



**Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

**7:30 AM** Pasquale A. Puglio  
**9:00 AM** Veronica Blandford

**Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**7:30 AM** Josephine Kokill  
**9:00 AM** Caterina Pilla

**Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**7:30 AM** Stefan Kuryll  
**9:00 AM** Caterina Pilla

**Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30 AM** Vincent Vanaria  
**9:00 AM** Vincent Vanaria

**Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30 AM** William Boyle  
**9:00 AM** Orlando Pascazi

**Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 AM** Diane Heaney  
**5:30 PM** Josephine Inserra  
**7:30 PM** Darcy Fabella

FROM THE PASTOR

**Dies Irae (Days of Wrath)**

This year marks forty years since 1968, that tumultuous year that came to represent the impact a decade made on our nation. While sitting in the waiting room of the doctor's office recently, I noticed an article from Time Magazine about the anniversary and the lasting effect of those turbulent years. Twenty years ago, Time described that year so:

*Nineteen sixty-eight was tragedy and horrific entertainment: deaths of heroes, uprisings, suppressions, the end of dreams, blood in the streets of Chicago and Paris and Saigon, and at last, at Christmastime, man for the first time floating around the moon. (Time, Jan. 11, 1988)*

Graphic violence at the Democratic National Convention the following year marked the period as "Days of Rage".

This Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, remembers another anniversary that also had a pronounced effect on our nation's life: the 1972 Supreme Court decision in *Roe vs. Wade* that legalized abortion. Incomprehensibly, the impact on the nation of over 40 million abortions in the United States since then has hardly been considered: forty million people who would have enriched our society and our nation's history; forty million men, women and children who would have challenged us to expand our hearts in love for the presence of Christ in them. Instead, abortion has become a non-issue, not only in our political life, but most disturbing, in our everyday life.

For some years now, the Catholic Church in the United States has asked the faithful to undertake acts of penance to make reparation to God for the sins of abortion that have scarred the soul of our nation. The bishops have declared that "this day shall be observed in all dioceses of the United States as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the restoration of the legal guarantee to life."

The necessity of penance should be obvious to every Catholic. All sins have their consequences in suffering; all sins bear fruits that are ultimately evil and often wide-ranging. Mother Theresa, whether speaking prophetically or from an intimate knowledge of the love God has for every human soul He creates in the womb (and the offense He must take for the regard with which we treat those souls so cheaply), once said that progeny of abortion would be nuclear war. Nuclear war may be unimaginable in these post-Cold War days (though terrorist use of weapons of mass destruction is not unthinkable), but evil and suffering must come from sin. The only means we have to forestall such suffering is prayer and penance. (For an example of the effectiveness of penance, read the story of Jonah and the people of Ninevah in the Old Testament.) Some ideas for penance: fasting, abstinence from meat, a Rosary for life, light a candle, attend the daily Mass, say the prayer included in this bulletin. ➡



**Candle Dedications**

The Tabernacle candle is lit this week for:

**Veronica Blandford**

At the request of MaryEllen & John Tiernan

The candle before Our Lady is lit for:

**Veronica Blandford**

At the request of John & Jennie Ciavara

**Parish Collections**

**December 23<sup>rd</sup> 2008**

**2007**

Weekly Collection	\$
11,635.00	\$ 11,424.13
Catholic University & Communications	\$ 2,301.00
\$ 2,212.00	

**"Thank you for your generous support of St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish."**

As disciples of Christ, we have a moral (and grave) obligation to do all we can to turn our nation away from this terrible blight on her conscience. There is probably nothing better we can begin to do than by responding our bishops call to acts of penance made in earnest.

### Vocations Chalice



What is one thing we can do to increase vocations? PRAY! Our parish families have the opportunity to pray for vocations as a family in a unique way. Each family who would like to participate will have the "Vocations Chalice" in their home for one week. With the chalice are be special prayers for vocations that the family can say together each day. The chalice is presented to a family at Mass and continues its "journey". Interested families should call the Parish House at 279-2021 to sign up for the Vocations Chalice. Pray for Vocations!

### Saints for Youth

There are many wonderful stories of the saints who have been part of the history of the Archdiocese of New York. Here is an opportunity for a weekend retreat for high school teens to learn more about these saints, God, and each other. It will be held at CYFM Retreat House in Garrison from Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. For more information, call Thomas Brinkman at (845) 424-3609 x223 or visit [www.cyfm.org](http://www.cyfm.org). Registration is Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### World Marriage Day

This annual celebration will be held on February 10, 2008 and honors the vocation of marriage and family life. **The search is on for the longest married couple in the Archdiocese of New York!** To enter, the couple must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and live in the Archdiocese of New York. The winning couple(s) will be honored on Sunday, February 10, 2008 at St. Patrick's Cathedral at the 10:15am Mass. A reception will immediately follow at Holy Family Parish Hall, 315 East 47<sup>th</sup> Street. Send entries to Marty and Flo Conroy, 13 McAllister Drive, Pleasant Valley, NY 10930. **Deadline for entries is January 30, 2008.** For additional information on the contest or reservations, contact Nancy Rizzi at 212-371-1011 ext. 3190.

### SAVE THE DATE~BLOOD DRIVE

The Brewster area Churches Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30-8:00PM, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 2103 Rte 6 Brewster. Come join your friends, with your most precious donation. Be sure to visit us for refreshment favorites; please call Rosemary Konas @ 279-7552 for additional information. Your Blood is so special for those in need.

### TAG SALE MEETING

The first meeting of the Tag Sale Committee will take place on Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the Faculty Room of the school. All parishioners are welcome! The Tag Sale will take place on May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Call Mary Ann at St. Lawrence School at 279-5164 for information.



