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4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
30 JANUARY 2005

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Candlemas Day

On Wednesday, February 2nd, the blessing of candles will take place at the 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM and 12:15 PM Masses. The priest will process to the back of the Church and begin with the usual introductory rites of Mass and then bless the candles.

During the procession to the altar a canticle will be prayed by the priest and congregation. The priest will then pray the Opening Prayer of the Mass.

BLESSING OF THROATS

On Thursday, February 3rd, we will celebrate the custom of the Church to bless throats on the feast day of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. The blessing will take the place of the final blessing at the end of the 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM and 12:15 PM Masses. The formula of the blessing is:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

HOLY HOUR

Next Friday, February 4th, is the first Friday of the month. The Holy Hour will begin immediately after the 12:15 PM Mass followed by Prayers for Peace.

GERMAN MASS

The monthly German Mass will be celebrated next Sunday, February 6th at 9:45 AM.

THE COLLECTION OF PALMS

Ash Wednesday, February 9th, is less than two weeks away. Those who wish to do so may bring the palms which they received last Palm Sunday to church so that they can be burned to provide ashes for this Ash Wednesday. Palms may be placed in the plexiglas container located in the back of the Church marked **Palm**.

LENTEN MEDITATIONS

The season of Lent is a time for renewal and conversion. It is a time to revive our personal prayer lives. Next weekend booklets with daily Lenten meditations will be available in the back of the church. Please take one and use it each day to enrich your Lenten observance and open your heart to a more abundant gift of the love and peace of Christ.

2005 CARDINAL'S APPEAL

The 2005 Cardinal's Annual Appeal is now underway! Every member of our parish family is asked to consider making a gift to help support the educational, charitable, and pastoral works of our Archdiocese that help so many among us.

If you have not already, soon you will be receiving a special request from His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Egan asking your support of *Sharing God's Gifts*. Please consider making a sacrificial gift to the 2005 Cardinal's Annual Appeal.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Ashes will be administered after the homilies at the 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:15 PM and 7:00 PM Masses and at a prayer service at 4:00 PM. Priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation 15 minutes prior to each Mass.

The Ladies of Charity will take ashes to the homes of people who are unable to come to church because of sickness or age on Ash Wednesday after the 12:15 PM Mass. They will also bring communion to those who are homebound if they wish. Please call the Rectory, 1-212-289-6030, no later than Tuesday, February 8th to request this service.

LENTEN SERIES AT ST. JOSEPH'S

As people of faith, we know that sin is a reality in our lives. During Lent we focus on penance and forgiveness for we are all in need of God's redemption through the death and resurrection of Jesus the Lord.

The priests of the parish will be offering a four week series this Lent. The topics will be: *Sin, Repentance, Forgiveness and Redemption*. We will explore each topic in the context of the Old and New Testaments of the Church's teaching and its influence in our lives.

The dates for the series will be Monday, February 14th, Tuesday, February 22nd, Wednesday, March 2nd and Thursday, March 10th. There will be two sessions on each date to provide greater opportunity for parishioners to participate either during the daytime or in the evening. The daytime sessions will be after the 12:15 PM Mass in the room to the left of the sanctuary. The evening sessions will be at 7:30 PM in the rectory meeting room.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

On Sunday, February 13th, immediately following the 6:00 PM Mass the Young Adults Group will hold its monthly meeting in the Rectory meeting room. New members are encouraged to attend.

YORKVILLE COMMON PANTRY FOOD COLLECTION

Next Sunday, February 6th

Please bring:

Heart shaped boxes of candy (\$5 or less)

Canned meats, tuna, chicken, ham, Vienna sausage

The Pantry appreciates your generosity

VOICE OF THE FAITHFUL

The Voice of the Faithful/NYC – East Side will meet on Monday evening, February 7th at 7:00 PM in the Wallace Hall of St. Ignatius Loyola. They will be planning their agenda for the year. All are welcome to join them.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH MASS

The National Day of Prayer for the
African-American Family

Sunday, February 6 at 2:00 PM

St. Patrick's Cathedral

For more information contact the Office of Black Ministry at 212-371-1011, Ext. 2681.

HOUSING HERE & NOW

Housing Here & Now represents a unique effort uniting Labor, Faith and Community organizations and institutions. The **Housing Here & Now** platform has been driven by the agendas of community organizations that have proven track records of including low income people at the center of their organizations.

Religious congregations, unions and community groups across the City will rally for affordable housing. The rally will be held at City Hall Park on February 2nd at 4:30 PM. The goal of the event is to highlight the crisis our City faces as a result of the shortage of affordable housing. For information call the Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition at 718-584-0515.

OPEN HOUSE

St. Michael Academy, 425 West 33rd Street, New York, NY 10001 invites you to an open house on Thursday, February 3rd from 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM.

SCRIPTURE: A LOOK AHEAD

NEXT SUNDAY – 6 FEBRUARY 2005

Isaiah 58:7-10 This reading is a vigorous exhortation from the prophet Isaiah to lead lives of active charity and generosity. He promises that the Lord will be our “dawn,” our “rear guard,” our “light” if we share our bread, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Paul tells the Corinthians that he and they must not rely on the so-called “wisdom” of secular teaching and philosophy but on the power of the Spirit.

Matthew 5:13-16. Jesus reminds the disciples and all Christians that they carry special responsibilities to be “the salt of the earth.” They must not hide their light but show their goodness to all.

