

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM **RIP Flavio Rivas**
Req by Daughter Marcia Carpio & Family

9:00AM **RIP Lucy Evangelista (18th Anniv.)**
Req by Son Robert

10:00AM **RIP Olga Granada**
Req by Elizabeth & Carlos Restrepo

11:15AM **RIP Paul Hurstel (BD)**
Req by Wife Claire & Sons

12:30 PM **Brazilian Apostolate Mass**

FEB 13, MONDAY:

8:00AM **RIP Salvatore D'Aco**
Req by Matthew Kupski

FEB 14, TUESDAY: Ss. Cyril and Methodius

8:00AM **RIP Sister Barbara Zhu**
Req by Agnes & Joseph Sun

FEB 15, WEDNESDAY:

8:00AM **RIP Elizabeth (Betty) Iovino (1st Anniv.)**
Req by Frances Verderosa

7:00PM **RIP Maria Vera**
Req by Nieta Maria Bolaños

7:30PM **Brazilian Apostolate Mass**

FEB 16, THURSDAY:

8:00AM **RIP Antoinette Scevola**
Req by Josephine Alfieri & Family

7:00PM **RIP**
(Español) Req by

FEB 17, FRIDAY: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:00AM **Spiritual blessings for Ann Porcelli**
Req by Frances Verderosa Estelle, & Rachel Del Giudice

FEB 18, SATURDAY: Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00AM **RIP**
Req by

5:00PM **All those enrolled in the Purgatorial Society**

MASSES – SUNDAY, FEB 19 — Sr. Agnes Shen, Gracias por faor recibido, Alex DiFazio

RESPONSE: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Please turn OFF your cell phone BEFORE Mass.

THE LEPROSY LEFT HIM
AND HE WAS MADE
CLEAN



February 12, 2012

Last Week (02/5) Offerings \$3,095.00

Those who have entered into eternal rest:

His Eminence, Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua,
Archbishop of Philadelphia,
Alberto Fernandez, Lucia Meyers

Those who are sick:

BEP, Ron Buzzak, Carlo Cali, Concetta Cali, Cathy,
Jill Fiscina, Rose Luciano,
Ann Porcelli, Peter, Mary Restivo,
Joe Ruiz, Rose Segrete, John Quashie

IN MEMORY OF:

SANC. LAMP/CHAPEL: Castelli & Todero Families

Req by Antoinette & James Todero

SANC LAMP/UC: Anthony Verderosa

Req by Wife Frances & Children

SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS FOR:

BREAD: In Thanksgiving

Req by Agnes & Joseph Sun

WINE: Thanksgiving for blessings

Req by Agnes & Joseph Sun

CANDLES: All souls in Purgatory

Req by Agnes & Joseph Sun

SANC LAMP/LC: Special intentions of Joann

Alfieri Req by Mom, Josephine & Gus

THANK YOU: To the St. Rita Family: Food For The Poor wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Father Lopez on his recent visit to your parish. On behalf of our less fortunate brothers and sisters of Latin America and the Caribbean, we thank you for having shared in their lives. They, and you, are blessed by your generosity.

In Christ, The Food For The Poor Family

VALENTINE'S DAY—

Always a perfect gift—

Whoever has a heart full of love always has something to give.

Happy Hearts Day



GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING HERE AT ST. RITA'S. have you noticed the new doors on 11th Street, and the new platform at the entrance? Well the time and labor was donated by the Brazilian Community, but the material needs to be paid for. We are asking you to please make a separate donation towards the work that was done. The cost of the Doors, cement, tiles came to \$8,500.00. please make your donations marked "**NEW DOORS**" your help is always appreciated. We are grateful for small and large donations. thank you Thank you to those of you whom already made a sacrifice in donations towards the expenses of the doors and concrete work. Thank you. Fr. Jose Carlos. **As of Dec. 27th you donated a total of \$1,570.00 THANK YOU**

Dominican Village is a not-for-profit Independent and Assisted Living Retirement Community sponsored by the Sisters of St. Dominic. We are located in Amityville, which is in Western Suffolk County.

Independent Retirement Community; Assisted Living Residence, Respite Care and Short Term Stay.

Please join us for an **OPEN HOUSE** on the following dates:

February 11th, 16th

March 1st, 8th, 22nd, and 31st.

LAY MINISTRY PROGRAM—Sponsored by the Pastoral Institute, Diocese of Brooklyn. Are You *Being Called To Lay Ministry? Do you want to be more involved in Parish Life? Would you like to become a Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader? Have you considered the Lay Ministry Program for Lay Leaders? Meet with your Pastor/Administrator to Apply.* The Four Core Components. 1) 3 year program; (2) mentoring during the 3 years (3) Ministry Preparation (4) Spiritual Formation. An information Session for classes starting in September 2012, will be held on March 28, 2012 at O. L. of Perpetual Help School, 111-10 115th Street, So. Ozone Park starting @ 7:15pm **You need to register for an Information Session**

Fr, Jose Carlos will be celebrating his 50th Birthday, Sunday, May 6, 2012.

