


Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 18, 2007

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

— Psalm 103:8



Saturday February 17	5:15 PM	Alex J. Bencivengo R/O The Diszler Family
Sunday February 18	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	People of the Parish William and Mary Robb R/O Raymond and Doris Robb & Family
Monday February 19	7:00 PM	Alice Cunningham R/O The Christenson Family
Tuesday February 20	8:00 AM	Agnes Kozlowski R/O Daughter and Family
 Ash Wednesday February 21	8:00 AM	John Pogranicy R/O Dick and Judy Stern
	5:00 PM	Scripture Service
	7:30 PM	People of the Parish
Thursday February 22	8:00 AM	Charles and Lottie Bonkoski R/O The Estate
Friday February 23	8:00 AM 7:30 PM	Ida Kavchak R/O Alma McMahon and Eleanor Horvath Stations of the Cross
Saturday February 24	8:00 AM 5:15 PM	Communion Service Anniv. Walter Rette R/O The Family

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

MASS SERVERS:

Ash Wednesday, February 21

7:30 pm Christian Millar, Danny Lamb

Friday, February 23

Stations of the Cross

7:30 pm Chelsea Pitonyak, Melissa Olmeda

Saturday, February 24

5:15 pm Stephen Monticello, Danny Lamb

Sunday, February 25

9 am Carolyn Horner, Rachael Hannon

11 am Mia Bianchi, Jenna Gregor

LECTORS

Ash Wednesday, February 21

8:00 am Robert DeLuca

7:30 pm Pat Gruca

Saturday, February 24

5:15 pm Sue Rovner

Sunday, February 25

9 am Robert DeLuca

11 am Dan Morgan

SPECIAL MINISTERS

Saturday, February 24

5:15 pm Cathy & Joe Gendron,

Frank & Carol Ann Prihoda,

Margaret Truhan

Sunday, February 25

9 am Carmen & Betty Severino, Monica Pyle,

Megan Miller, Tia/Rob McLaughlin

11 am Kitty Suarez, Dolores Bullen,

Maria Pillar, Judy Wagner, Ellen Baglivi

Cry Room: A reminder to our parents of young ones. The former baptistry is now serving as a "cry room" if your little ones become restless during Mass.

Rectory Office Hours

9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Monday to Friday

Choir News

Choir Practice Wednesdays

Youth 6:30-7:25 pm and Parish 7:45-9 pm

Youth Choir practice on Ash Wednesday, February 21, will be from 6:15-7:10 pm because of our 7:30 pm Mass. Please pick up your children on time.

Youth Choir will sing at the 9 am Mass on February 25.

Canticle Choir will practice on Sunday, February 25 from 7-8 pm and will sing at the 11 am Mass on March 4.



Sanctuary Lamp which burns day and night before the Blessed Sacrament this week has been placed In Loving Memory of Joseph and Mary Sobolta by Natalie Hutchinson and Family.

St. John's 50+ Club

Due to the inclement weather last Wednesday the 50+ Club will meet on

Wednesday, February 21st at 1:00 pm

In the Church Hall for

Socialization and Refreshments

Guest Speaker: Mary Clarke

Allentown's Historian

New members are always welcome!

Sunday Hospitality

Coffee, juice and donuts are served after the Sunday morning Masses in the Church Hall. All are welcome.

Please Do Not Leave Bulletin In Pew



Dear Parishioners,

Lent begins this year with the blessing and distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 21. The Services for Ash Wednesday are as follows:

- 8:00 am Mass
- 5:00 pm Scripture Service
- 7:30 pm Mass

As you know Lent is a time for all of us to do some soul searching and to rediscover our baptismal innocence. You will find at the Church exits copies of a Lenten calendar and a "rice bowl." Our Bishops initiated this project several years ago whereby we as a family could have a simple meal together and place our offerings in the family "rice bowl." Your offerings will then be used to help feed the poor of the world. At the end of Lent we ask you to please return your rice bowl offerings to the parish.

On Wednesday we will have a collection at our liturgies. The monies collected will be sent off to the Maryknoll Sisters.

