

My Brothers, My Sisters,

Thursday of this week is the Memorial of Saint Blaise. In the tradition of the Church, throats of parishioners will be blessed after each of the parochial Masses then at 4:00 in the afternoon there will be a Throat Blessing service for the convenience of school students. There will be a 7:30 PM service at both parishes.

Next Sunday, February 6, we will conduct our Blood Drive in the Lower Church. Please consult page 3 for information.

Ash Wednesday is on February 9th this year. We encourage our parishioners to bring all the palms in their homes to Church next Sunday, February 6th. The burning of them will produce the ashes which will be placed upon our foreheads as the Church enters the penitential season of Lent.

As we look to the beginning of Lent, we are reminded that the Church is calling us to reflect seriously on the teachings enunciated in Sacred Scripture. He came to embrace our sins, to make our sins His own, and to make reparation for them by accepting the penalty of crucifixion. Bear in mind that the penalty was freely accepted by Christ, as we are reminded in the words of the Consecration of every Mass.

As of this writing, the March for Life in Washington, DC is still ahead of us. May the power of the March continue to touch our hearts in doing everything we can to protect the Right to Life of the most innocent of humanity, the Unborn.

Two weekends ago, we celebrated two farewell parties in honor of Father Walsh and his 32 years of priestly ministry in this parish. In the name of the parish, I must thank Ana Nunes and her very generous Hospitality Committee which attended to all the details. While hearts were heavy, it was very apparent that it was a joyful celebration. Gratitude is also extended to the Parish Council of Assumption, who provided an afternoon in Father Fata Hall so that parishioners and Father Walsh could spend time together with food and beverages available. Our thanks to the Parish Council for making it possible,

After thirty two years, it is not easy to say good-bye to Father Walsh. I am grateful for his priestly ministry to the sick and the homebound. Serving them continues to be a vital priority. I will also remember him for his ministry to those who sought marriage annulments. He did that work very well. I and all the priests will continue that ministry. Father Walsh was wonderful company at meal time; his stories of the parish were very amusing and a welcome change from parish preoccupations. Father Emmanuel, Father Fallon and I must accommodate additional responsibilities. It will take time, but it will be done. I told Father Walsh the doors to the Church and rectory would always receive him. As we embraced this morning, I told him our friendship would continue. Wherever he serves, he brings the same priestly ministry that has endeared him to the hearts of so many. *God bless you, Pat. Bless your priesthood, and may you touch the hearts of God's people.*

Father Walsh left early this Monday morning for Ireland to spend some time with his family. He has always spent some of his summer vacation with them. It has been his desire that personal gifts to him become the foundation of an Immaculate Conception School Scholarship fund. To that end, envelopes have been provided. It has been the wish of some parishioners that their gifts be given directly to him. This wish has been honored. His rectory rooms are being prepared to receive Father Emmanuel back to the rectory. That will take about a week. Upon his return the house where he now resides will be available for rental compensation. For some time, negotiations have been ongoing. I see this as additional income.

With the departure of Father Walsh, we must address the parochial Mass schedule. I regret the inconvenience that has come to those who began their day with the Mass at 6:45 AM, which is now discontinued. We are considering the Sunday Mass schedule at Assumption. One Sunday Mass must be dropped. In case of an emergency, one priest must be free. That would be impossible if we did not adjust. It has absolutely nothing to do with the viability of the Parish of Assumption. This decision is completely in the hands of the pastor and those who collaborate with him.

Thank you, dear parishioners, for your kind comments about the snow removal. That was the result of the work of many people, including our maintenance staff. To them, I extend my sincere gratitude. Our maintenance workers did their work without any direction from me or from Robert, their supervisor. When I arose Sunday morning, around 6AM, I looked out the window and already they were clearing steps and making pathways. Because of their love for the parish, people could come and go with a degree of safety and relative ease. My sincere thanks to the maintenance workers and to Robert for all they do for the good of the parish. Before the Saturday, 5:30 PM Mass, there was a parishioner diligently removing the snow from the steps of the side entrance. To him and all who imitated that service to the parish, I extend my gratitude. Much love!

