

REGINA COELI / ST. PAUL

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 26, 2017

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Welcome to the Parish Community of Regina Coeli/St. Paul's!

A warm welcome is extended to all who have come to Regina Coeli/St. Paul's this weekend to join together in this community of worship and praise to Almighty God. We are grateful to our faithful parishioners who come here every weekend and ask you to officially register if you have not. Also we welcome our neighbors and guests who visit us occasionally and want you to know that you are always welcome! If any of the below choices pertain to you, complete the information below and drop in the offertory basket or stop by the Rectory.

-----THANK YOU!-----

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

____ Would like to register ____ Send me Catholic New York

____ Send Offertory Envelopes ____ Need to speak with a priest

____ Moving, remove from parish census



MONDAY, MARCH 27

9:00am Special Intention Healing – Ann Vermehren

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

9:00am Muriel McDonald

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

9:00am Muriel McDonald

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

9:00am John Schneider

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

9:00am Jephtha Lanning

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

9:00am Muriel McDonald

5:00pm Mildred Flynn

Sunday, APRIL 2 – 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30am Special Intention Healing – Ann Vermehren

9:00am Kay Kendall

9:30am Bobby Irwin

11:30am Josephine & Stephan Korol



Intentions are available for each of the 6 candles that burn in The Adoration Chapel. The stipend for 1 week is \$25. If you would like to arrange for a candle intention, call the rectory office, and we will be happy to help you.

Week of MARCH 27 – APRIL 1

*Special Intention – President Donald Trump

*Special Intention - For the Unborn

Intentions Available for the above dates

Please pray for all priests and deacons

Make a Difference In the World!

REVEREND ROBERT PORPORA

It's Easy! Pray that young men in our Archdiocese will hear and answer God's call to the priesthood.

For more info contact Fr. Christopher Argano

914.968.1340 nypriest@archny.org

NYPriest.com

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

03/19/2017 \$10,651.74

Building & Maintenance \$882.00

Thank you for your continued support of your Parish and all its efforts for the gospel.

Spring cleaning. The FDR Parent Teacher Student Association may be able to take those things you are getting rid of. Put in well tied garb bag. **April 1 from 9:00-3:00. Just drive up to main entrance FDR and we'll gladly empty your car. Info. Sue Cerulli 229-4030 X2870.**

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A Married Priesthood?

Part II: A Brief History, Spirituality, and Practicality of Celibacy in the Western Church

It seems everyone is talking about Pope Francis's recent interview with the German newspaper, *Die Zeit* regarding the question of optional celibacy for priests. The thoughts of the pontiff certainly bring to fore questions regarding the history and practicality of the priestly discipline of celibacy, as well as the spirituality of the priesthood.

The history of clerical celibacy has taken many twists and turns over the first eleven hundred years of the Church. During the first four centuries of the Church, there were no ecclesial laws prohibiting clerical marriage, and yet if we look to the Early Church writings of Tertullian, Eusebius, Saint Jerome, and Origen there are numerous stories of clerics who opted to live celibate lives as part of their ministerial commitment.

Mandatory celibacy was not promulgated all at once, but gradually through a series of papal pronouncements and local church councils. For instance, at the Council of Elvira (300), the Church in Spain required absolute clerical celibacy under pain of suspension. Subsequent local councils such as Carthage (Africa, 390 and 401-419), Orange and Tours (France, 441 and 461 respectively) and Turin (Italy, 398) promulgated celibacy for bishops, priests, deacons, and later subdeacons. It was not until the First and Second Lateran Council (1123 and 1139, respectively) that the discipline of clerical celibacy in the Western Church as we know it today, was codified. Although Eastern Rite Catholic priests are permitted to contract marriage prior to reception of sacred orders (but never after ordination) clerical celibacy has been reiterated by the Council of Trent (1545-1563), the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council (1962-1965), and countless papal and episcopal pronouncements handed down to the present day.

There is no doubt that clerical celibacy (a discipline or 'custom' but not a doctrine) is proper for the priestly ministry. The essence of the priesthood is sacrifice, namely, all the actions of the priest are rooted in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Everything emanates from the Mass – not just for priests, but for all Christians. Priestly ordination conforms a man to Christ in a unique way, where he functions in the person of Christ, not by any merit of his own, but by virtue of his calling to the altar - a magnanimous gift from God. Christ himself was never married, giving the priest a very tangible share in Christ's ministry and personhood. Virginity and/or celibacy also allows the priest to follow the example of the lives of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint John the Baptist, and the many Christians who to this day witness to Christ through lives of total consecration. Such a life does not denigrate the Sacrament of Marriage. Rather priestly celibacy and religious chastity serve as a compliment to marriage and family life. In his First Letter to the Church at Corinth, Saint Paul writes: "There are different gifts, but the same spirit" (1Cor. 12: 4). The Church is comprised of married persons, priests and religious, single people, students, children - all brought together to build up the Mystical Body of Christ - it is a beautiful mosaic!

