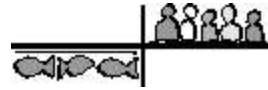




**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 7, 2010**

*“ Do not be afraid, from now on you will be catching men”*



**MONDAY, February 8**

8:30AM - + Joseph J. Luszczek, Sr. -r/o Wife  
Juliana, sons Joseph Jr. & Edward

**TUESDAY, February 9**

8:30AM - + Marion Coolbaugh  
r/o Juliana Luszczek

**WEDNESDAY, February 10**

8:30AM - + Angela Poland -r/o Fr. Leon

**THURSDAY, February 11**

8:30 AM - + Gregory Grasso  
r/o Genevieve Helfin

**FRIDAY, February 12**

8:30 AM- + Isabella Civiletti & Family  
r/o Son Andrea Civiletti

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:30 AM Mass. Adoration immediately following Mass until 12 noon.*

**SATURDAY, February 13**

8:30 AM - + Sara Ricci -r/o Gloria & Bob Baita  
5:00 PM - + Dominick B. Tomaro -r/o Wife,  
Children and Grandchildren

**SUNDAY, February 14**

8:00 AM - + Parishioners  
9:30 AM - + Living & Deceased Members of  
St. Mary's Rosary Society  
11:00 AM- + Helena Wierzbicki  
r/o Son Wieslaw



**Saints of the Week**

Monday: St. Jerome Emiliani  
St. Josephine Bakhita  
Wednesday: St. Scholastica  
Thursday: Our Lady of Lourdes

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**First Reading: Isaiah 6: 1 - 2a, 3 - 8**

Isaiah recounts the awe he felt the first time he saw the Lord, who was surrounded by angels. He began to feel despair because he was a man of unclean lips, until an angel touched an ember to his lips and pronounced them clean. The Lord asked who he should send forth, to which Isaiah replied, “Here I am, send me!”

**Second Reading: I Corinthians 15: 1 – 11**

Paul reminds the Corinthians that Christ died for us to free us from our sins. He encourages them to remember the importance of Jesus’ death and resurrection. He admits that he initially failed to believe and, therefore, was very grateful to be called an apostle and to preach in the name of Christ.

**Gospel: Luke 5: 1 - 11**

Luke tells of Jesus preaching to a crowd, then joining Peter who was about to end a fruitless day of fishing. He told Peter to lower his net back in, and a great number of fish were caught. Upon seeing this, Peter and his companions, James and John, immediately abandoned their nets to follow Jesus.

**ST. BLAISE-BLESSING OF THROATS**

The blessing of throats, involving the intercession of St. Blaise, has become a very popular devotion. St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, devoted the early years of his life to the study of philosophy and later became a physician. He was ordained to the priesthood and made Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia. He was seized and carried off to prison by Agriculus, the governor. On his way to prison, a woman implored his aid as her son was choking on a fish bone. At his intercession, the child was cured, and since then his aid has often been solicited in similar cases.



**PARISHIONER PRAYER LIST**

**NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:**

Catherine Barbati, Martha Burke, Bernadine Hnasko, Peter Jannone, Adeline Melesurgo, Donna Rabke, Lee Sarlo, Clara Vadimsky, Helen Vanderbeek, Helen Wawrzyniak.

**HOMEBOUND:** Clementine Buono, Alice Czado, Carmela Ciminelli, Henrietta DePass, Florence Colanduoni, Bronia Litowinski, Vicki Mitzen, John and Anna Occhipinti, Genevieve Wawrzycki.

**HOSPITALIZED:** Andy Civiletti

**NOTE:** Please call the Parish Office (732) 356-0358 with the names of homebound, nursing home/assisted living or hospitalized parishioners. Please also notify the Parish Office when the status of a parishioner changes.

