH 28TH

8:30AM – Adult Lenten Faith Formation – Church Hall
10:00AM – Peanut’s Playgroup – Church Hall
11:30AM – Care One Prayer Service – Deacon Peter
4:00PM – Children’s Choir – Church/Church Hall
6:00PM – CYO Basketball – Parish Center
7:00PM – Ancient Order of Hibernians – Church Hall
7:15PM – Tuesday CCD – School
7:30PM – Bereavement Support Group - Convent
7:30PM – New Eucharistic Minister Training - Church
7:30PM – Adult Lenten Faith Formation – Rectory
9:00PM – CYO Coach’s Basketball – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29TH

6:00PM – CYO Basketball – Parish Center
7:00PM – Boy Scouts Troop 72 - Cafeteria
7:30PM – Bible Sharing – Church Hall

THURSDAY, MARCH 30TH

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 31ST

5:00PM – Fish ‘n’ Chips Dinner – School Cafeteria
6:30PM – Girl Scouts – Room 104
7:00PM – Pre-Cana – Church Hall

SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST

8:30AM – Polish School – School
4:00PM – Penance – Church
7:30PM – AA – Church Hall
8:00PM – Indian Community Sports – Parish Center

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Training for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion **has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 28th at 7:30 PM** in the church. We will train for service in church as well as service to the sick and home bound.

Please call Deacon Bob at 973-887-5057 for more details.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

We need adorers for the 12 Noon on Saturdays & Sundays and 4:00 PM on Wednesdays. Please consider spending time, being with Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Substitutes are also needed. The spirit of sacrifice is the spirit of Christianity. Jesus sacrificed everything. Will you make a sacrifice of your time for Him? Call Kim at 973-886-6334.

MARTHA MINISTRY- FRIDAY, MARCH 31 – TEAM 4

Lucille Cicitta, Dorothy Sanzone, Jane Johnson,
Christina Smith, Genevieve Kulik

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

...a time to born

...a time to die

Theodore Polakowski

...a time to heal

Fr. Leo Carey, Fr. Ron Sordillo,

Noah Lorencovitz, Marie Pasquale, Kenneth Kozub

...a time to love

Peter Chin & Karan Chan

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

SAINT PETER’S GOLDEN AGE-APRIL 3-11AM

Saint Peter’s Golden Age will meet at the Community Center on **Monday, April 3, 2017** at 11:00 AM – All are welcome!

We will be having a trip to the Sands in Pennsylvania on Thursday, March 30th. For more information, call Joe or Jackie at 973-335-1209.

**PROGRESS FOR OUR MOVING FORWARD
GROWING STRONGER TOGETHER PROGRAM**

Our parish’s increased offertory giving program is in progress all this month. Hopefully you received a mailing from our parish with a brochure reviewing our parish ministries, our parish’s current financial statement and a letter from Father Herb (with a decent picture of him). If you didn’t receive this mailing, please call the rectory so that we can send it to you. It may be that we don’t have you registered as a parishioner or there may be some mistake with your address information.

We thank our faithful parishioners who spoke at the Masses about our parish and its ministries. Gino Blanco spoke at all 5 Sunday Masses on Sunday, February 26th while Terry Smail spoke at our Saturday 5:30 PM Mass. Miguel Ferrer and his wife, Maritza, spoke at our 7:00 PM Spanish Mass on Saturday evening. We thank them for their beautiful witness about our parish and its important place in their own lives.

Please continue praying to our Lord Jesus and to His Mother Mary, for good results in this effort to increase our parish collection income so that we can Move Forward and Grow Stronger Together.

We also make the point again, as Father Herb said to us in the pulpit, that we ask you to increase your own collection offering every week only if you possibly can. We emphasize this again – ONLY if you possibly can.

If you have already made your commitment to increase your weekly collection offering, please begin doing that for us now. Thank you.

If you are in our electronic giving program with Faith Direct and you are increasing your collection offering, please call 1-866-507-8757 or email Faith Direct at info@faithdirect.net using our parish code NJ745 to notify them of your increased collection offering so that the change will be made exactly as you have decided. Thank you.

If you haven’t turned in your Commitment Card, you are receiving mailings giving you another opportunity to make your giving decision and return the Commitment Card to our parish.

Thank you for your generosity to our parish, for your participation in our parish ministries and for your prayers. We ask Our Lord to always keep our parish “Moving Forward and Growing Stronger Together”.