PARISH STAFF

Msgr. Lawrence Connaughton, Pastor
Rev. Matthew Yatkaskas, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Emmanuel Nartey, Parochial Vicar

Mr. Stephen Black, Director of Music/Organist
Mr. Richard Gratton, Cantor
Ms. Jennifer Behnke, Assistant Cantor

Mrs. Gladys Dichoso-Sicat, School Principal, PK3- 8th Grade

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays: (Saturday) 4:00P.M; (Sunday) 8:00, 9:45, 11:00*, 12:30, 6:00PM. *(Choir sings at the 11:00 AM Mass)

Weekdays: (Monday-Friday) 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:15 PM
8:00 AM & 12:15 PM (Saturday)

German Language Mass: 9:45 AM 1st Sunday of the month.
Confessions in German before Mass.

Family Mass: 9:45AM 2nd Sunday of the month. (Sept-June)

Holy Days: 6:00 PM (Anticipated); 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:15, 7:00 PM.

RAMP ACCESSIBLE



BAPTISMS

2nd & 4th Sundays of each month. By appointment.

Instructions – 1st Saturday of each month.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions – 12:00 Noon, Monday – Friday, Saturdays

3:30PM – 4:00 PM. Communal Reconciliation Services each
Advent and Lent.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(RCIA) October – April.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN K-8

Inter-parish Religious Education Program at St. Ignatius.

HOLY HOUR

First Friday following the 12:15PM Mass. (Sept –June)

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Following the 9:00AM Mass on Monday.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Contact the Rectory.

NEW PARISHIONERS

New parishioners are invited to register at the Rectory and to participate in the ministries and committees of St. Joseph's.

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 31

7:00 AM Bridget & Mary Ryan
9:00 AM Bob Repaci
12:15 PM Vincenza Fodera

Tuesday, February 1

7:00 AM Maureen Rooney
9:00 AM Eva Marie Lugert
12:15 PM Francis Bathory, Sr.

Wednesday, February 2

7:00 AM Eva Marie San Andres
9:00 AM Grace, John J. & John A. McSherry
12:15 PM Benedict Curtis

Thursday, February 3

7:00 AM Maureen Rooney
9:00 AM Nora Terriberry
12:15 PM Father Robert Albert & John Haffert

Friday, February 4

7:00 AM Eva Marie San Andres
9:00 AM In Honor of St. Joseph
12:15 PM Mrs. Anna Pavlovich

Saturday, February 5

8:00 AM Maureen Rooney
12:15 PM Margaret Turitto

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH'S

Monday, January 31

Brownie Girl Scouts, 5:00PM, Parish Hall
Men's Basketball, 7:00PM, School Gym
RCIA, 7:00PM, Parish House

Tuesday, February 1

Girl Scouts, 6:30PM, Parish Hall
125th Anniversary of St. Joseph's School Planning
Committee, 7:00 PM, School Conference Room
Men's Basketball, 7:15PM, School Gym

Wednesday, February 2

St. Joseph's Choir Rehearsal, 7:30PM, Church
Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30PM, Parish Hall
Men's Basketball, 7:30 PM, School Gym

Thursday, February 3

Prayers for Peace, 6:30PM, Church

Friday, February 4

Holy Hour, immediately after the 12:15 PM Mass
Prayers for Peace, immediately after the Holy Hour

Saturday, February 5

YYAA, 9:00AM, School Gym

REMEMBER YOUR PARISH WITH A BEQUEST IN YOUR WILL

For more information, speak to your Pastor or call
the Planned Gifts Office
212-371-1011, Ext. 3317

ANDROGOGY

Catholic Schools Week

The little boy's grandfather told me the story. Ryan, he said, found the first day of Kindergarten stressful enough. The little fellow did not need to hear that he would take part in a fire drill on the following day. Fire drills meant fires, he insisted with the logic of a five year old; and he was terrified at the prospect of a fire in school. The next day, he stood just inside the school's front door, refusing to let go of his mother's hand. The Principal saw the scene, said a few words to the mother, then took the little boy's hand and led him into her office.

Fire Drills, she told him, were just practice for leaving the building quickly in the unlikely event they ever had a real fire. She showed Ryan the alarm she would pull to begin the exercise. Then she promised him that he could be with her when she pulled the alarm. You know, she told him, your cousin helped me do this very same thing just a few years ago.

The principal was true to her promise; and the little guy took his place in that long line of children who have gone through St. Patrick School in the 26 years Marcie Bosnak has been its principal. Her tenure has been characterized by a single theme that she phrases as a question: What is best for the children?

Typically, the Principal gathers her staff a week before school opens in August. They spend five days in intensive preparation for the year to come. They hear motivational speakers and academic specialists who bring them abreast of the best in educational techniques. They meet in unit groups to discuss strategies and they spend time along preparing for the opening day of class. They also hear the Principal speak of the importance of seeing each day as a gift from God who loved them into existence and now invites them to respond by being better men and women, better Catholics and better teachers. All this they must share with their students because those children are their only reason for being there.

This is a sketch of the one school I know best. It helps me understand why Catholic schools are celebrated as the most effective tool we have for passing the faith along to the next generation. Research has also shown that they are academically as good as the best of their public counterparts and better than most. I can see why the bishops have urged the "fundamental right (of parents) to choose the education best suited to the needs of their children, including private and religious

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Our Overall *goals*

