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OFFICE HOURS

Tue, Thu, Fri: 7.00 - 10.00 am, Wed: 7 - 11 am

Tue, Wed & Thu 3.00 - 5.00 pm

Priests are available by appointment

Office is closed on bank holidays, and sometimes we may be out of the office (please call before coming)

Priests' Day Off: Fr. Gregory - Monday & Fr. Andy - Wednesday



St. Dominic's
Sunday Bulletin

The Parish is served by Polish Pallottine Fathers

Fr. Andy Nyga - Parish Priest, Fr. Gregory Marczuk – Asst. Parish Priest

HOLY MASSES

Monday – Friday: 6.30 am; Saturday & Holidays: 7 am

Saturday Vigil: 6.30 pm

Sunday: 7.00 am, 10 am, 6.30 pm

Confessions: before and after Masses if possible and by appointment

Baptisms: Third Sunday after 10 am Mass

- ✓ Check our website to see all parish activities and Mass schedule.
- ✓ Feb 18th Ash Wednesday: Masses at 6.30 am & 6.30 pm
- ✓ **Sun 22 Feb:** SVP MIDDLE EASTERN Drive thru lunch
- ✓ **Lenten Retreat:** Feb 23 – 27, 6.30 pm – Retreat given by Bp. Jason Gordon At St. Dominic's.

FEBRUARY 8 - 14

Sat Vigil 6.30pm: Keith & Alec Lewis - RIP
Sunday 7.00: Melissa Leacock – B'day
Sunday 10.00: for Parishioners & Visitors
Sunday 6.30 pm: Xavier Mansour - RIP

Monday 6.30am: Richard Franklin – B'day
Tuesday 6.30am: David Taylor & Rosemary Ellis - RIP
Wednesday 6.30am: Special intention
Thursday 6.30am: Reginald Gordon - RIP
Friday 6.30am: Martina Stanford – RIP/ Emily Williams – B'day
Saturday 7am: Margaret Gordon - RIP



GOSPEL

Mark 1: 29 – 39 ©

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

Relic of St. Vincent Pallotti

Drogona Family Relic - A small miracle!

Our story begins in Union City, New Jersey, U.S.A in the 1960's. Anthony C. Drogona (Carol's father) was a hard-working coat factory supervisor and an active member of St. Rocco's R. C. Church. He was a Grand Knight and was in charge of the Knight's of Columbus, bingo and several other parish activities. The pastor, Fr. Alarico Russo and Fr. Flovian Bonafozzi were Pallotine Priests and frequent travellers to Rome for Pallotine matters. Fr. Flovian and Anthony were great friends over the years. Around this time the Drogona family purchased a modest vacation home at the Jersey shore. Anthony and family members worked weekends to renovate it. Unfortunately, in 1975 Anthony died suddenly at the age of 52. His widow Carmella, did not want to keep the house. Her children Carol (my fiancée) and



her brother Anthony took over the house and enjoyed it for the next 35 years. During this time, Carol and I began to visit Barbados regularly and attend St. Dominic's R. C. Church in Christ Church. During a cleaning out session at the vacation home, a box was discovered containing Anthony's possessions. In the box were two relics and documentation from Rome. St. Vincent Pallotti and St. Anthony. These relics were brought from Rome, Italy by Fr. Flovian and given to Anthony in the 1960's. Unbeknownst to the family, they had been sitting in this box for 35 years. They were shown to our parish priest in New Jersey and he verified that they were authentic. In the meantime, St. Dominic's Church in Barbados had become a Pallotine Parish served by Fr. Luke and priests from Poland. Carol felt her father would be honoured if she donated the St. Vincent Pallotti relic to Fr. Luke and St. Dominic's parish. Plans were made to bring the relic on our next trip to Barbados in January 2012. The relic was delivered after a Saturday vigil mass. Everyone was very happy since the feast of St. Vincent Pallotti was approaching. The following Saturday at the vigil mass, Fr. Andy announced from the altar "will the couple that gave something to Fr. Luke last week, please see him after mass". It turned out, in error, we had brought the proper certificate for St. Vincent Pallotti but we brought the relic of St. Anthony. Fr. Luke said "fly St. Anthony back to New Jersey and bring St. Vincent back when we return next year". This is what we did. His relic has been worshiped since January 2013 on the altar at St. Dominic's. In October 2012 Hurricane Sandy destroyed the Drogona shore home. Had the relic not been discovered and remained there, it also would have been destroyed. So you see, this relic went from Rome, Italy to Union City, New Jersey, to Ortleigh Beach, New Jersey where it sat unknowingly in a box for 35 years. It was then flown to Barbados escaping hurricane Sandy and certain destruction. Was this a small miracle? I think so, what do you think?

William M. Stonton & Carol Drogona

DID YOU KNOW? That we are in lectionary year B1?

The lectionary is not The Bible but it is a compilation of the readings and psalms taken from the Bible, which are assigned to every mass in the year ie: Sundays, weekdays, solemnities, feast days and other special occasions such as weddings and funerals. It is arranged in two cycles: Sundays follow a three-year cycle: A, B, and C (2014 fell into cycle A) while weekdays are divided into two years: Year 1 which is assigned to odd-numbered years e.g. 2011, 2013, 2015 etc and Year 2 is assigned to even-numbered years e.g. 2012, 2014, 2016 etc. In Year A, the Gospel readings are taken mainly from Matthew, in Year B, we read the Gospel of Mark and chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. In Year C, the Gospel of Luke is read. During the Easter season, the Gospel readings are taken from John. On Sundays, the first reading is taken from the Old Testament and the second reading is usually one of the epistles. On weekdays, the first reading may be taken from either the Old or New Testament. It is relevant to note that the lectionary used in Barbados and some other English-speaking countries is based on scripture translation of the Jerusalem Bible as determined by the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales while the lectionary used in the United States is taken from the New American Bible as determined by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The liturgical year/lect

OUR LADY OF LOURDES – FEAST 11TH FEBRUARY

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES IS ON WEDNESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY. **THERE WILL BE ANNOINTING AFTER MORNING MASS ON THE 11TH AS WELL AS AFTER ALL MASSES ON SAT 14TH AND SUN 15TH FEBRUARY (NEXT WEEKEND).**