

SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS & MARY R. C. CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 7, 2010

Readings: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

Masses for the Week of Feb 8-14

Monday	12:00	Peter & Roy Cooper & Joseph Zimba
Tuesday	8:15	Christopher Rosselli
Wednesday	12:00	Carmen Pizzarello
Thursday	12:00	Joann Galardi
Friday	12:00	Christopher R. Tooker
Saturday	5:00	Florence DiMonda
Sunday	8:00	Fay Witkowski
	9:30	People of the Parish
	11:00	John Grattan, Anne McCormack, Edward A. Keegan, Marjorie Lipford Howie Meny
	12:30	Spanish Mass
	5:00	Edith Platt

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

FEB 13 5 PM Father Gill

SERVERS C. Kirshy, J. O'Brien, L. Cirillo.
 E.M.'S M. Adamczyk, T. Grimaldi, M. Nietzsche
 LECTOR K. Rothwell

FEB 14 8 AM Father Trench

SERVERS C. Collum, Martin Sisters
 E.M.'S T. Cavallaro, M. Lynch, M. Steinbrecher, J. Taranto
 LECTORS J. Clarke
 GREETERS I Hurley, N. Scanlon, M. Steinbrecher, J. Taranto

9:30 AM Father Madley

SERVERS Arresta Bros., R. Kelly, M. Terry
 E.M.'S G. Arresta, A. Lesta, M. Nugent, C & J Wilson
 LECTOR Sr. M. Assunta
 GREETERS J. Heinz, J & N McCulley

11 AM Father Madley

SERVERS F. Kelly, J. Hanes, M. Kropiwnicki, A. O'Brien, M. O'Connor
 E.M.'S S. Adelante, V. Grattan, P. Jordan, S. McCulley
 LECTOR J. Hanlon
 GREETERS C. Brown, C. Butler, W & B. Miller

5 PM Father Dahm

SERVERS C. Kreyborg, P. Rossi
 E.M.'S K. Maple, S. Oldakowski, K. Rossi
 LECTOR J. Fox

SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL -February 7 – P. Sheerin
 February 14 – P. Jordan

HAMPTONS CENTER – February 5 – 1st Friday Mass-

Fr. Paul Dahm & Sr. M. Assunta

ALTARS - February – M. Lynch, N. Kelly

LINENS - Feb 7-20 – A. Beatty

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

January 31st collection was \$6091.00
 An additional \$244.00 was collected for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. Based on last year's figures our weekly operating expense is \$15,613.00 May God bless you for your continued support and generosity. Thank you, Fr. Jeff.

ALTAR FLOWERS are needed for the weekends of 13/14th of February.



Anyone who would like to donate flowers, please call the Parish office at 283-0097.



Anyone who would like to donate **Altar Candles, Wine or Altar Bread** in memory of a loved one or for a special intention please call the Parish Center at 283-0097.

† WE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED SICK †

Keith O'Brien	Isabelle Lanin-Tanquay	Winnie Chin
John Bishop	Connie Kane	Pat Reinhardt
Howard "Corty" Bishop		Grace McNamara
Gene Travers, Jr.	Suzanne Parillo	Andrea Gulija
Patrick Dermody	Gwendolyn Porter	Robert O'Shea
John Cuccia, Sr.	Jean Smith	Jean Kearns
Jo Counihan	Celestino Gambino	Beth Larkin
Mike Kent	Eileen Finlay	

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JEFF:

Congratulations to the Boy Scouts on their 100th Anniversary! I was a Cub Scout & Boy Scout years ago. They are a great group.

Ash Wednesday is February 17th. Ashes will be distributed at the 8:15 AM, 12 Noon & 7 PM Masses. Anyone who has had trouble opening the Religious Education page on our website should be able to open it now.

Today' Second Collection is for the Church in Need (Latin America, Africa, Central & Eastern Europe)

We will be putting a flyer in the bulletin that asks people to submit questions about their Catholic faith. Fill it out and drop it in the collection.

NEW LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

If anyone would like to become a lector or Eucharistic Minister, please call Father Jeff at the Parish Office. New training is being scheduled for May.

LOST - a small brown suede pouch containing rosary beads was lost in our Church on Monday, January 25th. If you have found this please call the parish center - 283-0097.

PARISH PROGRAMS

FRANCISCANS

The Secular Franciscans meet on the third Sunday of the month, after the 11 AM mass in the Parish Center. Would you like to know what we are all about? Please come to our meeting. Bring a bag lunch and we will supply the coffee.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study Group meets in the 2nd floor meeting room of the Parish Center at 1 PM. Meeting are Tuesdays at 1 PM.

