
MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, February 11, 2012

7:30AM — For parishioners

5:00PM + Lottie Yastrzemski (Stanley Yastrzemski, Jr.)

SUNDAY, February 12, 2012

8:00AM (Polish) + Janina Wojcik (Lesio and Family)

9:30AM + Irene Gavigan (Marilyn O’Leary)

11:30AM + Jeffery Galloway (Mildred Finnegan)

MONDAY, February 13, 2012

7:30AM + Frank Korczak (Maciej and Marzena)

TUESDAY, February 14, 2012

7:30 AM + Joseph and Jenny Tyborowski (Helen Vinski)

WEDNESDAY, February 15, 2012

7:30AM + Teddy Forstmann (Maciej and Marzena)

THURSDAY, February 16, 2012

7:30AM + Franciszek Kwiatkowski (Maciej and Marzena)

FRIDAY, February 17, 2012

7:30 AM + Chester A. Reilly (Stephen and Liz Lemanski)

SATURDAY, February 18, 2012

7:30AM — For Parishioners

5:00PM + Frank A. Stachecki (Irene Stachecki)

SUNDAY, February 19, 2012

8:00AM (Polish) + Eva Marro (Husband-Joe Marro)

9:30AM + Eva Gural (Family)

11:30AM + John Hodge (Sally Roche)

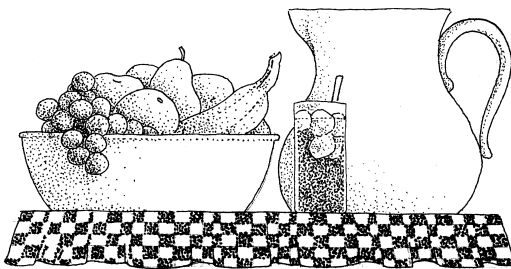


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Jesus cured many
who were sick



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**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 12, 2012**

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.

— 1 Corinthians 10:31

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34 -- 9:1
Saturday: Jas 3:1-10; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; Ps 41;
2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Day for Consecrated Life;
Boy Scout Sunday
Monday: St. Paul Miki and Companions
Wednesday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine
Bakhita
Friday: St. Scholastica
Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes; Blessed Virgin
Mary; World Day of the Sick

SUNDAY COLLECTION

February 5th Collection: \$2,298.86
School Collection: \$1,078.35

This weekend, February 11th and 12th, the second collection is for the church in need. Next weekend, February 18th and 19th, there is only one collection.

CHURCH CLEANERS

Jan Duchniak & Gregorz Hogendorf, February 17
M/M Jozef Talik, February 24
Evelina Skibko & Walentyna Plonska, March 2
Teresa & Ireneusz Skowyra, March 9

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Just a reminder that in the event of poor weather if you don't attend mass please submit your weekly envelope the following week, or send it to the rectory, since we need to pay our bills. Thank you!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFESSION

First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Poland Church will be on Saturday, May 5th at 10AM. First Confession will be on March 26th at 9:30AM, for the children attending OLH, and other candidates who have not yet made confession. All children who made confession already at Sacred Hearts do not need to attend.

CHURCH IN NEED COLLECTION

This weekend a collection will be taken for "The Church in Need." The monies collected at this time will be shared among three areas of the world where there is particular need for help:

Church in Central and Eastern Europe - the Collection provides support for basic pastoral programs and makes scholarships available for students studying to serve their local church. These students become vital participants in the renewal of the Church in the region.

The Church in Latin America faces many difficult challenges. Natural disasters in many areas caused lasting damage to the Church, while a significant loss of parishioners to migration and to other faiths, the inability to support itself financially, and a lack of priests and religious to help effectively minister to the large number of Catholics continue to trouble the region.

The Church in Africa – the funds will go to assisting African countries where poverty, sickness and political strife prevent people from living in dignity. Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. And give us peace. I ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

FLOWERS

Flowers can be donated to decorate our Sanctuary for \$80.00. This is a beautiful way remember a loved one or a special occasion. Your donation will be mentioned in the bulletin with the name of the person in whose honor, or memory, they are given. Call Father Stanley if you are interested.

RELIGION AND ROCK

Tune in to "Religion and Rock" on Sundays at 7AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on the East End. Also, you can listen on Saturdays at 11PM on Sirius Satellite Radio Channel 159. Please tune in!

NEWS WORTHY?

Does your organization have news or an event you would like to share? If so, e mail it to the bulletin editor at skondeja@optonline.net 3 weeks prior.

SCHOOL NEWS

Registration for the 2012-2013 school year for children in Pre-school to grade 8 is now open. Registration packets are available at the school...283-9140. Interviews and tours will be scheduled upon receipt of the pre-applications. Since the school is currently at capacity seating, early application is suggested for any consideration. Progress continues on the OLH building project for the new Wellness Center-classroom extension. As of January 29, the entire structure has been framed with the decking for the second floor and indoor track in place. Work on the roof and exterior walls is scheduled for the coming weeks. The projected completion date for the gym is late spring 2012. This will depend upon additional fund-raising from the local and school community. (As a parochial school, OLH is not eligible for any federal, state or local assistance.) The school would be happy to discuss possible donations. Call 283-9140.