One with you in the Holy Spirit,

James Frank



Mark Your Calendars

Collection of Last Year's Palms - February 5-6
 Italian Mass - Assumption (8:30AM) - Sunday, February 6
 Ash Wednesday - February 9
 Spanish Mass - Assumption (Noon) - Sunday, February 20
 President's Day - Monday, February 21
 Passion (Palm) Sunday - March 20
 Easter Sunday - March 27
 Ascension of the Lord - Thursday, May 5
 Pentecost Sunday - May 15
 Corpus Christi Sunday - May 29



FATHER PATRICK WALSH COMMEMORATIVE SCHOLARSHIP

In recognition of Father Walsh's time with the parish, we have started the Father Patrick Walsh Commemorative Scholarship Fund. Envelopes are available in each church. Proceeds from the campaign will help defray the cost of tuition for students whose families are experiencing financial difficulties.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Adults and teenagers who are baptized and who have received First Communion may have missed Confirmation for one reason or another. Special classes will begin in March. It is not too soon to plan! Please call Sr. Rose Vermette 961-3643 ASAP for further information



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS



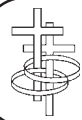
By Glenn CJ Byer, MASLD - The readings this week show us just how upside-down our thinking can be. We look to powerful nations, to the rich and those who seem to have it all together as the models for life. But all the readings today tell us to look to those

who are foolish in the eyes of the world (Saint Paul), those who are weak and poor (see the Gospel). Somehow, we are to look at those who are left behind (according to the prophet Zephaniah) to see the plan of God in action; to understand God's ways in this world. This is an unsettling message: we do not like to be turned upside down.

But if we are honest, our lives are continually being turned upside down. We are continually growing and changing, for that is the nature of life. The goal, it seems, is to bind this growth to the love of God in Christ, to hear Jesus' call and so make sense of the turning of the seasons of our lives.

So in this season before Lent, this time when Jesus calls disciples to himself and prepares us for the 40 days of Lent, Holy Week and Easter, perhaps being a little unsettled is just what we need. © 2004, OCP Publications. All rights reserved.

Readings for Next Sunday, February 6 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Isaiah 58:7-10, 73A; Ps. 112; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; and Matthew 5:13-16.



Wedding Banns

III
 Jason Galbraith & Loredana Moniaci

Making Ashes - We ask that next weekend, you bring in last year's palms (from Palm Sunday). These will be used to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.



BLESSING OF THE THROATS

This Thursday, February 3rd is the memorial of St. Blaise. The traditional blessing of the throats is scheduled after each Mass and at 7:30 PM in both parishes; it will also be available at 4:00PM at Immaculate Conception Church.

ICS Basketball - upcoming home games, at Trinity Greek Orthodox Church's Gym on North Avenue or the Chapel School's Gym, include the following:



Saturday, January 29

6:45 PM Our Lady of Mercy Trinity 7th grade Girls

Friday, February 4

6:00 PM Holy Name - Croton Chapel 6th grade Girls
 7:15 PM St. Joseph - Bronxville Chapel 8th Grade Boys

Saturday, February 5

1:15 PM Resurrection Blue Chapel 5th grade Boys
 2:30 PM Holy Innocents Gold Chapel 6th grade Boys
 5:30 PM Sts. Peter & Paul Trinity 8th grade Girls
 6:45 PM Our Lady of Loretto Trinity 8th grade Boys
 7:45 PM St. Pat's - Armonk Trinity 6th grade Girls



Immaculate Conception School will host an Open House *for new applicants only* on Tuesday, February 1st from 9 AM to 11 AM for Pre-Kindergarten to 7th grade. Registration for Pre-Kindergarten to 7th grade is ongoing. Please call the school office at 961-3785 for registration requirements.

Parish School of Religion

Congratulations to all our parish second graders who recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on the past two Saturdays. May these children always realize forgiveness through the love of our Lord.

We extend our gratitude to Joanne Basile and Tina DeLaurentis as catechists and teachers of our second graders at Immaculate Conception School. We thank our second grade PSR catechists for their time and patience in preparing the children for this special sacrament: Connie DeLaurentis, Nancy Felicetta, Lisa Flamio, Lynda Hellthaler, Patricia Mulligan, Marie Pepe, Mary Salanitro and Cathy Schaeffer. Many thanks to our assistant catechists: Lori Aliberti, Michelle DeBenedictus, Julia Duffy, Maryann Francella, Betsy McKenna, Steven Piraino, Sara Tavalilo, Ciara Walsh and Theresa Zanzano.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ANNUAL MEN'S COMMUNION BREAKFAST**



The Knights of Columbus, Rev. John A. Keogh Council #2108, is sponsoring its annual Sonny Dalton Memorial Mass and Men's Communion Breakfast on Sunday, February 13, 2005.