New members are always welcome!

SPIRITUAL BOOK GROUP

The Spiritual Book Group meets every Tuesday from 1-2 PM in the dining room of the Parish Center. New members are always welcome!!

2009 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL UPDATE

We are very grateful to the 134 families who made pledges and gifts.

Amount Pledged: \$43,540.00

Parish Goal: \$50,159.00

Amount to goal: \$6619.00

Any amount over goal will be returned to the parish at 85%.

If you have not made a gift or pledge, it is not too late.

Please do so as soon as possible.

A heartfelt thank you to all those who have made a gift or pledge. With your help, we have reached 98.4% of our goal. We would like to especially thank the families who have made a sacrifice to help those in need.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU



TEEN MUSIC MINISTRY

Currently joins in the Sunday 5 PM Mass every second and fourth weekend of the month. All are welcome to attend this liturgy and join in the celebration.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please check the website for meetings and announcements

www.sacredheartsofjesusandmary.org. Click on Religious Education.

"LIVING MERCY THROUGH MATTHEW'S GOSPEL" RETREAT

March 19th-21st at Mercy Villa, 325 Rose Hill Road, Water Mill

Cost \$125 - includes room and board from Friday evening supper to brunch on Sunday. If you are interested in attending please call Sister Mary Harvey at 726-6543 or email her at mharveryrsm@optonline.net by March 1st.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2010

Is 6:1-2, 3-8; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

The prophet Isaiah heard God's call as he offered sacrifice at the altar. Isaiah felt unworthy to speak God's word. But if Isaiah did not respond, whom would God send? Purged of his sins, Isaiah declared, "Here I am, send me!"

Paul experienced God's call when he set out to persecute the Christians. Paul felt that he as the least among the apostles. Yet he learned to accept God's trust in him. By God's favor, Paul steadfastly preached the gospel that he himself received.

Peter heard God's call while Jesus was proclaiming the word of God in his boat. Like Isaiah and Paul, Peter recognized his own sinfulness and begged Jesus to leave him. Instead, Jesus asked Peter to push out into deeper waters. Because Peter obeyed Jesus' words, he caught a great haul of fish, a sign of his future mission.

Flawed and sinful though we may be, we are called to cast our nets and draw others to the Lord. "Do not be afraid," Jesus says as he sends us to preach the good news.

For reflection: Does a sense of unworthiness prevent me from proclaiming the good news? How can I help my community recognize God's call?

ANNUAL ANGEL TEA

Please mark your calendars now for our Annual **Angel Tea** – **Sunday, April 25** with Sister Pat Duffy. Details will follow in March.



BEREAVEMENT CONFERENCE FOR ALL LOSSES "OPEN MY HEART, O LORD"

Sponsored by Catholic Cemeteries, Diocese of Rockville Centre for the bereaved and those ministering to them will be held on Saturday, March 20th at Kellenberg Memorial High School. There are 61 workshops being offered, breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee of \$50 (by Feb 22nd by mail) \$60 after Feb. 22nd and \$70 walk in. Registration form and brochure may be downloaded from the website www.holyroodcemetery.org. Interested people may also contact Sr. Barbara McKenna, RSM, SHJM Bereavement Coordinator @ 631-949-6770 or email mercmil@optonline.net.

OUR LADY OF THE HAMPTONS

Registration materials leading toward entrance into the kindergarten class for September 2010 are available now at Our Lady of the Hamptons. Candidates must be five years old prior to December 1, 2010. Priority is given to families of current or past students and to parishioners of the three supporting parishes. All applicants are asked to submit the formal applications and to arrange for a personal interview. Call 283-9140 for details. There are limited openings available in grades 1-7.

The students of OLH have joined the global community in reaching out to the people of Haiti. A total of \$3001.14 was raised by a bake sale and personal sacrifice money. A school-wide Chinese Auction will take place this week to send a contribution to missionary nuns whose school was destroyed in Port au Prince. Catholic Schools Week was celebrated at OLH with tremendous support of the local community at all the special events. The administration and student body are grateful for all who attended the Family Supper and Pancake Breakfast.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN FOR THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND



Last weekend began a a Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit The Life Center of Long Island. The Life Center is a crisis pregnancy center that counsels women and men who are experiencing an

unplanned pregnancy. They provide maternity housing, medical care, referrals, cribs, car seats, diapers and ALL other baby items that are needed. We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle and fill it with your spare change. Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer on the bottle.

The prayer attached to the bottle will enable the counselors at The Life Center to say just the right words a mother or father may need to hear. It especially opens a mother's heart to accept the truth. We believe these prayers lead abortion-minded women to call The Life Center in the first place.

