

NINTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

March 6, 2011

ASH WEDNESDAY: MARCH 9, 2011

Blessed Ashes will be distributed at all the Masses on Ash Wednesday.

Masses will be celebrated at:

7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 12:00 NOON, AND 7:30 PM.

Ashes will also be distributed at a special Liturgy of the Word Service at 3:30 PM.

Confessions will be available during all of the Masses and during the Liturgy of the Word Service.

We encourage everyone to begin the Lenten season by receiving the Sacrament of Penance. We especially invite those who have been away from the Sacraments and have not gone to Confession in many years. We are looking forward to welcoming you and will do whatever we can to help you make a good Confession. Come and experience Christ's mercy this Ash Wednesday. He's waiting for you!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us every Friday evening during the Lenten season as we walk with Christ to Calvary. The very popular devotion of the Stations of the Cross will be celebrated Friday evenings at 7:30 pm, concluding with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. An opportunity to go to Confession after Benediction will be available, as priests will be available to welcome you and celebrate the Sacrament of Penance. Walk with Christ to Calvary, worship His Presence in the Blessed Sacrament, and then experience His healing, loving embrace in the Sacrament of Penance!

SPEAK LORD, YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING

A unique opportunity to nourish your faith awaits you this Lenten season as Father O'Hara leads us on a spiritual journey deep within our hearts and souls to an encounter with the Lord Who loves us. We will meet in the Convent Chapel at 7:30 pm on the following Wednesdays: March 16, March 23, March 30, and April 6. Each evening will include Scripture, silence, prayer, a reflection given by Father O'Hara, and an opportunity to share with one another how Christ has touched our lives. The evening will conclude at 9 pm. Set some time aside and come, rest with the Lord! You may be surprised to discover how close He is to us!

THE TRADITIONAL LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Fast and abstinence has always been a part of Christian tradition from the very beginning. While these practices have been modified dramatically over the years, especially in the last half of the 20th century, their use deepens the spiritual life and our trust in Christ, makes atonement for sins, failings and faults for ourselves and others, brings about true and lasting conversion of heart, especially in the lives of those who seem to be so far away and without hope, and strengthens us for the living of the Christian life in an era where our faith and values are under constant attack. Fast and abstinence also helps us to identify with the pain and suffering of those here at home and abroad who lack the basic necessities of life...food, water, health care, housing, education, employment, etc...which many of us take for granted. The Church, for the good of our souls as we journey toward salvation, reminds us of the seriousness of these practices and our obligation to participate in them. Hence, we would ask everyone to review the following Lenten regulations.

FASTING APPLIES TO ALL CATHOLICS FROM THE AGES OF 18 TO 59. THERE ARE TWO FAST DAYS...ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY. ON THESE DAYS, ONLY ONE FULL MEATLESS MEAL CAN BE TAKEN, WITH TWO SMALLER MEATLESS MEALS TO MAINTAIN STRENGTH.

ASH WEDNESDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, AND ALL THE FRIDAYS OF LENT ARE DAYS OF COMPLETE ABSTINENCE. THE DISCIPLINE OF ABSTINENCE FORBIDS THE EATING OF MEAT ON ASH WEDNESDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, AND ALL THE FRIDAYS OF LENT. THE DISCIPLINE OF ABSTINENCE APPLIES TO ALL CATHOLICS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER.

IF THE NATURE OF A PERSON'S WORK OR PHYSICAL HEALTH WOULD BE SERIOUSLY IMPACTED BY PARTICIPATION IN THESE LENTEN PRACTICES, THEN ONE WOULD BE EXCUSED. HOWEVER, IN SUCH A SITUATION, ONE OF THE PARISH PRIESTS SHOULD BE CONSULTED.

USED CRIBS NEEDED

The Cross Road Foundation is in need of gently used cribs. They are also looking for volunteers to work with the mothers at their Port Richmond Center. For more information, or to arrange for a pickup, call 718-556-3474 and ask for Jeanette or Gloria.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

The very popular Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will take place this year in Conran Hall on Tuesday, March 8, from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm. The cost per person is \$7.00. There will be a fifty/fifty drawing and raffle baskets. The proceeds of this event goes to the support of the Saint Teresa's Parish Players and will provide the funds necessary for this coming summer's musical production. Join us for pancakes, sausage, meltaway cake, and a great evening of fun and fellowship. It's a perfect way to prepare for Ash Wednesday and the coming of the Lenten spring!

ST CLARE'S PARISH EMPLOYMENT GROUP

The group meets most Tuesdays at Saint Clare's in Great Kills. This is not a job placement program. A devoted team of speakers will help you to help yourself. The meetings take on Tuesdays in the Pastoral Center (rear entrance of the Presentation Center at 169 Lindenwood Road in Great Kills). For further information, including a list of speakers and topics, please visit www.stclaresi.com.