The great nineteenth century French priest, Jean-Baptiste Henri Lacordaire, O.P. composed a poetic prayer, "The Priest," which includes the following words:

"To be a member of each family, yet belonging to none."

The priest, by virtue of his unmarried state, is free to give all his time to the people of God – and also be welcomed as a friend and family member of the people whom he serves. The parish or religious community is indeed a family. Sometimes people who

may not fully understand the life of a priest might quip, "Priesthood appears to be such a lonely life." But a priestly life, authentically lived, where liturgy, prayer, and service are joyfully embraced, is never lonely. God is always present to him in his apostolic works.

The great English Catholic convert, G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936) was not only a great writer, but he and his wife Frances Blogg excelled in their authentically-lived calling to the vocation of marriage. Toward the end of Chesterton's life, a fellow British journalist asked G.K: "If you could come back to this world again after you die, how would you like to return?" Without even batting an eye, Chesterton shot back, "As my wife's second husband." Is that beautiful or what? Similarly, the late John Cardinal O'Connor, in a conversation with seminarians at Saint Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie in the mid-1980's said, "If the Lord could come to visit me tonight and would offer me the option to relive my life, I would respond, 'I want to relive my life as a priest.'" On hearing those words first-hand more than thirty years ago, I thought to myself that if I would indeed be called to the priesthood (being a seminarian was no guarantee of ordination...that was decided by the Lord, the local bishop, and the seminary faculty....maybe not necessarily in that order?!?), would I respond in the same manner? Well, by the grace of God, I was ordained to the priesthood in 1989 – almost twenty-eight years ago. And if the Lord were to ask me tonight if I would like to have an option to do whatever I would like, I would say, "I want to be a priest." And that's the truth!

Next week – A re-print of a meditation on the priesthood from March 2002, I wrote while serving as pastor of Saint Francis of Assisi, the Bronx, New York. Fr. Michael Morris



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Available times that need coverage: Please call Joan @ 229.2983, Janet @ 229.5378 or Don @ 229.5920 if you can spend an hour with Our Lord. Hours needed: Monday 9pm, Tuesday, 12 Noon, Wednesday 11:00am and Friday 11:00am., 3-4pm and 4-5pm.

SPRING FLOWERS FOR SALE – FDR Crew team members will be selling flowers after all the masses on Palm Sunday weekend. There will be potted mums, lilies, tulips, hyacinths and daffodils for \$8.00/each. They make wonderful Easter gifts. We hope you'll stop and support us.

The LEARNING CENTER @ REGINA COELI

The Learning Center at Regina Coeli now provides an Academic After School program. Open to students from First Grade to High School. Individual tutoring is still available!! Math, Reading, High School Regents, SAT and TASC help available!! Phone: 845-229-8589 X214, 845-518-9056. WEBSITE: thelearningcenterrcc.com; email: info@TheLearningCenterAtReginaCoeli.org

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE – Get 4 point & 10% rate reduction. Date: Saturday, 5/13, Fee: \$38/pp, Time: 8:30am-3:00pm, Location Regina Coeli School Infor Bill Owens, Safety Education @ 845-756-2381.

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Monday Evening Confessions During Lent

Monday evenings, 7:30pm to 8:30pm

Saturday evenings, 4:00pm to 4:55pm

Anytime at the rectory – No appointment necessary.

“Walk-ins welcome!!!”

Stations of the Cross, Lent 2017 – Fridays in Lent, 7:00pm

Main Church

RULES FOR FASTING & ABSTINENCE DURING THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT - US Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC - Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are obligatory days of Fasting & abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night).

Wednesday Evening Lenten Mass, 7:30pm.

March 15 – April 12

Our main celebrant for the Wednesday, March 29 evening Mass will be Fr. Ron Perez, Administrator of St. Mary's Poughkeepsie.

Lenten Morning Prayer, Monday – Saturday,

8:15am, Regina Coeli Church

Morning Prayer (Lauds) will be prayed communally every morning during Lent at 8:15, Monday through Saturday.



