

Sunday, March 8, 2015 – The Third Sunday of Lent

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DECEASED: Rev. Esviardo Palomino (class of 1949)

RESERVED MASSES:

Sun 7:00 a.m. James Palumbo
9:00 a.m. Vincent Buono, Sr.
11:00 a.m. John Granwehr
Mon 6:45 a.m. August & Theresa Granwehr
Tue 6:45 a.m. Margaret Clerkin
Wed 6:45 a.m. George & Clara Thornton
Thu 6:45 a.m. Communion Service
Fri 6:45 a.m. Albert & Janis Zins
Sat 8:00 a.m. For all parishioners
5:00 p.m. Dorothy Stauss
Sun 7:00 a.m. Charlotte Ricketson
9:00 a.m. Ron van der Poel
11:00 a.m. William & Velma McCain

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING – TITHING

Sunday Collection: \$ 5,041.60
Church Maintenance: 253.00
 CNY: 30.00
Parish Pay Sunday Coll.: 400.00
Last Year's Collection: \$ 4,422.50

THANK YOU!

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun Daylight Savings time begins
1100 a.m. Seeds
12:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Mon 6:45 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. Masses
3:30 p.m. Miraculous Medal Novena
7:15 p.m. Lenten Series presentation/chapel
7:30 p.m. Contemporary Music practice
Tue ---
Wed 6:00 p.m. Religious Education classes
7:15 p.m. R/M Prayers
Thu 7:00 p.m. Taize Prayer Service
Fri 7:00 p.m. BST #36
7:30 p.m. Stations of Cross
Sat 4:30 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sun 2nd Collection – Catholic Relief Services
11:00 a.m. Seeds
12:00 p.m. Adoration
St. Patrick's Day Parade

OPEN HOUSE – DOMINICAN SISTERS OF HOPE

Celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life Dominican Sisters of Hope by attending the Open House planned for March 8, 2015 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. There will be prayer, contemplation, sharing and international guests. Refreshments will be served. The Open House will be held at Mariandale Retreat and Conference Center located on Highland Rd., Ossining, NY. FMI about the event, please contact St. Mary Ann Clausson, OP at 914-941-4420 or mclausson@ophope.org March 8-15 is National Catholic Sisters' Week.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES/CITIZENSHIP DRIVE

On Saturday, March 21 from 9 AM to 12 PM at the Catholic Charities Offices located at 6 Adams St., Kingston, invite those immigrants who have already had their green card for 3-5+ years and are looking to take the final step to become a US citizen. FMI and details of what to bring, please contact Dan Buzi, Office for New Americans at Catholic Charities: Danielbuzi@archny.org or 452-1400, ext. 4207.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES HOSTS LENTEN SERIES

This year there will be a new format for the Lenten series. It will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM at the United Methodist Church. A film will be shown with a discussion group formed to review the film. The dates for the Lenten Series are March 11, 18 and 25.

R.C.I.A. NEWS

For catechumens, this week as the Elect, Lent is the final preparation for Baptism. For those of us already baptized it is a time for repentance and renewal through the practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lent is about our baptismal covenant with God. Remember that those who have been preparing for the initiation sacraments are now entering a time of more intense spiritual preparation. There is a dramatic shift during Lent away from Catechetical formation to a time of retreat. These people coming into our church need the prayers of the entire parish community. We have had a retreat service the last two weeks in the chapel and would invite all the parish to come and join us on Monday at 7:15 p.m. in the chapel to continue our Lenten preparations for the Easter Vigil. All are welcome.

DEFENDING LIFE SERIES ON EWTN

Learn the Church's teaching about the right to life and find out what you can do to defend it. Watch new episodes of "Defending Life" airing on EWTN, Wednesdays at 11 PM; listen to EWTN radio on Saturdays at 6:30 p.m, Sundays at 1 PM.

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MEDITATION

John 2:13-25

Zeal for your house will consume me.

