

Church of Saint Ursula

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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturdays: 5:15 p.m. (Folk Music)

Sundays: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Folk Music) and
12 noon

DAILY MASSES:

7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. (Monday – Friday)

7:30 a.m. only (July, August, September)

9:00 a.m. on Saturday

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION: Consult the bulletin of the Sunday before the Holy Day for the specific times of Holy Day Masses.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Second Sunday of the month at 1:15 p.m. or at one of the weekend Masses. Parents are to contact the Parish House to make arrangements. Instructions for the parents prior to Baptism is obligatory.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m.; other times by request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: The couple must meet with a priest or deacon, at least 6 months before the proposed wedding date, before making specific plans. Pre-Cana instruction is required.

HOME VISITS: We are always ready to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick in the homes of sick parishioners and bring them Holy Communion.

NEW PARISHIONERS: We welcome you to St. Ursula's and encourage you to participate in the parish. Please register at the Parish House, through the bulletin or on-line as soon as possible.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

First Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 12 Noon (Oct.-June)

TRUSTEES OF THE PARISH:

Joseph Lechowicz and Kathleen Blake

PARISH OFFICE: Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Parish Office is closed on Sundays, holidays and holy days.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Grades K – 8):

Office: 183 Rich Ave., 699-7964 (Tues. – Fri.)
Mona Parkinson, C.R.E., Director

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION:

Mona Parkinson, C.R.E., Director

ALTAR-ROSARY SOCIETY:

Luncheon Meetings - March and October
Lorraine Castagnoli, Chairperson

FOLK CHOIRS:

Rehearsals - Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.
Deacon Thomas J. Abbamont, Director
Rehearsals - Saturdays at 4:30 p.m.
Sr. Veronica Wood, O.S.F., Director

SEASONED SENIORS:

Third Friday at 1:00 p.m.
Deacon Thomas J. Abbamont

ITALIAN CLUB:

Second Friday at 7:30 p.m.
Emidio Licursi, President

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 29, 2012

Welcome to St. Ursula's: With Joyful Hearts We Welcome You Into Our House of Prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 30th

7:30 - The Petrilli Family

9:00 - Roy Mirro

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31st

7:30 -

9:00 - Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1st

7:30 -

9:00 - Janine Danier

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd

7:30 - Arlindo Moreira

9:00 - Nancy Volpe (15th Ann.) and
Caesar Amiano

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd

7:30 - Janine Danier

9:00 - Rosina and Cesare D'annibale

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4th

9:00 - Catherine Smith

5:15 - Karl Degenhardt and Rocco D'Amelio

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5th

8:00 - People of the Parish

10:00 - James Abbamont

12:00 - Rosina and Savino Manna

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS
will be burning this week
in memory of:

I - Jose DeSousa

II - Caesar Amiano and
Nancy Volpe

III - In Thanksgiving

THE BREAD AND WINE
offered for Eucharist this week
are in memory of:

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TEWARDSHIP

January 21/22, 2012

First Collection: \$1257.00

Second Collection: \$549.00

(Youth Ministry)

Attendance: 322

Thank you for your sacrifice!

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: As of today, your generous
Christmas gifts to St. Ursula's is \$18,555.00. Thank you.

"Stewardship is everything we do after we say we
believe."



SUNDAY SCRIPTURES

THEME: A NEW DAY DAWNS

A prophet is one who speaks in God's name. Moses was the greatest prophet, handing down all that he heard God say to the people God had brought out of Egypt. God's promise to raise up a prophet like Moses is fulfilled in Jesus, whose authoritative word elicits the obedience even of unclean spirits.

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 God will raise up a prophet.

Psalms 95 If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.

1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Devote yourselves to the Lord.

Mark 1:21-28 Demons recognize Jesus as the Holy One of God.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 5, 2012

Mon. 2 Samuel 15:13-14,30;16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20

Tues. St. John Bosco 2 Samuel 18:9-10,14b,24-25a,30-19:3; Mark 5:21-43

Wed. 2 Samuel 24:2,9-17; Mark 6:1-6

Thurs. The Presentation of the Lord Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

Fri. Sts. Blaise and Ansgar Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29

Sat. 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34

Sun. Job 7:1-4,6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23; Mark 1:29-39

ST. URSULA'S PRAYS FOR:

Genevieve Bongiorno, Marjorie Seemungal, Taylor Salvatore, Candeda Parish, Frank Caparelli, Madalene Grace Magrane, Christine Johnson, Juliette Miranda, Gloria Pietraniello, Paul Cote, Taylor Miranda, our parish homebound, the residents of our local nursing homes, and the prayer requests on Mary's altar.