In the past we have had Lenten tradition of fasting and meatless Fridays. This year Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are fast and meatless days. In our diocese the Fridays of Lent are also meatless. If you would like to add any more penitential practices, you are encouraged to do so.

In our hectic schedules, it might be nearly impossible for you to participate in a Lenten weekday Mass or a Friday Stations of the Cross. If that be the case, I would encourage you to use the "rice bowl" prayers at the Family's evening meal. You can also follow the Lenten Scripture Readings for each day of Lent that we are listing in the parish bulletin below.

Lenten Scripture Readings

- Wednesday: J1 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
- Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Trenton Catholic Academy Open House

Trenton Catholic Academy-Upper School is hosting a Spring Open House on Thursday evening, March 8 from 6-8 pm. Parents and prospective students are invited to attend. For additional information, please call Donna Sullivan in the Admissions Office at 586-3705, ext. 19.

Knights of Columbus Social Meeting



Please join us in the Church Hall on Monday, February 26th for our monthly social meeting. Our guest speaker will be George Qassis, and his topic will be *Holy Land Christians: Faith and Culture*. You may recall that George briefly spoke at our masses during Advent, and had on display some beautiful wood carvings. He will be back to share pictures and stories of the lives of Christians living in the Holy Land. The presentation will begin at 8:00 pm and last for approximately 45 minutes. Refreshments will be served.

Hymnals in Church

This past week we had to replace six hymnals that were missing from Church. We have a limited supply of these hymnals, so please do not remove them from Church. Also please do not leave the bulletins in the pews.

Religious Education News

There will be no Religious Education Classes on Sunday or Monday, February 18 or 19. The Tuesday, February 20 classes are in session.

We need adults from our church community to volunteer to conduct interviews with our *Confirmation Candidates on Wednesday evening March 14 from 6:30-9:30 pm*. We need approximately ten interviewers. If you can help, please call the office of religious education at 259-3586.

Please be cautious in the parking lot when dropping off and picking up your children. All children must be dropped off BEHIND the religious education building and should use the walkway. NO ONE except teachers may park on the side of the building. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

The \$25.00 Confirmation fee is past due.

New people from our parish community who are interested in being a catechist next year should contact the office 259-3586. We are planning for our needs for next year. Currently we have 560+ children in our program and many of our classes are overcrowded. With additional teachers, we will be able to reduce class size and make the learning experience more rewarding. Please call if you can help.

Bishop's Anniversary Blessing

This year's Forty First Annual Bishop's Anniversary Blessing sponsored by the Office of Family Life/Respect Life will honor couples married in 1982 and 1957 and any couple celebrating more than fifty years of marriage. This year's event will be held at The Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, Trenton, NJ; at 3:00 pm on Sunday, April 22, 2007. Mass will not be celebrated. Registration required. Please call Donna (259-3391) at the Rectory between 9:30 am-4 pm to register. Registration deadline is March 16, 2007.

Knights of Columbus Essay Contest

The theme of the 2007 Essay Contest is "How do I represent my Catholic faith and share and show God's love in my every day life?" Contest participants from the 8th to 12th grade are eligible. Contestants are asked to write a 500-700 word essay. Prizes will be awarded based on content, spelling and grammar. All essays should be turned in no later than March 1, 2007 to:

Knights of Columbus
1282 Yardville-Allentown Road
Allentown, NJ 08501

Any questions contact: Bob Diszler 259-9330 or Joseph Toto 208-1940.

Sunday Offerings February 10-11: \$6,667

February 17-18: Catholic Charities Appeal envelope

February 24-25: Catholic Education Assistance envelope

Many many thanks for your continued support.

The Bishop's Appeal—In Action

Office of Diaconate: The Diocese has 293 active deacons in 102 parishes. A deacon is an ordinary minister of Baptism and the Eucharist, and he may officiate at weddings. He can preside at Communion services, funeral services and wakes, celebrations of the Liturgy of the Hours and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The diaconate is a ministry of service and the office selects/prepares men for ordination, and provides continuing formation for the already ordained. The office is also responsible for assignments and transfers, and offers support to widows, and conducts pastoral visits to deacons and their families. There is much to do in a parish, and the Diaconate Program has answered God's call.