



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A): Adults inquiring about the Catholic Faith and Sacraments, please call the rectory. 628-1113

BAPTISM: One Sunday each month at 1:00 PM. Prior parents interview with priest or Deacon and class are required. (Call the rectory.)

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION: Saturday: 4:00 to 4:45 PM and by appointment.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made in person with priest at least six (6) months in advance and prior to reception arrangements. Completion of Pre-Cana programs mandatory.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Last Sunday of the month after 12:30 Mass for those with serious illness. In an emergency, please call the rectory.

DEVOTIONS: Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Perpetual Help: Monday after 8:30 AM Mass and at 8:00 PM.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Monday 1 to 5PM

WEB SITE: www.stgerts.com — E-mail stgerts@AOL.com

PARISH MEMBERSHIP Every family in the parish should be registered Please call the parish office for registration, or when changing address or moving to another parish.



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 22, 2012

The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel. -- Mark 1:15

A NEW DAY DAWNS

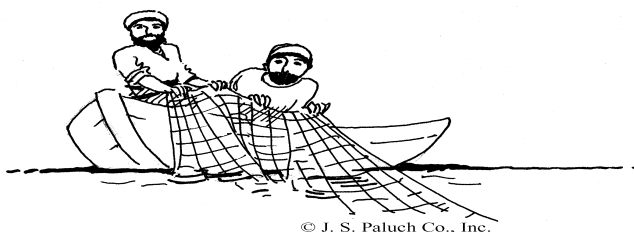
Today we hear how Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through the streets of Nineveh, scaring the citizens out of their wits. And it works! God has a change of heart, seeing "by their actions" how the people turn from evil (Jonah 3:10). A new day dawns.

Next we hear Paul telling the Corinthians, "The world in its present form is passing away" (1 Corinthians 7:31). He calls for a change of heart. Stopping short of telling them to stop carrying out their everyday activities, he urges them--rather mysteriously--to live "as though" they aren't doing the things they are doing. A new day has dawned.

Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, "The kingdom of God is at hand!" (Mark 1:14). Simon and Andrew abandon their nets--and even their father--and follow him. A new day had dawned.

Everyone has to change when a new day dawns: the Ninevites, the Corinthians, the apostles, even Jesus! Didn't a new day dawn today for us as well?

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Ordinary" is not always a desirable adjective. Who would not be insulted to receive a thank-you note for your "ordinary birthday gift," or "the ordinary hospitality at the dinner party"? No restaurant advertises its "ordinariness," no car dealer seats a customer at the steering wheel and whispers, "Look how ordinary it is!" Yet here we are in "Ordinary Time." The word carries a different meaning here: it does not mean these days are dull, boring, pedestrian, uninteresting. It means "ordinal," or "numbered" Sundays, a season of the year when we follow the story of Jesus' life and ministry in an ordered way, with each Sunday assigned an ordinal number.

You can amaze your friends with this example of Catholic arithmetic: the "Ordinary Sundays" begin with the last Sunday of Christmas, the Baptism of the Lord, continue until the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, and resume after a cluster of feasts following Pentecost Sunday. The numbers are calculated by counting backwards from the Solemnity of Christ the King, the Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Now you know there is nothing "ordinary" about "Ordinary Time!"

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Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY 7:30 AM 9:30AM 11:30AM	January 22 Anna Gwisdalla + Thomas Alfano + Anna & Orlando Trotta +
MONDAY 8:30AM	January 23 Philip LoBue, Sr. +
TUESDAY 8:30AM	January 24 Manuela Sabin +
WEDNESDAY 8:30AM	January 25 Vincenzo & Rosa Daniello & family +
THURSDAY 8:30AM	January 26 Richard & Kathleen Johnson Family living & deceased
FRIDAY 8:30AM	January 27 Carol Sucharski + Deceased members of Palmaro, Sobrino & Sabin family
SATURDAY 8:30AM	January 28 Fr. George Ruggieri + DeCesare Family Living & Deceased
5:00PM	Vigil Mass for Parishioners
SUNDAY 7:30 AM 9:30AM 11:30AM	January 29 Charles V. Hili, Sr. + Thomas Alfano + Elinor Sergio +



WINE & COMMUNION HOSTS
THIS WEEK
In Memory of
Justina Faustina

John & Joanne DelGiudice

Saturday & Sunday Religious Education Class Masses

Saturday, Jan. 28, 6th Grade Mass, 5:00pm
Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012 — 9:30am

MASS BOOK 2013

The Mass book for 2013 is now open
We will be accepting
mass requests for that year
Please note that the mass offering
will now be \$20 per mass.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- The people of Nineveh believed God and turned from their evil ways (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

Psalm -- Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading -- The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

Gospel -- This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:14-20).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the Lectionary for Mass (c) 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30, or any readings from the Mass "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
Tuesday:	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
Thursday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children; St. Vincent;
Tuesday:	St. Francis de Sales
Wednesday:	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Thursday:	Ss. Timothy and Titus
Friday:	St. Angela Merici
Saturday:	St. Thomas Aquinas

-St. Angela Merici — 1474-1540

Feast day, Friday, January 27

The foundress of the Ursuline nuns, Angela was orphaned at age 10 and was raised by relatives. Seeing the need for education among the poor, she and several friends taught girls in their own homes.