ALL SAINTS ACADEMY CORNER

ASA – A Model Early Childhood Center
Currently Accepting Enrollments for September 2017
All Saints Academy hosts an extensive Early Childhood Center that is considered a model setting for young children of the Parsippany area. It includes a PreSchool level for three-year old children, a PreKindergarten program for four-year old children and a full day Kindergarten. The faith-filled environment provides young children with a nurturing setting for a “first school experience.” The early childhood curriculum is developmentally driven, capturing the essence of each child through the integration of spiritual, physical, intellectual and social-emotional components. The teaching team has developed a highly enriched language and mathematics program based on the combination play and pre-academic skills. All early childhood instruction is also infused with the tenets of STEM education. Vibrant teaching and genuine learning occurs through the interweaving of science, technology, engineering and math in daily classroom lessons. There are full and half day sessions available in both the Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten levels. After School care is also available for students of the Early Childhood Center until 6PM. Please contact All Saints Academy’s principal, Mrs. Judy Berg, at 973-334-4704. For information regarding your child’s entry into this fine program.

MAY 2017 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARY’S FATIMA APPEARITIONS - JOURNEY TO FATIMA MAY 21-31, WITH MSGR. HERB - VISIT LISBON, FATIMA, PORTUGAL & SUNNY SPAIN

We make pilgrimage to Fatima with Msgr. Herb for the 100th anniversary of the May 1917 apparitions by Our Lady of Fatima. Flying to Lisbon, we go to Fatima for 2 days with Mass and candlelight processions for our petitions. On to Spain, Seville, sunny Costa Del Sol, (optional to the Rock of Gibraltar), Granada, Avila and Madrid to home.

Pope Francis will visit Fatima for the 100th Anniversary on May 13, only a week before our visit. This is a most special time to visit Our Lady of Fatima. Call or stop at the Rectory for your colorful 4 page daily travel brochure – 973-334-2090. Call the travel agency, Nuovo Tours at 973-882-0021 or Toll Free – 1-844-686-8688.

BIBLE SHARING-THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

Our Lenten Season Bible Sharing continues on March 29th at 7:30 PM in the Church Hall. We will be sharing the Mass readings for Lent and all are invited to attend.

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA – RETREAT MARCH 27-29

Saint Catherine of Siena on N. Pocono Road in Mountain Lakes invites us to the Franciscan Parish Mission with Fr. Kevin Cronin, OFM on Monday, March 27-March 29 at 7:30 PM. The March 29th session will be following a social.

DAY 26 OF LENT

Don’t be daunted by the cross. The surest test of love consists in suffering for the loved one, and if God suffered so much for love, the pain we suffer for Him becomes as lovable as love itself. In the troubles which the Lord bestows on you, be patient and conform yourself gladly to the divine Heart in the knowledge that all is a continual game on the part of your Lover

Remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me hope. This is my comfort in my distress, that your promise gives me life. Psalm 119:49-50

DEPAUL CATHOLIC HS OPEN HOUSE –APRIL 26

DePaul Catholic High School will host an Open House on April 26th from 7:00-8:30 PM. Prospective students in grades 7-11 and their families are invited to attend. To register visit www.depaulcatholic.org, for questions, email admissions@dpchs.org or call Darlene Saporito at 973-694-3702, ext. 442.

CRS RICE BOWL – ENCOUNTER COMMUNITY

We encounter Maria in Mexico, where a community of hardworking women share joys, sorrows and fellowship while growing economic opportunity at a greenhouse. How have your communities helped you encounter Christ anew this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

BISHOP GEORGE AHR HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

Before its 50th Anniversary in 2019, Bishop George Ahr/St. Thomas High School wants to reconnect with all of its alumni. We have a news article on the website at www.bgahs.org asking alumni to update their most recent contact information. Reach us at dchippendale@bgahs.org the alumni office to keep informed of the events planned for our upcoming milestone celebration.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS-APRIL 6

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents will meet on Thursday, April 6 at 7:30 PM in Room 101 at Saint Christopher’s Church on Littleton Road. The program this month is “Dealing With Anger, Guilt and Fear. For more information, call Lily Capriglione at 973-568-4164.