Laura Ames	Ann Arata	Paul Becker
Jasmine Cappillino	Kathy Clonan	Mitchell Dankirt
Crystal Dearborn	Pat Delissio	David Freer
John Frederichs	Ollie Gorr	Ben Gould
Angelik Guthrie	Gail Helwig	Donnie Imperati
Laurie Jacobs	Patricia Kelly	Julie Kiander
Bertha Lampson	Bonnie Laurino	Audrey Marie Michael
Pamela Nollen	Frank LoPiccolo	Judith Petro
Thomas Petro	Aly Procktor	Rob Riveria
Anne Slobodian	Harry Slobodian	Collum Tartter
Ann Vermehren	Fr. Peter Vianney	Clyde Wonderly
Marie Theodoseau		

Please pray for our loved ones serving in the Military...

Paul S. Davis, Army Reserve
Christopher Delgado, Lieutenant, 82nd Airborne, Army NC
Vincent DeSantola, Pvt. Marines, North Carolina
Staff Sargent Patrick E. Dixon, Hurlburt Field A.F.B., Florida
Chris Kondysar, Hurlburt Field A.F.B., Florida
Thomas Summers, Major, Army, Camp Casey, Korea
Kevin Woods, Colonel, US Army

HYDE PARK KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Used Clothing Drop-Off Shed, 1278 Rt. 9G, Please bag & tie your donations. RECEIPTS AVAILABLE.

20th Annual Lenten “FRESH” FISH FRY

Back by popular demand, we will be serving Fresh Haddock. Will be serving each Friday during Lent, EXCEPT Good Friday. Served in house from 5pm to 7pm. For takeout orders, please call, after 4:30pm each Friday, 229-6111. Hyde Park K of C is located 1 mile north of the East Park light on Rt. 9G

Parish of Saints Christopher & Sylvia presents

10TH ANNUAL BINGO BONANZA 2017

20 Games including 4 specials

Themed baskets & containers filled with great items as prizes

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 1:00PM (doors open Noon)

Penny Social & Grand Prize Raffle for 55” Smart TV - Tickets are \$15 in advance & \$20 at the door. St. Christopher School, Benner Rd., Red Hook, NY—For info & tickets please call 845-758-5506.

RCIA PROGRAM AT REGINA COELI CHURCH...contact

the Religious Education office at 229-9139 or leave a message for Deacon Mark @ 229-2134

REGINA COELI RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 229-9139.

For more information, call Kathie Depew @ 229-9139 or e-mail: mrskdepew@reginacoelihp.org

SAVE THE DATE – PENNY SOCIAL, SUNDAY, MARCH 26

In the Parish Center gym. Doors open 12:30 & calling begins @ 2pm. Raffle baskets, door prizes & home baked goods. Of course VOLUNTEER HELP IS NEEDED. 229-9139.

Registration for Vacation Bible School begins NOW.

Summer will take a journey back in time to the palace of kings & pharaohs! Three Kings will travel to Hyde Park to guide the children to visit Jesus in Bethlehem. Dates July 10-July 14 from 9am to Noon. All children ages 4-12; that includes friends, cousins & grandchildren! Cost \$40 includes snacks & a t-shirt. Registration forms are on-line or in the vestibule of the church.

Living Stations of the Cross –will be portrayed by the

FAST Team, Saturday, April 1 immediately following the 5pm Mass. All welcome to join as we re-enact the passion of Christ through meditations and music. Our **Lenten Family Catechesis** will follow in the Parish Center. This year's theme is the passover/Seder & Last Supper. Our children will have the opportunity to taste many foods & learn about the 10 Plagues of Egypt through crafts, activities, music & games.

This year we are collecting large appliance & furniture boxes! The more we have the bigger the place will be for VBS. Also collecting plastic lids from containers like whipped topping, chips, yogurt, nuts, coffee...all sizes & colors & especially those without writing. Bring to the office or leave by Adoration Chapel door marked for Religious Education. Thanks for helping us save!!

St. Vincent DePaul - Please remember to support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in 2017 so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters who are poor and suffering. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call us so that together we can help! Please call (845) 332-2013.

50th ANNIVERSARY OF Class of 1967 Our Lady of Lourdes High School. Reunion weekend October 20-21. We invite you to join a special Facebook group that has been set up for our class: “Class of 1967 our Lady of Lourdes Poughkeepsie NY” and ask you to please email us at lourdesclassof67@gmail.com to let us know whether or not you will be able to attend reunion.

Donald C. DeWitt and Diane Betros Smith, OLLHS 1967 Reunion Committee.

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