

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2012



SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2012

5:00 p.m. Hugo Rojas
John Finocchio

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012

7:30 a.m. Katherine Temple
9:00 a.m. Carol Froehlich
Saponara Family
10:30 a.m. John Gahwyler - 50th Anniversary
12:00 noon Raymond Morrison

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2012

7:00 a.m. Rev. Robert Gibney
Frank Rogers
12:00 noon Prayer Service

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2012

8:30 a.m. Sal Gargiulo
12:00 noon Prayer Service

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2012

7:00 a.m. Anthony and Lola Zaremba
12:00 noon Prayer Service

The Presentation of the Lord

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2012

8:30 a.m. Katherine Temple
Margaret Connolly - 4th Anniversary
12:00 noon Prayer Service

FIRST FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2012

7:00 a.m. Betany Raia
12:00 noon Prayer Service
7:00 p.m. Prayer Service

FIRST SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2012

5:00 p.m. Carmen Cuccinelli
Lorraine Galladay

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2012

7:30 a.m. Katherine Temple
9:00 a.m. Peter Russo
10:30 a.m. Robert & Jill Ann Ziemkiewicz
12:00 noon Thanks to Blessed Mother, Sacred Heart
and Saint Jude

2012 MASSES

Daily Mass offering is \$15.00 and Holyday and Weekend Masses are \$20.00. Checks can be made payable to "Church of Saint Mary."

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Job 7:1-4, 6-7 (74B)
Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Mark 29-39

SANCTUARY OFFERINGS

The **Sanctuary Lamp** which burns near the Tabernacle in Church, the reminder of the Lord's Presence in the Most Holy Eucharist will burn in memory of **GERALD D'AVANZO - 5th ANNIVERSARY**. Requested by Judy D'Avanzo.

Please keep Gerald and his family in your prayers.

2012 Sanctuary Offerings
are available through the Parish Office located in the
Religious Formation Office.

Celebrate the Birth - Baptism - Graduation - Wedding -
Anniversary of someone you love OR remember those in
the Military - those who are deceased through these
offerings!

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please **PRAY** in the name of **JESUS**, the healer, that the **SICK of SAINT MARY PARISH** may be restored to health and all those who **ASSIST** and **CARE** for the sick will be given the **STRENGTH** to continue **GOD'S** good **WILL**:

Adar Achrak, Ray Anderson, Marie Corrigan,
Gilda Danza, Joseph Danza, Domingo Delacruz,
Joselito De Leon, Bruce Duryea, Michael Francis,
Rev. Charles W. Hartling, Joyce Kasper, Patricia Kmon, Beth
Maroney, Megan Macaluso, Connie Mehos and Steven
Monahan

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION
OF ADULTS**

Sessions for adults interested in becoming Catholic or Catholic adults who wish to receive Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation are held on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in Room 200 in Saint Mary High School. To register, call Mary Lanni (201) 933-1056 or e-mail marylanni@comcast.net.

From the Pastor

January 29, 2012



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus said, 'Quiet! Come out of him!' The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, 'What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean

spirits and they obey him.'" [Mark 1:25-27]

To help open the treasures of the revised Roman Missal, each week I'll give the history of and a reflection on the three Mass orations of that day, gleaned from the USCCB's website and *Essential Presidential Prayers and Texts* book. I'm truly amazed at the theological depth and powerful beauty of these three prayers; I hope you are, too!

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Collect

*Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honor you with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.*

Today's Gospel records perhaps one of the most frightening rites - an "Exorcism" - it is also one of the most misunderstood and over-dramatized Catholic ritual, thanks to the modern media. Yet today's Collect is so serene and simple. It asks God to help us to love Him and our neighbor in sincerity and action. Perhaps this dichotomy was intended to remind us NOT to make our mission overly complex - or limited only to the extraordinary events of life! The Latin words 'rationabili affectu' - which are rendered in English as 'in truth of heart' - beckon us to be attentive to our 'gut feelings' - which we must always reflect on. For unlike the animals that react with pure instinct, we humans are able to enhance our instincts with logic and reason - and with God's revealed words, without which we cannot stay on track!

As you confront your own demons, and try to help those dealing with their own ungodly desires and inclinations, do you use human logic and reason AND God's revelation, which is found in Sacred Scripture and Church teachings? Or are you trying to combat evil alone, without God's help? If so, God help you!

