

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2010  
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**PASTOR'S COLUMN**

Brrr! It is cold here in New York! What a winter it has been! And not just here. I gave a call to our Pastor Emeritus Msgr. Boccio in sunny Florida. He was walking on the beach with a heavy coat, hat, scarf and gloves! I told him that we feel sorry for him! I told him how cold it was up here and it warmed him all over!

This has been a tough winter for Pastors. In speaking to the Pastors who are friends of mine, they have had to deal with boiler problems (why is it that boilers break down when it is the coldest time of the winter?) as well as gigantic rises in fuel costs.

This past month we paid a total of \$22,329.01 for the heating of the entire plant (all four buildings). We also had to make significant repairs to one of our three boilers (the rectory and school are powered by the same boiler). I'm sure many of you who are homeowners know what it is like to hear that heat running full blast and still being chilly in our homes.

It was amazing to see the men who are working hard to install our surveillance camera doing their best to keep warm as they worked in the glacial wind.

This weather has also emboldened our furry friends, the raccoons, to make themselves known. We have a raccoon that has been regularly seen on the Church property. I'm not sure he's Catholic otherwise I might give him some temporary envelopes to use!

By the time you read this column I am sure that it will have moderated in temperature. But these weeks have been real reminders of how dependent we are on the weather for all the material advantages we have, we are still little creatures in a vast cosmos. How we need God!

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY – January 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Laurence, Margaret & Patrick Cassidy  
9:00 a.m. Louis & Domenica Daverio  
12 Noon Betty Evangelista

**TUESDAY – January 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Eleanor Klick  
9:00 a.m. Maureen McDermott  
12 Noon Sylvia Cartwright

**WEDNESDAY - January 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:00a.m. Sylvestre Family  
9:00 a.m. Eugene M. Roberts  
12 Noon John Nelly

**THURSDAY- January 21<sup>st</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Giovanna & Joseph Camenzuli  
9:00 a.m. Marie & Keith Faulds & Family (living)  
12 Noon Angela Rose & Vincent Gallo

**FRIDAY - January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Giacomo Roderigo  
9:00 a.m. Adle Iocco  
12 Noon Maude Casey & Helen Hubernestle Family

**SATURDAY - January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Rev. Thomas J. Lyons  
9:00 a.m. Calogero Aquista  
12:00 Noon John Nucero (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)  
3:00 p.m. **Wedding:** Filippo Marino & Michelle Mincieli  
5:00 p.m. **Purgatorial Society**

**SUNDAY - January 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Teresa & Sal Racuglia  
9:00 a.m. Nicholas Antoncic (Birth. Remb.)  
10:30 a.m. Nina Borda (Anniv.)  
11:45 a.m. **Spanish-** Virgen de la Altagracia  
1:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

**Lower Church:**

9:00 a.m. **Italian** – Rosalia & Calogero Asaro

**THE BREAD AND WINE** are donated this week in loving memory of John O'Connell, Sr. requested by his wife Dorothy & children, Mary & John, Jr.

**THE CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are donated this week in loving memory of Consiglia Croce requested by Ms. Lauren Franki.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** is burning this week in loving memory of Theresa & Antonio Modena requested by their daughter Lucy Rago & Family.

**PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS**



**Please pray for the recently deceased:**

*Elvira Springer  
Oswaldo Martinez  
Antoinetta Avena*

**Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine on them forever. +**

### **CHOOSE LIFE**

It is 37 years since the legalization of abortion by the Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*. This decision damaged our constitutional and social order, because, as Wanda Franz, president of National Right to Life states, “the ‘unalienable Right’ to life is no longer ‘endowed by the Creator’ but dependent on someone else’s moods and feelings. Under this peculiar principle, one and the same unborn child could be a ‘baby’ in the eyes of one parent and a ‘fetus’ to be aborted in the eyes of the other.”

### **“BABY BOTTLES SAVE LIVES”**

On the weekend of January 30 & 31<sup>st</sup> and February 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, members of the St. Gianna Respect Life Committee and the Knights of Columbus will be outside the church doors giving out empty baby bottles. Please take one home, fill it up with your coins and bring it back on February 14<sup>th</sup> when the Knights of Columbus volunteers will be outside the Church to collect them.

