



Mass Intentions

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27TH AND NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH

MONDAY

9:00 AM Mrs. Anne Demo – Carolyn Lanz
9:00 AM Marguerite McGranahan - Friends

TUESDAY

9:00 AM Katie Caliguire - Family
9:00 AM Rosemary Graham – Tom & Mary Pohl

WEDNESDAY

6:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:00 AM Walter Corey – Virginia & Bill Corey
9:00 AM Ruth Tyndall – Mary Howley

THURSDAY

NO LITURGY SCHEDULED

FRIDAY

9:00 AM Bud Brosnan – Jackie & Chuck Taylor
9:00 AM Alphonsine Boilard – Gerald Pare

SATURDAY

4:30 PM Daniel Bailey – Barbara Cietek
4:30 PM Daniel Clancy – Family

SUNDAY

7:45 AM Truman Ingalsbe – The Scherzinger Family
7:45 AM Frances & Stanley Plaktonis - Family
9:00 AM Peter Amico – Knights of Columbus
9:00 AM Mary & John Elacqua – The Crowell Family
10:30 AM Peter Scheurman – Ken & Jeanne Speanburg
10:30 AM Richard Foley – Don & Marian Wilson
12:00 PM Thomas P. Lynch - Family
12:00 PM For the People of the Parish

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS MARCH 4TH & 5TH

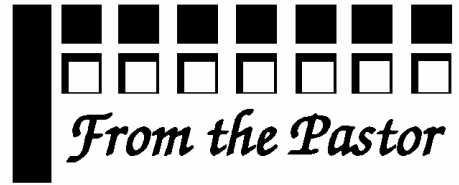
MASS	LECTOR	ALTAR SERVER
4:30 PM	Don Harmande Doreen Salse	Janice Kuglin
7:45 AM	Linda Margitan Matt Cinadr	Vito Scolamiero
9:00 AM	Thomas Kelly Phil Barrett	John Tyrell
10:30 AM	Christine Cimmino Steve Lapinski	Bill Pomeroy
12:00 PM	Don Nolan Erika DiLorenzo	Dave Selig

SACRIFICIAL GIVING AND STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

The collection for Sunday, February 19th was \$10,777.00. Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

OUR DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers the husband of Ellen Capo, **JOSEPH CAPO**, who died on February 15, 2006.



From the Pastor

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE – MARCH 1ST

6:30 AM Mass
9:00 AM Mass
3:30 PM Prayer Service
4:45 PM Prayer Service
7:00 PM Prayer Service

Ashes will be distributed at all five liturgies. The two afternoon services are scheduled for the convenience of the students in Faith Formation, but anyone is welcome to attend.

ASHES AND THE WORD OF GOD

As with all material things which are used as religious symbols, the symbolism of ashes is complex. In themselves ashes have little meaning. However, received in the light of God's revealing Word, ashes can become for us the biblical symbol they were intended to be: a sign of our desire to turn back to God. It is for this reason that the church has placed the reception of ashes within the framework of the reading of Scripture. Ashes are a reminder of our mortality and the fleetingness of life. God's Word reminds us that it is not the death of the body, but rather the death of the soul that is to be feared. Through the Scripture readings for Ash Wednesday, God calls us to turn to Him with our whole heart and be faithful to the Gospel again. In the light of these readings, the reception of ashes becomes for us the symbol of hearts that desire to turn to God, a God who is "gracious and merciful and rich in kindness."

WHO MAY RECEIVE ASHES?

Baptized individuals who have reached the age of reason are the usual recipients of ashes. Babies and young children who have not yet received the Sacrament of Penance should not be presented to receive ashes, as ashes are intended for those who are capable of personal sin. The celebration of Ash Wednesday calls the faithful to repent as we prepare for Easter. The ashes are a sign that during the season of Lent we will make a sincere effort to cleanse our lives of sin and to discipline ourselves through prayer and fasting.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. As a sign of our penance, the Diocese of Albany also preserves the custom of abstinence from meat on the Fridays of Lent. Abstinence (no meat) binds all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Fasting binds all Catholics who are 18 years of age, but not yet 59, and refers to the quantity of food eaten. Traditionally, fasting calls for only one full meal per day. By retaining these traditions for our Diocese, it is not to be interpreted as laws binding under pain of sin, but rather as customs from which we will not hold ourselves lightly excused. They should be viewed as expressions of our desire to be converted in our hearts, to be reconciled with one another, and to love our neighbor.



