
The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



the
CARDINAL'S
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
Sharing God's Gifts

BLOOD DRIVE

On **Sunday, February 26**, we will be hosting a blood drive through the NY Blood Center. With the high need for donations, please consider donating. You may sign-up in advance or the day of the drive. To find out more information about the qualifications for donating and/or to sign-up to donate or volunteer, please contact **Deb Harrison** at dharrisonpvd@gmail.com or **845-361-5735**.

ONLINE FAITH FORMATION COURSES

The Archdiocese of New York and Fordham University have partnered to offer new online courses for those in parish ministry and those who simply wish to learn more about their faith. These courses are: Relevant to contemporary people Convenient for busy schedules Faithful to the Church For a limited time, these courses are being offered for FREE! To learn more and sign up visit:
www.nycatholicfaith.org/learn

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you are in need of a contribution statement for the calendar year 2016 please contact Anna in the church office at 361-3107.

MEMORANDUM ARCHDIOCESAN HOTLINE

“The Archdiocese of New York takes the stewardship of your donations and its resources seriously. If you have knowledge of financial misconduct or suspect that it might be occurring, please report your concerns via a toll free hotline, at 877-820-0541, or on the internet, at <http://www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY>. Both are available 24 hours per day.”

TREASURER'S REPORT

**Jan. 21st & 22nd - Totaled ~\$6,413.18
Collection \$4,902.00– Online \$1,511.18
*Thank you!***



Blessed are you

January 29, 2017

Sat. January 28, 2017

5:00 pm –Victoria Mercado, Anne Tracey,
Deceased Members of the Mehl Family

6:00 pm – Polish Dinner

Sun. January 29, 2017

9:00 am –Fred DeGroot, Gaye Collins, John Lancellotti
11:00 am – Nancy Batta, Bill Dami, Guckian & Fay Family
12:30 – Church History

Mon. January 30, 2017

6:30-8:00 p.m. - Religious Education
6:30 pm – Confirmation with Parent

Tues. January 31, 2017

6:30-8:00 p.m. - Religious Education
7:00 pm – Grade 6 Parent Workshop

Wed. February 1, 2017

12:00 pm - Senior Luncheon
6:30-8:00 p.m. - Religious Education
7:00 pm – First Eucharist Parent Mtg.

Thurs. February 2, 2017

7:00 pm - RCIA
7:00 pm. – AA
7:15 pm – Choir Practice

Fri. February 3, 2017

Sat. February 4, 2017

5:00 pm –Barbara Kay, Anne Tracey

Sun. February 5, 2017

9:00 am –Stephanie Barth, Thomas J. Byrnes,
John Lancellotti
9:00 & 11:00 am – CTW, 3, 4, 5 year olds
10:00 am – Grade 1 and Parent Workshop
11:00 am – Rosemarie Pinto, Grace Masiello. Bonnie Lewis

PERMANENT DEACONS

In the Catholic Church, the diaconate is the first of three ranks in ordained ministry. Deacons preparing for the priesthood are transitional deacons. Those not planning to be ordained priests are called permanent deacons. Married men may be ordained permanent deacons, and single men may be ordained with a commitment to celibacy. Want to know more? Here is a 3 minute video presented by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/diaconate/>

We have been very fortunate here at St. Paul's since we have had Deacon John serving as a permanent deacon with us for the past 39 years. What a wonderful example of faith, fidelity and service he continues to be!

We are now very privileged to have two men from our parish preparing to be permanent deacons: Mr. Carl Locatelli and Mr. Michael McCabe. Carl is in his final semester of study and preparation and Mike is in his third year. I would like to congratulate and thank Carl and his wife Elizabeth and Mike and his wife Mary for embarking on this long, challenging, but joyful journey of faith together! Please be sure to keep these two couples in your prayers - their commitment and love of the church is an inspiration to all of us.

Come May, if Carl is convinced of his calling and, the Archbishop of New York, Timothy Cardinal Dolan is sure he is worthy and able, Carl will be called to ordination at St. Patrick's Cathedral on **Saturday, June 17, 2017**. Please keep this date in mind since we will be making a bus available to take those interested to the Cathedral for the ordination. On the following day, Sunday, June 18th at our 11:00 Mass, we will be blessed to have him function as a deacon for the first time! This will be another great and historic day for our parish!

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If you would like to make your contributions online, please go to www.parishpay.com, or call **866-727-4741** for more information or to sign up. With Parish Pay you can make online donations (one-time, weekly, monthly or annually) with the payment method of your choice.

SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

All Senior Citizens (Age 55+) are invited to our monthly Senior Citizen Luncheon, held on the first Wednesday of each month at **12 Noon**. The next luncheon will be on **Wednesday, February 1, 2017**. *A free-will offering is taken.* If you have any questions or would like to help in any way, please call Helen Schwarting at 744-3026.

**Please turn off all CELL PHONES
before Mass!**

CONDOLENCES

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family of Adrienne Schick upon the death of her husband Paul Schick. Please keep this family in your prayers

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

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“Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth, who have observed his law; seek justice, seek humility; perhaps you may be sheltered on the day of the Lord’s anger. But I will have as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly... How blest are the poor in spirit...”

How many people we know who spend their time pursuing what they do not have. Those without work read the want ads, write lengthy resumes and try to connect with someone to help them. Those with health issues look for a second opinion or find a specialist to address their needs. Young people look to guidance counselors at school to assist them in making a career choice.

But how few of us earnestly and eagerly seek the Lord. We presume God's presence, but how rarely do we set out to strengthen our relationship with Him. Do I work for justice, am I humble and dependent before the Lord? The Lord asks me to 'act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly before my God.'

The Beatitudes in the gospel today will help us to see our lives as the Lord looks upon us, not in anger but with love. I want to be poor in spirit, putting God first. I want to be humble, work for justice, walk the way of holiness and care for those in need. All disciples are called to be people of the beatitudes and look for ways to put them into practice.

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