They formed a religious association under the of St. Ursula, patron of medieval universities, but they did not expect it to become a religious order.

There were no solemn vows, no habits, no enclosure, nor did they live in community; but they met for instruction and worship. The Company of St. Ursula was officially recognized by Pope Paul III (1544).

May we imitate her desire to change society so that the poor might live better lives.

“Do not force your commands on others. God has given each person freedom and forces no one, but only indicates, calls and persuades.” *St. Angela Merici*

Please pray for our sick

Eugene Bambrick
Edward Burgie
Carmella Castigliola
Christine DiMarco
Michael DiMarco
Joseph Doherty
Bette Dougherty
Vincent Furnari
Joe Giralamo
Lynn Gormley

Alex Kiczek, SFO
Donald McGuinness
Louis Pappas
Adrienne Peterson
Jessie Petrafessa
Richard Qurenni
Steven Varjian
Kenneth Veselak
Lynn Valentine

Please Pray for our Deceased

Helen D. Murphy
Frances Lavigne
Jennie Mercurio

*Please Pray for all in
Armed Forces*



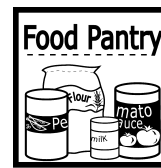
Hosp. Medic. Matthew D. Perez
2nd Lt. Glenn Harvey
Lt. Travis J. Buffa ...Lt. Melissa Buffa
Sp. Trevor Tebaldi
Air Nat. G. John Angerame, Jr., Sp. Chase Tucker
Corp. Jason Roland, DC2 Michael Carbone, Jr.
Lt. Col. Sean Patak, USMC SFC. Sean Schenck,
Lt. Cmdr. Cynthia Keating Airman Bryan Mollitor,
M Sgt. Donald J. Tucker Pfc. Duncan Moskowitz,
Major James Nicholson, Lt. Terrance Thorgramson
Lt. Col. Paul J. LoBue SSgt. Sacha K. Mattia,
SSgt. James P. Mattia, Lt. Col. Nicholas Mattia
The Four LoRusso Brothers SA Kristina Peietrofere
Lt. Sean Riordan Lt. Chad Lennon, USMC
LCPL Matthew Ketcham, USMC Lt. Wesley John Pritchett

**NEXT SUNDAY — JANUARY 29
SACRAMENT
OF
ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
AFTER 11:30AM MASS**

GIFT

What I am is God's gift to me.
What I become is my gift back to God.
--Anonymous

FOOD PANTRY:



Open Fridays. **8:45 to 9:30AM**
**Baskets for the Food Pantry
are at the Doors of the Church.**
You may bring items for the
Basket **Whenever** you come to Mass.

SOME NEEDED SUPPLIES ARE:
Rice Canned Fruit Snacks Coffee, Tea
Cocoa Cookies, Crackers, Spaghetti, Tomato
Sauce, Apple Juice, Red Beans, Black Beans,
Parmalat Milk, Mazzola Oil, Mac & Cheese,
Cereal Tuna Fish, Spam, Crackers,
Canned Chicken, Snacks, Canned Soups, Pa-
per Towels, Toilet Paper, Baby Wipes, Pea-
nut Butter, Shampoo, Toothpaste Canned
Fruit & Vegetables Soap

**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR EMPTY PRINTER
CARTRIDGES!**
NO LARGE TONER CARTRIDGES, please.
So far we have earned **\$5,030**
****NO OUT OF DATE FOODS PLEASE****

Thank you for your help.

**St. Ignatius Retreat House, Manhasset
HEALING MASS SCHEDULE**

(across from Christopher Morley Park
(621-8300) 6:30 p.m. Rosary 7 p.m.
Healing Mass Schedule:
Wednesday, February 1,
Tuesday, March 6 Tuesday, April 17
Tuesday, May 15 Tuesday, June 5

**GOOD SHEPHERD
HOSPICE
Presents**



**Hospice for Grieving Hearts
this Valentine's Day**

Join the Staff of Good Shepherd Hospice for
a presentation of encouragement, education and
support to help cope with the loss of a loved one
this Valentine's Day.

Date: February 7,
Location: Mercy Hospital Board Room,
Time: 2 to 3:30PM
RSVP or Information 516-465-6262



Stewardship

A Way of Life

Sunday, January 15 \$6,098

***Thank you for your support,
and for using your envelopes***

Reflection

There is an urgency in today's Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples — Andrew and Simeon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus *immediately*, leaving nets, boats, father, and fellow-workers. To what is Jesus calling me... at this moment? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?

Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who work for parish-based advocacy groups to bring Gospel values and Catholic social teaching to the wider community.