VOCATION VIEW. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, as a priest or religious, please call Fr. Luke Sweeney at (914)968-1340 (Priesthood), Sr. Deanna Sabetta at (212)371-1000 X2803 (Religious), and Deacon Anthony Cassaneto at (914)968-6200 X8269 (Diaconate).

RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE

"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but [rather] to use any violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion." Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday, February 3rd from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Every first Friday from October to June.

BLESSING OF THROATS - Feast of St. Blaise: at the 7:30 and 9:00 AM Masses and at the conclusion of Adoration at 12:00 Noon.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SLANT ON SUNDAY SCRIPTURES

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 *Is there any bit of the prophet, announcing the Lord's words, in you?*

Psalms 95 *Has your heart hardened due to the enormity of society's ills?*

1 Corinthians 7:32-35 *What distracts you from adherence to the social justice Gospel?*

Mark 1:21-28 *Have you astonished someone by citing Catholic Social Justice teaching?*

PARISH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

- Mon.** AA Mtg. - 8:00 PM - CA
Tues. AA Mtg. - 8:00 PM - CA
Wed. R.E. Gr. 6,7,8 - 5:00 - 6:30 PM
Cub Scout Parent Mtg. - 7:00 PM - CA
Thurs. Cub Scout Mtg. - 6:30 - 8:00 PM - CA
Fri. Eucharistic Adoration - 10:00 AM
Sat. Food Pantry Weekend
AA Mtg. - 2:00 PM - CA
Sun. Food Pantry Weekend
R.E. Gr. K-5 - 9:45 AM - 12:00 PM
AA Mtg. - 2:00 PM - CA
AA Mtg. - 8:00 PM - CA

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts." Open your hearts to each other on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, February 11/12. Call toll free: 877-NYS-WWME ext. 3 or visit our website at www.wwmearchny.org for more information.

POINT TO PONDER

When he was a young man, Joshua Liebman made a list of the things he would like to have. The list was long and included such things as health, love, talent, power, wealth, and fame. He showed the list around, asking others for their opinion. A wise old friend of the young man's family looked the list over and said, "Joshua, this is an excellent list. It is well-digested in content. It is set down in a reasonable order. But it appears, my young friend, that you have omitted the most important element of all. You have forgotten one ingredient, lacking which, each possession becomes a hideous torment, and your list as a whole, an intolerable burden." "And what is that missing ingredient?" Joshua asked. The wise old friend replied by taking a pencil and crossing out Joshua's entire list. Then he wrote down three words: "Peace of mind."

That young man, Joshua Liebman, later became the author of the inspiring book called "Peace of Mind" which has sold millions of copies.

CELL PHONE FUNDRAISER

Do you have a cell phone you are not using? Donated cell phones will be sold to a company that will utilize them for 911 purposes in the U.S., provide an inexpensive alternative for those in need of a cell phone or used in developing countries to provide needed communication. Please leave your cell phone at the rear of the Church, just the phone, no recharging unit. Clear out your clutter and help your parish.

for your amusement/reflection

Pleasing Mom

Bill is almost 29 years old. His friends have already gotten married, and Bill just dates and dates.

Finally a friend asks him, "What's the matter, are you looking for the perfect woman? Are you that particular? Can't you find anyone who suits you?"

"No," Bill replies, "I meet many nice girls, but as soon as I bring them home to meet my parents, my mother doesn't like them. So I keep on looking!"

"Listen," his friend suggests, "Why don't you find a girl who's just like your dear old mother?"

Many weeks go by and again Bill and his friend get together. "So Bill, did you find the perfect girl yet? One that's just like your mother?"

Bill shrugs his shoulders, "Yes I found one just like Mom. My mother loved her, and they became fast friends."

"So are you and this girl engaged, yet?"

"I'm afraid not, my father can't stand her!"

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2012 - LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE SEARCH

The search begins for the longest married couple in the Archdiocese of New York!

To enter, couples must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and reside in the Archdiocese of New York. The longest married couple(s) will be honored on Sunday, February 12th at St. Patrick's Cathedral at the 10:15 AM Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan, with a reception to follow. For further information or reservations, please contact Izabella Nagle - 1-646-794-3190; izabella.nagle@archny.org.