HAPPENING AT SAINT ANN CHURCH – APRIL 28

A trip on April 28 to Sight & Sound Millennium theater in Lancaster, PA to see “Jonah”. \$124/pp which includes shopping at Kitchen Kettle Village, Sight & Sound show, dinner at Shady Maple smorgasbord and transportation. Bus leaves St. Ann’s parking lot at 10AM and return at 10:30 PM. For tickets, call Ginny at 9730884-1986. Seats sell out quickly. Deadline March 26.

ALTAR SERVERS APRIL 1/2, 2017

5:30PM – Arminio, Arminio, Wingard
7:30AM – Torres
9:00AM – Bondarowicz, Bondarowicz, Arnold
10:30AM – Bubay, Bubay, Bubay, Bubay
12:00PM – Sanchez, Sanchez, Marshall
7:00PM – Sevilla, Lim

BINGO – MARCH 26

POWERBALL # 1 \$500 – POWERBALL #2 \$93
TEAM D – PAT BARTLE

OUTREACH CORNER

A woman on Vail Road needs a ride to 12:00 Noon Mass. If you can help, please call the Rectory at 973-334-2090.

Another woman needs a ride to church. If you can help, please call the Rectory at 973-334-2090.

Youth News

Please visit www.facebook.com/spayouthministry

Hablando español en San Pedro Apóstol 26 de marzo de 2017 - Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma: Regocijo

Horario de las Misas:

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

Confesiones:

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

Intenciones de las Misas: Por favor, notificar a la oficina parroquial (973-334-2090) o al sacerdote (Padre Yojan) con una semana de anticipación. El donativo para las intenciones es de \$10.00.

Mensaje del párroco:

¡Por favor venga a Misa todas las semanas y traiga un amigo!

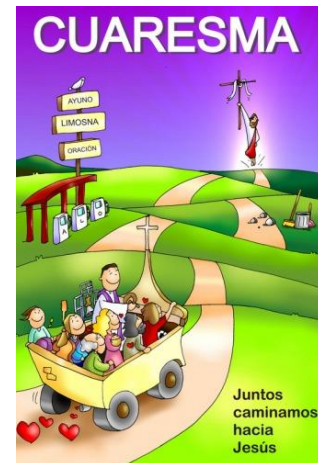
Al celebrar el domingo Laetare, el Domingo de Cuaresma de Regocijo, esperamos estar perseverando en nuestros propósitos Cuaresmales de Oración, Ayuno y Limosna. Estamos preparando nuestros corazones ahora para celebrar los grandes misterios de nuestra salvación en la Semana Santa y Pascua. Todos los años durante la Cuaresma, nos comprometemos a prepararnos para la Pascua nuevamente, donde renovamos nuestras promesas bautismales a Nuestro Señor. A medida que nos acercamos a estas grandes fiestas en abril, por favor venga a compartir con Jesús y nuestra comunidad parroquial en la Misa cada fin de semana. **Por favor, comprométase y recomprométase usted mismo a hacer de su participación en la Misa cada fin de semana, su piedra angular y la roca sobre la que construye su relación con Nuestro Señor y con nuestra parroquia.** Constantemente, fomentamos ésto en todos nuestros programas de educación religiosa, en el Sacramento de la Reconciliación y en cada oportunidad que tenemos de hablar y orar con los demás. Todo el mundo que forma parte de un ministerio en nuestra parroquia, se une a nuestros sacerdotes y diáconos por lograr que nuestras Misas de fin de semana sean el corazón y alma de todo lo que somos aquí en nuestra parroquia.

Cada uno de nosotros nos necesitamos el uno al otro para estar aquí en la Misa cada fin de semana, porque ésto es lo que Jesús espera de nosotros. Por favor, por favor reciba consistente e insistentemente este mensaje como Buena Nueva, como un gentil estímulo, como un recordatorio afirmativo de cuán absolutamente importante, necesaria y maravillosa es su asistencia personal y participación activa en nuestra liturgia parroquial cada fin de semana.

¡Por favor, recuerde, que cuando usted y yo no estamos en la Misa de fin de semana, Jesús nos extraña! ¡El espera que estemos allí con El! Cuando yo como sacerdote no estoy presente, las personas notan mi ausencia. Pero su presencia y ausencia son tan notable e importante como la mía. ¿Recordamos la oveja perdida en el Evangelio? (Lucas 15, 1-7)? Esa oveja es usted y yo cuando deliberadamente perdemos la Misa. El Señor nos quiere a todos en la Misa, por cuanto El nos ama a cada uno de nosotros. Así que cuando digo que realmente somos extrañados, lo que quiero decir es que Jesús nos extraña, porque Dios Nuestro Padre nos quiere aquí con Jesús Su Hijo en Misa todos los fines de semana. El Tercer Mandamiento es el Mandamiento de Dios de mantener Santo el día del Señor.

