

Sunday, March 22, 2015 – The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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DECEASED: William Quinlan, Rev. James P. Carroll (class of 1953)

12:00 p.m. Adoration

RESERVED MASSES:

- Sun 7:00 a.m. Mary & John Buono
9:00 a.m. Kim Lenz Spencer
11:00 a.m. Deceased members of Scala & Thompson families
Mon 6:45 a.m. Gerard B. Donlon
Tue 6:45 a.m. Mary Iusi
Wed 6:45 a.m. Charlene Johnson
Thu 6:45 a.m. Communion Service
Fri 6:45 a.m. Monsignor Edward J. Montano
Sat 8:00 a.m. For all parishioners
5:00 p.m. Sue Platko
Sun 7:00 a.m. Desmond Post
9:00 a.m. John Adriance
11:00 a.m. John Granwehr

ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ROMERO/DVD

Pope Francis formally has recognized the martyrdom of Archbishop Oscar Romero and set the stage for the slain archbishop's beatification. The DVD entitled Romero is a compelling and deeply moving look at the life of the Archbishop of El Salvador who made the ultimate sacrifice in a passionate stand against social injustice and oppression in his country while simultaneously taking a stand against liberation theology. The DVD will be shown Wed. (4/15/15) 8:30 -10:15 AM and again on Friday (4/17/15) 6:30-8:15 PM in the community room of Sacred Heart Church, Esopus. Contact Lorraine Krasinski at 834-6030.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS IN CEMETERY

will be removed at the end of March. If you wish to keep any Christmas wreaths and other decorations, please remove them by the end of March.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING – TITHING

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Sunday Collection (\$3,275.00), Church Maintenance (36.00), 2nd Coll.: Catholic Relief (532.00), Bishop's Overseas Appeal (134.00), Last Year's Collection (\$3,380.71).

THANK YOU!

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

- Sun 1100 a.m. Seeds
12:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Fuel Fund Dinner – Best Western Plus
Mon 6:45 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. Masses
3:30 p.m. Miraculous Medal Novena
7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.
7:30 p.m. Contemporary Music practice
Tue
Wed 6:00 p.m. Religious Education classes
7:15 p.m. R/M Prayers
Thu 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir practice
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 Palm Sunday
Process to Church from Hall with blessed palm
11:00 a.m. Seeds

COUNTY LEVEL ESSAY CONTEST

Topic: If you could use social media to address one issue to improve your school or parish community, what would it be and why? OR Does social media bring us more together or make us more alone? The contest is open to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Essay must be one page typed, and will be judged on content as it pertains to the topic, spelling and grammar. Sponsored by CYO. A 3x5 index card with author's name, address, telephone #, grade, county and name of school or parish must be affixed to the essay. Submission date: Friday, April 10, 2015. Mail to: U.C. CYO Office, 6 Adams St., Suite 3, Kingston, NY 12401.

PLANNING MEETING FOR VBS

will be held on Wednesday, March 25th at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Those interested in helping with Vacation Bible School (July 27-31) should plan on attending. There is a need for a 1st grade teacher.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

The parish Lenten Penance Service was held this past Wednesday, March 18th. If you missed the opportunity to attend, you will have an additional chance to make confession for Easter. Fr. Chris will be available on Monday, March 30th in the parish center from 4 to 8 p.m. Enter the waiting room and ring the bell on the counter.

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MEDITATION

John 12:20-33

Whoever serves me must follow me.

You might wonder whether Jesus is giving the cold shoulder to these Greeks. They seem anxious to talk to him, but they can't seem to get a word in. Upon hearing that they want to see him, Jesus gives an enigmatic response: "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." What kind of an answer is that?

Actually, it is the right answer. These Gentile converts to Judaism have come to worship at the Passover feast, but Jesus is saying that their Passover will not happen until after his resurrection. He is the "grain of wheat," who will be a sacrifice for sin. His death was necessary so that he could produce "much fruit" in the form of salvation for everyone. No one will be excluded, not even those Gentiles.

Today we can celebrate the fact that we too were once outsiders but are now a part of the "in crowd." Most of the people reading these words are Gentiles, not a part of the chosen people with whom God first made his covenant. We "once were far off" but have been brought near to God" by the blood of Christ." We are his adopted children, and there is no better family to be part of.

A question to reflect on, then, is "How welcoming am I to those I may consider outsiders?" We all have some notion of who belongs in church and who doesn't: that old man who never seems to smile. That couple whose kids can't sit still at Mass. That young man who seems too "liberal" or that older woman who seems too "conservative." They are all part of our family. They have all been grafted into Christ along with us. May we treasure each of them just as much as Jesus treasures us.

R.C.I.A. NEWS

What an exciting time for all the Elect as they prepare to come into the church this Holy Saturday. They just finished their retreat and have two more classes to complete. We ask all the parish to pray for these Elect as they complete this beautiful journey. Last week on the fourth Sunday of Lent the Elect received the Creed. The Creed is the faith of the church professed personally by each believer. "I believe" is also the church, our mother, responding to God by faith as she teaches us to say both, "I believe" and "We believe." We must believe in no one but God. Faith is necessary for Salvation. The Lord himself affirms, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

Believing in God, the only One, and loving him with all our being has enormous consequences for our whole life. It means coming to know God's greatness and majesty. We must serve God first. Faith in God leads us to turn to him alone as our first origin and our ultimate goal, neither to prefer anything to him and not to substitute anything for Him. God remains a mystery beyond words. God's very being is truth and love.

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

J.A. COLEMAN CATHOLIC H.S. PESENTS

Mary Poppins on March 27 & 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Matinees: March 22 at 3 p.m. and March 29 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$16/adults; \$11 children under 12. Call 338-2750 for reservations.

HOLY THURSDAY PROCESSION

Girls in grades 3-8 who have received First Communion are invited to be a part of the Holy Thursday procession of the Blessed Sacrament from the church to the chapel. Holy Week is a special time in our faith. Come join us. If interested, please call Missy Miron at 246-0146 or the parish center at 246-4913.

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, Clare Miller

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