



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF February 21, 2010

Weekend of 2/14/2010
Regular Collection Goal Per Week - **\$15,000**
Actual amount received - **\$10,743**
Savings - **\$2,012**
Envelopes sent to registered parishioners - **1,209**
REMINDER
All Parents who have children in St. Laurence School are required to give **\$10.00** each week in your church envelope. Catholic High School, **\$12.00**

Monday, February 22th

8:30 Mary G. Deady

Tuesday, February 23th

8:30 Maria Falcone

Wednesday, February 24th

8:30 Deady, Fortune, Leary & Condran Families

Thursday, February 25th

8:30 Anna Middleton & Agnes Trebino

Friday, February 26th

8:30 Josephine & John Hegar

Saturday, February 27th

8:30 Thomas J. Murphy, Jr.

5:00 Hugh, Susan & Hugh McGee

Sunday, February 28th

7:30 Angelo & Catherine DiSanto

9:00 Deady, Fortune, Leary & Condran Families

10:30 Grazia & Angelo Mario Forgione

12:00 William F. Tobin - *1st Anniversary*

6:00pm Parishioners of St. Laurence

H.O.P.E.

If you have an emergency need for transportation (a doctor or dentist appointment, help with food shopping,) call our H.O.P.E. representative, as early as possible at the following numbers:

WEEK OF February 21, 2010

610-449-8619 OR 610-789-2783

WEEK OF February 28, 2010

610-352-1662 OR 610-352-7436

HOLY HOUR

WOULD YOU SPEND ONE HOUR WITH ME?

The Adoration Society invites you to join them for a Holy Hour each **Saturday, 3:45PM to 4:45PM**. Holy Hour Remembrance Cards for someone special for whom you are praying are available with the sign-in sheets at the church entrances during Adoration Hour.

FOOD BANK - Collection

February 20th & 21st

The FOOD BANK is in dire need for food items.

Boxes will be in the Tower for collection.

Meat products (spam, beef stews,) tuna, baked beans, peanut & jelly, cereal (hot or dry), soups and fruit juices.

ST. LAURENCE PRAYER COMMUNITY

meets every Tuesday evening in Church at 8:00PM.

RECITATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY

every Monday evening at 7:00PM in church.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Marcellino Caprara, Joseph O'Donnell, Monsignor Duane, Michael Harkins, John Connelly, Ruth Strahan, Linda Gensberg, Mary Moran, Penny Orr, Agnes DeLacy, Angelica Sheeler, Marie Innaurato, Frances Kaminski, Patricia Spicer, Margaret Lesniak, James Delaney, Rose Bonsera, Lois Cook, Lawrence Cardarelli, Joyce Cardillo, Danny Lane, Melody Dalrymple, Brenda Taylor, Paul Skipper, Veronica Kagen, Bernadette Palasch, Robert Grant, Vincent Alexander, Martin Garland, Joe Clifford, Marion Toffling, Jim Lynch, Albert Oliver, Gina Scorsone, Robert Clark, Peg Kearns, Rita Eckardt, Bob DeFino, John Morris, Dolores Baranick, Concetta McMenamin, John Martin, Maria McClelland, Lorraine McCarty, John Duffy, Lynne Cahill, Anthony Costandino,

Deceased Parishioners of St. Laurence

Francis Pellegrino, George M. Wagner, Dora M. Perna, Ray Minnick,

First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2010

Pastor's Note



Lent A Time of Spiritual Renewal

These forty days are a grace from God. Every grace is an opportunity to accept God's call for a deeper relationship. What do I do for these forty days? The first and most significant step is to follow the gospel instruction of Jesus Christ. *"Go to your room and close the door and pray to your father in secret, and your father who sees in secret will reward you."* **Matthew 6:6.**

Your private prayer may begin as simply as this: "Dear Lord, our parish priest said . . . that I should pray alone for a couple of minutes each day in the silence and solitude of my room. Why is this good for me?"

This type of prayer is gentle. God is the focus without fanfare or show, no pretense, just us, one on one.

One on one . . . has the great possibility of being gently honest.

What other words should I use in this five minutes? In a quiet voice I may find myself saying:

"Jesus, I love you." "Jesus, please help me."

"I adore you Lord."

"Please open my heart to your kindness."

In the still of the night: "Lord, you have always opened my heart to what is really good for me, help me to see what *you* want of me"

Lenten Opportunities

LENTEN SCHEDULE FOR 2010

Lenten confessions every Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross, Friday 7:30 p.m.
Parish Penance Service 7:30 p.m.
Monday, March 22, 2010.

PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

Join us for an hour of silence, song and deep prayer in the Taize mode on the Tuesday evenings during Lent: February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23 from 7:30 - 8:30 PM at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Retreat Center on the grounds of St. Aloysius Academy, 401 Bryn Mawr Ave.

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LENTEN SERIES on "Saints for All Seasons"

You are invited to join us for reflection and prayer from **7:15 to 8:15 every Wednesday evening, February 24 to March 24.** We will begin with a Guest Speaker who will share some thoughts about the connection between Faith, Holiness and living a Christian life. **Each presentation will be followed by the Stations and Benediction.** Make it your goal to do something "extra" for Lent by joining us each Wednesday at **Blessed Virgin Mary Parish**
1101 Main Street, Darby, PA 19023
Phone 610-583-2128

SAN ALFONSO RETREAT HOUSE

"A Center for Spiritual Renewal"

San Alfonso is a Redemptorist Spiritual Center, situated on eight beautiful acres along the New Jersey Coastline. It has been "HOLY GROUND" for thousands of lay people, priests and religious for over 80 years. It is truly a place to experience the presence and action of God in your life. In addition to various scheduled retreats, San Alfonso offers days and evenings of recollection for adults, for school faculties, for young people, parish societies and parish councils. The 2010 Theme is The Year of St Luke - God's Compassion. For information and reservations, call **732-222-2731** or visit the website at www.sanalfonso retreats.org.

HIGHSCHOOL CYO

would like to **thank all of those who contributed** to the *Souper Bowl of Caring*. On a very snowy day **February 6 & 7**, we raised over **\$850.00 for Covenant House**. Thank you for your concern and generosity.

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**BOYS & GIRLS TRACK**

begins on **Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**. Practices will be Monday-Friday (at least for the first few weeks), starting at 5:30PM in the Parish Hall.

**ST. LAURENCE SCHOOL  
REGISTRATION**

**2010-2011**

Registration for new students entering **Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and Grades 1 through 6 for the 2010-2011** school year is now under way. ONLY students transferring from a Catholic school will be accepted in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Please call **610-789-6960** to schedule an appointment and bring the following with you to registration:

- Child's Birth Certificate, Child's Social Security Number**
- Child's Baptismal Certificate, Immunization Records**

**Proof of Reception of Sacraments, Proof of Parish Registration, \$50.00 Non-Refundable Registration Fee**



**CYO BASEBALL/SOFTBALL  
SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION**

**When:** Tuesday, February 23 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM

**Where:** Saint Laurence Tower

**For:** Varsity Boys Baseball/Girl's Softball 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>  
JV Boys baseball/Girl's Softball 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>  
Girls and Boys Track 4<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

This will be the last registration night. If you do not come to registration, you cannot participate in the sport.

Any questions, call: **Mike Cavanagh, 215-275-1563.**

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Looking for a Varsity Softball Coach.

Those interested should call:

Mike Cavanaugh at 215-275-1563.

**The 13th Annual National
Migration Week Mass**

will be celebrated on **Sunday, March 7, 2010**
at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul,
18th Street and Ben Franklin Parkway.

Cardinal Justin Rigali will be the main celebrant and homilist. **At 2:00 PM**, a Precession of Ethnic Communities will begin with various selections of hymns sung by community members. The celebration of Holy Mass will begin at 2:30 PM.



CHOIR ANNOUNCEMENT

The choir has begun preparation for Lent, Holy Week and Easter and we are looking for new members. If you like to sing and have often thought of joining the choir, now would be a good time. Choir is not only a good way to serve the parish, but it is also an opportunity to enter more deeply into the meaning of Lenten and Easter seasons.

If you would like to join our friendly group, you can join us any Thursday at 7:00 PM in the choir loft.

Margie Kane - 610-446-4072

John W. Callahan

Financial Aid Night

Callahan Catholic Girl's High School is holding a **Financial Aid Night on Thursday, February 25 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM**. This evening will include sessions for High School Financial Aid and is open to the families of current 8th to 11th Graders. For additional information, please contact: **Admissions**

Director, Mrs. Brosmius

215-563-8930 ext. 252 or admissions@jwhallahan.com

2009 INCOME TAX CONTRIBUTIONS

If you would like a copy of your 2009 Income Tax Contributions, please contact the Rectory at **610-449-0600, ext. 12** and leave your name, address and phone number and it will be mailed out to you.