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**DECEASED:** Rose Ciarlante

**RESERVED MASSES:**

Sun 7:00 a.m. Anna L. Harrington  
9:00 a.m. Jared Macarille  
11:00 a.m. Michael Scarselli  
Mon 6:45 a.m. Monsignor Edward J. Montano  
Tue 6:45 a.m. Harold Wilsey  
Wed 6:45 a.m. Charlotte Ricketson  
Thu 6:45 a.m. Communion Service  
Fri 6:45 a.m. Gary Fisceletti  
Sat 8:00 a.m. For all parishioners  
5:00 p.m. William Garziona  
Sun 7:00 a.m. Mary Iusi  
9:00 a.m. James Shay  
11:00 a.m. Michael Scarselli

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**GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING – TITHING**

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,158.55  
Church Maintenance: 56.00  
CNY: 10.00  
Peter's Pence: 652.00  
Parish Pay Sunday Coll.: 80.00  
Last Year's Collection: \$ 3,522.30

**THANK YOU!**

**Fuel Fund Club #64**

Weekly winner #19 – Fr. Chris

**OUR PARISH THIS WEEK**

Sun 11:00 a.m. Seeds  
12:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Mon 6:45 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. Masses  
3:30 p.m. Miraculous Medal Novena  
7:15 p.m. Lenten Series presentation/chapel  
7:30 p.m. Contemporary Music practice  
Tue ---  
Wed 6:00 p.m. Religious Education classes  
7:15 p.m. R/M Prayers  
Thu 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir practice  
Fri 7:00 p.m. BST #36  
7:30 p.m. Stations of Cross  
Sat 4:30 p.m. Confessions  
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass  
Sun 8:35 a.m. Recite Rosary  
9:00 a.m. Altar Rosary Society Mass  
11:00 a.m. Seeds  
12:00 p.m. Adoration

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

“Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless Glory.” As we begin the holy season of Lent, why not schedule time to examine your marriage and improve your communication with each other on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. FMI, call 877-NYS-WWME, ext.3.

**LENTEN RETREAT**

Our Lady of Suffrage will present a Lenten Retreat with Padre Amedeo Guida on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Anthony's Banquet Hall in Leeds, NY. The theme of the retreat is *Repent and Believe*. The cost is \$35.00/pp. Check or money order made out to: Our Lady of Suffrage. Mail to 81 New St., Catskill, NY 12414. Your check is your registration. No ticket sales at the door. Retreat will consist of prayers, talks, adoration, healing service, ending with vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. Bring your own olive oil, salt and water for blessing of sacraments.

**OPEN HOUSE/SAUGERTIES COLUMBIETTES**

The Saugerties Columbiettes has planned an annual recruiting *Tea Party* at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Saugerties, on Sunday, March 1 at 1 PM. All practicing Catholic women over the age of 18 are welcome. Come join us to see what we are all about. Refreshments will be served. If interested, please call (518) 929-1614.

**COLEMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS**

--Meet the characters of *Mary Poppins*' themed Pancake Breakfast to benefit the Theater Department on March 8th at John A. Coleman High School from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For reservations contact the school at 338-2750. Walk-ins are welcome. Adults/\$8; children (under 12)/\$5. Menu will include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, pastries, coffee and juice.

--*Mary Poppins* will be performed March 20-28.

**DAY-TIME STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

You are invited to participate in the Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph's Church in Glasco every Friday during Lent. Stations are led by Fr. Kearney starting at 11:45 a.m. Mass follows at 12 Noon. A gathering for community luncheon of soup and bagel/rolls follows in the Parish Center.

**The cross gives hope to life amid despair and death. For God enters the chaos of life, through the death of Jesus, to open the door to life, love, forgiveness and eternal hope.**

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### **MEDITATION**

#### **Genesis 9:8-15**

*I will establish my covenant with you.*

The story of Noah and the Great Flood assures us that destruction is never God's final word. Whatever "death" he brings into our lives is always followed by the promise of new life. Or as many motivational speakers would tell us, there is always a rainbow after every storm.

