



**Holy Scripture: ~ The Voice of God
Speaking to Us ~ Listen to Him!**

Sometimes when people rent a place for vacation, instructions are written to tell how things work. Jesus did something like that for us when He left us the **Holy Scriptures** to enlighten and steer us. We have the **guidance** of the Church, Holy Scripture and Tradition to show us the **Way** in this perilous world. Through the "**Spirit Alive Program**" our diocese is trying to encourage us to take a closer look at **Holy Scripture** because it is the Holy Word of God that sustains us! I think that beginners should always start with the **Gospel** Books for they are the very Words and actions of Jesus Christ. We should read them as though Jesus was right here in our midst and these Words were flowing from His Sacred lips! In the Gospels we get many **glimpses** of Jesus our Model, and we can **imitate** His goodness, holiness, mercy, obedience, and tender love. He is our Jesus who is so dear to our hearts. He occupies our Tabernacles and speaks personally to us through Holy Scripture.

How much the early Christians **treasured** the Scriptures! No wonder the Saints esteemed the Holy Words of Jesus so much, that they carried them next to their hearts. When reading the Holy Scriptures three things should happen! Along with our reading, we must pray, meditate, and practice! When prayer interrupts our reading, we get a chance to make God's thoughts our own. When meditating, Jesus **explains** His Words to our hearts. Without Jesus touching our souls with His grace, Scripture becomes nothing more than a study. St. Ignatius says it is not the amount of our knowledge that stirs our souls but the comprehension and interior love of the **truths of God** that enrich us so deeply. Meditation enables us to **listen to the voice of God**. It allows Him to speak deep in our souls and **motivate** us to make good changes in our lives.

There are no exact rules in reading the Bible! Jesus will lead you once you begin! Some read a passage until they find something they like and meditate on it. Others pick a short phrase, memorize it, and **repeat** it all day long as a message of love to God. Others like to read a passage and place themselves in **the scene** like the Prodigal Son. They might be the forgiving father, or the jealous brother, or the stray son! The important thing is to put into practice what we read and meditate upon! We do this by believing all that Jesus said and did. We should always look to the Catholic Church whose **duty** is to guard and protect the **sacred texts** and explain the **authentic truths** of Jesus Christ in their fullness. We shouldn't wander off professing **erroneous** ideas or the **false** opinions of non-believers who promote popular "novelties" to delight the secular world! Learn to **love** the Holy Scriptures. They are tender instructions from God! The Word of God is like a **torch** that lights our way to Heaven. The Saints filled their minds and hearts with Scripture because they found God there! **We can too!** Your Pastor, Father Eugene

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERTORY
GIFT TO GOD**

St. Francis of Assisi – February 14-15

Weekly Budget	\$3385.00	
Total Offering		\$ 2,382.61
Surplus/Deficit	-	\$ 1,002.39

St. Francis of Assisi – February 21-22

Weekly Budget	\$3385.00	
Total Offering		\$ 2,941.26
Surplus/Deficit	-	\$ 443.26

St. Hyacinth– February 14-15

Weekly Budget	\$3600.00	
Total Offering		\$ 2731.00
Surplus/Deficit	-	\$ 869.00

St. Hyacinth– February 21-22

Weekly Budget	\$3600.00	
Total Offering		\$ 3,200.30
Surplus/Deficit	-	\$ 399.70

Thank you to everyone who supports our parishes with financial support, involvement in ministry, organizations, and in prayer.

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass takes place **Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 7p.m** at **Sacred Heart Cathedral**. Bishop Matthew Clark will bless the Sacred Oils (Oil of the Sick, Oil of Chrism, and Oil of Catechumens) that are used throughout the year in the churches of the Diocese of Rochester.

For those who would like to go to Sacred Heart Cathedral for this Mass, a charter bus will leave in front of **St. Mary's at 5:00 p.m.** and return by **11:30 p.m.** The cost per person is \$12.00. Please call St. Mary's Parish Office to reserve your seat. The bus does not stop for dinner, so please bring a sandwich or snack. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Lipfert at the 252-9545.

The next session of **Nocturnal Adoration** at St. Mary's will be March 7th & 8th (from 8:15 PM on March 7 - 7:00 AM on March 8) which happens to be the second weekend of Lent. This is a perfect time to sacrifice one hour to our "Savior" who sacrificed His life for us. If you are interested and available for this event, you may sign up in the back of St. Mary Church

***Spirit Alive Readings
Week of February 22, 2009
Seventh Sunday of the Year***

Chapter of Mark to be read: **12**
Reflection Questions:

[Mk 12:28-34] What subject is guaranteed to spark a debate in your house? Sports? Politics? Religion? Other _____? Why are these two commandments the greatest? In the three possibilities of love relationships (with God, neighbors, and self) where are you the strongest? The weakest?

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
as of February 23, 2009

St. Francis-Church Goal: \$22,376.00
Total Pledges: \$13,203.00
Representing 59.01% of our goal.

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St. Hyacinth-Church Goal: \$19,455.00
Total Pledges: \$11,822.00
Representing 60.71% of our goal.

Thank you to all who have contributed to this Appeal

Second Collection
Due to the shortfall at each parish, there will be a special collection for the CMA on March 7 & 8. Envelopes will be provided in church.