POPE BENEDICT'S NEW BOOK

"Jesus of Nazareth: from the Entrance into Jerusalem to the Resurrection", will be available at the Alba House Book Store on the grounds of the Society of Saint Paul beginning March 15. In this sequel to "Jesus of Nazareth: from the Baptism in the Jordan to the Transfiguration", Pope Benedict continues where he left off. Benedict combines his experience as a theologian seeking understanding and his vocation as a pastor. This book will inspire readers in their own quest to understand the meaning of Jesus' life, teaching, death and resurrection. Some of the questions explored in this volume are: Why was Jesus rejected by the religious leaders of His day? Who was responsible for His death? Did He establish a Church to carry on His work? How did Jesus view His suffering and death? How should we? Did Jesus really rise from the dead? What does His resurrection mean? This book, and the Pope's first volume, will be great additions to your library. Stop by Alba House and pick up your copy on or after March 15.

SOCCER REGISTRATION

Spring registration for St. Teresa Soccer Club is now open. Girls and boys age 5 to 14 are eligible to play. Please go to St. Teresa's soccer webpage at www.saintteresasi.org and click on the YAA link for registration form. If you need additional information, please contact Debbie Timpone at debbict@yahoo.com. Registration ends on 3/26.

NEWS FROM MOUNT MANRESA

A Taize Prayer program will be offered at Mount Manresa on Friday evenings during Lent, beginning March 11 at 7:30 pm. The candlelight gathering titled "Prayer Around the Cross," will include intercessory prayer and singing chants of the ecumenical monastery of Taize. For information, please call 718-727-3844, ext.211.

A Saint Patrick's Day Celebration will be held at Mount Manresa on Sunday, March 13, with seatings at 2:30 pm and 4:00 pm. Join us for a delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner, music, step dancing, raffles and crafts. Reservations are required.

\$16.00 Adults, \$8.00 Children, under 5 free. For information, call 718-727-3844, ext.200, or visit: www.mountmanresa.org.

Do Whatever He Tells You! – (John 2:5)

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL UPDATE

As stewards and Disciples of Christ, we recognize that all the goods and riches in our lives are gifts from God. Strengthened by the Eucharist, we respond to God's generosity in our lives with gratitude by using and sharing our gifts in the service of others. Your gift to the Appeal:

- + Helps educate our children in our Catholic Schools and Religious Education Programs.
- + Provides for retired priests and religious by giving them the retirement they deserve after decades of service.
- + Helps to educate our future priests studying at Saint Joseph's Seminary, preparing them for a life of service.
- + Helps fund Catholic Charities, which provides loving care to millions of people in our Archdiocese. Finally, it is through the Appeal that we receive a myriad of services and guidance from the Archdiocese. Whether it involves building, finance, questions of law or questions of faith, the Archdiocese of New York has at our service professionals of the highest quality. It is with their help that we are able to go about our role of caring for our parish family.

**OUR PARISH GOAL THIS YEAR IS \$84,000.
TO DATE, MORE THAN \$37,000 HAS BEEN
PLEGGED.**

If we all do our part, we can make or even exceed our goal. Please share your gifts and consider making a gift to the 2011 Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal.

In the weeks ahead, pledge envelopes will be available in the pews for those who have as yet not participated in the campaign. Just do the very best that you can. Every gift is important!

SAINT TERESA'S PARISH IS NOT SUPPORTED BY ANY OUTSIDE SOURCES AND RELIES SOLELY ON THE GENEROSITY OF OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO WORSHIP HERE.

WINTER BLUES AND THE SUNDAY OFFERING

This has been a very difficult winter, to say the least, for all of us, with several weeks yet to go. As you are well aware, snow or no snow, the bills keep coming and must be paid. This is especially true here in the parish, and we need your help. If the weather has kept you away, we would appreciate if at all possible that you try to make up the offering for the Sundays that you missed. If you've been on board with us each week, any increase in the weekly offering that you might be able to give would be of great assistance to the parish. If you can help in any way, thanks so very much. If you can't, please keep the parish and our programs and ministries in your prayers.

CHURCH OF ST ANDREW'S CLOTHING DRIVE

Your Donation is Tax Deductible. Call anytime (718) 981-6275. Your Donation will stay on SI.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets twice a month and members attend the 9 a.m. Mass on the fourth Sunday of each month where shawls are blessed. The group will meet Tuesday 3/15/11 at 10:30 a.m. New members are welcome to join and help create a source of comfort for those going through difficult situations. Meetings are in the Parish House at 115 Windsor Road. Please contact Fran Reali with any questions or concerns: 718 442 5200.

