



January 31, 2010

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The good news is that Jesus Christ is alive in our hearts.

Saturday, January 30

2 Sm 12: 1-7, 10-17/ Ps 51: 12-17/ Mk 4: 35-41

5:00 PM

William McCarthy

Lucille Giamarcco

Sunday, January 31

Jer 1: 4-5, 17-19/ Ps 71: 1-6, 15, 17/ 1 Cor 12: 31-13: 13/ Lk 4: 21-30

8:30 AM

Kevin Sturm

10:00 AM

Blanca Cespedes

12:00 PM

Michael J. Oshea

6:30 PM

Helen L. Suarez

Monday, February 1

2 Sm 15: 13-14, 30; 16: 5-13/ Ps 3: 2-7/ Mk 5: 1-20

9:00 AM

Thomas Walsh

Tuesday, February 2

Mal 3: 1-4/ Ps 24: 7-10/ Heb 2: 14-18/ Lk 2: 22-40

9:00 AM

Wednesday, February 3

2 Sm 24: 2, 9-17/ Ps 32: 1-2, 5-7/ Mk 6: 1-6

9:00 AM

John Oliva

7:30 PM

Thursday, February 4

1 Kgs 2: 1-4, 10-12/ 1 Chr 29: 10-12/ Mk 6: 7-13

9:00 AM

Kevin P. Sturm

Friday, February 5

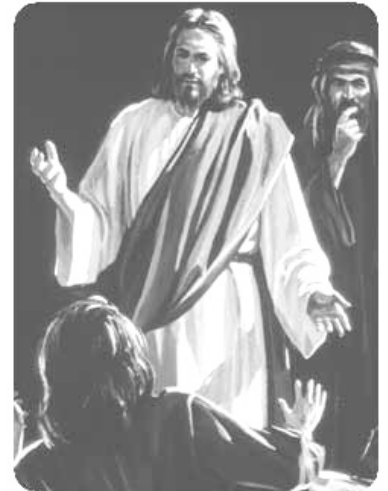
Sir 47: 2-11/ Ps 18: 31, 47, 50-51/ Mk 6: 14-29

9:00 AM

Saturday, February 6

1 Kgs 3: 4-13/ Ps 119: 9-14/ Mk 6: 30-34

5:00 PM



Let Us Pray for the Sick:

Luis Reyes

Arline Carbin

Lorraine Cooperman

Brian Darby

Lola Anes

Janet Rast

Joe Motherway

Nicholas Schwarz

Carol Mulé

Mykala Berberich

Jim Tagliarino

Colleen Graseng

Rachel Luna DeLara

Margarita Vásquez

Blasina Socorro

Vivian & Hugh Strennan

Terry Hern

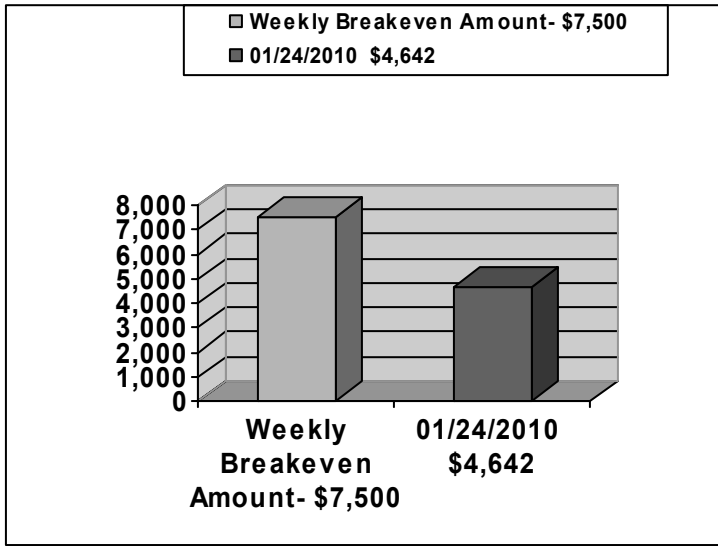
*May God support them
during their time of need.*





Sharing our Gifts

Weekly Contributions



COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

Thank You

To the Lions Club and Laurell Cleaners for your donations of Winter Coats to our Community Center.

Special Workshops

We begin to have special workshops offered to all in the community. The first will be held on **Wednesday, February 3rd, by appointment only**. We will have an **immigration consultant** available to answer questions you may have regarding your immigration case, TPS renewal or filing your taxes. Please contact Blanca Cales at 516-432-0157 ext. 17, to set up the appointment..

Our next workshop will be held on Thursday, **February 4th between 10 am—12 noon**. We will have a **health care enrollment counselor from Fidelis Cares** available to answer questions.