Please return your Bottle to the Church on the weekend of March 6/7th. Thank you for your support.

Let us pray with our whole heart for the lives of our unborn children.

MCGANN-MERCY DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL'S PRINCIPAL'S DINNER

Celebrate 50 years of Mercy Alumni



Saturday, February 27th

Giorgio's
Baiting Hollow
Live Music
Dinner

Silent auction

Festivities begin at 6 PM

For more information or to purchase tickets please contact the Mercy Development Office at 631-727-5900 Ext. 34

KID'S PAGE

Prayers and history of the Church

February 7, 2010

Today's Gospel shows us the way Jesus began to call his disciples. Jesus had stepped into Simon's empty boat in order to teach the crowd gathered at the shore.

Gospel

Luke 5:4—11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke



When Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered him, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were

beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

For reflection: In what ways does Jesus call us to follow him?

Prayer:

Living and wondrous God,
your Son called ordinary fisherman
to be his first disciples.

Help us to hear your voice when you call us
to serve you in our activities at school and
at home.

We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

February 11, 2010

Today we celebrate the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. In 1858 our Blessed Mother Mary appeared to young Bernadette in France and told her to drink from the waters of a stream. Bernadette dug in the dirt and soon springs of water appeared. Since then, many people, especially the sick, have traveled to Lourdes to bathe in these healing waters.



Gospel

Mark 7:24—26a, 26c—30

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre (Tire). He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter has an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go - the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, and found the child lying on the bed, the demon gone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

For reflection: Do you know anyone who is sick? Say a special prayer for them and for all the sick.

Today, on this memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, let us ask Mary, our mother, to intercede for all who are sick and suffering, as we pray together the Hail Mary, Amen.

Banners

PAUL TURNER
Clip art by Kathi Scarpace



Banners that hang or are carried in procession may contribute to the religious environment that fosters worship. Catholic churches are noted for permanent installations of artwork — paintings, stained glass windows, and statues, for example. But removable art also has a place, especially to mark the ever-changing seasons of the year. Banners may fill this need, although some of them are designed for permanent installation instead. Fabrics offer an endless variety of colors, textures, and shapes that can summon forth a wide range of devotions among the faithful.

Banners may hang on the interior walls of a church. They may also flap in the wind on the outside, drawing the attention of passersby to an event of particular importance. They may also be carried in procession. They may then be placed on stands or removed when the procession ends.

Some banners carry words, but these are usually less effective than those that rely on symbols.

“Fabric art in the form of processional banners and hangings can be an effective way to convey the spirit of liturgical seasons, especially through the use of color, shape, texture, and symbolic form. The use of images rather than words is more in keeping with this medium” (*Built of Living Stones* 127).

The Directory for Masses with Children suggests that young people take part in processions (34). Even children who have not yet celebrated first communion may join in the entrance or the Gospel procession. Besides the incense and candles, the Gospel procession may include some “other symbols of reverence that may be customary” (*Lectionary for Mass* 17). Children could carry banners to focus attention on the proclamation of the word of God.

However banners are used, they should help draw people into an appropriate spirit of prayer.

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Act of Penance

by Paul Turner

After we confess our sins it is customary for the priest to recommend an act of penance or some “satisfaction” for the offenses. This has several purposes. It helps amend the past. It makes reparation for injury. It puts us on the road to a new life. And it offers “medicine” to keep us from the same “sickness.” The act of penance reminds us that sin and forgiveness have a social aspect.

Priests may impose whatever penance they wish. It should correspond to the seriousness and the nature of the sins. Traditionally, priests assign prayer, often three Our Fathers and/or three Hail Marys. That penance can help us experience God’s ever-ready mercy. But the unrepentant may consider the tradeoff worth the sin.

The point of the sacrament of reconciliation is conversion of heart. We confess our sins to experience God’s forgiveness and to change our way of thinking and behaving. The confession of sins is about reconciliation, about taking the steps to change what was wrong. It’s not about getting cheap grace so we can go forth and sin some more.

The burden of conversion does not lie completely with the act of penance, but that is a place to begin. The priest may request a penance of prayer, self-denial, or service to one’s neighbor. For example, if your sin is impatience, you might be asked to do some act of kindness toward those you’ve offended. If your sin is overindulgence in food or drink or the abuse of substances, you might accept a penance of fast and abstinence. You could also suggest to the priest a penance you think would help you.



The act of penance does not have to make up for all that we’ve done wrong. It couldn’t. Only Christ could do (and has done) that. Rather, the act of penance has a simpler goal. It helps us turn away from the past and turn toward the future with the equipment we need to make the journey well.

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