

St. Valentine baptizing & marrying the soldiers of the Roman army

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Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigils
4pm & 530pm
Sunday Masses
730am, 9, 1030, Noon & 6pm

I want to offer a big thank you to the 170 folks who filled the Hall last Sunday to celebrate and pray with us at Eucharistic Adoration. The nachos were very tasty (thanks Jen and helpers), the beer was cold, and the music (thanks Jeff Mazzone) was prayerful and powerful.

It was so awesome to see folks of all ages come together before the Lord in Adoration. I hope that you continue this awesome monthly practice- next one is March 8<sup>th</sup>. You might also want to consider silent Adoration during the season of Lent. Like Advent, it will be Mondays through Fridays from 4pm-9pm and you can choose an hour which works best for you.

You have no idea what it does for a priest to see his people pray "over and above" what is required – you make me proud!

## **Mass Intentions**

#### **SATURDAY – February 15**

8:30 People of the Parish

4:00 Mary Murphy

5:30 Veronica & John Soltis

#### **SUNDAY**

7:30 Phillip & Frances Hogan, John Ryan, Frank & Clara Kmiecik, Jack & Lillian Ballard, Mary Gogerty, Joseph & Josephine Jurain

9:00 Intentions of Michael Greyez, Elba Rivera, Michael Flannery, Leonardo Albuquerque

10:30 Carolyn Fowler

12:00 Joan & James Macchi, Debra Graziano

6:00 Jose Lopez, Paul (26) & Lois Gesner

#### **MONDAY**

8:30 Fred Nagel, Paul (26) & Lois Gesner

#### **TUESDAY**

8:30 Robert Buckley, Anne VanDuynhoven (21)

#### WEDNESDAY

8:30 Carolyn Fowler

#### **THURSDAY**

8:30 Msgr. Harold J. Sullivan (25th Anniversary)

#### **FRIDAY**

8:30 Eugene, Eileen and Michael Dmoch, Msgr. Harold J. Sullivan (25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

#### **SATURDAY**

8:30 People of the Parish

4:00 Mary Kit Igoe & Mary Murphy

5:30 Costello Family

#### SUNDAY – February 23

7:30 Francis and Michael Polchinski, Mary Villa Ortale, Edward Burbridge

9:00 Silvana & Lisa Spisany and Balzarini Families

10:30 Michael L. Strolla, Nancy & Michael Tatta

12:00 John Crescenzo (22), William Gates, Viviana Belos Reyes

6:00 Patrick Guido



Take home, color, cut out and give to someone you love in your family....



This image from LIFE magazine in 1949 shows a Mass in the remains of the cathedral in Nagasaki. These faithful folks were the spiritual inheritors of the faith of St. Paul Miki and his companions who

Fr. MacDonald and Fr. Maurer preached on this past weekend. The faith was preserved – against all odds – because those disciples were the salt of the earth. May we be half the disciples they were and preserve the Faith in our families and our parish.



Marriage is a sacrament ordained by God, not the government, by which a man and woman with the blessing of God assist one another in their quest for holiness & increase their family (and His) by raising a family together in the Faith for the rest of their lives. Catholic marriage's goal is happiness forever not simply happiness for a number of years!

If for one reason or another you only got the government's seal of approval but never were married in the church let's see about helping you. It can be easy and free....

Are you celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage? Let us know. There is a special Mass at Saint Patrick's Cathedral for these special anniversaries for couples who are married in the Church. Call us with the names, year, and Catholic parish where you were married and we'll help you get to the altar to renew your vows this year!

Saint Valentine, a priest who lived from 226-269AD, was martyred for converting and marrying Roman soldiers to their brides who were forbidden by the government to marry. He was discovered, tried and beheaded. Yet, it was his heroic & holy death which gained him recognition as a saint by the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> century. His shrine, later in the Middle Ages, also became a place where people would send word back home that they were near to arriving in Rome on pilgrimage.

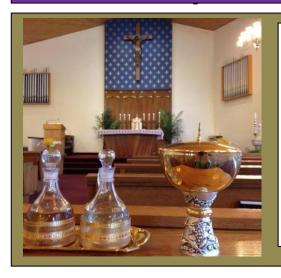
Hence, the tradition of sending a "Saint Valentine's Letter" arose out of Catholic practice.





# Lenten Adoration Begins - Thursday February 27<sup>th</sup>

See the pledge form below. Just like Advent, pick an hour and hand in during any of the collections or drop into the office.



Daily
Mass
even
before
Lent is
each
morning
at 830am

## **Lenten Devotions**

Daily Mass Monday-Friday 830am
Friday "Commuter Mass" 630am
Stations of the Cross Fridays 715pm
Adoration 4-9pm weekdays
during Lent
Bro Zach's Eucharist Class
Thurs 7pm



In the next few weeks we'll be asked to help the larger church in New York, our needy parishes and our charities, programs, schools, and the future and past priests of New York:

our parish goal is \$155,000.

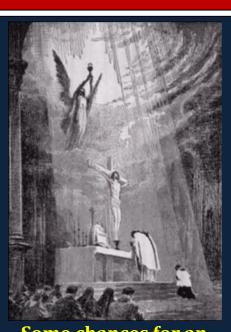
## CAMP VERITAS

is beginning to
fill up —
already we
have 70 kids
signed up from
Saint Mary's
alone—
enroll soon.
www.campveritas.org



We're Catholic in the pews, in prayer, in our homes, in the parking lot and in the world we live. Let's see about assisting folks in need by volunteering at the Food Pantry – swing by at the old parish center and discover how serving helps others and you too.

2 Father Tierney Circle 845-496-2119



Some chances for an announced Mass are available in March especially the 630am on Fridays in Lent.

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the Superbowl costs







While generally our collections are fine, the past three weeks with sickness, snow and the Superbowl hurt us a bit. Please consider using WeShare and help us to stay steady regardless of the weather, health or sports.

Call the office or visit our website to sign up for



### **Collection Figures**

1<sup>st</sup> - \$12,579 2<sup>nd</sup>- \$3,104

# **Stuff Coming Up**

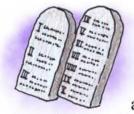
Feb 16, 17, 18th NO CCD bc Presidents' Day

Sun, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> Sisters of Life Brunch in Pearl River 10am RSVPs required

ASH WEDNESDAY – February 26<sup>th</sup>

630am, 830am (Mass) 1215pm (Mass) 245pm & 4pm Ceremony 530pm Ceremony and 715pm Mass

# What does Jesus say about the Commandments?



In today's Gospel reading Jesus was talking about the laws of God. Some people thought that He would take away the old law that God had

given the Jews. But Jesus said that He didn't come to take away the law. He came to fulfill the law.

The old laws tell us the things that we shouldn't do, like worship false gods or kill people or steal. Jesus is telling us that just obeying the commandments isn't enough. He wants us to do everything out of love. If you really love a person then of course you won't kill them! But He says you shouldn't get angry at them either. You wouldn't steal from someone you love, but wouldn't you want to be

love- but wouldn't you want to be generous to them too?

Jesus says that the Ten Commandments are very important, but we have to do more than just obey them.

We need to love!