

# CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION-ST. JAMES

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2009**  
 SJ 4:00 PM Deceased Members Fasoli, Plazerine, Garitz, Guagliardo & Willgus Family  
 By Olive Fasoli Plazerine & Family  
 Americo Silvestri  
 By Holy Name Society  
 I 5:30 PM Chester LaBella  
 By Wife, Carmela & Family

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2009**  
 I 7:30 AM J. Raymond Riordan  
 By Mary Jane Riordan  
 SJ 9:30 AM Margaret A. Henry (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv)  
 By Thomas E. Henry  
 Catherine & Tony Ianni  
 By Mary Ann & Joseph Kuhn  
 I 11:00 AM Eleanor Landry  
 By Gene & Alex Spring  
 I 5:30 PM Marsilio Costantini (Anniv)  
 By Wife, Carmella & Family

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2009**  
 I 6:45 AM Basil Imburgia  
 By Julie Madonna  
 SJ 8:00 AM M/M Charles J. Boyle  
 By M/M Charles E. Boyle  
 Rose LaMantia  
 By San Calogero Society

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009**  
 I 6:45 AM John Diehl  
 By Wife, Peg & Family  
 SJ 8:00 AM Elizabeth M. Pallotti  
 By Albert & Marion Ritzo  
 Samuel Guarino  
 By I-SJ Seniors Club

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2009**  
**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
 I 6:45 AM Edward Dacey  
 By Mary Bedard  
 SJ 8:00 AM Frances D'Agostino  
 By Patricia Puliti  
 Raymond V. Houde (15<sup>th</sup> Anniv)  
 By Son, Fr. Daniel, O.S.S.T.  
 I 9:00 AM Joseph Bedard (Anniv)  
 School Mass By Wife, Mary Bedard  
 SJ 12:00 Noon Theresa "Tessie" Radice  
 By I-SJ Seniors Club  
 Orre Timpson  
 By Theresa Cammarata  
 I 12:15 PM Ashes only distributed  
 I 5:00 PM Marguerite Brennan  
 By Patricia Spirito  
 SJ 7:00 PM Rose Marie Pero  
 By Katy & Todd Theroux  
 Stanley Bednarek, Sr.  
 By Lena Genovesi

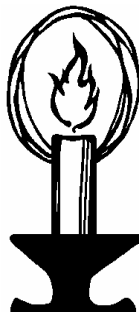


**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2009**  
 I 6:45 AM Alyce Scarlata (Anniv)  
 By Son, John & Family  
 Edmund Drew (Anniv)  
 By Daughter, Sherry Masterson & Family  
 Angelo Ortolano  
 By M/M Joe Grayzik  
 Dorothy Kalnas  
 By I-SJ Seniors Club

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2009**  
 I 6:45 AM Helen G. Smith  
 By Daughter, Helen & Elizabeth  
 Joseph J. Pucciatti  
 By Lidia Silvestri & Family  
 Frank Kovacs  
 By Donna Vagnozzi Bucci  
 No School Mass due to Mass on Ash Wednesday  
 I 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2009**  
 SJ 8:00 AM Rev. Luke Mennella, O.S.S.T.  
 By Florence Perrine & John Pecci  
 Sebastiano Verrelli  
 By Family  
 Intentions of Sandra, Ryan & Shannon Gaum  
 By M/M Harry Houghton  
 Rose Rotondo  
 By M/M Anthony Enourato  
 Albert Lanzoni  
 By Theresa Cammarata  
 Sr. Regina Miriam Glowacz, I.H.M.  
 By Mary Bedard

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2009**  
 I 7:30 AM Joseph Gallo  
 By Mother, Judy Gallo  
 Susan & Donald Riehl  
 By Patty & Eugenio  
 Wilhein Danastor & Cindy Francois  
 By Janice Bianca & Fidahee  
 Roland Parno (Anniv)  
 By Family  
 I 11:00 AM Stations of the Cross  
 SJ 3:00 PM Cecelia Witkowski  
 I 5:30 PM By Carmela Cifelli



*The Incarnation Sanctuary Candle and Bread & Wine used at Mass are:*  
 In Loving Memory of:  
 Eleanor Landry  
 By Gene & Alex Spring  
*The St. James Sanctuary Candles, Bread & Wine used at Mass and Altar Flowers are:*  
 In Loving Memory of:  
 Rose Rotondo & Frank Rotondo, Jr.  
 By Marie & Anthony Enourato

## From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners and Friends of ISJ,

*"This is the day the Lord has made and we rejoice and we are glad!"*

Brothers and Sisters, with the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist, we begin the last Sunday in Ordinary Time before the start of Great Lent. This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the season that prepares us for the Sacred Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus will commence. Most of our thoughts this Sunday turn to Lent but a few words of reflection on this Sunday's Gospel are in order.

