

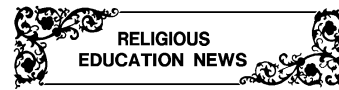


02/27	9:00 am	Joe, Jr., Charles, Frances & John Capiello (Cathy Grover & Joe Capiello, Sr.)
	4:00 pm	Anthony Kulis (Pat Chocas)
02/28	8:00 am	Neil & Mildred Lyons (Dan & family)
	9:15 am	Phil Nardini (Haggerty & Rubolino families)
	11:00 am	Giacomo, Vincenza, Louie & Teresa Sciarretta (Lucy Albano)
	6:00 pm	Richard Lusniak (1 st Anniv.) (Wife & children)
03/01	9:00 am	Mimi Mitchell (Dennis & Dolores Mockler)
03/02	9:00 am	Deborah Piacente (St. Jerome Women's Guild)
03/03	9:00 am	Sylvia Griffith
03/04	9:00 am	for the deceased members of our parish
03/05	9:00 am	Margherite Catalanello (Her mother)
	7:00pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
03/06	9:00 am	for the parish
	4:00 pm	Catherine & Harold Ferris (Daughter-in-law & son-in-law)
03/07	8:00 am	Carmen & Francisco Rentas (Rentas family)
	9:15 am	Irene Tavella (5 th Anniv.) (Daughter & family)
	11:00 am	Vincenzo Iannone, Jr. (The family)
	6:00 pm	Elaine Emmanuelle

MONTHLY OFFERTORY SUMMARY

February 21, 2010	\$ 6,030
Total February to date	40,115
February offertory budget	43,100

As always, thank you for your generous support of our parish.



REACH

Today, Sunday, February 28th
 Grades 1-6 meet in the morning
 Grades 7&8 meet in the evening

Next Sunday, March 7th
 Grades K-6 meet in the morning
 Grades 7&8 check your email

Congratulations to all of our 2nd Graders that have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they continue to prepare to make First Communion in May.

2nd Grade Parents – Important First Communion Meeting – Upcoming parent meeting – pick either Saturday, March 6 at 1:30pm or Monday evening, March 8 at 7:00pm. Please RSVP to the REACH office 846-2111 or reachstjerome@optonline.net

Family Gospel Connection

In today's Gospel, the voice from heaven speaks to the disciples saying, "Listen to him." The Transfiguration was a focused moment for the disciples when they heard God speaking to them and experienced Jesus in glory. They most certainly left this focused moment with a new appreciation for the importance of Jesus' words even if they did not yet understand everything that he had taught them. During Lent, we are invited to consider our attentiveness to Jesus and to one another. In the pace and noise that often characterizes family life, how well do we listen to one another? What opportunities do we have for quiet prayer?

As you gather as a family, count the number of pieces of equipment in your home that produce sound: televisions, radios, CD players, computers, video games, etc. Observe if sometimes more than one piece of equipment is playing simultaneously and how this might affect communication. Discuss the question: What is it like to try to talk with one another when this

On the first Wednesday of each month, immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass, there will be an anointing of the sick in the sanctuary. Anyone with an ongoing medical condition or who is seriously ill, anticipating a medical procedure or operation, is welcome to come

MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of St. Jerome Parish, a Roman Catholic community, proclaim our belief in the message and mission of Jesus Christ. As disciples of Jesus we are called to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to work for its values in the local community and beyond. We are committed to: worship, religious education, shared faith and service. We welcome all people with respect, acceptance and support

I will lead the blind on their journey;
 by paths unknown I will guide them.
 I will turn darkness into light before them,
 and make crooked ways straight.

Equipment is on?

Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 9:28-36.

Consider whether the noise and pace of your family life allows family members opportunities for quiet prayer. During Lent, it may be appropriate for your family to choose a time for quiet in the household by turning off televisions, radios, and CD players.

TOTAL: Tonight is rehearsal for everyone involved in "The Fourteen Steps". The teens are working hard to bring our parish a beautiful presentation of Our Lord's suffering and death on Good Friday. Please keep them in your prayers as they take this journey.

Small group Confirmation classes started this past week. Please pray for this year's candidates as they start to prepare for receiving this special sacrament later this year.