We will have a celebration at Riccardo's Catering, 21-01 24th Avenue on Sunday, May 6th, from 7:30pm to 11:30pm tickets are \$50.00 per person. Please see Madge or Tiago for tickets or additional information. We are limited to 450 tickets. If interested, you need to buy your tickets NOW. We have already sold 200 tickets.

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

LENT SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 22ND

MASSES AS FOLLOWS:

8:00AM/ENGLISH; 12:10PM/ENGLISH;
 7:00PM/SPANISH; 8:00PM/PORTUGUESE

PRAYER SERVICE:

3:30PM



ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED DURING THESE TIMES.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT, 3:30PM ENGLISH; 7:00PM SPANISH; and 7:30PM PORTUGUESE.

Ash Wednesday is a fasting day, **NO** meat!
ALL Fridays during Lent—**NO** meat!
 Good Friday, **FASTING DAY—ONLY one** meal and **NO** meat!

When you fast, do not put on a gloomy look as the hypocrites do. —Matthew 6:16

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

YOUTH MARDI GRASS PARTY—Saturday, February 18th @ 6:00PM DOWNSTAIRS IN THE Msgr. Bennett Community Center. Bring two friends and you get a prize. Free party beads.

FIRST COMMUNION: Parents and students meeting, Monday, February 27th @ 7:00pm downstairs in the Msgr. Bennett Community Center. You need to bring ALL missing forms, Birth Certificates and or Baptismal Certificates AND \$10.00 fee for the banners.

THEME: First Reconciliation, all MUST attend.

The St. John's University **Speech and Hearing** Center will be offering **FREE** SPEECH AND HEARING SCREENINGS FROM January 30th through May 7, 2012. please call the center at 718-990-6480 to schedule an appointment. The Speech and Hearing Center is located at 152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY.

Retrouvaille is a peer ministry. Couples who have had problems in their own marriages and have recovered from those problems, share their experiences with couples in troubled marriages with the hope that they too will see that their marriage can be saved. Thousands of couples all over the globe have found hope, help and healing by participating in the Retrouvaille program. A Retrouvaille weekend is a deeply personal and private experience shared between a husband and wife that can help a couple to reconnect and go on to lead a happy and fulfilling life together. **YOU CAN SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE NOW!** For more information about the upcoming weekend that begins Friday, February 3-4-5-, 2012 at the Montfort Retreat House in Bay Shore—please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected (confidentially) to an experienced couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

THEOLOGY ON TAP—DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN— Thursday, March 29, 2012.
Presenter: Fr. James Martin, S.J.—**Topic:** Laughing With the Saints-Why Joy, Humor and Laughter Are at the Heart of Spiritual Life.
Location: Astoria Brewhouse, 28-50 31st St., Astoria, NY **Starting Time:** 7:30pm. For information contact: Mr. Paul Morisi, Coordinator of Adolescent and Young Adult Faith Formation. 718-965-7300 x5556 or E-mail pmorisi@diobrook.org

BAPTISM SCHEDULE—ENGLISH

TUESDAY CLASS/7:30PM **SUNDAY CEREMONY 2:PM**
FEBRUARY 14, 2012 FEBRUARY 19, 2012

NO BAPTISMS IN MARCH

APRIL 10, 2012 APRIL 15, 2012

HORARIO de BAUISMOS—ESPANOL

MIERCOLES/CHARLA 7:30PM **SABADO/BAUTISMO 2:PM**
15 FEBRERO —2012 18 FEBRERO —2012

NO HAY BAUTISMOS EN MARZO

18 ABRIL—2012 21 ABRIL 2012

Congratulations to the following children who were Baptized and became new members of the Church on Saturday, February 11, 2012. May they remain close to Jesus, as they are today.

Jessica DeLaCruz / Renso De La Cruz
Vanessa De La Cruz / Jovana Nocelo / Felix Ortega, Jr.

CATHOLICISM-THE TRUE STORY OF THE FAITH What do we as Catholics believe? Why do we believe what we believe? What is our faith tradition? A 10-session adult study series for those active in the faith, those seeking a "Refresher" course, and those looking to learn more.

Tuesdays during Lent and Easter. **Beginning February 21st @ 7:15pm** in the parish gathering space with light refreshments, viewing of the DVD and discussion begin at 7:30pm. **At St. Joseph R. C. Church**, 43-19 30th Avenue, Astoria, N. Y. 11103 (Take N or Q train to 30th Ave. or R train to 46th Street). Call 718-278-1611 or E-Mail s.qualela@stjosephlic.org to register now! Registration is free.

RESPECT FOR RIGHT OF CONSCIENCE ACT: Please read the following and take action!