Last Sunday we saw that the effect of the leper's proclamation that Jesus had healed him was that Jesus had to remain away from cities and towns, out in the desert so as to avoid the mad crush. In today's Gospel Jesus returns home to Capernaum. He had just left there recently. The need to preach the Good News had occasioned His departure from the city. The insistent press of all the people of Capernaum who had gathered at the door of the house of Peter's mother-in-law in the evening, bringing with them "all who were ill or who were possessed by demons," had necessitated Jesus' departure into a deserted place. While there he had made His decision to go and preach to other villages. Now He comes in from the desert back to His home town. Word got around when Jesus returned to Capernaum from preaching in the towns of Galilee. They filled the house, probably Simon Peter's and he preached to them. His message Mark told us early on: Now is the time of fulfillment, the Kingdom of God is at hand. To participate in the reign of God one had to repent of one's sins and believe in the good news of a forgiving God.

Jesus' agenda had to do with bringing people into the Kingdom by calling them to repentance. This was His purpose from the beginning, in fidelity to His Father's will. So when a paralyzed man was lowered through the roof, Jesus' response to the faith He saw exhibited was to announce, "Child, your sins are forgiven." The passive voice indicated that God is at work here. Jesus is announcing the forgiveness of the God of Isaiah, who is doing something new through Him. Forgiveness may have come first in Jesus' mind, but what the scribes heard was blasphemy. To forgive sins was the prerogative of God. No human could lay claim to this or assume the authority to do it. Nothing is said, but the heart can communicate without words both love and hatred. Jesus' response is to confront these scribes and then turn to the man to say, "Pick up your mat and go home." The healing came after the forgiving. For Jesus, forgiveness comes first, for it effects the deepest healing. Through forgiveness a new world can come about, for in forgiving God touches and He transforms human hearts. Forgiveness heals!

Speaking of forgiveness – this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, we begin THE season of forgiveness. The forty days of Lent can change our hearts. Three exercises of the heart are appropriate: fasting – the appreciation of the hunger of our world and the hungers of our own hearts; prayer – to open our hearts to hear God speak and allow us to respond from the heart; and almsgiving or works of mercy – to open the eyes of our hearts to see those around us most in need. This Lent, 2009 ask God to transform your heart, turning into flesh and blood what has become stone. Please consult today's bulletin for all the Masses and services on Ash Wednesday. Wednesday is also a day of fasting and abstinence. Meat or meat by-products are not allowed nor is eating between meals permitted. We have to "empty" ourselves in order to be filled with Jesus. On Wednesday we will take the ashes of destroyed cities, the dead babies of Darfur, the broken trust of CEOs, that of clergy and politicians, the moral destroyers of our society, the sins of our own souls and smear them where all can see. We are now out to seek the Easter waters, forty days from now, that will wash them away. On Easter Sunday we will be challenged to start all over again as we are asked:

Do you renounce Satan?  
And all his ways and all his works?  
Do you believe in God the Father....  
In Jesus Christ....  
In the Holy Spirit?

We get forty days to work up to our answer, to say yes. Prayer, fasting and works of charity move us from the "No" of Ash Wednesday to the "Yes" of Easter morning. My prayer for all of you this Holy Lent is for God to give us all a heart renewed and changed, new with the newness of Jesus Christ Himself. In the Orthodox Church, the Sunday before the start of Lent (which, this year is March the 1<sup>st</sup> – Pure Monday is the start of Great Lent with Easter being a week after ours) this Sunday is known as Forgiveness Sunday. After Divine Liturgy, the Priest will ask forgiveness of the congregation and all he may have offended since last Lent and then the faithful turn and ask forgiveness of one another. On this our "Forgiveness Sunday" I ask your pardon and forgiveness if I have offended any one in our parish family. Forgive me as God has forgiven us in His Son, Jesus.