ASH WEDNESDAY (MARCH 9th) SCHEDULE

7:30 AM Mass and distribution of ashes
 10:00 AM Mass and distribution of ashes
 3:00 PM Scripture readings and distribution of ashes
 5:00 PM Mass and distribution of ashes
 7:30 PM Stations of the Cross and distribution of Ashes

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We encourage you to attend the Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays at 7:30PM in English, and on Fridays at 7:30PM in Polish starting on Ash Wednesday, and continuing throughout Lent.

LENT

Lent runs from Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, until Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive on Holy Thursday. "Alleluia" is not sung or said from the beginning of Lent until the Easter Vigil. During Lent the Main Altar should not be decorated with flowers, and musical instruments may be played only to give necessary support to the singing.

SACRED HEART CEMETERY

Please be sure to remove all Christmas decorations before Ash Wednesday, which is February 22nd.

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Lent will begin on February 22nd. All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth (14th) year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and **all** the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine inclusive are also bound to observe the law of **fast** on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting yourself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Also, all of the faithful who have received First Communion are bound by obligation to receive Communion at least one a year. This precept should be filled during the Easter Season, unless it is filled at another time during the year. In the United States, the Easter Duty may be satisfied from the first Sunday of Lent (February 26th) to Trinity Sunday (June 3rd) the Sunday after Pentecost. After Lent begins, we invite all our parishioners to please do their best to attend daily Mass and devotions to the Cross.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

For parishioners using offering envelopes, tax contribution statements are available. Call the rectory at 283-0667 if you would like a statement.

CONFIRMATION

We appeal to all public school 7th and 8th graders who wish to be confirmed to notify Father Stanley at 283-0667 or Deacon Jim Ashe at 283-5230.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD REQUEST

If you are able to knit or crochet, Rachel's Vineyard is looking for prayer shawls for retreatants. If need be, the Life Center will provide the yarn. For more information, call Lorraine at 516-798-9100.

MEMORIAL BRICKS

A memorial brick is a great gift for a wedding, birth, living or deceased memorial and more. Many visitors and neighbors have commented about how nice it looks having all of our memorial bricks around the Blessed Mother. Forms are available in the vestibule of the church.

FROM OUR BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus:

On Friday, January 20, the President approved new regulations from the Department of Health and Human Services. These regulations mandate that, with few exceptions, all Catholic employers, including Catholic Charities and Catholic hospitals, provide coverage for contraception, abortion-producing drugs and sterilization in the healthcare benefits provided to their employees. Most insurance programs will have to include these as well.

This mandate directly interferes with the freedom of conscience of individuals and with the freedom of religious belief and practice of our Catholic institutions. The Administration has chosen to cast aside the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, denying to Catholics our nation's first and most fundamental freedom, that of religious liberty and free exercise of conscience. Regulations about healthcare are being used to re-define pregnancy as a disease and to make abortion-inducing drugs available to one and all. As a result, unless the rule is overturned, we Catholics will be compelled either to violate our consciences or to drop healthcare coverage for our employees and suffer significant penalties for doing so.

As Pope Benedict XVI said last week:

"It is imperative that the entire Catholic Community in the United States come to realize the grave threats to the Church's moral witness presented by a radical secularism which finds increasing expression in the political and cultural spheres . . . Of particular concern are certain attempts being made to limit the most cherished of American freedoms, the freedom of religion."

I would ask of you two things. First, as a community of faith, we must commit ourselves to prayer and fasting that wisdom and justice may prevail and religious liberty may be restored. Without God, we can do nothing; with God, nothing is impossible. Second, I would recommend that you contact your US Congressional representatives to express to them why this mandate cannot stand and to support religious freedom through the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 2012. This legislation, sponsored by Senator Marco Rubio, would reverse the Administration's decision. To learn more about this assault on religious liberty, the US Bishops have

set up the following special website:
www.usccb.org/conscience.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

+Bishop Murphy

Bishop of Rockville Centre

SCHOOL TUITION INFORMATION

For our parishioners who currently have children enrolled in OLH School, we have been asked to advise you that each family will be required to submit a card signed by Father Stanley attesting to the actual registration at OLP, as well as envelope use for the past year, for at least five hundred dollars per family. This will enable you to pay tuition as a parishioner. If you are not registered, you will pay non-parishioner tuition. Call Father Stanley if you have any questions and to register.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Parishioners should have received a letter from the Diocesan Committee about the Catholic Ministries Appeal. We ask every family or parishioner to respond with a generous donation. Your faithful support will make a difference in the lives of so many of your neighbors in the community. One person can accomplish, but when we work together as a faithful community, we can accomplish so much more!

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

All adult men are invited to attend St. Rosalie's long awaited men's prayer group, beginning on Monday, February 13th from 7-8:30PM. This group will be ongoing with prayer, reflection, brotherhood and support. Located at the St. Rosalie's Parish Center.



LEARN POLISH

If you have a Roger's Memorial Library card, start learning how to speak Polish today! Go to www.myrml.org, research, live-brary research, language & travel, mango languages. Then enter your library barcode and create a password to get started. Click the "start Learning" button, or create a language profile to pick up where you left off. Contact the reference librarian with any questions at 283-0774 ext. 505.