Attendees will gather together for the 7:45 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, with breakfast immediately following at Fogarty's, 60 Kraft Avenue, Bronxville, New York. The Council will use this occasion to present citations to new Honorary and Honorary Life members and to present pins to 50 year members. The speaker will be Father Joseph Emmanuel, a Knight of Columbus and a member of the Keogh Council. Father Emmanuel will tell us of his experiences in the disaster area in his native Sri Lanka and of the progress of efforts to aid the population.

For further information, please contact Fred Salanitro at 793-4662 or Bob Martin at 779-1443. Tickets for the breakfast are \$15.00 per person. All men of the parish are encouraged to participate.

Evangelization - Many non-practicing Catholics feel an intense longing for the Eucharist. Sometimes it can happen at a wedding, a funeral, a baptism, a First Communion, or a Confirmation. Are you ready and willing to evangelize such a person?



BLOOD DRIVE NEXT SUNDAY - FEB. 6
Please join us in the Lower Church from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Our area hospitals use 2,000 pints daily, so all types of blood are needed.

Anyone between the ages of 17 and 75 in good health may donate. Please bring a picture ID and your Blood Donor card. If you do not have a card, one will be sent to you.

Attention All Cornerstone Sisters - Men's Cornerstone Weekend is February 25 and 26. Have you invited the men in your life???



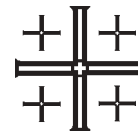
TAX SUBSTANTIATION LETTERS

We often receive requests for tax substantiation letters. These letters summarize donations for the tax year. Some people use these letters to prepare their tax returns. Many include the letter with the tax return when it is mailed to the IRS. Some will only request the letter in the event of an audit.

If you are a registered parishioner (if you received the Christmas mailing, you are registered), we can provide you with a tax substantiation letter if you are using the envelope system. If you are not a registered parishioner but regularly attend Immaculate Conception or Assumption Churches, why not call the rectory and register with us?

Anyone who would like a tax substantiation letter should call the rectory. It would be helpful if you have your envelope with you when you call. Your letter will be available at the rectory the following weekend or can be mailed to you.

Men's Cornerstone Weekend is approaching: February 25th through February 26th, 2005. If you are interested in participating in this unique fraternal experience, please call Tony Longo: 337-0214, Mark Nello: 980-2903, or David Gutierrez: 664-7604 for details.



The **Assumption Altar Rosary Society** will meet on Monday, January 31 at 7 PM in Fr. Fata Hall. Please make every effort to attend.

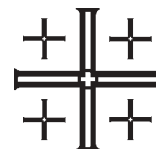
WELCOME! Catholics often find the word "Evangelization" scary, but the word actually could be interpreted as "To extend a welcome". To what? To "Good News" in fact, the best news you ever heard: that Jesus loves us. Why not extend a welcome to this treasure you already have!



Centering Prayer - The parish Centering Prayer group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 PM in the lower rectory. All are invited who have any experience with Christian meditation. Newcomers are welcome to come at 7:00 PM for a brief orientation. You may call Sr. Rose Vermette for further information.



Women's Cornerstone Alumnae - All women who have ever experienced Cornerstone are invited to a Day of Reflection, Saturday, February 12th, 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM. Give yourself the gift of reflecting, sharing, and laughing with your sisters and a guest speaker. See further details and registration information, refer to page 5 of this bulletin or contact Sr. Rose Vermette, 961-3643, Ronnie Mellon, 771-7910, or Carol Diane Trester 961-1626.