With faith and love in our hearts let us together journey to the Cross and the empty Tomb of Christ.

Have a truly blessed Lent, one filled with prayer, fasting and works of mercy. Let us pray and forgive one another.

*In the love of Jesus and Our Lady,  
Fr. Daniel, O.S.S.T.*

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### INCARNATION-ST. JAMES LAY MINISTRIES

#### Saturday, February 28, 2009

4:00 PM EMHC: E. Mrazik, Sr. Francis  
Reader: Barbara Coyle  
5:30 PM EMHC: D. Sapp  
Reader: Cathy Funari

#### Sunday, March 1, 2009

7:30 AM EMHC: J. Vandegrift, L. Brennan, P. Brennan,  
C. Rudnick  
Reader: Prayther Denson  
9:30 AM EMHC: B. Fabe, L. Silvestri  
Reader: Mary Ann Kuhn  
11:00 AM EMHC: D. & N. Gowaty  
Reader: Les Simon  
5:30 PM EMHC: M. Seaman, B. Seamen  
Reader: Robert Gordon

#### **Remember the Sick in Your Prayers....**

Daniel Adams, Lucille Altamare, Josephine Amico, Maribel Aromin, Mary Aveni, Bob Bark, Jack Bartram, Lucy Boczany, Rose Bonifazi, Margaret Ann Bruno, Lillian Bulanowski, Eileen Byrne, Claire & Ugo Cesaro, Yolanda Ciprietti, Daniel Coluccio, Peter Corti, Jean DelVecchio, Richard Dotter, Tom Dzubek, Marie Emma, Eileen Fell, Rennie Funari, Alfredo Gentile, Josephine Geraci, David Gillico, Constance Gizzi, Rose Gizzi, Sharon Gizzi, Mary Gorham, Mary Hebert, Irene Infanti, Evelyn Kaltin, Barbara Kelly, Grace Lanzoni, Mary Lanzoni, Betty Lisiewski, Rogelio Lopera, Lynn Lippincott, Ralph Marsola, Viola McGuigan, Joseph Minotti, Terry Moulton, Helene Mule, Frances Nardone, Pia Paul, Bernice Pearre, Helen Persichetti, Laura Petroni, Amanda Radice, Daisy Rivera Alicea, Dolores Rogers, Fena Romano, Frederick Romanowsky, Nikki Russo, Carol Salender, Frank Sapio, Dorothy Schultz, Jean Shapiro, Christopher Smith, James Smith, Mary Frances Smith, Sonny Stillatano, Tina Taglireno, Angelo Vagnozzi, Anthony Vannozzi, Joseph Vocek, Stephanie Weightman, Jacquelynn Nelson White, Theresa Wilde, Imelda Wollert and Nicholas Zuccarello.

Please call the parish office at 609-882-2860 to add a name to the prayer list and to inform us when all is well so we may take a name off the list.



**OUR WEEKLY PARISH GOAL: \$13,500.00**

**Collection Total February 15, 2009: \$10,230.51**

The Collection for Eastern Europe amounted to \$1,527.48. Thank you for your generosity.

*Thank you for your ongoing Catholic Stewardship and support of our Incarnation - St. James Parish Family. Nothing can be done without you, your participation and generosity in time, spirit and financial support.*

### SUNDAY COLLECTION HELP

**Just a reminder**, we are so grateful for your generosity to our Parish week after week. It would be a tremendous help to the counting staff if everyone could indicate on their offering envelopes the amount you are contributing. This is a great saving of time and effort. Once, again, thank you for sharing your time, treasure and talent. Father Daniel, O.S.S.T.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Religious Education Classes will be held on Monday evening from 6:30 to 7:45. Please have the children on time.

### ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

- ★ Reach for your calendar and circle this date: **March 14**
- ✓ What The RAS Spiritual-TEA
  - ✓ When Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
  - ✓ Where Incarnation Auditorium
  - ✓ Guest Speaker Chris Peterson who is well informed in Church Ministry, Educational Initiatives and Missionary Service.
  - ✓ Contact Person Diana Ionata, 882-8549, for additional information. Please inform Diana that you will attend.

A lovely social-spiritual afternoon awaits you! Come.

★ March Monthly Meeting Date is Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Rectory.