Mail entries to: Family Life/Respect Life Office: 1011 First Avenue, New York, NY 10022. Attention: Izabella Nagle. Deadline for entries is February 2, 2012.

FORDAM UNIVERSITY MINISTRY AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COURSES - SPRING 2012

Fordham's Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education will offer Spring 2012 courses at our Westchester (West Harrison, NY) and Rose Hill (Bronx, NY) campuses this Spring, in addition to our on-line course offerings. We offer courses and degree programs in Pastoral Counseling, Pastoral Ministry, Religious Education and much more. We have scholarship programs and a discount for all full-time Church or Catholic school employees. To find out more visit us at www.fordham.edu/gre or call Dean Madden at 718-817-4800.

OPEN HOUSE

Iona Grammar School, 173 Stratton Road, New Rochelle - Sunday, January 29th - 10:00 AM - Noon. For additional information call John Morash, Director of Admissions, at 914-633-7744 X18 or e-mail jmorash@ionagrammar.org.

ADOPTION: Baby girls in China need homes. Infants and toddlers are available. Older parents and singles welcome. For more information call Barbara Salvesen at 845-623-5277.

SACRED HEART FOOD PANTRY

We received a gracious note from Sacred Heart. If you would like to read the note, it is posted on the Church Bulletin Board.

THE SUNDAY MASS is now airing on ABC Family from 6:30 - 7:00 AM each Sunday morning, in addition to all of our other channels that continue to bring our Mass to you. **The Sunday Mass** is produced by the Passionist Fathers and Brothers out of New York City. Too early for you? Tape it or Tivo it! For more information consult the website at www.TheSundayMass.org.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

January 31st - St. John Bosco, priest

John Bosco, died 1888 at Turin; founded (1859) the Salesians, today numbering over 16,200 members; dedicated to educating youth; with St. Mary Mazzarello (14 May), founded the Salesians Sisters; a pioneer in vocational training; first saint in history to submit to a press interview; forty thousand people filed past his body at his death; first canonized saint in whose honor a national holiday was declared in Italy; patron of editors.

February 2nd - The Presentation Of The Lord

This feast, originating in 4th c. Jerusalem, came to be celebrated in Rome by the middle of the 5th c. under its Greek title, "Feast of the Meeting"; known also as Candlemas Day.

February 3rd - St. Blaise, bishop, martyr; St. Ansgar, bishop

Blaise, believed martyred in the persecution of Licinius, early 4th c.; bishop of Sebaste in Armenia; associated with the healing of throats; venerated as well by the Eastern Church.

Ansgar, died 865 at Bremen; O.S.B. missionary to Denmark and Sweden; bishop of Hamburg; great preacher and administrator; known as the "Apostle of the North"; patron of Denmark, Germany, and Iceland.

IN CHURCH

Be silent.

Be thoughtful.

Be reverent,

for this is the Lord's house.

Before Mass, speak to God.

During Mass, let God speak to you.

After Mass, speak to one another.

NEW PARISHIONERS. If you are new in the parish, we would appreciate it if you register.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____ Apt. No. _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Registration | <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Address |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moving Out of Parish | <input type="checkbox"/> Want Envelopes |

Please cut out and drop in the collection or mail to the Parish House.



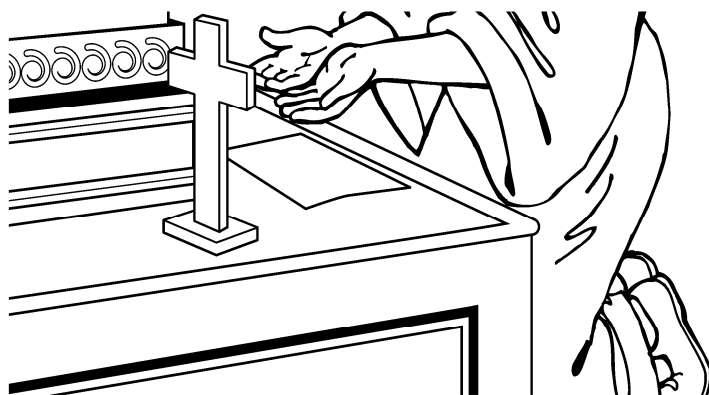
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FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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