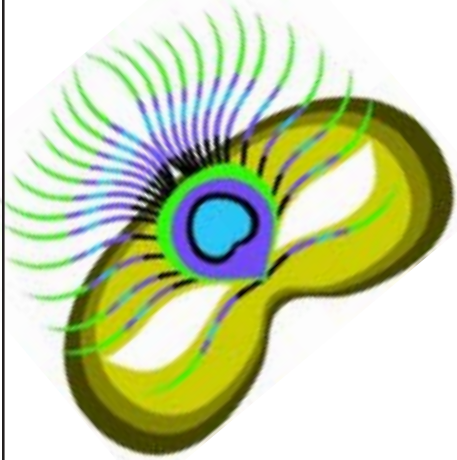


Restaurant Vouchers to benefit ICS

Immaculate Conception School is selling vouchers for Joe's Quarry Inn on Marbledale Road as a fund-raiser for the school. The vouchers cost \$20 and a portion of the proceeds will be used for the school's Technology Program. Restaurant vouchers make great gifts for family and friends!

Devotion of First Saturdays - The members of the Rosary Society, Our Lady's Cenacles, and the Legion of Mary, will join together to honor Mary's request at Fatima, which is to practice the Devotion of First Saturdays of each month. The Devotion of First Saturdays includes Confession, Communion, the recitation of five decades of the Rosary, plus twenty minutes of meditation on the twenty mysteries for five consecutive months. Members meet at 9:00 AM Mass, followed by the recitation of the Holy Rosary. For more information, call Ana Nunes at 738-2977. All are invited.





MARDI GRAS SPAGHETTI DINNER

HOSTED BY THE

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

Tuesday, February 8, 2005

6:30pm - 10:30pm

Fr. Fata Hall

\$20 per person

Reservations required

Please call

Toni Tiso

779-9021

Make checks payable to:

Altar Rosary Society

Sorry - no tickets will be sold at the door

RESERVATION FOR

MARDI GRAS SPAGHETTI SUPPER

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

53 WINTER HILL ROAD

TUCKAHOE, NY 10707

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

Women's Cornerstone Alumnae

A day, a date, a time and a place for Cornerstone alumnae sisters
to share a

Day of Reflection

at

the Immaculate Conception School Cafeteria

Clean out the clutter. Dump the junk. Brush away the cobwebs.

Saturday, February 12th, 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

(Time together will include Mass)

Bring a bag lunch and a dessert to share with your alumnae sisters.

Suggested donation: \$5.00 (Make checks payable to Immaculate Conception Church, Women's Cornerstone)

For more information or answers to questions contact:

Ronnie Mellon at (914) 771-7910,

(Macaulay Consulting)/ Carol Diane Trester at (914) 961-1626, or

Sr. Rose Vermette, 961-3643

or e-mail r.vermette@assumption-immaculate.org

Register by February 5, 2005 with your completed form below mailed to:

Immaculate Conception Rectory

Women's Cornerstone

53 Winter Hill Road

Tuckahoe, NY 10707

Please complete and return this form with your suggested donation by February 5, 2005

WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE ALUMNAE DAY OF REFLECTION REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ **Phone:** () _____

Address: _____ **Parish:** _____

City, State, Zip: _____



Please Respond By February 5, 2005

Women's Cornerstone Alumnae

2005 Cardinal's
Annual Appeal



***The 2005 Cardinal's Appeal Supports
Retired Priests and Religious!***



The Cardinal's Annual Appeal provides more than \$1,250,000 to support our retired priests and religious men and women who have served our parishes well.

***Your gift to the Cardinal's Appeal will help
to support these special people whose
dedication and service to our Archdiocese
have enriched the lives of us all.***

***Make your gift to the Cardinal's Annual Appeal today!
Thank you for your generosity.***

Community Notes

Westchester Camp Fair - Sunday, **January 30** at the Westchester County Center in White Plains from 10AM to 3PM. Select the best summer camp for your child. Meet with representatives from over 50 day/sleepaway camps. Make sure you are making the right choice. Admission is free. Sponsor: Elana Hadassah of White Plains 949-5581.

Open House - Our Lady of Good Counsel High School at 52 North Broadway in White Plains on Saturday, **February 5**, 12 PM - 2 PM. Web site: www.goodcounsel.pvt.k12.ny.us.

Catholic Widows & Widowers of Yonkers will be meeting at 7:15pm on Tuesday, **February 15th** in the auditorium of Christ the King School, 740 North Broadway. New members are welcome. Call 476-4436 for more information.