We would also like to begin offering evening hours, to be able to assist those families that may be in need of assistance and cannot make it during our regular hours. We would like to begin offering Thursday evenings 5 pm— 7pm., starting in April. If you could help by donating your time as a volunteer, please call Blanca Cales at (516) 432-0157, ext. 17. Leave your name, phone number and the day you would be willing to help.

Please remember in your prayers those who are struggling and need our assistance— the unemployed, underemployed and those who have experienced other types of emergencies or illness.

Your consideration of any donation is very much and always appreciated. **Donations can be dropped off at the center or at the rectory. Contributions could also be brought with you to mass and dropped off in the basket at the entrance of the church.**

Thank you & God Bless.
Blanca Cales

The amount of the second collection was \$ 2,500. It will feed the children and their families at the school founded by St. Mary's in Haiti.

Catholic Ministries Appeal is starting again. Our goal for 2010 is the same as last year: \$27,369. For 2009, St. Mary's Parishioners pledged: \$19,880 and paid \$18,235. We haven't made our goal for the past two years. We will be doing the appeal here at St. Mary's in the very near future.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection on **February 7** to support the **Church in Need**



Segunda Colecta

Tendremos una segunda colecta el **7 de febrero** para apoyar las **Necesidades de la Iglesia**



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Upcoming Dates and Events

Mark your calendar

- * Feb. 12 Al Barbarino: A Musical Tribute, in the Church, from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m.
- * Feb. 13 An Evening to Remember: St. Valentine's Day Dance, from 7 p.m. to 12 midnight, in the Hall, great food, music, and dance
- * Feb. 16 Mardi Gras Party, 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the Hall; followed by Service of Ashes in Church
- * Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday: English Masses at 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., and Spanish Mass at 7:30 p.m. All masses with ashes
- * Feb. 19 Lenten Soup Supper at 6:30 p.m.
- * March 15 Lenten Evening of Renewal with Dr. Joanne Heany-Hunter (Professor of Theology at St. John's University) from 7:30 to 9 p.m., in the Church
- * March 19 Lenten Soup Supper at 6:30 p.m.
- * March 19 Lenten Movie Night after the Soup Supper at 7:30 p.m. in the Hall
- * March 21 - all masses, March 22 & 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Lenten Parish Mission with Sr. Barbara Regan of the Cenacle Sisters.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION AT LONG BEACH CATHOLIC REGIONAL SCHOOL

There will be a call-in registration for *new families* who are interested in the Pre-K and Kindergarten Programs, as well as for Grades 1 - 7, on the following dates:

PRE-K REGISTRATION:

- Day/Date: Monday, Feb. 8, 2010
- Time: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
- Number: 431-1690
- Notification: Third week in February
- Present tuition: 3 Day Program \$1,780/year
5 Day Program \$2,950/year

KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 7 REGISTRATION:

- Day/Date: Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010
- Time: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
- Number: 431-1690
- Notification: Third week in February
- Screening: Dial-R Testing - Date to be announced
- Present tuition: 2009 - 2010 Tuition started at \$3,900 (below Diocesan Average)

ACCEPTANCE POLICY FOR ALL GRADES:

- School Siblings
- Contributing families of the three parishes
- Non-contributing (registered) families of the three parishes
- Non-registered families



St. Mary of the Isle
an Evening to Remember
St. Valentine's Dinner Dance
Saturday, February 13, 2010
7:00 p.m. to 12 a.m.
Parish Hall



Adults \$35.00

Cash bar: wine & beer



Teens \$20.00



St. Mary of the Isle's
Mardi Gras Party!
Tuesday, February 16
6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

All are welcome to take part in the fun and frivolity which will culminate in a procession to the Church for the distribution of Ashes, at 7:30 p.m.

Musical Tribute to Life & Life Eternal

Friday, February 12, 2010 7:30 p.m.

St. Mary of the Isle Church
 East Park Ave. & Walnut Street

Come join us as we celebrate Life & Life eternal, offering glory and praise to God in song. All are welcome as we remember our departed family members & friends in this special way.

This concert/presentation will be offered by ***Al Barbarino***

Al is a Lay Franciscan of the St. Padre Pio Shelter, who sings for poor and homeless throughout the world.





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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Maryann Specht: Director 432-0157 ext. 15

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January



31 – St. John Bosco, Priest - Patron of young people.

John was the youngest son of a poor peasant family. After his father's death, he helped his family by teaching religion to other boys. Encouraged by a priest, he entered the seminary where his talents as a natural leader were encouraged.