**St. Lawrence O'Toole School** will have an **Open House** on Sunday, January 27, 2008 from 10AM – 1PM. Come visit and learn about us and our programs. Mommy and Me for 2 year olds, PreK3 and PreK4, full day Kindergarten, Grades 1 – 8 and our After-Care Program. Call 279-5164 for more information.

The St. Lawrence O'Toole HSA proudly presents

## Family Fun Night Carnival



Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>  
St. Lawrence Gym  
7pm – 9pm



**\$10 per child** (3 and under free)

Price includes 1 free snack, 1 free drink,  
And 10 free game tickets with each paid child!  
**Additional game tickets sold at the Carnival for  
\$15 each**

Call Camille DiLullo at 278-4746

### TEEN CLUB

Please join us for our next meeting in the attic  
on Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Bicentennial-Third Annual Appreciation Communion Breakfast for Catholic Teachers in Public School {All Grades}

Come join us at **The Riverview** for a rewarding morning of sharing, liturgy, guest speakers and food at One Warburton Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY on Saturday, February 2, 2008 from 10:00am to 1:00pm. A suggested donation of \$10 is requested to help defray the cost (this event is subsidized by a special grant received by the Catechetical Office). Registration forms can be obtained by contacting Mrs. Kathleen Alonzo 212-371-1011 ext. 2864, [Kathleen.Alonzo@archny.org](mailto:Kathleen.Alonzo@archny.org) or can be downloaded at catechetical office website: [www.nyfaithformation.org](http://www.nyfaithformation.org).

Prayer for Reparation on the  
anniversary of  
Roe versus Wade

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**Eternal Father**, You alone are the Master of life and death. So precious in Your sight is the soul of each person that you sent Your only begotten Son to Redeem us through the Cross and Resurrection. His coming was attended by the slaughter of the Innocents, the first Martyrs of Christ's Kingdom. Death at the outset of their earthly life gave them the beginning of eternal joy.

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Today we are the sad witnesses of a new slaughter of the Innocents—the voluntary destruction of unborn children—and the suffering of these children's post-abortive parents. We seek to make reparation for these offenses which attack Your sole dominion over life and death and ask you to bring healing and hope to all those who suffer abortion's aftermath. Let not Your just punishment fall upon us. We ask too, that all who facilitate these crimes, whether from ignorance, weakness of fear, or even from malice, may be given the grace of repentance.

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**Lord**, have mercy on us, spare us from the punishment we deserve: "deal with us not according to our sins, or requite us according to our crimes." Grant us "the abundant life" promised to all who live according to Your law. **Amen.**

### Do You Have Time for your "Friends and Neighbors"

"Friends and Neighbors" is in need of volunteers! Please consider being a support to our fellow parishioners when a need arises. There are opportunities for visiting, doing errands, providing rides, making calls, or preparing meals. If you can help in any way, please contact Mary Ellen at 279-2021 or Judy at [JudyCallahan122@msn.com](mailto:JudyCallahan122@msn.com).



### Prayers for the Sick & Deceased

If you would like the parish to pray for loved ones who are sick or recently deceased, please call the parish office and their names will be included on lists that will be placed on the wall by the entrance to the carriage way. (Forthcoming funerals will also be listed.) *If you have returned to good health, please call the Parish Office and ask that your name be removed from our Prayer List. No need to call if you wish to remain on this listing. You will remain in our prayers.*

### Putnam NY Connects

Putnam NY Connects is a one phone call information and assistance hotline. For all long term care questions please call: Yvonne Niles, Case Manager, Putnam County Office for the Aging, 110 Old Route 6 – Bldg. #1, Carmel, NY. Please call 845-225-1034, ext. 110 for further information.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Catholic Daughters has Scholarship Opportunities for Catholic **8<sup>th</sup> graders** entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade in a Catholic or Public/Private High School in the Fall. A 250-300 word

essay entitled "Who Has Influenced Me the Most in My Catholic Faith?" and three letters of recommendations must be submitted by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Graduate school** scholarships of \$3,000 and \$1,000 will be awarded to persons who have completed undergraduate studies and desire assistance for tuition for graduate studies. Requirements include: an official undergraduate transcript, letter of academic reference from a college, list of reasons for applying, your autobiography, and a completed application postmarked by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Details and applications are available in the Parish House. For an application, please call MaryEllen at 279-2021.



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### The Bus is Leaving!

The March for Life is Tuesday, January 22nd, and there is still time to join us. Cost for adults is \$30; for students it is \$20. We gather at St. John the Evangelist Church at 5 am for Mass. There will be coffee, hot chocolate and donuts after, then the bus leaves at 5:30 am. We will make a short stop along the turnpike and arrive in D.C. at 11:30am. We walk to the mall where various speakers and entertainers are on stage. After the talks we begin the march, finishing about 4pm. We gather on the bus at 4:30 pm and head home, stopping for supper en-route. We are usually in Mahopac by 10:30 pm. Bring a bag lunch and snacks, too. If the weather looks wet wear your boots. **MOMS AND DADS THIS IS A GREAT LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR YOU AND YOUR KIDS IN JUNIOR HIGH!**  
**Please call Jean at 279-9277 to reserve your seats.**

### Are you a "Hot Shot"?



The St. Lawrence Council Knights of Columbus is sponsoring their annual Basketball Free Throw Championship on Sunday, January 27th at 3:30 pm (snow date: February 3<sup>rd</sup>). All boys and girls ages 10-14 are invited to join us in the St. Lawrence school gym to compete in their own age/gender groups. Winners move on to district, regional, state, and international levels. There is no entry fee and there will be fun and prizes for all. Registration at the door, with adult signature needed for all contestants. For more information or questions, contact Ed Lestrage 278-7541 or Paul Giamundo 279-2254.

**The Rectory Office** will be closed on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.