If you remember just one thing from today's Gospel, remember this: you are God's temple. Just as Jesus cleared the Temple of all corrupting influences, he wants to cleanse us. Just as he was zealous for his Father's house, he is zealous for each of us—for we are all temples of his Holy Spirit.

But let's put this story in perspective. Remember how encouraging and supportive Jesus is throughout the Gospels. Remember how much he loves you. Remember, also, that he intercedes for you day after day. Jesus is zealous for us in his passionate love, and there are times when his passion is directed against the sin in us. That is where we get the phrase the "wrath of God."

We mar this beautiful temple of our lives when we allow sin to overtake us. Whenever sin rules us in this way, our temple gets a little more darkened, and that upsets the Lord. Of course, his anger is directed against our behavior, not against our hearts. But it is a passionate anger nonetheless.

So let us choose never to cause the Lord to be angry with us. Let us make sure that Jesus is first in our lives. Let us make sure that we do not let any sin enter our lives and defile the temple of our hearts or our bodies. And if we should fall, let's have the courage and the humility to confess our sins and be reconciled with the Lord. In short, let us do everything we can to make the temple of our hearts as pure and holy as possible.

Let us also pray for the courage to evangelize. There are many people in the world who are corrupting their temples. It is up to us to reach out to them, beginning with our families and friends. We can help them to get right with God so that they can experience the passion of his love and not his wrath.

SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE PROGRAM

St. Mary of the Snow will host a **Before School and After School Child Care program** in September 2015. The hours will be from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. and from 3:15 to 5:30 p.m. in the former school building. Registration is required. The registration fee of \$35 will hold a space for your child. Children ages 5-12 are eligible. The hourly fee is \$6.00 per hour, per child. Children must be up to date on immunization. A copy of a recent physician's exam is required. To obtain a registration form and to schedule an interview with Miss Molinelli, please call 246-6381 or contact our web page at stmaryofthesnow.org

SECOND COLLECTION – NEXT WEEKEND

The **Catholic Relief Services Collection** supports five Catholic organizations that advance the international social ministry of the Catholic Church. These ministries include relief and resettlement services to victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; sustainable development programs to improve the living conditions of the poor; advocacy on behalf of the powerless; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence, and legal and support services for poor immigrants. Please be generous.

HOLY NAME ST. PATRICK'S RAFFLE

Just over a week is left for you to participate in the St. Patrick's Day raffle. The drawing will be held on Tuesday, March 17th. Why not try your luck and at the same time support the Holy Name Society? May the luck of the Irish be with you!

20 WEEK FUEL FUND CLUB REMINDER

Please call in your reservations for the dinner on Sunday, March 22nd this weekend. For those who have forgotten to send in their club money, that is due also. Thank you.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

will be held on Wednesday evening, March 18th at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Please take this opportunity to make your confession during this time of Lent. In addition to Fr. Chris, several priests will be available for confession.

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

will be held on Thursday, March 12 at 7 PM. Taize Services last for approximately 45 minutes, and are held in candlelight. The services are very calming and soothing, and allow listeners an opportunity to connect with God in a special and prayerful way. Please join us in the church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Catherine Ott, Bill Bair, Rose & Charles Meiswinkel, Jan van der Poel, Barbara Wismont, Mary Ellen Fuoco, Jeanette Fuoco, Neil Gallagher, Judy Fiero, Pastor Dick Webber, John Mulligan, Angelina Lemyre, Adrian Lepe, Leslie Zarcone, Michael E. Donlon, Ruth Lowe, Maryanne DePoala, John Valdata, George Woerthmann, Melanie Hagan, Chris Morrissey, Darryl Caldwell, James Dargan, Herman Wilcox, Anthony Konopka, Ed Norton, Patty Williams, Robyn Daugherty, SherryAnn Kenjersky, Michael Greco, Jr., Gloria Sauer, George Dale, Michelina Cornell, Fr. Marc Oliver, Greg Mulstay, Diane Yetter

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