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

Today is the first Sunday of the month, and the doors of Sister Margaret Mary's Pantry will be open after all the Masses to receive your gifts for the hungry. Please help Sister and her volunteers to help meet the needs of hundreds of people who come to our Pantry for assistance.

Please, please, please – NO EXPIRED DATES & NO DAMAGED CANS. You should throw them out as we must do.

GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

The Grief Recovery Support Group sponsored by the Visiting Nurse Service of New York Hospice Care of Staten Island meets in the Blessed John XXIII Pastoral Center, 115 Windsor Road, at the corner of Slosson Avenue. The groups meet on Saturday mornings, with the Advanced Group meeting from 10:45 am to 12:15 pm, and the New Group meeting from 12:30 pm to 1:15 pm.

These Bereavement Groups will meet on the following Saturdays: March 12, March 26, April 9, April 16, April 30.

For more information and to register, please call Novella Lawrence, BCC, Bereavement Care Counselor at 718-876-1022.

Our parish is pleased to offer this service to those mourning the loss of a loved one and we ask all of our parishioners and friends to spread the word.

We welcome news of your plans and activities. You may e-mail your items of interest to mcdermott.billy@gmail.com. Any questions, please call parishioner Billy McDermott at 1-973-596-3256 during normal working hours.

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS

To help you when you go shopping, the following items are always in need and encouraged:

Betty Crocker Vanilla / Choc Cake Mix	Betty Crocker Vanilla / Chocolate Icing	Pennsylvania Dutch Noodles (large)
Bumble Bee White Tuna in Water	Cheerios, Fruit Loops, & Apple Jacks Cereal	Chef Boyardee Ravioli / Spaghetti
Cup of Soup	Stuffing	Coffee
Orange / Strawberry Jello	Uncle Ben's Brown Rice	Chocolate Chip Cookies
Skippy Peanut Butter (medium)	Tetley Tea (box of 48)	Kraft Macaroni & Cheese

2011 MASS BOOK OPEN

The 2011 Announced Intentions Mass Book is now open. Announced Mass intentions can be arranged by stopping by the rectory. The stipend for announced Masses is \$15. In order to allow all of our parishioners the opportunity to arrange for announced Masses, there will be a limit of 5 Masses per family. Announced Masses can be arranged for both weekdays, Sundays and Holydays of Obligation. Persons who are sick, homebound and unable to get to the rectory and those whose work schedule would prevent them from coming to the rectory office should telephone 718-442-5412 and speak with the parish secretary to make other arrangements.

DIVORCED AND SEPARATED

St. Teresa's Divorced and Separated Support Group welcomes men and women in this category, from the newly separated to those who have been divorced for a while. We meet every second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 at the Blessed John XXIII Pastoral Center, 115 Windsor Road, corner of Slosson Avenue.

The next meeting is Tuesday, March 8th
Please call Louise at (718) 816-7724 for more info.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Members of the Legion of Mary are willing to visit the sick at home.

For additional information, please contact Marie Razza at 718-442-5421

Chris Bertino (AB)	Connie Fuchel (AB)
Valerie Agostino	Rose Schmitt (4/10/11)
Philomena McClellan	Donnalyn Lawton (3/30/11)
Brendan Yilmaz (AB)	Robert Kellett (SG)
Genevieve Lewis (SG)	Vincent Hicks (SG)
Michael McKeon (SG)	Paul F. Carinci (SG)

THE SICK LIST

The Sick List which appears weekly in this bulletin has been established to provide an opportunity for those to have their loved ones who are ill remembered in prayer.

In order to have a name included on the list, please call the parish secretary at 718-442-5412 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm.

In order to keep the list current, please advise us if there has been a change in the person's condition.

Names will be posted for 3 months and will be removed from the list unless we hear from you. We ask for your cooperation, that the Sick List will become a more current, effective vehicle encouraging prayers for those who are ill.

SOCKS FOR US TROOPS OVERSEAS

Sabrina Gallagher, who is an eighth grader at St. Teresa School and a Cadette Girl Scout is currently working on her Silver Award. She is working with Project Home Front to collect new packages of socks for U.S. Troops overseas. Donations are being collected through May 2011.

A box is being set up in the back of Church to collect your donations for this worthy cause.

**Count your blessings,
Not your problems**

LEGION OF MARY UPCOMING EVENTS

+ The ACIES, the renewal of consecration to Mother Mary, will be on Sunday, March 27, 2011 at 2:30 PM at Holy Family Church on Watchogue Road.

Refreshments will be served at 4:30 PM.

+ The Summer Social and Consecration Mass will be on Saturday, June 18, 2011 at Mount Manresa. The cost is \$22.00.