### ATLANTIC CITY – SHOWBOAT

The Rosary Altar Society is sponsoring a bus trip to the Showboat on March 15, 2009. Bus leaves the Incarnation Campus parking lot at 12:00 p.m. and returns approximately 10:00 p.m. The cost is \$28.00 per person and you receive back \$25.00 in coin. Hope you can join in the fun!

**RESERVATIONS: ANNE PATRONE 883-7317**

### SENIOR CITIZENS

Reminder: Membership dues are \$12.00 and are being collected now.

### MOHICAN SUN - TRIP

April 27, 28 and 29. Cost per person is \$330.00 includes, bus, hotel, all gratuities, breakfast, dinner and \$55.00 cash to play. Price also includes trip insurance.

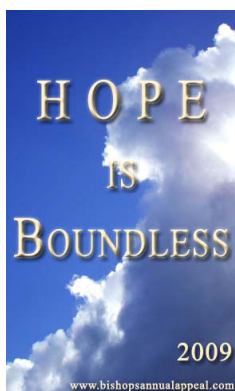
Reservations for both trips call: Connie Fanelli, 609-585-0575



### SCHOOL NEWS

#### **Attention Seniors of ISJ Parish – You are Invited to Join Us!**

The ISJ School Scrabble/Games club will meet on Wednesday, February 25th. Seniors of the Parish are invited to join our 4<sup>th</sup> through 8th grade students in the fun! The club will meet twice a month in the parish center from 2:30-3:45 PM. A schedule of dates will be distributed at the meeting. Those interested in attending, should RSVP by calling the school office at 609-882-3228, or email Mrs. Cahill, fourth grade teacher, at [kcahillinc@hotmail.com](mailto:kcahillinc@hotmail.com).



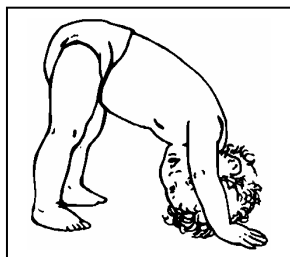
**THE BISHOP'S APPEAL –  
IN ACTION!**

**Institute for Lay Ecclesial Ministry:**

The Diocese of Trenton has established within the Institute for Lay Ecclesial Ministry, three roads leading Lay Leaders to Commissioning: ILEM-Traditional, ILEM-Extended and ILEM-Bridge. ILEM-Traditional is a three year program which consists of Spiritual, Human, Intellectual, and Pastoral formation. ILEM-Extended (up to five years) is for those who seek this same formation for ministry, but whose life

circumstances require greater flexibility in completing the ILEM requirements. ILEM-Bridge-a one year connection with the Institute – was created for those Lay Leaders who have already been formed for ministry and who have significant ministerial experience. Upon completing each of these programs, candidates receive a Diocesan Certificate of Completion and may be commissioned for ministry by the Bishop of Trenton. Since 2004, 84 people have been commissioned and another 43 are in formation, representing 63 parishes in the Diocese. For more information about any of the three roads to Commissioning through ILEM, call

JoLynn Krempecki at 609-406-7400 ext. 5695 or email [jkrempe@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:jkrempe@dioceseoftrenton.org).



**MOCK BABY SHOWER**

Looking ahead to March our Respect Life Coordinator, Ruth DeFalco with the help of the Rosary Altar Society will again sponsor a Baby Shower for Choice One and Angels Wing. Starting next weekend, February 21-22, February 18-March 1, gift tags will be available for you to take.

Please note that we will be asking only for diapers and gift cards. The Choice One Center is still in the process of rebuilding and currently has limited space to store gift items. Gift Cards take up much less space. So plan to pick a tag and help us provide help to those in a crisis pregnancy. On **Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 Mass** we have invited a Respect Life speaker to join us. The shower will take place following the Mass in the Auditorium. All are invited to attend.



**ALL ARE WELCOME –  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights are having a NJ State Bowling Tournament at 45 Scotch Road, Ewing, NJ. Opening Day is on February 28, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. with Color Corps presentation of Flags, and Invocation by Msgr. Innocenzi from St.

George Parish. Other Tournament dates are: Sunday, March 1, 2009, 12:00-3:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 7, 2009, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Come and See and Cheer us on! It's FREE. For more info call Les Simon 609-882-9560.

