

**JANUARY 31, 2016**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FEAST OF SAINT BLAISE**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Throat blessing will be offered at the 6pm Daily Mass*

**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY 30**

5pm **Nunzio Russo**; Russ & Christine Battiato

**SUNDAY 31**

9am **Nicholas Ierardi**; Barbara & Mike Gardner

10:30 **James Briscece**; wife, Ann

Noon **Jeff Desharnais**; Pat & Maria Collins

6pm **Mary Reilly**; Rich & Mary Collins

**MONDAY 1**

8:15 **Jason Walch**; Yates family

**TUESDAY 2**

8:15 **Rosemary Murray**; Vivian & Bob Allen

**WEDNESDAY 3**

6pm **George Roppelt**; Sue Anne & Eric Vogelsberg

**THURSDAY 4**

8:15 **Rosemary Murray**; Ann Mandato

**FRIDAY 5**

8:15 **Walter & Josephine Szulwach**; daughter, Kathleen

**SATURDAY 6**

8:15 **Teresa Chavev**; Breda Kelly

5pm **Michael Herrity**; family

**SUNDAY 7**

9am **Jeff Desharnais**; Kathy & Hank Pierron

10:30 **Nicholas Ierardi**; Ralph & Rosemarie

Noon **Michael Herrity**; Patricia Morgan

6pm **Mary Reilly**; Coyle family

**SECOND COLLECTION**

The second collection is for Church & School repairs.

**Your prayers are requested for those who are sick:**

Teresa DeMarco, James Fox, Nancy Rhodes Mayo, Justin Holland, Gabriella Nelson, Joseph Michael Kennedy, Jack Shea, Janet Jackson O'Connor, Patrick Finley, Edward Allen, Dylan Witmer, Carmelo Giorlando, Teddy Rosado, Marie Tobin, John Sezack, Monique Lager, Ruth Rivera, Angel Bello, Ines Cella, Vilma Rosario, Eddie Calderin, John



Schiano Jr, Claire Scunziano, Paula Baraket, Pat Baldwin, Sean Devlin, Robert Scunziano, Brenden Hedding, Lorraine Kalafut, Corinne Jacob, Gabe Fritz, Laura Favorule, Timothy Lindsey, Susan Zikoyanis, Emma Zampi, Patricia Zampi, Barbara Williams, Michael Medina, Mary Ackerman, Valerie Moore, Sylvia Muccio, Joe Kennedy, Frank Rich, Betty Sinclair, Br. John Lawrence, Rafael Tejeda, Lucas Pedro, Emily Scrobe, Anya Quinn, Kim Salotti, Robert Weis, Alan Wilson, Charles Youngberg, Alice Verlizzo, Larry Higgins, Charles Driscoll, Rosemary Schiano, Cecilia Rivera, Allison Florio, Vinnie Greco, Nikita Zanichkowsky, Donna Fagan, Karlene & Bill Gray, Rosa Maria Ramos, Donald Maynard, Janet Simonson, Ricky Calderin, Bob Gatt

**Your prayers are requested for those who have died:**

Charles Di Perna

**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**

**December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016**

Ash Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> is next week. Pope Francis is asking that during this Jubilee Year, the season of Lent should be "lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy." He is calling us to immerse ourselves so deeply in the mercy of God that we will undergo a profound spiritual conversion. He hopes that we will transform our lives "so that we can go out to every man and women, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God!"

**DISCOVER GOD'S MERCY**

Pope Francis points out that sacred Scripture will help us to "rediscover the merciful face of the Father." Start by reading the Gospel of Luke, the Evangelist of Mercy, who reveals God's mercy in the words and actions of Jesus. As you read, pause to contemplate the powerful examples of mercy in the stories of the prodigal son, the lost sheep, the Good Samaritan, the feeding of the multitudes, and the healing of people who are sick. Pope Francis also recommends reading the gospel of Matthew and the prophets Micah and Isaiah.

**AN EVENING OF MERCY**

On Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 7:00 pm  
With the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal  
Please join us for a Time of Prayer, Music and Healing  
St. Joseph's Church, 14 Glenmere Ave., Florida, NY

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

ALTAR CANDLES are burning this week in memory of:

**James F. Dutra Jr.**; req: Mom & Dad

HOST & WINE are dedicated this week in memory of:

**Frank & Jeff Desharnais**; req: Stravalle family  
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FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS  
ARE BURNING IN MEMORY OF:

RED: **Fran Allen**; req: Mom & Dad

WHITE: **Rudy Bilcik**; req: wife, Gloria & family

BLESSED SACRAMENT: **Bob & Frank Piliere**; req: family

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR  
COUNTRY IN THE MILITARY, BOTH HERE  
AND ABROAD**



Saint Michael, please keep them safe.

Lauren Lucena, Tyler Correa, Ryan Sheehan, Rocco Church, Alex Kaczor, Erin Johnson, Ryan Michaels, Evan Pacer, Brian Rogers, Michael Polanski, Kathryn O'Keefe-Truman, Josh Truman

**SUPPORT YOUR PARISH WITH ONLINE DONATIONS**

**PARISHPAY.COM**. . . Enroll: parish pay.com or (866) 727-4741

When you enroll in **PARISHPAY**, your contribution is collected from your checking, savings or credit card account & forwarded electronically to our parish. The Second Collection is in the "special offering" category. Whether you choose **PARISHPAY** or the envelope system, we appreciate your generosity.

**LOST & FOUND**

We have a collection of items (Rosary Beads, keys, glasses, hats, gloves etc.) If you think you may have left something in Church, please call the parish office.