BAPTISMAL CLASS will be held on Saturday, March 4th at 10:00 AM. This class is for parents wishing to have their child baptized. Both parents are expected to attend this class. Please call the parish office at 371-7372 to register.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our parish family **EMILY ANNA SYMANS** and **MEGAN LAURA SYMANS** who were baptized on February 17, 2006; and **JASON ROBERT CLAWSON** and **LORELAI AMANDA FANION** who were baptized on February 18, 2006.

PRAYER

ST. EDWARD'S MINISTERS OF PRAYER – PRAYER CHAIN: For immediate requests for Prayer call Betsy 371-6494 or Dee 371-7956 to begin the Prayer Chain.

HOSANNA PRAYER GROUP: Join us for charismatic prayer, worship and song every Thursday at 7:30PM in the parish classrooms. For more information call Don at 371-6843. All are welcome.

DAILY MASS DURING LENT

During Lent, Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday will be celebrated at 9:00 AM in the church rather than in the chapel. This will help us better accommodate the increased numbers who attend daily Mass during Lent.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated each Friday during the season of Lent immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass.

SECOND COLLECTION

The Church's **National Collection for Black and Indian Missions in the United States** will be taken at all Masses next weekend. Because of the generosity of the people of this parish and parishes around the U.S., last year over **8.5 million dollars** were contributed to the Collection and **98 cents** of every dollar was distributed. The support went to some of the neediest people across the U.S. Please give what you are able. If we all give a little a lot will be accomplished.



SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS

There is a sign-up table in the gathering area after all Masses this weekend for anyone interested in a scripture study and faith sharing experience this Lent. Stop at the table for more information and deepen your Lenten experience. For more information please contact Jim Trainor at 383-4838 (home), 899-9200 (work), or trainlaw@nycap.rr.com.



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

Parish Office Hours: 9AM – 4PM

Jr/Sr High Faith Formation classes this week

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

Parish Office Hours: 9AM–4PM

Knights of Columbus: 7:30PM, Social Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST

Parish Office Hours: 9AM–4PM

Ash Wednesday Masses: 6:30 and 9 AM

Ash Wednesday Prayer Services: 3:30, 4:45, & 7 PM

St. Edward's Choir Rehearsal: 7 PM in Church

THURSDAY, MARCH 2ND

Parish Office Hours: 9AM-4PM

Hosanna Prayer Group: 7:30PM

Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal: 7PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 3RD

Parish Office Hours: 9AM-12NOON

SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH

Baptism Class: 10AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30PM, Chapel

Contemporary Ensemble: 4:30 Mass

Blood Pressure Screening: after Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH

Children's Liturgy of the Word & Nursery: 9AM Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word: 10:30AM Mass

St. Edward's Choir: 10:30AM Mass

Afterglow of the Eucharist: after the 12 Noon Mass

Blood Pressure Screening: after all Masses

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2006

On Saturday, March 4th you are invited to join women and men in over 170 countries around the globe in prayer and song to support Christian ecumenical ministries for peace, justice, and healing around the world. This world-wide annual event will be held at the Shenendehowa United Methodist Church on Rt. 146 in Clifton Park. You are invited at 9:30 AM for coffee, with the prayer service starting at 10 AM. For more information contact Kathy Kelenski at 371-1050.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

The parish nurses will be available to take your blood pressure after all the Masses next weekend, March 4th and 5th.

WEDDING

Congratulations to **DAVID AND JACQUELINE SPENCER**, united in marriage at St. Edward's on February 16, 2006.