**EASTER CANDY SALE**



**Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class of Incarnation-St. James will be taking orders for Gertrude Hawk Candy for Easter as a fundraiser beginning next weekend. Students and parents from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be taking candy orders after all the masses on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Orders will be ready for pick up on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. All money raised will go towards the 8<sup>th</sup> grade's end of year class trip and graduation dinner dance. We are so grateful for your support!

**THE NEW ST. JOSEPH SOCIETY  
DINNER HONORING  
THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH**

The New St. Joseph Society invites you to join them for a dinner to honor the Feast of Saint Joseph. The dinner will be held at Roman Hall located at 100 Whittaker Ave. Trenton, NJ on March 15, 2009 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. There will be live music by New York Music Production, Don Felice.

Menu: Soup, Salad, Vegetable, Red & White Pasta, dinner choice of Roasted Chicken or Tilapia Franchise, dessert, Coffee, Tea, unlimited soda, beer and wine **during dinner only**. Ticket price is \$45.00 per person.

**Reservations/Tickets Call:**

Carmen Calderone	609-882-8117
Jennie Maruca	609-882-5985
Lidia Silvestri	609-882-7131
Guy Calderone	609-538-1425

**BLESSING OF ST. JOSEPH BREAD**

St. Joseph's Bread will be blessed and distributed at St. James Church following the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**LENTEN PRAYERFUL  
OPPORTUNITIES**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

7:00 P.M. Fridays at Incarnation Church  
3:00 P.M. Sundays at St. James Church

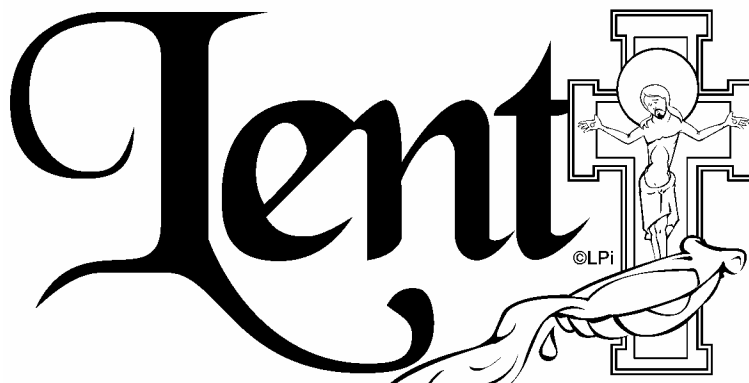
**PARISH MISSION**

Monday,	March 23	7:00 p.m. Incarnation Church
Tuesday	March 24	7:00 p.m. Incarnation Church
Wednesday	March 25	7:00 p.m. Incarnation Church

**PARISH PENANCE SERVICE**

Tuesday, March 31, 7:00 p.m. Incarnation Church –  
Additional priest will be available for confession.





Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

With the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent, the Church proclaims anew Christ's call to penance and conversion of life. *"If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me"* (Matthew 16:24).

The entire season of Lent, from **Ash Wednesday, February 25th to Holy Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>** is a penitential season, a time for self-denial, prayer and Christian charity. During this season, you are strongly encouraged to participate in mass and receive Holy Communion daily, to receive the Sacrament of Penance, to attend Lenten devotions and the Stations of the Cross. To read the Scriptures prayerfully, and to perform acts of self-denial and works of mercy.

The specific discipline of the Church in the United States regarding penitential days is as follows:

1. The days of **fast and abstinence** are **ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY**.
2. The other **Fridays of Lent** are **DAYS OF ABSTINENCE**.
3. The **Fridays of the year, outside of Lent**, are designated as **DAYS OF PENANCE**, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance. This may be physical mortification or acts of religion, charity or Christian witness.

**Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. By this obligation, the individual is permitted only one full meal a day.**

At the age of 14, people are obliged to abstain. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence "substantially" or as a whole is a serious obligation.

Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered serious. It is the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of days, which must be considered serious.

The obligation of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year should still be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 1st to Trinity Sunday, June 7th**. However, the Code of Canon Law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

*"Have mercy, Lord, we have sinned,"* the Church prays on Ash Wednesday. May the awareness of our sinfulness urge us to respond to Christ's teaching of our need to do penance.

Faithfully yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend John M. Smith,  
Bishop of Trenton