"The Fourteen Steps" takes care of our TOTAL program from now until Easter, regular TOTAL nights will resume after Easter.

The 30 Hour Famine was held this weekend and many of our teens participated. It is always inspiring to watch our teens participate in this worthy cause.

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT FOOD DRIVE – Our weekend food drive brought in 1,158 food items, which were delivered to Christian Community Action's Food Pantry, The Norwalk Emergency Shelter and The Mid-Fairfield AIDS Project. In addition, our Milk Fund Collections brought in \$245. Thank you for helping to feed the hungry in Norwalk.

PARISH FISH FRY COMING MARCH 19! SAVE THE DATE! Get ready for our parish's third annual Authentic Fish Fry in the church hall on Friday, March 19. Tickets will be sold only on the weekend of March 13-14. Please buy your tickets in advance so we know how much food to purchase. Adults, \$10.00; children (12 and younger), \$5.00. Dinner will be served with open seating from 5:30-8:30PM. Fried fish (with no trans fats) for adults and fish sticks or macaroni & cheese for children; plus French fries, coleslaw, corn bread, desert, iced tea, lemonade, and coffee. BYOB (Bring you own wine or beer). Limited tickets will be available the evening of the Fish Fry. Volunteers are needed to make the Fish Fry a success. Please sign up on the volunteer sheet in the church hallway.

OUR LENTEN CROSS – TAKE A TAG OR TWO EACH WEEK! – At the rear of the church, the large wooden Cross hung with colored tags is a way our parish can participate in prayer and giving of ourselves during Lent. You may take one or more tags at any time through Good Friday and complete the action on the tag. Purple tags are Prayer Requests, blue are Donation Requests, pink are Acts of Kindness suggestions, off-white tags are Acts of Prayer suggestions, and yellow tags are 40 Ideas for Lent. The Cross is filled with tags throughout Lent.

ST. JEROME WOMEN'S GUILD – The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be Monday, March 1st at 1:00PM in the church hall. Members are reminded to bring card party prizes to this meeting. We are also having a speaker from the Norwalk Police Dept. on the subject of fraud. It should be an interesting meeting.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

You are reading this on the Second Sunday of Lent, the weekend on which our parish renewal begins. I am so happy to welcome back, Sr. Joan, Fr. Mike and Fr. Nick. I think this is their third visit and as I have gotten to know them over the years, I appreciate their ministry. It is both a blessing and a challenge to live on the road, not unlike that of the Israelites wandering in the desert for forty years looking for the Promised Land. The Promised Land they seek is not only the kingdom of God in its' fullness but on a more immediate level, the ideal local Church.

Sr. Joan, Fr. Mike and Fr. Nick travel between Australia, (where Fr. Nick was a past provincial of the Dominicans), and the United States. They go into diverse parishes and work to proclaim the Gospel trying to connect the Lord to the needs and hopes of the people they meet. They are always on the way, hardly ever at home for any length of time, and they do it all for the Lord and for us.

They have a deep faith and a wealth of experience. Try and come to as many events as you are able. They will preach at the 9:00AM Mass next week on Monday through Thursday. The morning Mass will be followed by a talk you have not heard before and then comes the best part. The floor is opened up to any questions you might have, and the dialogue begins.

In addition, try and come to the pizza and salad supper on Monday night at 6:00PM, in the church hall. Yes, it is a bribe. We want you to come so that after the meal you will experience a talk and question period. Then, we hope you will be back for the communal celebration of Reconciliation on Tuesday evening, the Wednesday night program and the concluding Mass and anointing on Thursday night ~ all evenings at 7:00PM.

My hope is that you give this week to the Lord. Let him comfort and console you through the ministry and work of this wonderful team of Dominicans and Franciscans.

ST. JEROME "HOME MAKEOVER" DAY: This spring St. Jerome's will be conducting our own "Home Makeover Day". If you know of any deserving individuals or families within our parish that could use help with maintenance or repairs to their home, please let us help. There are applications for candidates available in the hallway. Please take one and mail it back to the parish office with your recommendations. All information is kept confidential. We need many volunteers for this project. The date will be announced soon. Keep an eye out for further information in the bulletin.