Your coins will help Bridge to Life continue their missions helping mothers, their babies, children and their families.

### **RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH**

Please join members of the St. Gianna Respect Life Committee at the Annual March for Life on

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>** in Washington, DC. The bus is **FREE** and leaves from St Joseph's in Astoria at **6:00 a.m.** Please call Ann Gilmartin at 718-651-9017 to reserve a place on the bus.

After you reserve your seat, please call one of our two senators or our representative (contact information below) to ask for an appointment to discuss your concerns, especially the innocent preborn baby's right to life. Make your appointment for the afternoon after the March. Your bus captain will give you information and you will stay with a group so you will not have to worry if you do not know your way around Washington, D.C.

The March for Life Rally takes place on the Mall at 7th Street at 12:00 Noon. Speakers will address the huge throng of pro-lifers who have traveled from all over the world to witness for Life. The March begins after the Rally. After the March you will have some free time before the trip home. We will stop on the way home to get a bite to eat.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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### **OPEN HOUSE**

Xavier High School (30 West 16<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan) will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents are invited to attend. For more information call: (212) 924-7900 Ext. #1442

### COAT COLLECTION

The Columbian Squires of our parish will be collecting coats in the school hall from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. today, January 17<sup>th</sup>.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS YOUTH PROGRAM

The Youth Program will continue on Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Children who have not yet registered can still sign up from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. only. All new registrants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Weekly admission fee is \$4.00.

### MARCH 12-14, 2010 YOUTH RETREAT (AGES 15-30) AT IMMAC

Our parish is pleased to announce that on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting a **Youth 2000 NY Retreat** weekend. This is a beautiful and unique opportunity for the youth of our parish and surrounding parishes, and they are invited and strongly encouraged to attend the weekend. They will join young people from around the metropolitan area to pray, talk and socialize. Registration forms are available in the back of the Church and in the rectory. Please call Kitty Prager at 917-714-7360 for more information.

Youth 2000 is organized by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. They have held monthly prayer festivals that have touched the lives of thousands of young people in the Metropolitan area. Their simple life style, love of Christ, and service to the poor present to the young people a powerful and much-needed witness of Christ living in today's world. YOUTH 2000 was invited by the World Youth day committee to lead Eucharistic Adoration at the World Youth Days in Manila in 1995, Paris in 1997, Rome in 2000 and again in Toronto in 2002. YOUTH 2000 Prayer Festivals occur almost every week somewhere in the US. At present, YOUTH 2000 is active in the US, England, Ireland, Germany, Australia, Panama, the West Indies, and hopes to expand into other countries in Europe and in Africa. One may also visit the Youth2000NY website:

<http://www.youth2000ny.com/MajorEvent2009/ME09.htm>.

### COLLECTION

Week of:	<u>January 9<sup>th</sup> &amp; 10<sup>th</sup></u>
Amount of Collection:	\$9,340.78
Attendance:	1,769
Per Capita:	\$5.28

### A PRIEST'S PRAYER

Loving Father, I praise you, I love you, I adore you.  
Send your Holy Spirit to enlighten my mind to the truth of your Son, Jesus, Priest and Victim. Through the same Spirit guide my heart to his Sacred Heart, to renew in me a priestly passion that I, too, might lay down my life upon the altar.

May your Spirit wash away my impurities and free me from all my transgressions in the Cup of Salvation, Let only your will be done in me.

May the Blessed Mother of your dearly beloved Son, wrap her mantle around me and protect me from all evil. May she guide me to do whatever He tells me. May she teach me to have the heart of St. Joseph, her spouse, to protect and care for my bride. And may her pierced heart inspire me to embrace as my own your children who suffer at the foot of the cross.

I humbly cry to her: please be my consoling mother, and help me to be a better son.

Lord, make me a holy priest, inflamed with the fire of your love, seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. I humbly bless and thank you, my Father, through the Spirit, in Christ Jesus, your Son and my brother. Amen.

**O Mary, Queen of priests, pray for us.  
Saint John Vianney, pray for us.**

**“There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit.” Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Speak with a priest or religious or contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).**