

## February 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>

### Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> - First Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15  
4:00 Vigil Sp Int For Our Parish Family  
5:00 Vigil Decd Otto Frey & Peggy  
Farrington  
8:00 Decd Mary Catherine Doherty  
9:45 Decd Frank Fernandez, YPD  
11:30 Decd Rose Hernandez

### Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> -

Lv 19:1-2,11-18/Mt 25:31-46  
One Mass Only

8:30MC Decd Nancy McCormick  
(50<sup>th</sup> Anni)

### Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> -

Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15  
6:45BSC Decd Emily Gervais  
8:30MC Decd Daniel O'Brien

### Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> -

Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32  
6:45BSC Decd Oscar Salazar  
8:30MC Decd Eileen Roche Clarke  
7:30 pmBSC Decd Mercedes Alvarez

### Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> -

#### The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19  
6:45BSC Decd Ignatius Seo & Family  
8:30MC Decd Mario Cucullo

### Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> -

Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26  
6:45BSC Decd Hilda & Charles Williams  
8:30MC Decd Charles McNelis

### Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> -

Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48  
8:30MC Decd Lucia Persichilli Tejani

### Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> -

#### Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2,9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10  
4:00 Vigil Sp Int For Our Parish Family  
5:00 Vigil Decd Fran Cirone Allen  
8:00 Decd Emilia & Edward Batista  
9:45 Decd Antonino Calabro (1<sup>st</sup> Anni)  
11:30 Decd Ann Scavone

### Week of February 18<sup>th</sup>

**Bread & Wine**  
Special Intention

**Sanctuary Lamp**  
Decd Lucy Belzile



### Stewardship

February 11, 2018

\$7,796.00

Last year

\$5,011.75

(Ice Storm)

### Peter's Pence

\$1,901.60

Thank you  
for your continued support  
of our parish and its many  
needs. May God bless  
your generosity to  
Sacred Heart

### The Week Ahead

**Sunday, February 18**  
NO Religious Education

**Monday, February 19**  
**Parish Office Closed**  
NO Religious Education

**Tuesday, February 20**  
**Parish Office Closed**  
Bible Study 10:00 am (Friary)  
RCIA 7:30 pm

**Wednesday, February 21**  
O.L.P.H. Novena 7:00 pm

**Friday, February 23**  
Soup & Stations 11:45/12:30  
Multilingual Stations of the  
Cross 7:00 pm

**Saturday, February 24**  
Lectio Divina 9:15 am

**Sunday, February 25**  
Children's Liturgy of the Word  
9:45  
Religious Education 10:45

**Please Pray  
for the  
the repose of the souls  
of**

**Teresa Trainor  
Robert Eichhorn  
and the  
Deceased parishioners of  
Sacred Heart,  
and  
the intentions of  
Parish Family members  
listed in our  
Prayer Intention Book**

The Parish Office will be closed  
Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> &  
Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup>  
for the  
President's Weekend and  
work being completed  
in the building.

**THE 8:30 AM MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED IN THE CHURCH  
THROUGHOUT LENT**

### LENTEN LUNCH – STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Francis of Assisi is credited with popularizing the devotion known as the Stations of the Cross. It is a particularly Franciscan devotion because it asks us to look at and reflect on images of Jesus in his final hours of suffering and glory and respond from our hearts in prayer.

Join us for a Lenten Lunch (Soup and Salad) hosted by the various parish organizations each Friday at 11:45 in the Church Hall followed by the Stations of the Cross at 12:30 in the church. This Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, is sponsored by the Secular Franciscans.

### **Multi-Lingual Stations of the Cross**

The Evangelization Committee of the Parish Council

Invites all to join us for a Multi-Lingual

Stations of the Cross

Friday, February 23, 7:00 pm

Tagalog, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and English Reflections  
which represent much of our Parish Family.

Coffee and light refreshments will follow in the Church Hall.

### 2018 Mass Book

The Mass Book for **July 1 through December 31, 2018**

will open **Thursday, February 22 at 8:00 am**

The Bread & Wine And Sanctuary Lamp Memorials will also open

In order to give everyone an opportunity to request their Masses and Memorials, **we ask that you do not request more than six Masses and that only one be a Saturday Vigil or Sunday Mass during these six month time periods.** The stipend for all Masses will be **\$15.00**. You may also request **up to 6 Bread & Wine or Sanctuary Lamps** when the Book opens. The stipend for a Memorial will also be **\$15.00**. Your cooperation with these stipulations will be appreciated.

### COLD & FLU SEASON

Many people have asked about the practice of receiving the Precious Blood from a communal chalice now that cold and flu season is upon us. We would like to remind everyone that the Church's teachings encourage everyone to receive from the chalice. It also recommends that, if someone is not well, or has been exposed to someone who is not well, that they should refrain from receiving from the chalice. Therefore, we ask that if you or someone in your immediate vicinity is ill, please forego the chalice and resume when you are feeling better.

Another concern that has been brought up is shaking hands at the Sign of Peace. Again, if you are not well, a simple nod of acknowledgment is perfectly acceptable. We wish to keep everyone as healthy as possible.

### 2017 Donation Statements

were mailed home.

**If you need a copy and did not receive one  
please call the Parish Office.**

**Statements for Capital Improvements are sent out separately.**

My Dear Friends in Christ,

As a Pastor, as a Capuchin, as a Catholic, I cannot let this week pass without addressing the now familiarly horrific shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on Ash Wednesday. We now live in a country where classmates using mechanized weapons to destroy the lives of their teachers and fellow students have become the "new normal."

This week, on Ash Wednesday, I had the honor and privilege of spending time with over 700 (!) students who call Sacred Heart home. We see countless more young people in our religious education program each Sunday morning and Monday evening. Each one of them is a treasure of God: we do our best here to keep them safe, but as everyone knows, there is no plan or precaution that is completely foolproof. The thought of anything violent ever happening to them is abhorrent to me – and, I confess, my greatest fear.

I believe that it is important to pray together and publically as a community for the end to violence against our young people: in the aftermath of these targeted killings, the response of prayer has been called inadequate by some. For the rest of Lent, we will include a specific intention in our Prayer of the Faithful at Sunday Mass asking the Lord for conversion of hearts away from violence.

I will also begin a conversation with our Parish Council and staff about specific public prayer initiatives we can begin in response to acts of violence against young people.

Prayer as a stand-alone in the face of evil will never be sufficient: the Lord calls us to allow our prayer to lead us to decisive action. Let us pray together, my brothers and sisters in Christ, and allow Jesus the Good Shepherd to lead us.

With prayers,

*Fr. Matt*

### Mark Your Calendars!

**Saturday, March 3, 8:30 –4:00**

**Secular Franciscans invite you to a  
Lenten Day of Recollection**

***A Franciscan Encounter with Christ in Holy Week***

***Speaker: Rev. John McHugh, OFM Cap.***

***Reservations required: Please call the Parish Office.***

### **Parish Mission**

**March 19-21, 7:00 pm**

**Fr. Robert Abbatiello, OFM Cap**

**Details will follow in the coming weeks**

### WEDDING JUBILARIANS DURING 2018

Our PARISH CANA CELEBRATION will be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you are celebrating 25, 50, 60, 65 or 70 years of the Sacrament of Marriage during 2018, please contact the Parish Office. To qualify for our Parish Cana Celebration, couples must be registered, participating members of the parish.

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary during 2018 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. Please contact the Parish Office to register. The closing date to register for the Mass in May. This event is sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.