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Prayer Over the Offerings

*O Lord, we bring to your altar these offerings
of our service: be pleased to receive them,
we pray, and transform them into
the Sacrament of our redemption.*

Your altar. During Mass, parents [and others!] often admonish children to "behave themselves" because they are in God's house. But are we 'grown-ups' fully attuned to what happens in this sacred place, at God's holy altar? Whatever we bring to a Catholic altar - we literally bring to Christ Himself! All the prayers we utter before, or vows we make before, or sacrificial gifts we offer before a Catholic altar - are offered to Christ! No wonder we bow before the altar, and the ordained ministers venerate it with a kiss at Mass! Are you aware of what is happening each time you stand before our altar, or when your gifts are brought to our altar, or when you or a loved one celebrates a Sacrament: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist or Anointing of the Sick before our altar, or when the bodies of our loved ones are honored before our altar?

This prayer asks Christ to receive EVERYTHING we bring to God's altar - and transform it into Himself! For the altar is the place of the ultimate exchange; at the altar, we offer back to God whatever He has entrusted to us: our service, our offerings, our very lives - which He receives and transforms into Himself! WOW!

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Prayer after Communion

*Nourished by these redeeming gifts, we pray,
O Lord, that through this help to eternal salvation
true faith may ever increase.*

Although we're not even halfway through winter, and the planting season is still far away, this oration already envisions how God will make new growth 'spring' up - in us - and through us - in the lives of others! The Eucharist is indeed a 'redeeming gift' - and perhaps God's greatest dose of grace - but it does not work by magic. In order to be a fruitful gift, those who receive the Eucharist must be properly disposed, just as the soil must be prepared, nurtured, watered and weeded if the seeds planted in it are to develop and blossom. With Lent almost upon us, it's the perfect time to assess the 'garden' of our soul. What things contrary to the Gospel must you uproot? Are you lacking the prayer time, sacramental grace or biblical knowledge necessary to fortify your faith?

With God's love and my prayers,

Father Mike

Reverend Michael J. Kreder

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Although we mention *ONLY* the names of those who were buried from Saint Mary Church from the pulpit during Sunday Mass, we do pray for all who have gone before us in death during our Prayer of the Faithful. Please remember also in your prayers:

Phil Schneider

nephew to Jean Schneider

"Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them."

[Revelation 14:13]

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Saturday, February 11, 2011 - 5:00 p.m.

Although it does not matter what altar we are remembered at, there is something special about our 'home' parish's altar. Due to the construction of our new altar and renovated worship space, we were not able to hold the annual and very special Mass of Remembrance near All Souls Day, November 2. And many of you were unable to conduct your departed loved ones' funeral at Saint Mary Church since we worshipped in our High School auditorium for almost a year!

Now that we are in our beautiful new church, I invite you to join in the annual All Souls Day Memorial Mass on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2012, at the 5:00 PM Mass.** During this Mass the names of those buried by our parish's ministers this past year [10/1/10 – 12/03/11 – the day we solemnly dedicated and finally moved into our new church] will be read aloud and a candle lit in their memory. Their names are now recorded in our Book of Remembrance, which goes back to our parish's inception in 1908. Kindly send or drop off a picture of your loved one to the parish for our powerpoint presentation and collage which will be placed by our baptismal font. Pictures must be received *by February 6, 2012.*

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

3:00 P.M. MASS - FEBRUARY 11, 2012

We will celebrate the *Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick* at **3:00 p.m.** on **Saturday, February 11, 2012.** The *Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick* will be administered during the Mass. *ANYONE* can attend the Mass to *fulfill* their Sunday obligation. The *ANOINTING* should be received by any Catholic struggling with a physical, emotional, or spiritual illness or any of those of advanced age.

Since Vatican II the focus of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is Jesus, our Risen Lord. As a result, the Church no longer uses the former term, Last Rites, since that name does not convey the joy of this encounter with the living Lord.

In silence those to be anointed kneel, if possible, and are prayed over with the Laying on of Hands, an ancient gesture of solemn prayer. While hymns of comfort and healing are sung, ministers use the Oil of the Sick to anoint the foreheads and hands of those receiving the sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office at 438-2200 to register yourself or someone in need.