Nuestra presencia personal es también importante porque nuestra comunidad parroquial disminuye cuando no estamos en Misa. Si alguien que acostumbra ir a la misma Misa no está en su lugar habitual debido a enfermedad, vacaciones u otra razón, la gente lo notan y a menudo le preguntan a los sacerdotes sobre la persona desaparecida. Ellos oran por los que están enfermos o de viaje. Esto significa que nos damos cuenta de ser una comunidad parroquial, una familia. Estamos tratando de ser una familia parroquial en el Señor, de manera que la presencia y participación de cada persona es importante para Jesús y para todos nosotros. Los queremos a todos aquí para cada día poder convertirnos en una comunidad de discípulos más fuerte, para que ofrezcamos mejor adoración y alabanza a Nuestro Señor en cada Misa parroquial.

Con todo ésto en mente, trate de traer a un familiar o a un amigo con usted a la Misa el próximo domingo, y luego el Domingo de Ramos, el Domingo de Pascua y todos los domingos. Póngalo en oración primero y luego invite a alguien que no viene a Misa a menudo. Algunos de ustedes traen amigos y vecinos. Cosas maravillosas les suceden a personas que han estado alejados de la Iglesia. Ellos han estado encontrado nuevamente a nuestro Señor y a nuestra Iglesia Católica en sus vidas. Todo ésto usualmente comienza viniendo a la Misa de fin de semana, **debido a sus gentiles invitaciones.** ¡Así que no tenga miedo! ¡Cuenta con el Espíritu Santo para que esté con usted! Invite a alguien a que le acompañe a nuestra Misa de fin de semana. Tráigalo con usted. Por favor ore para que aumente la asistencia a nuestra Misa dominical porque nosotros mismos estamos aquí y porque gentilmente estamos invitando a familia, vecinos y amigos. Que nuestra comunidad parroquial crezca fortalecida en el Señor cada semana, especialmente en la Misa de fin de semana.



Dios los bendiga, *Padre Herb*



Celebrating Lent and Preparing for Easter
Our Masses First

- Monday – Friday– 6:45 and 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Saturday Mornings – 8:00 AM
- Weekend Masses:

Saturday Afternoons – 5:30 PM. Saturday Evenings – 7:00 PM in Spanish
Sunday Mornings – 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00 Noon
Sunday Evenings – 7:00 PM

Our Confessions - “Be Reconciled to God.” 2Corinthians 5:20

- Monday Evenings – 7:00 PM
In our parish and in every parish in the Diocese for your convenience
- Saturday Afternoon – 4:00 PM

Our Lenten Devotions and Events

- Every Day – All the Time – Our Adoration Chapel in the Convent Building
Spend time – 1 hour if you can - with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament
Call Kim at 973-886-6334 or stpeteradores@optonline.net
- Fridays Evenings – Stations of the Cross – English – 7:30 PM
Stations of the Cross – Spanish – 8:15 PM
- Friday–April 7
5:00 – 7:00 PM – Simple Soup-er Meal – Church Hall
Free Will Donation for Charity

Repent and believe in the Gospel - Ash Wednesday

- Friday, March 31, 2017 – Fish ‘n’ chips Dinner
5:00 – 8:00 PM School Cafeteria (Visit the parish website to Register or see the bulletin)
Adults \$15. Children Under 10 years - \$10 – Under 3 – eat free

- Tuesdays – February 28 – April 11 (7 Tuesdays)
Adult Faith Formation – Living the Commandments and the Beatitudes: For Lent and Beyond with Deacon Peter Cistaro
After the 8:00 AM Mass (Church Hall) Evenings -7:30 PM (Rectory)

- Every Wednesday Beginning March 8 – 7:30 – 9:00 PM
Bible Study – Lenten Mass Readings
Call Deacon Bob – 973-887-5057 or email – ralife8@aol.com

On Your Own Every Day

- Parish Random Acts of Kindness. At weekend Mass, jot down a Random Act of Kindness you did or received during the week. Please put it in the basket at Church. Our Random Acts of Kindness papers are brought to the altar with the gifts of Bread and Wine and the Collection Offering
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www.saintpetertheapostle.org

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