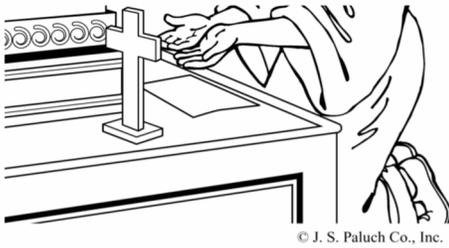


FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 1, 2015



Come, let us bow
in worship; let us
kneel before the
LORD who made
us.
-Psalm 95:6

MASS INTENTIONS

MON., 7:00	Feb. 2nd A.M.	The Presentation of the Lord Rita & Harry Lee r/o Ellen, Daughter
TUES., 12:00	Feb. 3rd P.M.	Saint Blaise, Bishop Angie & Frank Suchak r/o Frank & Barbara Suchak
WED., 7:00	Feb. 4th A.M.	Weekday Parishioners
THURS., 12:00	Feb. 5th P.M.	Saint Agatha, Virgin Cynthia Ellis r/o Mother & Sister
FRI., 7:00	Feb. 6th A.M.	Saint Paul, Martyr Catherine Nodes r/o OLMV Altar Rosary Society
SAT., 8:00 5:00	Feb. 7th A.M. P.M.	Weekday Purgatorial Society Mass Margaret Harranty r/o Husband & Family
SUN., 8:00 10:00 11:30 1:30	Feb. 8th A.M. A.M. A.M. P.M.	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Catherine Canavan r/o Anna Masessa Ann Domino in Good Health r/o Family Robert Walsh Sr., r/o Petriello Family Comunidad Hispana de OLMV

LENTEN NOVENA- Our Lenten Novena will begin on Monday, February 2nd and continue every Monday through March 30th at 7:00 P.M. in the church. All are invited.

Week of February 1—7

Altar Flowers

Joseph & Christopher Comune r/o Comune Family



PRAY FOR THE SICK...In your charity please pray for the sick of our parish, the sick who remain in our intentions and those whose names are kept on our prayer list in the sacristy. Prayers are requested for the recent deceased: Mary K. Drake.

TODAY'S READING'S:

First Reading — Moses spoke to all people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20)

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95)

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35)

Gospel — The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching; he taught them as one having authority (Mark 1:21-28)



The following "little one" was Baptized on January 25, 2015
Nickolas Gabriel Vivar, son of Segundo & Milagritos Vivar

WEDDING BANNERS

I Victor Gonzalez & Karen Sanchez

THE YEAR END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR TAX PURPOSES CAN BE OBTAINED BY CALLING THE PARISH OFFICE DURING THE WEEK.

THANK YOU to everyone who was so generous in supporting last week's Annual Collection for Catholic Education.

Children's Liturgy

February 15th, 10:00 am Mass

All families are invited to come together for refreshments in the Church Hall after the 10:00 am Mass.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Taize Service: March 1
- Knights of Columbus Pasta Night: March 7
- Lenten Penance Service: March 10
- Cultural Diversity Ministry Bake Sale: March 14—15
- Lenten Mass of Anointing: March 21
- Baby Shower Collection: March 21—22



"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties."
— 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future.

January 24—25.....	\$8862.50
Hispanic Mass.....	\$235.00
Second Collection Catholic Education.....	\$2,296.00
Major Renovations.....	\$446.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

NAOMI TEA...

Sunday, Feb. 8th...12:30 -2PM in Petra House... We welcome *ALL WIDOWS* to join us for a gathering to share prayer, conversation, and refreshments. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet friends and discover others who have suffered the same loss. No need to register; just come and bring a friend or someone who might need a ride or a personal invitation. Small bite-sized desserts to share are also appreciated!

INTERFAITH GATHERING...

