

MASS INTENTIONS
February 15-23, 2025

Saturday, February 15th

Vigil of the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm †Josephine & Michael Szczomak
Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, February 16th

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am †Francis & Maureen Shea
9:30 am †Angiolina Tollis
11:30 am †Filomena Trofa
5:30 pm †Juan Ignacio Arias
(4^{to} Aniversario)

Monday, February 17th

11:30 am †Pat & Art Stanton

Tuesday, February 18th

11:30 am †Elena Buscema

Wednesday, February 19th

11:30 am †Vincent Bustard



*SANCTUARY LAMP will burn
this week in Memory of
Br. Thomas Sullivan, O.F.M.
(16th Anniversary)*

✠ pray for the deceased ✠

EDWARD A. SMYK
1945-2025

Edward was born, raised & educated in Paterson. He was a Public Information Officer for the county. He has been the Passaic County Historian since 1975. He played a significant role in the preservation of historical county landmarks. He is survived by his brother, David, sister-in-law, Linda, nephew Brian and niece Stacy, great nephews, Ethan, Hayden, Cooper & Nate, and cousin Jane.

May he rest peacefully in the Lord.



Thursday, February 20th

11:30 am †Bill & Mary Johnson

Friday, February 21st

11:30 am †Fr. Felician A. Foy, O.F.M.
(23rd Anniversary)

Saturday, February 22nd

11:30 am †Fr. John T. Piccione, O.F.M.
(16th Anniversary)

Vigil of the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm †Josephine & Michael Szczomak
†Catherine Beagin

Sunday, February 23rd

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Living & Deceased Parishioners
9:30 am †Cosmo & Rose Sciancalepore
†Jack Nash
11:30 am †Joanne Emmolo (93rd Birthday)
5:30 pm Misa en español



*EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS
of Bread & Wine are offered
this week in Memory of
Sister Ann Elizabeth Bolte, SMIC*

**Articles for the February 23rd bulletin
are due in the parish office by Friday,
February 14th.**



Sr. Jean Amore, S.M.I.C., Choi, Rosemary Cinderella,
Pat Connelly, Joanne D'Antonio, David D'Arco,
Marc D'Argenzio, James Dean, Luca Favia, Kelly Fleming,
Sasha Gibbons, Rick & Carol Ann Gigli,
Gregory Hodkinson, Lisa Guarente-Hogan,
Mohammad Muslih, Grace Olivo, Joseph Pezzano,
Ronald & Nana Piazza, Richard Prospero,
Richard Ruggiero, Alyssa Stepneski, John Szczomak,
Jean Trommelen, & Bonnie Windley

***If you would like to add a name of a sick person to
this prayer list, please call the Parish Office.***



PRESIDENTS' DAY MASS

Monday, February 17, at 11:30 AM.

The Parish Office will be closed

Religious Formation Schedule

***Classes Begin with 9:30 am Mass followed by
instruction in Bishop Manning Hall. All students
are required to sign in before Mass.***

February 16th **President's Weekend No classes**
Attend Mass with you family
February 23rd 10:30 am – 11:30 am

COLLECTION

Sunday, February 9..... \$1,613.00

Thank you for your continued support

FEEDING THE POOR AND HUNGRY

Please, as we go about our lives this month, continue to remember the poor and hungry among us and prepare for our next collection of groceries and frozen dinners on Saturday February 22nd.

FROZEN DINNER PICKUP

Saturday, February 22nd— 8:15 to 9:45 AM

In front of Bishop Manning Hall

NON-PERISHABLE GROCERIES

May be dropped off at the same time or
any time before February 22nd in the rear of the church
or the Parish Office.

SOCIAL HOUR WITH REFRESHMENTS



**Please join us Saturday, February 22nd in
the church basement after the 4:00 PM
Mass.**

From the Desk of Father Alex.....

As you read this, I am currently away on my annual week-long retreat, spending time in prayer and renewal with Christ. Canon law requires priests to take a retreat every year, but I see this not as an obligation, but as an extraordinary gift—a gift that the Church and the People of God give to their priest. This time allows me to step back from the busyness of daily ministry, focus on my relationship with the Lord, and return spiritually renewed to better serve all of you.

Retreats like this are essential because they remind us of the need to care for every part of who we are—our minds, our bodies, and our souls. Just as

we make efforts to stay physically active and mentally sharp, we also need to nurture our spiritual health. God calls us to live fully, and that means finding balance in all aspects of our lives.

My own retreats have always been profoundly meaningful. In the past, I've reflected on the rich theology of the Letters to the Hebrews and prayed in Greccio, where St. Francis created the first Nativity scene. These moments have reminded me that Christ is always present, especially in the silence, and that He renews us when we take the time to listen and rest in His presence.

While I know most people cannot take a full week away, retreat is something we can all incorporate into our lives in smaller ways. Perhaps it's setting aside ten minutes for quiet prayer, going for a peaceful walk where you talk with God, or taking time to reflect on His blessings. These small moments of retreat can refresh your soul and help you find the strength and peace you need in daily life.

Thank you for your prayers as I take this time for renewal. I look forward to returning refreshed and continuing to serve you with a renewed spirit. There won't be a bulletin article next week, but I'll be back soon to share more reflections and updates. In the meantime, may you find ways to care for your mind, body, and soul, and may you experience the peace that only God can give.

Mientras leen esto, actualmente estoy en mi retiro anual de una semana, pasando tiempo en oración y renovación con Cristo. El derecho canónico exige que los sacerdotes hagan un retiro cada año, pero yo veo esto no como una obligación, sino como un regalo extraordinario, un regalo que la Iglesia y el Pueblo de Dios le dan a su sacerdote. Este tiempo me permite alejarme del jaleo del ministerio diario, concentrarme en mi relación con el Señor y regresar espiritualmente renovado para servirles mejor a todos.

Retiros como este son esenciales porque nos recuerdan la necesidad de cuidar cada parte de lo que somos: nuestra mente, nuestro cuerpo y nuestra alma. Así como nos esforzamos por mantenernos físicamente activos y mentalmente alerta, también necesitamos nutrir nuestra salud espiritual. Dios nos

llama a vivir plenamente, y eso significa encontrar el equilibrio en todos los aspectos de nuestra vida.

Mis propios retiros siempre han sido profundamente significativos. En el pasado, reflexioné sobre la rica teología de las Cartas a los Hebreos y oré en Greccio, donde San Francisco creó el primer Belén. Estos momentos me han recordado que Cristo siempre está presente, especialmente en el silencio, y que Él nos renueva cuando nos tomamos el tiempo para escuchar y descansar en Su presencia.

Si bien sé que la mayoría de las personas no pueden tomarse una semana completa de descanso, el retiro es algo que todos podemos incorporar a nuestras vidas de manera más pequeña. Tal vez sea reservar diez minutos para orar en silencio, dar un paseo tranquilo donde hables con Dios o tomarte un tiempo para reflexionar sobre Sus bendiciones. Estos pequeños momentos de retiro pueden refrescar tu alma y ayudarte a encontrar la fuerza y la paz que necesitas en la vida diaria.

Gracias por sus oraciones mientras aprovecho este tiempo para renovarme. Espero regresar renovado y continuar sirviéndole con un espíritu renovado. No habrá un artículo en el boletín la próxima semana, pero volveré pronto para compartir más reflexiones y actualizaciones. Mientras tanto, que encuentres formas de cuidar tu mente, cuerpo y alma, y que experimentes la paz que sólo Dios puede darte.



**Coffee & Sunday, March 2nd
in the Church Hall after all the Masses.**