Alumni of St. Joseph's School in Bronxville - we are seeking former students and staff members for a Friends of St. Joseph Alumni celebration in **February 2005**. Please call the school office at 337-0261 with your contact information

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - A Marriage Encounter weekend is a positive, private experience for married couples who want to work at revitalizing their marriage, whether married in a religious or civil ceremony. The weekend is designed to enrich and deepen the joys a couple share and is beneficial to couples of all ages and years married. Upcoming weekends include **February 11-13** at Don Bosco Retreat Center in Stony Point; **April 15-17** and **June 3-5** at the Comfort Inn in Nanuet; **August 19-21** at Mt. Alvernia in Wappingers Falls and **November 11-13** at the Don Bosco Retreat Center. Call 378-5464 for more information.

Volunteer Drivers Needed - The Sisters of St. Francis are in need of volunteers to drive the Sisters to medical appointments in southern Westchester, usually late morning or afternoon. Please contact the Health Care Coordinator: Mary Ann McDevitt, RN at 478-8419.



Scholarship - Green Mountain College is looking for ten students who have made a significant contribution to a fellow human or to society to reward them with a full scholarship. Nomination forms and applications can be found at www.greenmtn.edu or call (800) 776-6675 for more information. The application deadline is **February 15, 2005**.

Griffin House Applications - St. Joseph's Medical Center Senior Housing Development (Griffin House) will soon be accepting applications for occupancy on completion of construction in **March 2005**. An inquiry list is being maintained for anyone interested in receiving an application when available. For further information, please call Richard O'Neill at 969-6159 between 9AM and 4 PM, Monday through Friday.

Foster Grandparent Program - looking for low-income adults 60 years and older to serve 20 hrs./wk as volunteers serving children close to home. Receive a non-taxable, bi-weekly stipend. For more information, call 592-5600.

Lend a Hand - Eastchester's Nutrition Center is looking for caring volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound elderly. The commitment is one or two hours, once a week. If you are interested, please call the Eastchester Senior Citizen Nutrition Program at Lake Isle: 337-0390.

HELP WANTED

House Cleaner - Woman looking for house cleaner who is able to do all chores in an apartment. Needed every 2 or 3 weeks in Yonkers. Please call 968-1465.

Home Health Care Worker - for elderly Italian-speaking woman in Pelham area. 10AM - 1PM Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Prefer English/Italian bilingual. Call (914) 337-6790 in the evening. Car needed to drive to appointments.

POSITIONS WANTED

Cleaning and Shopping - Available in the mornings to do laundry, ironing, cooking and more. Can also take anyone shopping. Call Flor at 337-4553.

Babysitter, Companion, Cook and/or Housekeeper - Young Spanish-speaking woman willing to work evenings, afternoons, and/or weekends. Excellent references. Call Maria at 771-6294.

Certified Home Health Care Worker - looking to care for elderly at night. Call Gloria at 961-1423 or 274-0724 (cell).

Certified Nurse's Aide, with over 20 years experience, seeks job taking care of elderly or special needs children. Clean driving record with own car and excellent references. Call Ruth (718) 993-6521

Child Care - Experienced Mom will care for your toddler in my Eastchester home. Call 961-7872.

Companion Position Wanted PT/FT - Experienced lady to bathe, to prepare a meal, will drive to medical appointments and shopping. Excellent references. Call 961-6440.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 29 Vigil: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:30 PM Kevin Durkin (FO) Mem.
Sunday, January 30 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:45 AM Louis Tucci (JF) Mem.
 9:00 AM Helen Wood (FO) Mem.
 10:30 AM Theresa Zillitto (JF) Mem.
 12:00 PM The Workers of Parish & Their Loved Ones (JE) Mem.
 5:30 PM Nick Gullo (JE) Mem.
Monday, January 31 St. John Bosco
 8:00 AM Fortunata Cassone Mem.
 12:00 PM Elizabeth McGrath Mem.
 7:30 PM Carl Marlow Mem.
Tuesday, February 1 Weekday
 8:00 AM Manuel, Serafin, Mariano, Roger Cruz Mem.
 12:00 PM James, Margaret & Jim Sheedy Mem.
Wednesday, February 2 Presentation of the Lord
 8:00 AM Anthony Reino Mem.
 12:00 PM Audrey Wander & Agnes Douglass Mem.
Thursday, February 3 St. Blaise - Blessing of Throats
 8:00 AM Tsunami Victims - Family of Fr. Emmanuel Mem.
 12:00 PM Frances Fattarusso Mem.
Friday, February 4 Weekday
 8:00 AM Joanne Spano Mem.
 12:00 PM Carmela and Aldo Pagano Mem.
Saturday, February 5 Weekday
 8:00 AM Michael DeLuca Mem.
 9:00 AM Angelo & Teresa Cardamone Mem.
Saturday, February 5 Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:30 PM Parishioners & Their Loved Ones (JF) Mem.
Sunday, February 6 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:45 AM Helen Schnaars (JE) Mem.
 9:00 AM Thomas Fitzpatrick (JF) Mem.
 10:30 AM Leslie Ashby (JE) Mem.
 12:00 PM Domenico Troncone (JF) Mem.
 5:30 PM Robert Emmet O'Donnell (VP) Mem.