Join us on Sunday, Feb. 22nd at 12:30 PM in the Parish Center Cafeteria for an Interfaith Gathering . Ethnic food will be shared as well as conversation with our Moslem neighbors. This is a wonderful opportunity to express and live out what we say when we pray for *Peace And Unity*. Please sign your name on clipboards located on tables around the church so we can have an estimate of how many people will be coming to share in this gathering. **All are welcome... bring a friend!** Call Sr. James for more information (732-609-1091).



IMMEDIATE OPENING - CATECHIST NEEDED!

Communion Preparation Catechist Needed on Tuesdays (during March/April ONLY) from 6:15-7PM for one student. Please contact Mrs. Zmigrodski in the Religious Education Office to volunteer or request more information.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS- Our monthly Baptism Preparation Class will be held **Thursday, February 5th at 7:30 P.M. at Petra House.** Please call the Parish Office to register. Baptism dates may be selected after completing this one evening of preparation.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Friday, February 6th, 7:30 A.M. until 12:00 noon. Everyone is invited!!!

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

We invite you to join in this beautiful ministry of bringing Communion to those who are ill or homebound in our parish. You may receive the consecrated Hosts at Mass on Sunday mornings, or other arrangements may be made that are more convenient for you or those you serve. If more ministers could be available, then each would need to visit only one or two shut-ins weekly, requiring about a half an hour to 45 minutes of your time, on a day of your choice. Please call the Parish Office (732-356-2149) to volunteer or Sister James at 732-609-1091 for more information. Your time and presence are urgently needed and greatly appreciated.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
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**IN MEMORY OF ROSARIA MAZZE
NAPHTALI A. BRITMAN
DIANE & FRANK GRABAS**

**IN MEMORY OF DIANA NASH
MR. & MRS. R. MEER
SHERI AND MARC UROWSKY**



A NOTE FROM FATHER PAT My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“And his fame spread everywhere, throughout the whole region of Galilee.” Jesus’ ministry is just beginning and already he is becoming widely known and respected. He is in a sense “the new kid on the block!” He speaks with authority, he cures people from sickness, he teaches, and in today’s passage, he is even able to cast out demons. The question going through the minds of the everyday person who encounters Jesus, or even hears about him, is: “Who is this person; even the demons obey him?” When Jesus enters a town, the people expect something “special” to happen, for this is no ordinary guy; no, this is someone who claims authority from God.

Today we live in a society that has forgotten how to be “awed” by the presence of Jesus in our everyday lives. The quality of computer graphics that we have today enables storytellers (movie and TV writers, etc.) to develop video of such a high quality that the special effects seem to be truly realistic. Today, the advances in computer technology make the special effects seem so much more real than those of the past. I remember how impressive the movie “The Ten Commandments” was when I first saw it as a child. Recently it was on TV. The special effects seemed to be so simple as to be almost silly, particularly when compared to the effects we can enjoy today! It is harder today for the TV and movie industries to come up with effects that really do make us sit back and say, “Wow!” Seems that it is harder also for God to make us sit up and take notice, as well!

Today, science fiction in TV and in the movies, as well as the creative use of videos in the music industry have had a profound effect on desensitizing the human family to the power of our faith experiences. Today, we, as a people of faith, have slowly come to expect ever more powerful images and “special effects” as we participate in the experience of religious worship. Today, many of the “mega-churches” have a large staff of technicians who put together powerful images: video, music, dazzling sound and visual effects--all designed to involve the five senses in a religious experience.

Clearly, mainstream American society is no longer awed by the presence of the Lord in our everyday lives. The standard ways in which Americans approach worship are changing, and even mainstream churches are incorporating visual and audio effects with the spoken message to enhance the faith experience. Today we expect to be entertained as well as spiritually elevated when we participate in a religious service. Sadly, today many are less inclined to care as much about the message as about how the message is delivered.

Today we, each of us, need to ask if we are truly “awed” by the presence of Jesus Christ in our lives. We need to ask this question: “Has the fame of Jesus spread throughout our community?” If it hasn’t, and if we are no longer awed by Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we must look to new ways to proclaim Him! It is for us, you and me, to spread His fame throughout all of our community!

**In peace and prayer,
Father Pat**