This is a good thing to keep in mind as we celebrate the first Sunday in Lent. It is helpful to recall that the culmination of these forty days is not Good Friday, it is Easter. Yes, God asks us to die to ourselves and resist temptation. But he is asking this so that we can clear out more space in our hearts for him and for his grace. The discipline and self-sacrifice we take up during Lent are not ends in themselves. They are not here so that we can prove our strength or increase our skills. Rather, we take them on so that we can become more fully alive in Christ, more able to reveal his love to the people around us.

Are you still trying to decide what to give up for Lent? Try answering that question by looking at this season as a journey of love. What is hindering you from loving more fully? Perhaps gossip, overwork, dwelling on resentments, or self-isolation? Find a way to give them up, or at least reduce their influence. Try to find life-giving substitutes for them. Take a walk with a friend. Stop in and visit the Blessed Sacrament between errands. Make it a point to find something up-building to say in every conversation. Whatever you choose, ask the Holy Spirit to work creatively with you.

This Lent, keep your eyes on the prize: new life in Christ. It is a life that begins right now,, every time you receive or give love. It is a life that springs up from every kind of death to self you embrace. It is a life that will lead you to the finale prize: eternal life with Jesus.

***"Here I am, Lord. I am ready to journey with you toward Easter."***

### **LENTEN SERIES BEGINS**

The theme for the Lenten Series this year is ***Opening Your Heart To The Challenges of Lent: What are your hopes and dreams?*** The series will be presented on Mondays, February 23-March 16, 2015 in the chapel at 7:15-8:15 p.m. The presenter will be Deacon Hank Smith. All are welcome; there is no charge.

### **ROSARY MASS/NEXT SUNDAY**

The Rosary Society Mass will be held on Sunday, March 1 at 9:00 a.m. The Rosary will be recited at 8:35. Please

join in praying for peace.

### **CITIZENSHIP DRIVE**

Are you a green card holder? Are you ready to become a citizen? Then you should know that the Office of New Americans and Catholic Charities Community Services at 6 Adams St., Kingston, will be offering a FREE Citizenship Drive on Sat., March 21. Immigration legal experts will determine your eligibility for naturalization and help you to complete your entire citizenship application that same day if you meet all the requirements and have all the necessary documents. FMI about requirements and to register, please call 452-1400, ext. 4259.

### **PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION**

Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Father's charitable works in the Peter's Pence Collection. Your contributions will be combined with those of our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. Your generosity is an act of solidarity with the universal Church, answering the call to be a witness of charity. May God bless you.

### **R.C.I.A. NEWS**

An old Jew who survived the Warsaw ghetto massacre said, "As I looked at that man upon the Cross I knew that I must make up my mind once and for all. Either take my stand beside him and share in his undefeated faith in God or else fall finally into a bottomless pit of bitterness, hatred, and unutterable despair." The Resurrection invites us to open our hearts to the presence of the risen Jesus in today's world. It invites us to let Jesus do for us what he has done for so many—to love again, to hope again, to believe again, to pick up the pieces and start over again. Class will be in the chapel for the next four weeks with the focus on Lent. You are welcome to join us 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. Open your heart to the challenges of Lent. What are your hopes and dreams?

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Catherine Ott, Bill Bair, Rose & Charles Meiswinkel, Jan van der Poel, Barbara Wismont, Mary Ellen Fuoco, Jeanette Fuoco, Neil Gallagher, Judy Fiero, Pastor Dick Webber, John Mulligan, Angelina Lemyre, Adrian Lepe, Leslie Zarcone, Michael E. Donlon, Ruth Lowe, Maryanne DePoala, John Valdata, George Woerthmann, Melanie Hagan, Chris Morrissey, Darryl Caldwell, James Dargan, Herman Wilcox, Anthony Konopka, Ed Norton, Patty Williams, Robyn Daugherty, SherryAnn Kenjersky, Michael Greco, Jr., Gloria Sauer, George Dale, Michelina Cornell, Fr. Marc Oliver, Greg

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