He worked with a group of boys, teaching them prayers, and giving them catechism lessons. He also saw that they learned to play music, act in plays, and engage in sports. He wrote and printed books on the Christian faith.

Eventually, he began a religious community of priests, which is still active today caring for neglected boys, the Salesians. He later joined with St. Mary Mazzarello to found a community of Sisters, Daughters of Our Lady Help of Christians, to help girls.

St. John Bosco, pray that young people today may be strong in faith..



DON'T MISS

**St. Mary of the Isle's
Mardi Gras Party!**
on
Tuesday, February 16
in the Parish Hall

This Week's Quiz

Medals, relics, blessings, and rosaries are examples of:

- a) incrementals
- b) indulgences
- c) sacramental
- d) monumentals



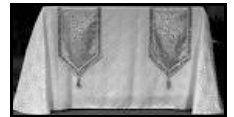
Answer to last quiz:

Marriage (Matrimony) and d) Holy Orders are known as the Sacraments at the Service of Communion because they serve to build up the Body of Christ.



HOW'S YOUR CATHOLIC VOCABULARY?

Altar Cloths- Special cloths cover the altar and are often left on the altar when it is not in use. The main cloth is white and more decorative cloths may be used to decorate the front and back of the altar, such as:



The *frontal* which is colored according to the color of the Church year.

The *frontlet*, similar to the frontal but only 10 to 12 inches deep.



Family Mass

The next Family Masses are on:

Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010.
10 a.m. - Spanish
12 noon - English



From Fr. Chris N.:

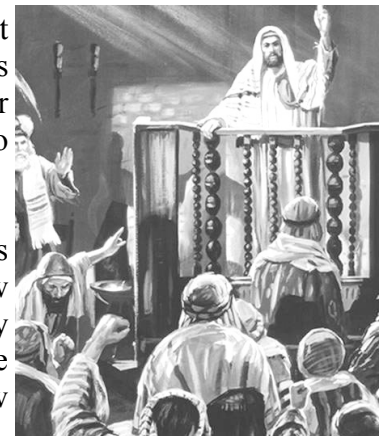
In my column last week, I drew on my experience while covering for Fr. John Cervini in the mission parish of the Diocese in the Dominican Republic, in the small town of El Cercado near the border of Haiti. My purpose in mentioning how the Haitian people were unwanted immigrants in the Dominican Republic was to infer that immigration is such a poignant issue. We can say the same about the USA and many other countries; many people don't want immigrants taking away their jobs or becoming a drain on the economy (although immigrants do support the economy in many other ways). I was also getting across that the Haitian people have already endured so much before having to endure this earthquake, hence, the connection between the two and the reason why someone might become angry with God.

In our readings for this weekend we hear in our First Reading for this liturgy a two-part prayer or prophesy made by God and spoken through the words of Jeremiah. God speaks firstly of how God had known and prepared Jeremiah even from the womb. Secondly, and based on the first, God indicates a future in which Jeremiah will have to speak the Word of God to Jeremiah's fellow Israelites and they will not like what he has to say. The Reading ends with confirming verses of strength and power to resist the external forces which will attempt to crush him and the internal voices which will attempt to paralyze his vocation.

Last Sunday's Gospel ended with the same sentence which begins today's Gospel. Jesus had read in the synagogue a passage from Isaiah in which Jesus tells his listeners that he himself is the One Who fulfills this same prophetic announcement. All of his hearers speak well of this home-town product and rub their hands together in delightful anticipation of all the good things Jesus is going to do for them.

Jesus realizes this in His neighbors and speaks quite directly to them about their self-centered excitement. They had heard all the great miracles that Jesus had done elsewhere. They assume He will *naturally* do even greater deeds for them. What Jesus speaks to them changes their acceptance and excitement into anger toward and rejection of Him.

Jesus makes two historical and scriptural references on two situations about which his hearers were acquainted. Both refer to persons, a widow (1 Kings 17, 1), and a leper (2 Kings 5, 14), who were miraculously cared for by God through Elijah in the first instance and Elisha in the second. These God-cared for persons were not Jews nor lived in Israel. The Widow and Naaman, the leper, were - foreigners and outcasts.



The synagogue congregation knew instantly what Jesus was saying by making these references. Clearly, Jesus was telling them that faith, more than familiarity, was required for miracles and they did not have faith that He was the fulfillment of what He had just read to them. Jesus got what He deserved from his former neighbors. He insulted them and they wanted to get rid of him. He is led out to the brink of a hill, but slips away to live until his final life's statement on another hill called Calvary.

After this weekend, there are two more Sundays before Lent begins. We will continue hearing from Luke's account of the invitations Jesus is offering

God's Blessings Always, Fr. Chris N.