On January 20th, the U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services (HHS) reaffirmed a rule that virtually all private health care plans must cover sterilization, abortifacients, and contraception. The rule is set to take effect August 1, 2012.

Non-profit religious employers that do not now provide such coverage, and are not exempt under the rule's extremely narrow definition of religious employer, will be given one year until August 1, 2013 to comply.

To correct the threats to religious liberty and rights of the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act has been introduced in Congress S.1467. this measure will ensure that those who participate in the health care system "retain the right to provide, purchase, or enroll in health coverage that is consistent with their religious beliefs and moral convictions." **it is more important than ever that Members of Congress be urged to co-sponsor S.1467.**

ACTION: Contact Senator Charles Schumer & Senator Kristen Gillibrand and tell them to support S.1467. / Call Senator Schumer @ 212-486-4430 AND Senator Gillibrand @ 212-688-6262.

COMUNIDAD HISPANA

Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario 12 de febrero de 2012

Todo lo que hagan ustedes, sea comer, o beber, o cualquier otra cosa, háganlo todo para gloria de Dios.

— *1 Corintios 10:31*

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El leproso habitará solo, fuera del campamento (Levítico 13:1-2, 44-46).

Salmo — Perdona, Señor, nuestros pecados (Salmo 32 [31]).

Segunda lectura — Haz todo por la gloria de Dios; sean imitadores de Cristo (1 Corintios 10:31 — 11:1).

Evangelio — Jesús, después de haber curado a un hombre leproso, le pide que no se lo cuente a nadie (Marcos 1:40-45).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Sant 1:1-11; Mc 8:11-13

Martes: Sant 1:12-18; Mc 8:14-21

Miércoles: Sant 1:19-27; Mc 8:22-26

Jueves: Sant 2:1-9; Mc 8:27-33

Viernes: Sant 2:14-24, 26; Mc 8:34 — 9:1

Sábado: Sant 3:1-10; Mc 9:2-13

Domingo: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; Sal 41 (40);
2 Cor 1:18-22; Mc 2:1-12

DE COLORES

Los Cursillistas invitan a su reunión cada 2do, 3ro y 4to domingo después de la misa hispana en el salón debajo de la rectoría. Recuerda hermano que Cristo cuenta contigo y nosotros con Él.

GRUPO DE ORACION CARISMATICO SAN

RAFAEL Se reúne cada martes a las 7:00 p.m. en la capilla San Damiano con la participación de diferentes Predicadores, rezo del rosario y testimonios.

NUESTRA SENORA DE GUADALUPE: Invita a su reunión mensual el segundo domingo del mes en la capilla de San Damiano, después de la misa, para información contacte a Mariano & Patricia Hernández.

CENÁCULO: Se reúnen el primer lunes del mes en la capilla San Damiano y los siguientes lunes del mes visitamos las casas, comunicarse con Diana Fernández.

Programa de Ministerio Laico, Patrocinado por el Instituto Pastoral, diócesis de Brooklyn. Siente Un Llamado Al Ministerio Laico? Quiere participar más en la Vida de la Parroquia? Le gustaria ser un Líder Laico Pastoral Comisionado? Ha considerado el Programa de Ministerio Laico para Lideres Laicos? Reúnase con su Párroco/Adinistrador Para Hacer La Solicitud. Cursos: Tercer Año: Una Sesión de Información para las clases que empiezan en septiembre del 2012 se llevará a cabr el 28 de marzo de 2012 en la Escuela de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro, 111-10 115th Street, South Ozone Park, a partir de las 7:15pm. La Sesión de Información también estará disponible en la página web del Instituto Pastoral después de la presentación en vivo.

EL CAMINO DE JESÚS

Las lecturas de hoy presentan un contraste entre el “camino de Jesús” y el “camino viejo”. Un ejemplo del camino viejo es la ley que recibieron Moisés y Aarón acerca de la lepra: el leproso era impuro y se echaba fuera de la comunidad. El camino de Jesús es lo contrario: el leproso se acerca, es tocado y finalmente curado.

Tampoco debemos pensar en el “camino viejo” como algo restringido a los días de Moisés y Aarón o incluso al “antiguo” testamento. La diferencia entre el camino antiguo y el camino de Jesús surge en nuestra propia vida. Todavía elegimos, todos los días, a vivir siguiendo el camino viejo o el camino de Jesús.

Jesús se atrevió a tocar a un leproso, sin tener en cuenta el camino viejo. Así el leproso fue cambiado para siempre. Se sintió llamado. No podía dejar de proclamar que había sido tocado por Jesús (¡a pesar de que Jesús le dijo que no lo hiciera!). Una vez que Jesús nos toca, estamos llamados a proclamar su “camino”.

ENAMORADO

Me encontré en la calle con un
Joven muy pobre y enamorado.
Su sombrero era viejo; su abrigo gastado;
El agua penetraba la suela de sus zapatos;
Y las estrellas penetraban su alma.

—Victor Hugo