General Intercessions for Mass

That as listening stewards we strive to "hear" what Jesus is calling us to at this moment and in these circumstances we pray to the Lord...

KELLENBERG MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL First Trimester Honor Roll School year 2011—2012

Christopher Constantino
Jacqueline Fischer
Anne Posillico
Michele Ryan

Congratulations and blessings to you all!

MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED

In addition to Masses for our beloved departed souls we have available, at the rectory, donation cards for the weekly wine and hosts which may be presented to the family of those remembered. For details, please call the Parish Office.



WORRIES

The greatest of worries can't pay
the smallest of debts.

--Anonymous

ROSARY GUILD



**KEEP IN MIND
SAVE THE DATE!!!**

What better time than these cloudy winter days to clean out your closets, attic, or basement? What do you do with things you no longer need?

The Rosary Guild is holding it's 13th ANNUAL ATTIC TREASURES AND CHILDREN'S WHITE ELEPHANT SALE on April 21st and April 22nd in the Parish Center.

We will accept your donations EXCEPT furniture, computers, and adult clothes. We will also have a table for NEW items — surely you received gifts that you can't use.

All proceeds go the Ida Barnao Pre-School Scholarship fund which truly needs your help as we have received more quests for the Scholarship than other years.

For further information please feel free to call either Catherine Carbone, 628-1441, Mary Ryan, 628-1270 or Barbara Savinetti, 676-5227

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Celebrate your marriage and your love by experiencing a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Make your good marriage truly great. Next weekend is February 10 to 12, a great Valentine's day gift!

Registration is limited. 866-499-6354 or email Ron and Chris Morasse, at ron@morassefamily.com, or 516-731-2055.

2021 PSAT/SAT EXAM PREP COURSE

For May 5th SAT Exam

Course will be held on the following Saturdays:

March 3, 17, 24, & 31

And April 21 and 28

9:00—11:30AM in Marian Hall

Course Fee: \$250.00 (includes textbook)

CONTACT: Mrs. Mascia 516-922-4888 x 5315

St. Dominic High School

**BULLETIN NOTICES MUST BE IN
FRIDAY MORNING
FOR FOLLOWING WEEK**

FAITH DIRECT

inspiring secure giving

Do you often find yourself without your checkbook or envelope on Sunday morning?

Join the many parishioners who have already enrolled in *Faith Direct* for automated giving to St. Gertrude. *Faith Direct* is secure and convenient, and will provide you with an offertory card to place in the basket during the collections. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish.

Sign up today by visiting www.faithdirect.net. Our parish code is NY83. You can also pick up an enrollment form at the parish office or call *Faith Direct's* toll-free number, 866-507-8757, for more information.

As we begin a new year, I hope you will consider taking advantage of this new way of giving. Your generosity means a great deal to our parish family. Please consider using *Faith Direct* today!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Free food for those in need.

Gross Monthly Income for Seniors.

Single Seniors \$1,174 or less.

Senior Couple \$1,579 or less.

For information call 631-491-4166

St. Thomas Aquinas

Priest & Doctor of the Church (1225—1274)

Born near Aquino, Italy, from age 5 he studied at the Benedictine Monastery at Monte Cassino.

At the age 19, he joined the newly formed Dominicans and studied in Italy and France.

A man of towering intellect, he wrote many books on Scripture and theology, among them his summary of theology (**Summa Theologiae**).

He was also a man of simple devotion, whose hymns such as **Pange Lingua**, **Tantum Ergo**, and **Adoro Te Devote** are still sung today.

He was also a humble mystic who considered all his scholarly achievements "like straw" compared to what he learned through prayer.

Like him may we use both our heads and our hearts to discover Christ.



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Local Scout Urges Blood Donations

Eagle Scout Candidate, Rob Ozer, of Troop 962 has launched a Public Awareness Campaign for his Eagle Leadership Project emphasizing the importance of blood donations.



His goal is to increase the amount of blood donations in the area. As part of his project, Rob has designed special "Proud to be a Blood Donor" magnets, approved by the New York Blood Center, to be distributed at blood drives so that donors can display the magnets on their vehicles and "help spread the word."

On Thursday, January 26th, the Bayville Fire Department is hosting a blood drive from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Rob will be there promoting blood donations and distributing his magnets.

Come in to donate, say "Hi", wish him success, and help him reach his goal.

If you would like to help him finance the magnets, please send your check in any amount, made out to "BSA Troop 962", to Rob Ozer, 31 George Street, Locust Valley, NY 11560.

St. Gertrude's Teens preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, offer to parishioners who are elderly/sick or young single parents, help with **snow shoveling** as part of their community service.

If you are in need of snow shoveling call Jean Marie, 628-8019 or email Larry.drlarryguerra@hotmail.com

DOMINICAN VILLAGE

An independent Retirement Community Assisted Living Residence, Respite Care & Short Term Stay. Conveniently located. For Information call 631-842-6091