**GOD'S GIFT FOR GIVING**

*Last Sunday Our Generous Stewards of St. Mary's Parish Contributed:*

5:00 PM - \$ 905.00                      9:30AM - \$ 860.00  
 8:00 AM - \$ 581.00                      11:00 AM - \$ 1170.00  
**TOTAL : \$3516.00**

**St. Mary's Rosary Society** will celebrate corporate communion next Sunday, February 14 at the 9:30 am Mass. Their monthly meeting will follow, sponsored by Group 2, Evelyn Murawski and Jean Kowalenko. New members are always welcome !

**St. Mary's Leisure Club** will also have their monthly meeting next Sunday at 1 pm in the school hall. Please try to attend. Tickets will be available for the St. Patrick's Day Dinner that will take place at Russo's on Union Avenue on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. For more info, call Sal at 908-725-5444.



Next week is the second Sunday of the month and that means ***BREAKFAST AT HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY!*** Take your

valentine to the HFA cafeteria for an all-you-can eat assortment of scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, crumb cake, coffee, tea and juice. Cost is \$5 for seniors and children 8th grade and younger; \$7 for adults. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

**Weekend Schedule February 13 -14, 2010**

<u>5:00 pm Lector</u>	Joseph Pizzo
<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	James DeMaio Anthony Guido Jomi Kent
<u>8:00 am Lector</u>	Carol McGinnis
<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	Frank Kolodzieski
<u>9:30 am Lector</u>	Connie Morello
<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	Charles Ilsley Anthony Provenzano John Todaro
<u>11:00 am Lector</u>	Krzysztof Bar
<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	Mark Litwinko

***2009 Bishop's Annual Appeal  
 Because We Are Church***

Now more than ever, our mission must continue if we are to meet the ever-growing needs of our human family. Although these are challenging economic times, together we can advance the work of the Church through our faithful support, each according to his means. To date, the Diocese has received pledges totaling \$31,263.00 from 187 parishioners. This represents 72.4 % of our goal of \$43,200.00 .

A LITTLE GIRL IN CHURCH THOUGHTFULLY ASKS HER GRANDPA, "WHAT IS JESUS' LAST NAME?"



**The Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

The economic crisis in the United States has left many Americans without security; the security of having a job, the security of having health care or the security of having a sufficient retirement fund. For the 37 million Americans who have been living in poverty, these kinds of security have always been out of reach, and the current crisis has amplified their struggles. For nearly 40 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development has helped the poor fight for fair wages, affordable housing and access to health care. Now more than ever, CCHD needs our support to help lift others out of poverty. Families are struggling, our faith is calling. Next weekend we will have a Second Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Please be generous in your donation.

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**P** ROGRAM



Since it was established in 1984, SHIP has served over 2 million meals with no food budget. The majority of the food and personal items needed have been donated by churches, schools and others with a giving heart.

By bringing hope to the hopeless, food to the hungry, joy to the forgotten, you can help take some of the sting of poverty out of their lives.

Every first Sunday we collect canned food, cereal, coffee, crackers, peanut butter and jelly and other assorted non-perishable food items. You can also donate personal items; deodorant, shampoo, hand soap, shaving cream, razors, combs, toothpaste and toothbrushes

In today's economy, SHIP serves 100-125 meals at SHIP's Galley, and their Mobile Soup Kitchen serves an additional 500 meals per week.

Contributions are always needed so they can continue to serve those in need. No donation or contribution is too small.

*Please extend your kindness to others. Thank you*

**VOLUNTEERS**

**BINGO NEEDS YOU !!**  
*Can you spare a short time on Friday evenings? It does not have to be EVERY Friday-make yourself available to to help the Parish.*

*The following areas and times are needed -*  
Refreshment area - 5 - 7 pm  
Door Sales - 5 - 7:30 pm  
Office Workers- Count and distribute prize money  
Cakes - We ALWAYS need cakes - each and every morsel sells !! Can we add you to the list??  
 Please call Wanda Czarcinski (732-356-6784)  
 or just stop in on a Friday night !!!

