

Cardinal Dolan writes:

Dear friends in the Lord:

Participation in the Peter’s Pence collection affords each of us an opportunity to serve as witnesses of charity to our brothers and sisters around the world. Gifts to this annual collection assist our Holy Father in supporting the victims of war, natural disasters, and others most in need of assistance.

On Easter Sunday 2013, Pope Francis, in encouraging all of us to be witnesses of charity said, “Let us be renewed by God’s Mercy... and let us become agents of his mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation, and make justice and peace flourish.” Our Holy Father has continued to remind us, especially through his own actions, that we must serve our brothers and sisters in order to be true disciples of Christ.

Please join Pope Francis in serving as a witness of charity throughout the world. You can do so through your donations, prayers, and outreach to spread the gospel message. As in the past, I ask that you be as generous as you can possibly be to this year’s Peter’s Pence collection.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,
 Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
 Archbishop of New York

Catholic Charities Community Services of Orange County will be hosting the **9th annual “Celebration of Charity” dinner on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at Anthony’s Pier 9 in New Windsor.** Please know all moneys raised at this event go directly to those in need throughout Orange County. Assistance with rent, utilities, avoidance of homelessness and eviction to name a few. All are invited to join us in recognizing our honorees and supporting Catholic Charities mission to community service. Tickets are \$100 per person or \$900 for a table of 10 (includes a social hour with cash bar and a sit-down dinner.) Reservations can be made by contacting Kristin Jensen at 492-6331 / kristin.jensen@archny.org or Sheila Toohey at 845-294-5124 x308 / Sheila.toohey@archny.org.

There’s a trip to **Sight and Sound** in Lancaster, PA on May 30th to see “Joseph”. Cost is \$123 for adults and \$70 for children under 12. This includes transportation, ticket for the show, and dinner. For more information contact Helen Marinaro 845-856-0987. **Deadline is February 16th.**

St. Mary’s Church **Fish and Chips Dinner** is Friday, March 20th. Dinner is available from 4:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. in the Church Hall (Eat-In or Take-Out). \$13.00 per adult - \$6.00 per child under 12. Join us for Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. Please return the order form with payment to the parish office or in the offering basket by March 14/15. We must confirm a count with Tastefully British by this date. **Dinners are non-refundable.**

Fish and Chips Dinner

#of Adult Tickets ___ x \$13.00 = \$ _____ Family Name: _____

of Child Tickets ___ x \$6.00 = \$ _____ Contact Number: _____

Total = \$ _____

of Eat-In Dinners _____

of Take-Out Dinners _____

Liturgical Ministers for February 21/22, 2015

| MASS | LECTOR | MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION | ALTAR SERVERS |
|---------|-------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 4:00PM | P. CAL | M. O’CONNOR, W. PONDS, M. REEVES | J. LEGATO, J. LEGATO, S. PHILLIPS |
| 8:30AM | M. LATINI | J. TAYLOR, T. WEBB, N. ARROYO | T. LAMOREAUX, N. WEBB, A. WEBB |
| 11:30AM | H. MARINARO | T. MARION, D. KAVANAGH, D. LIVINGSTON | G. ROBERTSON, L. ROBERTSON, J. EDWARDS |

In observance of President's day, the parish office will be closed on Monday, February 16th.

Please note all Masses will be said in the Church starting February 18th (Ash Wednesday) and throughout Lent.

During the season of Lent, the Church urges the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through performing acts of faith and abstinence. **Fasting** requires that only full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige through the age of 59. Those who are not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent they are able. **Abstinence** prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their lives. Those who are not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in the discipline of abstaining to the extent that they are able.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast and Abstinence. Fridays in Lent are days of Abstinence.

The Ladies Social Activity night will be on Monday, February 16 from 6:30pm to 8pm in the church hall. Erica Nemeth will be teaching Extreme Couponing. Please bring down coupons to exchange. RSVP to Ann 856-5691.

St. Mary's Soup Kitchen is in need of Volunteers. Please contact the parish office.

The Cat in the Hat is returning to Port Jervis Saturday, March 7 for the 6th Annual **Breakfast Buffet with the Cat in the Hat** at the Erie Trackside Manor. All proceeds will benefit St. Mary's Little Lambs Early Childhood Learning Center. The cost to attend is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children. There will be two seatings – 8:30am and 10:00am. We strongly encourage you to make reservations. Tables will be assigned, so please let us know if there is another family you would like to sit with. For more information or to make reservations, please email Maureen at littlelambsalumni@gmail.com.

“SOUP-TO-GO” DURING LENT: St. Joseph's Church Matamoras, PA will be offering “Soup To Go” during Lent. A different delicious homemade soup will be available to order each week beginning the weekend of February 14/15 priced at \$8 a quart. Soup must be ordered in advance by calling St. Joseph's Parish Office 570-491-2618 before 12:00 noon the Monday preceding the sale for that week. All orders will be pre-packaged, refrigerated, and ready for pick-up. The first Soup-of-the-Week will be **New England Clam Chowder**. Pick-up is Tuesday, February 17th between 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in St. Joseph's Church hall (downstairs). The soups change each week.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday, February 16

9:00am Tillie Swanerbury, by Mary Wohlscheid
Patricia Soletro, by Linda and Kevin
Birmingham

Tuesday, February 17 (Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order)

9:00am Evelyn Wohlscheid, by Mary Wohlscheid

Wednesday, February 18 (Ash Wednesday)

9:00am Joan Roach, by the Hagen family

4:00pm Liturgy of the Word

7:30pm Carmelo Marrabello III, by the Buczek family

Thursday, February 19

9:00am Elizabeth and Andrew Beirne, by Sheila Connelly Volker

Friday, February 20

9:00am George Hellebrandt, by Carol S. Wittine

Saturday, February 21 (Peter Damian, bishop and doctor of the Church)

4:00pm Raymond Gansarski, by Dorothy Gansarski

Sunday, February 22

8:30am the parishioners of St. Mary's

11:30am Margaret Fuller, by the Teatime Group

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Ida Lissner, Joann Wilcox, Jonathan Saletto, Marion Rohner, Nick Moscatiello, Jeff Sauschuck, Anna Onuschak, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Vada Glass, Amanda Evelech, Mike Castle, Mary Platania, Barbara Nachand, Andrew Witkowski, Maureen Hildebrandt, Anne Marie Rodriguez, Donald Wolff, Andrea Fedoruk, Linda Fontana, Mike Fuller, Sally Hanstine, Walter Szpakowicz, Joe Brennan, Betty Brennan, Richard Samek, John McKean, Betty Corcoran, Agnes Murray, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Jeremiah Stasilli, Ana Lucia Teran-Stasilli, Angela Portella, Pauline Portella, Rex Horan, Nicholas Marinaro III, William Quinn, John Kavanagh, Ed Eckes, and Jose Maldonado.

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious, or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

The collection for February 7/8 was \$4,971.

Thank you for your continued generosity.