BLESSING OF ANNUAL (WHITE) CANDLES

Sunday, February 19th during our 9:00 a.m. Mass

The Memorial Candles will remain lit for *ONE* year; we will offer the intercessions they represent. The *NAMES* of all the annual intentions will be **READ ALOUD** during the Prayer of the Faithful and the candles will be blest and made holy. Please call the Parish Office if you too would like to memorialize a loved one, remember someone who is ill, pray for your children etc. Contact the parish office to have your intention included during this special blessing.

CANDLEMAS BLESSING

"Presentation of the Lord"

Blessed candles are a sign of our joy in Christ's warmth and enlightenment by His Light' they are sacramentals: objects dedicated to a holy use or purpose. All are encouraged to bring candles from home [dinner tapers, birthday and votive candles, etc.] for the annual Blessing of Candles at Masses on **Thursday, February 2nd.**

BLESSING OF THROATS



Friday, February 3rd is the Feast of Saint Blaise; he died in 316 and was a bishop in Armenia. While imprisoned for the Faith he was said to have saved the life of a boy who had swallowed a fishbone. He also reportedly brought back to a poor woman a pig that a wolf had stolen; in gratitude the woman offered Blaise meat, bread and a candle; some say this led to the joining of Candlemas' Blessing of Candles [Feb 2nd] to the Blessing of Throats with Blessed Candles on Feb 3rd! Throats will be blessed during our 7:00 a.m. Mass, 12:00 noon

Prayer Service and a special Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m.

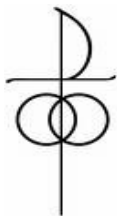
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

8:30 a.m. Masses

The Academy at Saint Mary and Saint Mary High School students will be present at the 8:30 a.m. Mass on TUESDAY, January 31st to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. All are welcome.

THE ACADEMY AT SAINT MARY

... will be selling raffle tickets for the 50/50 raffle which will take place at their Tricky Tray on March 9th in the Narthex of the Church during weekend Masses. Kindly stop by if you would like to take a chance and possibly be the big winner! Winner need not be present. We will call you!



WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

Sunday, February 12, 2012, the Archdiocese celebrates "**World Marriage Day**" to recognize the importance of the Sacrament of Marriage. Saint Mary will be honoring all married couples at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary in 2012 such as 5, 10, 15,

20, 25 years or ANY ANNIVERSARY after 50 YEARS and would like to participate in the liturgy, please complete this form. A member of the Spiritual Life Committee will be contacting you prior to the Mass with instructions. Please join us for this wonderful Celebration of Love.

We are celebrating a special milestone anniversary in 2012 and would like to participate in the "World Marriage Day" Service on Sunday, February 12, 2012 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please place this form in the Sunday basket or return it to the office as soon as possible.

Names: _____

Years Married: _____ **Date of Marriage:** _____

Telephone Number: _____

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Members of our Rosary Altar Society and those who would like to become members!

We have decided to *meet* on the *1st Monday* of each *month* in the Daily Mass Chapel in Church after the noon prayer service for the Resitation of the Rosary. Our *1st gathering* will be *Monday, February 6th*. Please enter through the door by the ramp that is used as a handicap entrance/exit.

LET'S BUILD OUR MUSIC PROGRAM!

I would like to build on the praise and worship band we have started at the 12 noon Mass at Saint Mary. We already have an excellent guitar player and an excellent drummer. I want to find someone who can play the bass guitar and I also want to find lead and back up singers. I am also interested in hearing from other instrumentalists. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. The adult and children choirs are also seeking new members. The adult choir (high school age and up) meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the daily mass chapel. The children's choir, under the direction of Andrea Covais, meets on Friday at 4pm in the church. Please see me, Gerry DeMan at the organ/piano after mass if interested or email Gerry at pianoman81453@aol.com.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Continue to pray for all the brave men and women who are defending our country. Keep them safe from all attacks and danger. Give them wisdom and strength in battle, help them to stay spiritually, physically, mentally and emotionally strong and bring them safely home to their families.

