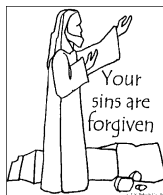




MASS INTENTIONS
FOR
THE WEEK



IN OUR REPENTANCE, THE LORD REMEMBERS NOT OUR OFFENSES. GOD WHO IS FOREVER FAITHFUL HAS SENT US HIS SON. HE IS THE SIGN OF GOD'S NEVER ENDING HEALING LOVE AND FORGIVENESS.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

5:00 PM Deceased Members Of Kubovcik and Ranko Families +
req. by Phyllis Matheny & Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 (7th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00 AM Margaret M. Whalen +
req. by Family

11:00 AM PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

10:00 AM Mary Suleski +
req. by Juliana Furda

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 (St Peter Damian)

10:00 AM In Honor of Holy Face of Jesus

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 (Ash Wednesday)

12:00 PM Distribution of Ashes

6:00 PM James T. Volanski +
req. by Debbie, Dan and Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

10:00 AM Bill Kissell +
req. by sister, Dorothy Kissell & Scott

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

10:00 AM John Livolsi (Month's Mind) +
req. by Carmie Hulpa

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

5:00 PM Charles Dragan (Anniv.) +
req. by Bob & Donna Dragan

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 (1st Sunday of Lent)

8:00 AM PARISHIONERS

11:00 AM Joseph Testa Jr. +
req. by Wife, Debbie

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

TODAY'S LITURGY

FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Isaiah announced the word of the Lord: “[See, I am doing something new!” (Isaiah 43:19). And what was this new thing? A promise for a people who “did not call upon me” and “grew weary of me” (43:22); a promise of forgiveness. “It is I, I, who wipe out . . . your offenses; your sins I remember no more” (43:25).

Paul told the Corinthians—and tells us—that Jesus is God’s “yes,” and that all God’s promises are fulfilled in Jesus. Does that include God’s promise to forgive sins? Mark gives the answer when he relates how some people lowered a paralytic through a hole in the roof, seeking a cure.

As far as we can tell, no one requested forgiving the man’s sins. But that’s what Jesus did, exactly as Isaiah had announced. Then, lest anyone doubt his authority on earth to forgive sins, Jesus said, “Pick up your mat, and go home” (Mark 2:11). The man “rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away” (2:12).

*“It is I,
I who wipe out, for my own sake, your offenses;
Your sins I remember no more.”*

-Isaiah 43:25

A Family Perspective on the Gospel . . .

The friends in today’s gospel climbed onto the roof, took it apart and lowered the “paralyzed man.” If friends would do this, how much more should we expect of family? Everyone is “paralyzed” in some way. In families we are called to carry one another and to make up for each other’s deficiencies.



Wednesday, February 22nd is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. It is a season to be reconciled to the Lord by means of prayer, fasting and deeds of loving service. Ashes will be distributed at **12:00 noon** along with the readings of the day. Ashes will also be distributed during the **6:00 pm** Mass that evening.

PARISH SHARE PROGRAM

This Sunday, **February 19th** begins the new campaign for **PSP 2012**. This coming week, all registered parishioners will be mailed a letter, a pledge card and return envelope. We ask that you mark your pledge amount on the card and return it either by mail or by dropping it in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you for your past support, and ask for your help again in meeting our goal of **\$43,028**. for PSP 2012.



Stations of the Cross will be held at **7:00 pm** on Friday, **February 24th** and at 7:00 pm on **all** Fridays during Lent. Following Stations, Fr. Carmen will be available for Confession from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.

HOLY COMMUNION FROM THE CUP

Beginning at the **11:00 am** Mass, on **February 26th**, the First Sunday of Lent, and every 11:00 am Mass thereafter, parishioners will have the option of receiving both the Body and Blood of Christ at Communion. Watch the bulletin as additional information will be forthcoming.

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN
WORKSHOP AT I. C. PARISH**

If you have not participated in Protecting God's Children, which is required by the diocese for all volunteers, a new class is scheduled for **Sunday, February 26, 2012** at **1:30 pm** in the Adult Learning Center of JFK Middle School, I. C. Parish. Register by calling (724)

THANK YOU!

The Holy Name Society would like to thank all who supported the Spaghetti Dinner last Sunday. In particular, thanks go to all those who sent baked goods and donated baskets, as well as to the Youth Group members and adult volunteers who worked so hard to make the day a success. Thanks to your help, the Brunner family will receive a significant donation to help offset their medical expenses. A total will be published in next week's bulletin.

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Juanita E. Sensky**, sister of Sylvia (Michael) Altieri, and **Philip P. Patnesky**, brother of Frances Dolence. May their souls rest in peace. Parish condolences to their families.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are days of fast and abstinence. The **Fridays** of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States.
2. The obligation of **abstinence** (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of **fasting** (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 18-59. No one should consider this obligation lightly.
3. Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast, but should perform other acts of penance or charity.
4. Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated to do acts of penance suitable to their age.
5. All members of the Christian faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by law.
6. As a general rule, a request for a dispensation from abstinence on Fridays of Lent will not be considered unless some serious reason is present. The attendance at social events, banquets, wedding rehearsals, or funeral wakes and not considered sufficient reasons to request a dispensation.

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 19 - 2012 PSP Campaign begins
- Feb. 20 - Presidents' Day Holiday
- Feb. 21 - Dart Ball 8:00 pm Church Hall
- Feb. 22 - Ash Wednesday, beginning of Lent
- Feb. 22 - Distribution of Ashes 12:00 noon
- Feb. 22 - Cath. Men's Group meets 6:30 pm
- Feb. 22 - Legion of Mary meets 6:45 pm Ch. Hall
- Feb. 22 - BINGO 6:30 pm CCD Center
- Feb. 23 - RCIA Classes 7:00 pm Rectory (downstairs)
- Feb. 24 - Divine Mercy Devotions 3:00 pm
- Feb. 24 - Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm
- Feb. 24 - Confessions 7:30-8:30 pm
- Feb. 26 - First Reconciliation for CCD Students



COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY (Feb. 12th): **\$3499.75**