From 5th graders -  
 God is like....GENERAL ELECTRIC  
*He brings good things to life*  
 God is like...BAYER ASPIRIN  
*He works miracles*

**The Beauty of Teardrops**

There is a story of a competition held in heaven. God offered a grand prize for the angel who collected the most beautiful object in the universe. The angels searched everywhere and returned with several beautiful articles such as flowers, feathers, butterflies, coral fishes and dewdrops.

God was not fully satisfied with these collections. Finally, an angel returned with a small bottle containing the tears of a repenting sinner. This angel was given the first prize.

The sacrament of penance and reconciliation is instituted in the church so that those who approach the sacrament may obtain pardon from God's mercy for the offense committed against Him, and are, at the same time, reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by their sins.

Jesus said, "I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine respectable people who do not need to repent" {Luke 15:7}.

*As the season of Lent approaches, this may be a good story for children who are approaching First Holy Communion.*



*"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."*

*-Sir Winston Churchill*

·While this was said by Churchill during World War II, the message is still very true today. Over 200,000 of our brave men and women in uniform are in harms way so that we here on the home front can sleep safe and sound each night.

*Please pray for them and their safe return*





**"PINK OUT  
for  
Breast Cancer Awareness"**



Immaculata HS

vs.

Somerville HS @ IHS

Girls Basketball

5:15 pm Junior Varsity

7:00 pm Varsity (honoring Breast Cancer Survivors)

**FOOD, FUN AND PRIZES !!**

All proceeds to go to Hunterdon Cancer Center

For more info: IHSpinkout4bc@gmail.com

***Lent: A Different Approach to Fasting***

Lenten Fasts have a tendency to be oriented toward things like giving up food or television. But there are many other creative ways we can welcome Jesus' healing touch this Lent. Here are some suggestions you may want to consider.

1. ***Fast from hunger and hatred.*** Give your family and extra dose of love each day.
2. ***Fast from judging others.*** Before making judgments, recall how Jesus overlooks our faults.
3. ***Fast from discouragement.*** Hold on to Jesus' promise that he has a perfect plan for your life.
4. ***Fast from complaining.*** When you find yourself about to complain, close your eyes and recall some of the little moments of joy Jesus has given you.
5. ***Fast from resentment and bitterness.*** Work on forgiving those who may have hurt you.
6. ***Fast from spending too much money.*** Try to reduce your spending by ten percent and give these savings to the poor.



In the rear vestibule on the window sill, is a box for used stamps, religious articles, and Campbell's soup labels. Please remember to save these articles and place them in the box at your leisure. Through your help, these items help finance the work of the Franciscan Missions throughout the world.

~ Thank you for your response ~



**Reverence in Church**

*Not long ago, you could enter any Catholic Church and find a place of hushed reverence. The sanctuary light reminded us that the Blessed Sacrament was there with us. You spoke to God and to no one else, unless it was absolutely necessary - and then it was only in a low, careful whisper. What was observed was the "sense of the Sacred," a term which describes the decorum, reverence, and the sense of awe with which we acknowledge the "Real Presence." Nowadays there is laughter and talking, sometimes quite loud, upon entering and leaving the Church-sometimes even during Mass. We need to remind ourselves that upon entering the Church, we are truly in the actual presence of God. Feel the sense of God in the deafening roar of SILENCE.. Let the silence motivate your conversation with God, intent only on Him as you silently pray.*



We are in need of Altar Servers. Do you know any children who have received Holy Communion that would be interested in having the privilege of serving at the altar of the Lord? If so, please contact the Parish Office 732-356-0358.

**ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS**

St. Paul was born in Japan between 1564 and 1566. Entering the Society of Jesus, he preached Gospel to the people with great success. But when persecution against Catholics became oppressive, he was arrested along with twenty-five others. After enduring torment and derision, they were finally taken to Nagasaki and there suffered crucifixion in 1597. (Feast Day is February 6.)