Holy Mass Intentions

Saturday
4:00 PM

March 5th
Mary Ward

Sunday
7:30 AM
9:00 AM
11:00 AM
12:30 PM
5:00 PM

March 6th
Jose & Dolores Bascuas
People of the Parish
Tina DiGirolamo
Frank DeAngelis
Antonio Reonegro

9:30 AM
10:30 AM

St Nicholas Chapel
John Tobin
Edwin Holman

Monday
7:00 AM
8:30 AM

March 7th
Veronica & James Famighetti
Edward Fried (Living)

Tuesday
7:00 AM
8:30 AM

March 8th
Winifred Walsh
Marilyn Tallman

Wednesday
7:00 AM
8:30 AM
12:00 Noon
7:30 PM

March 9th
Richard Torrence
Mass of Thanksgiving
Linda Naimo
Thomas McNamara

Thursday
7:00 AM
8:30 AM

March 10th
Joseph Capobianco
Arthur Egbert

Friday
7:00 AM
8:30 AM

March 11th
Helen & John O'Hara & Colleen & Mary O'Hara
Cornelio Medina

Saturday
8:30 AM

March 12th
Deceased Members of the Bandilla & Leano Families

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

St Teresa's Boy Scout Troop 37 proudly announces its two newest Eagle Scouts Robert Malta and Michael Fahey. Court of Honor was held Saturday, March 5th.

**PRAYER is Man's Strength and
God's Weakness**

St. Francis Catholic Singles (SFCS)

The next gathering of **Saint Francis Catholic Singles** for those in their 30s, 40s and 50s is **Thursday, March 24, 7:15 pm** (fourth Thursday) at the St. Francis Friary, 500 Todt Hill Road, SI 10304. Cost: \$5 minimum, \$10 appreciated. **Taizé Prayer: Silence and Singing for God** Join us in Taizé prayer, a beautiful traditional form of prayer which consists mainly of repeated, meditative chants interspersed with periods of silence and listening. It was developed by the now famous ecumenical community in Taizé, France and since the 1950s has inspired people – mainly young adults – worldwide and has also been given the apostolic blessing by the Pope. ***Please join us afterwards to toast 10 fruitful years of SFCS!*** For more information, see the website at www.sgspsi.org or email at info@sgspsi.org or call (718) 815-7255.

Mission: St. Francis Catholic Singles is a contemporary circle of men and women, in their 30s, 40s and 50s who are single or single again and wish to lead more fulfilled, empowered lives by deepening their Catholic spirituality and building community with like minded peers. New and returning members always welcome.

Father, forgive them...

Forgiveness, the act in which we can perhaps be most human and most divine, will be the subject of a presentation next Sunday for our parish group studying the lives and spirituality of the Carmelite saints.

The group, led by parishioners Eileen and Ed Donnelly, members of the New York City secular community of the Carmelite Order, will meet at 10 a.m. on March 13 in our Blessed John XXIII Center at the corner of Slosson Avenue and Windsor Road, Castleton Corners.

All adults are welcome at the study group's monthly meetings which last about an hour and include recitation of the Morning Prayer of the Divine Office.

For further information, the Donnellys can be reached by telephone at (718) 448-9716 or by e-mail at ejdon1@aol.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

There is a Eucharistic Adoration Chapel on the grounds of Alba House at 2187 Victory Blvd, where our Lord is present 24 hours a day? The Chapel's volunteers are continually looking for new Adorers to spend one hour per week with our Lord. Why don't you stop by, spend some time with Jesus and then sign up?

LEGION OF MARY

Active members of the Legion of Mary of St. Teresa Church meet every Wednesday from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the Blessed John XXIII Pastoral Center at 115 Windsor Rd. Anybody interested in becoming an active member can call Dr. Shirley Cairme-Garcia at 718-285-4774 or at 917-627-4839 or Ms. Marie Razza at 718-442-5421.

MONDAY NIGHT NOVENA

Join Deacon Phil Maroon every Monday evening at 7:30 pm for this devotion, which includes the Miraculous Medal Novena, prayers to Our Lady, homily, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.

PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome all new members to our parish family. Please register at the rectory office during business hours (Monday to Friday). We really want to know you and serve you, and hope you become an active part of our parish community. All adults over the age of 21 who are working should register in the parish themselves and are encouraged to use the weekly envelopes to help support the parish. Also, we ask that you notify us if you are changing your address, so that we may keep accurate records. This registration is our only means of certifying anyone as a member of our parish family, for serving your spiritual needs, as well as for sponsorship letters.

We remind everyone that while you may be registered in the school or other parish activities, you must also register at the rectory office to be an official member of the parish.

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.
My spirit rejoices in God my Savior. – (Luke
1:46-47)**