Schedule for the Week

Sunday, January 30
 English Class 8:00 AM Lower Rectory
Monday, January 31
 Exposition & Benediction 12:30 PM-7:15 PM Church
 Parish Council 7:30 PM Lower Church
Tuesday, February 1
 Legion of Mary 12:30 PM Lower Rectory
 RCIA 7:30 PM Lower Rectory
Wednesday, February 2
 Children's Choir 3:00 - 4:00 PM Lower Church
 Centering Prayer 7:30 PM Lower Rectory
 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Church
Thursday, February 3
 Men's Cornerstone 7:30 PM Rectory
Friday, February 4
 Moms & Tots 9:30 AM Fr. Fata Hall
 Exposition & Benediction 12:30 - 7:00 PM Church
 Baptismal Catechesis 7:30 PM Lower Church
 Women's Cornerstone 8:00 PM Lower Rectory
Saturday, February 5
 Cenacles 9:30 AM Church
Sunday, February 6
 English Class 8:00 AM Lower Rectory
 Blood Drive 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM Lower Church
 CYO 6:30 PM Lower Church
Monday, February 7
 Exposition & Benediction 12:30 PM-7:15 PM Church
 Convivencia 7:30 PM Cafeteria
 Liturgy 7:30 PM Lower Rectory
Tuesday, February 8
 Legion of Mary 12:30 PM Lower Rectory
 RCIA 7:30 PM Lower Rectory
 Rosary Society 7:30 PM Lower Church
 Finance 7:30 PM Rectory

Note: Mass assignments are subject to change. (FO) = Msgr. Oliverio, (JE) = Fr. Emmanuel, (JF) = Fr. Fallon, and (VP) = visiting priest

January 23, 2005

Attendance: Adults 472 Children 124 Total 596
Collection: \$4,344 Last Year: \$10,270

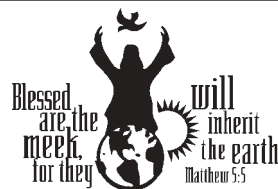
Christmas Collection to date:
 \$83,343 Christmas 2003: \$77,850

Thank you, dear parishioners, for your generous love for the Church.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

Mass Intentions

Sat 1/29 7:30 PM Luigi & Filomena Marcoccia (JE)
 Sun 1/30 8:30 AM Rudy Cascia (JE)
 10:30 AM People of Parish & Their Loved Ones (FO)
 Mon 1/31 7:45 AM Leonardo DeLuca
 Tues 2/1 7:45 AM Pietro & Emma Nurzia
 Wed 2/2 7:45 AM Lena Gislao
 Thur 2/3 7:45 AM Cervenka & Fioriello Families
 Fri 2/4 7:45 AM Matthew Carlini
 Sat 2/5 7:45 AM Carmela & Biagio Troiano
 Sat 2/5 7:30 PM Ana DeLuise (FO)
 Sun 2/6 8:30 AM Dec'd Members of Zometsky Family (FO)
 10:30 AM Generosa Conte (FO)



January 23, 2005

Attendance: Adults 61 Children 3 Total 64
Collection: \$333 Last Year: \$1,206

Christmas Collection to date:
 \$14,665 Christmas 2003: \$15,251

Thank you, dear parishioners, for your generous love for the Church.