**TWO GRAND SERIES -7<sup>th</sup> week 01/24:**  
#156 Joe Roach and #70 Barbara Spina

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
BLOOD DRIVE- FEBRUARY 27<sup>th</sup> 10am – 4pm**



In conjunction with the New York Blood Center, the Knights are sponsoring a blood drive.

Direct link to make an appointment:  
[https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/40011](https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/40011).  
Carl D'Antonio; 845-492-1692; [Carldant@optimum.net](mailto:Carldant@optimum.net)

\*\*\*The Knights meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month – 7:30pm.

**CHESTER DINER FUNDRAISER – “THANK YOU”**

Thanks to all our parishioners for supporting our recent fundraiser at the Chester Diner! It was great to have so many come out in the cold to support both our parish and a generous local business!

**LADIES AUXILIARY**

**SCHOLARSHIP FOR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT**

Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a \$250.00 Scholarship for an 8<sup>th</sup> grade parishioner attending a Catholic High School in Fall 2016. Applications are available in the Parish Office and can also be downloaded from the Parish website.

**MEETING:** The Ladies Auxiliary meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month after the 6pm Mass. On meeting day, all are welcome to gather with them in the Chapel at 5:30 to pray the Rosary.

**SAVE THE DATE:** June 5<sup>th</sup> . . . 9 am - 3 pm  
"Junk in Your Trunk" St. Columba's version of a community Tag Sale. Rent a parking space for \$10.00 and sell all your "treasures" from the trunk of your car! More info to follow.

Please contact: Sue Anne Vogelsberg, Ladies Auxiliary President, 845 783-6107; [samv1021@gmail.com](mailto:samv1021@gmail.com)

**SAINT COLUMBA BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The Bereavement Support Group is for anyone who had experienced the death of a loved one. The group meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm in Bishop Vaughan Hall. For information, please call Bob Allen 469-9318; Parish Office 469-2108.

**SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS**

**A FUNDRAISER THAT DOESN'T COST ANYTHING!!!!**

When you purchase a Shoprite gift card from Saint Columba, the Church receives a 5% donation. Use your gift card as cash in Shoprite for your weekly shopping. Gift Cards are available in the parish office.

**LECTOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTER**

Sat 2/6 5pm	A Marrero	J Furey, E Schulz
Sun 2/7 9am	D Higgins	E Higgins, M Luciana
10:30am	C Cassano	J Cassano, S Munks
12 n	C Calderin	M Bordinaro

**LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA**

In Church there is a display offering various CD's  
\$3.00 donation per CD . . . CD's available include:

**LIVING THE GOSPEL WITH THE HEART OF POPE FRANCIS  
THE HOLY ROSARY . . . 7 SECRETS OF DIVINE MERCY**

**AARP FOUNDATION FREE TAX AIDE**

AARP sponsors 15 free tax preparation sites in Orange County. Location in Chester: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 101 Main St. Date: Tuesdays from now until April 15<sup>th</sup> 9am - 12Noon  
For an appointment call 2-1-1 . . . For Information, call Rich 469-7317

**“FAITH FIRST EARLY LEARNING CENTER @ ST COLUMBA”  
NURSERY/PRE-SCHOOL CLASSES**



**OFFERING AM & PM CLASSES  
PENDING: FULL DAY CLASSES (depending on registration)**

This faith based program is for 3 & 4 year old children. Classes will have a certified teacher and an aide. For more information, please contact: Susan Munks, Coordinator of Rel. Education 469-9503 [stcolumbareligion@gmail.com](mailto:stcolumbareligion@gmail.com)

**“PAJAMA DRIVE”**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR VERY GENEROUS RESPONSE -  
COLLECTING PAJAMAS UNTIL FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup>**

St Columba Parish strives to serve our community throughout the year. There are hundreds of children living in our community who have never had their own pair of new pajamas. Inspire is collecting new pajamas (newborn – age 18) until February 19. Pajamas can be for any season. All sizes are needed. All pajamas collected will be distributed to children in need from various organizations throughout Orange County. Pajama collection boxes will be in the vestibule of the Church & in the Parish Office.

**GIVING TREE 2015  
MESSAGES OF GRATITUDE**

Dear Friends,

How beautifully in tune your “giving spirit” is with that of Jesus, who gave Himself to all of us at His birth in Bethlehem.

Joyfully we opened the attractively wrapped gifts from you, which we found under our Christmas tree. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

May God bless you abundantly. We remember each of you and your families in our prayers.

In the Divine Child,

Mother Carole Marie

General Superior; Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate

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Dear Fr. Bonnici and all our friends at St. Columba.

Once again this year, we would like to express our gratitude for the wonderful gifts you gave our children! Every gift was perfect and made the children so very happy. You have blessed us with your generosity and we are so very grateful!

We pray that 2016 will be a year of many blessings for you and those you love. With much gratitude

Sister Jean and staff

House on the Hill, Goshen

**KIWANIS CLUB OF CHESTER ANNUAL FISH & CHIPS DINNER**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of Lent - February 12<sup>th</sup> - 4 to 7pm

\$14 Adults . . . \$12 Seniors (65); children 12 & under

Eat in or take out Chester Academy, 64 Hambletonian Ave.

Advanced sale – Get tickets: Ed Stoddard 469-4769

Sponsor: [www.luckyucorp.com](http://www.luckyucorp.com)

**BUS TRIP: SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE - “SAMSON”**

St. Joseph's Rosary Society is sponsoring a bus trip to Sight & Sound Theatre in Ronk, PA to see “Samon.”

Bus departs St. Joseph's parking lot @ 6:45am; returns 6:15pm  
Show starts at 11am. Cost: \$130.00 adults \$71.00 children – includes: show, food, West Point Tours Motorcoach and tip for bus driver. Make check payable: St. Joseph's Rosary Society no later than March 13<sup>th</sup>. For information, call Rose Bono 469-4524