

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

Saturday, January 30	
4:00 p.m.	Anton Wybieralla & Family & James Fitzpatrick & Family
Sunday, January 31	
9:00 a.m.	John C. Tiernan
11:00 a.m.	Eufemia Pantalone
Wednesday, February 3	
6:45 a.m.	Dianna Rivera (living)
Friday, February 5	
6:45 a.m.	Antoinetta Cammarata & Frank Mazzone
Saturday, February 6	
9:00 a.m.	Nicolina D'Andrea
4:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Ann & James Allen Kidd
Sunday, February 7	
9:00 a.m.	Pierino DiMascio
11:00 a.m.	William & Mary A. O'Neill

If the Mass Intention is for a family member or friend, please see someone in the sacristy before Mass should you wish to bring forward the offertory gifts.



Church Support The collection for January 23-24 was \$3,848.25. The Grand Annual to date has received \$87,599.53 from 374 parishioners. The second collection last weekend for the Church in Latin America was \$1,435.53. The collection to date for the victims of Haiti is \$6,986.37. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

Please let Sister Kathleen know this week of any dates you are unavailable to serve during the months of March or April. On Ash Wednesday, the celebrants of the Masses at 6:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. rely on the Eucharistic ministers to assist in the distribution of ashes. Also, please note that Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, March 28. During Holy Week, we are in need of additional lectors. Please let us know if you could be available for Holy Thursday, Good Friday or for the vigil on Holy Saturday.

We Celebrate Who We Are! Generations of Faith

“Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: *have mercy on us.*” At our recent *Generations of Faith* gatherings, we learned that God’s mercy is his compassionate love, abundantly and freely given to all in equal and excelling measure. We must be compassionate and loving towards our neighbor as Christ taught us. We also learned about our Haitian neighbors in their time of tremendous need and we prayed for their relief and comfort at a candlelight service. Lord have mercy on the people of Haiti! Thank you to everyone who participated, especially our many wonderful volunteers!

Mark your calendars for our next gatherings on March 5 and 7. Our topic will be Worship and Praise!

Safety Corner: Keeping God’s Children Protected and Safe

To know that we are children of God is to live in complete love, with deep abiding security and the ability to dream, to sing, to create, to laugh, and to play without worry. As we grow older, we face a new reality—we cannot approach all God’s creation with the same trust and confidence. We learn, through sometimes hurtful and damaging experiences, that some people reject the ability that God gave them to love and respect others—they ignore God’s call. The archdiocese’s program to safeguard children helps remind us of these very facts. With the help of this program, the faithful are guided and educated about the responsibility of how to keep God’s children protected and safe.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

The next meeting of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Sunday, February 7, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in classroom 4 in the lower church. This critically important group in our parish responds to families in need providing food and, when possible, financial assistance for fuel and rent payments. The committee is seeking new members who will help to forward the charitable work of the parish. Please consider assisting in this important ministry.



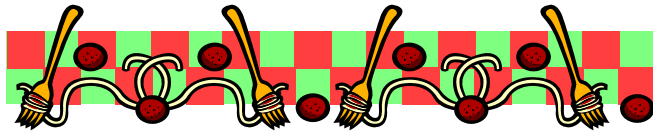
THIS IS SIGN-UP WEEKEND

For Lent - a New Heart and a New Spirit!

Lent is a time for reconciliation. Come together with others to participate in ARISE Together in Christ and foster a heart for healing and a spirit of forgiveness.

ARISE offers the opportunity to develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community, and reach out in service to others. Small groups are continuing and new ones are forming this Lent.

If you are not already participating in a group and would like to do so, you may sign-up THIS weekend. or you may call 617-484-1996.



**Italian Supper
Mark Your Calendar!**

On Saturday, February 20, join us at 5:00 p.m. in the lower church for a simple Italian meal, some conversation and companionship. Socialize with some old friends or make some new ones! Tickets are on sale in the parish office Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Adults: \$8.00, children: \$5.00. They also will be on sale the weekend of February 13-14. Tickets **must be** purchased in advance.



Prayer Shawl Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry on Wednesday, February 3 at 10:00 a.m. in the lower church. New members are always welcome. Please join us!

Lenten Retreat: Hold the Dates

The annual collaborative Lenten practices will begin Sunday, February 28 at 3:00 p.m. with a communal reconciliation service. The annual retreat will be held on Sunday afternoons, March 7, 14 and 21 at 3:00 p.m. Father Michael Medas will be our guest speaker each of the afternoons. Please hold the dates and plan to join us for this opportunity to pray and reflect about our journey in Christ.

Other Social Activities

For a few years, we have had an Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn between the rectory and church following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. We need a handful of parents to stuff the plastic eggs a week before Easter and hide them on Easter morning. For ten years now in June we have had a picnic on a Sunday afternoon. We need folks to set up before, cook during and clean up after the picnic. There is not a lot of work to either of these activities; but help is needed. Will you help? Please call Sister Kathleen, if you are able to help with either activity. Finally, during the spring, we will be planning another bus trip. Keep your eye here for more information.

Getting to Know You Forms

Please! Take one of the forms located at the doors of the church, complete it and return it by mail, in person or via the collection plate to us. Five minutes or less of your time will very much help us out in updating our parish census and let us know what interest you have that we could assess for our ability to respond. Please, help us help you!

Save the date:

February 3	Prayer Shawl Mtg.
February 7	St. Vincent de Paul Mtg.
February 11	Parish Finance Council
February 14	Arise Season IV begins
February 15	Presidents' Day
February 17	Ash Wednesday
February 17	Catholic Daughters
February 20	Winter Social
February 28	Lenten Retreat begins