DREW NAPOLI

nephew to Thea Scheurman

1LT. DANIELLE REID

daughter of John and Bonnie Reid
in Kuwait as of 26th of December

PAUL FEDORISIN

Ellen Reid's grandson
in Afghanistan - 2nd tour of duty

SECOND COLLECTION

A *SECOND COLLECTION* will be taken *the weekend of February 11/12* for the Rutherford Food Pantry and other charitable concerns. Food can be dropped off in the Church Narthex and will be brought to the Food Pantry on Monday morning. Please check the expiration dates of the food. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

The Academy at Saint Mary

Tricky Tray - Friday, March 9, 2012

FIESTA, WOODRIDGE

Doors open at 6:15 pm



Tickets \$45.00 per person and will be available soon! Donations of new - unused items are most welcome and can be dropped off in the school office.

2012 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Many people are feeling the impact of these trying economic times. Yet, Christian stewardship invites us to trust . . . to take a risk . . . to share what we have with others in the confidence that our heavenly Father will provide us with all that we truly need. It is in this spirit that you are invited to make a sacrificial gift to our Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Pledge weekend is next weekend - February 4/5.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION - INFANT BAPTISM

Expectant parents should call the Parish Office to register for the required formation session before birth or adoption and to receive our parish policy, ritual explanation and godparent requirement book.



Saint Mary High School

will have their next
OPEN HOUSE

on
Sunday, January 29th from 1:00 - 3:00 P.M.

All are invited to tour the school with a special invitation to all 6th - 7th and 8th grade students! Come meet the Administration, Staff and Faculty. Questions? Call Mr. Roy Corso, principal at (201) 933-5220. He will be happy to assist you!

Please mark your calendars for the last session of the 2011-2012 Summer Religious Formation Program: Saturday, February 25th - 9:30 - 12:00 noon.

OPEN HOUSE

THE ACADEMY AT SAINT MARY

Sunday, January 29, 2012

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Monday through Thursday

9:00 - 11:00

Tuesday evening

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

DAILY READINGS

Monday, January 30, 2012

2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Psalm 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;
Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Saint John Bosco, Priest

2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3;
Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mark 6:1-6

Thursday, February 2, 2012

The Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 24: 7, 8, 9, 10; Hebrews 2:14-18;
Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Friday, February 3, 2012

Sirach 47:2-11; Psalm 18:31, 47 & 50, 51; Mark 6:14-29

or

Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

Romans 5:1-5; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; Mark 16:15-20

or

Saint Ansgar, Bishop

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8, 10; Mark 1:14-20

Saturday, February 4, 2012

1 Kings 3:4-13; Psalm 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14;
Mark 6:30-34

BIBLE GROUP

"Would you like to know your Catholic faith better? Do you feel that you do not know how to respond when people attack Catholic beliefs? Come and see. Every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. we have a small Bible based prayer, study and discussion group in a private home in Rutherford. Call (201) 507-0716.

CATECHISTS : SUMMER RELIGIOUS FORMATION

We are in **URGENT** need of **Teachers** for our Summer Religious Formation Program. Before registration can even begin, we need to know we have volunteers who will work on sharing their time and knowledge of our great Catholic Faith with your children. Because our Archdiocese requires 37 hours of instructional teaching, there will be classes June 25th through June 29th and July 2nd, 3rd, 5th & 6th from 8:30 - 12:00 noon. There are also two mandatory Saturday classes - December 8th and Saturday, March 2nd.

REPORT OF CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Since tax laws have changed, it is often more advantageous to take the standard deduction than to itemize it. If you plan to itemize or otherwise need a report of your contribution, please fill out the form below and we will send you one.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Envelope # if known: _____



OLD PALMS

To help us prepare ashes for **Ash Wednesday [February 22, 2012]** we ask that you gather up your old palm and bring your old palm branches to church on the weekends of **February 12th and February 19th (not before!)**; baskets for old palms will be found at the main doors.

LOOKING FOR A JOB? OVERWHELMED? WANT SOME EXPERT FEEDBACK ON YOUR RESUME?

Join us for . . . **JOB HUNTING: SOUP TO NUTS!** A **FREE** five part workshop presented by Rutherford Public Library in partnership with SGS North America, Inc.

February 2012

Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

It's a unique opportunity but space is limited! To register, sign up in person at the Reference Desk or call (201) 939-8600 x 7 or email ruthref@bccls.org (put **JOB HUNTING** in subject line)

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"Recapture the Dream" - A Dream Come True!