“PIEROGI”
Sold on Fridays
St. Hyacinth Parish Center Cafeteria
10:00 a. m. — 4:00 p.m.
Cost: \$5.50 per dozen
To order: Call 252-9547
ONLY on Thursdays until Noon
and on Friday’s until sold out

The “Rice Bowl” Lenten project begins this week at both St. Francis & St. Hyacinth Churches. At each door you will find boxes for you to use during the Lenten Season. Your prayers, sacrifices, and generous donations help people in communities around the world & here in the United States. Please take a box home, be as generous as possible, & return it at Easter.

Daylight Savings Time begins next weekend, March 8. Please remember to Spring ahead!

Please Help Us!

As of 02-23-09 we have sold 84 tickets for our raffle. We are trying to make this a major fund-raiser for the Church. We are asking parishioners to try to sell one ticket to a family member or a friend, so we can achieve our goal of 200 tickets. We appreciate any help you can give us in this matter.

ST. FRANCIS
Super Raffle Drawing — \$100.00 Ticket

- 1st Prize \$5,000.00
- 2nd Prize \$1,000.00
- 3rd & 4th Prizes \$500.00 each
- 7th—14th Prizes \$100.00 each
- Only 200 Tickets to be sold

Drawing and Dinner for Ticket Holders

NOTE change of date: April 18 2009

For more information call John Camardo 252-7537 or Bob Bruno 729-5031 or stop at the Parish Office.

FIRST FRIDAY / DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS will be held at **St. Hyacinth Church** on **Friday, March 6**. Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is concluded with Divine Mercy Devotion at 3 PM. **Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament may add their name to the list that is in the vestibule of the Church.**

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS will be held on **Saturday, March 7** at **St. Francis Church**. Rosary at 8:30AM, Mass at 9 AM. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayers to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Casino Trip

Save the date!! St. Hyacinth’s Beautiful Years Club is sponsoring a casino trip to Turning Stone Casino on **Wednesday, April 22, 2009**. The cost will be \$20.00 per person, **but**, you will receive \$15.00 free play **and** a \$5.00 food coupon. To reserve your seat or for more information contact Bobbie Ann Speno at 252-5868. Space is limited, there are only 47 seats available.

Attention St. Hyacinth Parishioners

The next installment of Church Envelopes were mailed out and should be arriving in your mailbox sometime during the week of February 23. If you haven’t received your envelopes yet, please call the church office — 252-7297

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Due to many people that are vacationing, St. Francis is in need of Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, & Church Cleaners. Anyone interested, please call the Parish Office at 252-7593.

Sacrament of Confirmation- This year St. Francis of Assisi and St. Hyacinth Parish Cluster will be celebrating Confirmation with Holy Family on May 12 at 7:00p.m. at Holy Family Church. Preparation sessions will begin March 29 at the Religious Education Center at St. Hyacinth. The criterion for celebrating sacraments is readiness of the youth as determined by the parents and the parish. If you are a youth who is interested and ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please call Ms. Owens at 252-7593 or 252-7297.

St. Hyacinth Church

Altar Rosary Brunch
Sunday, March 29, 2009
at the Sunset Restaurant

\$10.00 per person

following the 11:00 AM Mass

R.S.V.P. by March 20 to

Donna Malinowski 776-8080

Joan Falcone 253-3909

March 1, 2009

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, February 28, 2009

9 AM St. Francis † Onorato Badalamenti by Victor Badalamenti

4 PM St. Francis † Fannie Trinca by Mrs. Elizabeth (Dolly Catto) Signore

5 PM St. Hyacinth † Peggy Koziol by John & Mary Szozda

SUNDAY, March 1, 2009 1st Sunday of Lent

9:30 AM St. Francis † Steven Netti by wife, Rosemarie & children

11 AM St. Hyacinth † Thomas Burke by wife, Emilie & children

MONDAY, March 2, 2009

9 AM St. Hyacinth † Jack Cole, Ed & Vi Bommersbach & Bobby Zabinski by Barbara Cole

TUESDAY, March 3, 2009

7:30 PM St. Francis † Frank Mucedola by Dr. & Mrs. John B. Ryan

WEDNESDAY, March 4, 2009

9:00 AM St. Hyacinth †

John & Marcella Niemiec, Adalbert, Bernice & Helen

Wawrzaszek, Josephine W. Hadden, John Sabin, Bernard &

Mary Warren by John Niemiec

THURSDAY, March 5, 2009

7:30AM St. Francis † Joseph Salemi by Paul & Anna Saltarello

FRIDAY, March 6, 2009 -Perpetua & Felicity

9 AM St. Hyacinth † Joseph & Sofia Bratek, Leon & Caroline Dec by Stanley & Theresa Dec

SATURDAY, March 7, 2009

9 AM St. Francis † Genevieve Germano by Anthony & Shelza Picciano

4 PM St. Francis † Joseph Loiacono & son Leo by Sam & Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Indelicato

5 PM St. Hyacinth † Peggy Koziol by Jim, Mary, Jennifer & Jimmy

SUNDAY, March 8, 2009 2nd Sunday of Lent

9:30 AM St. Francis † Mary Emmi by Aggie & Jim Mochler

11 AM St. Hyacinth † Gaetano Badalamenti by Joanna Petrosino & family

ST. HYACINTH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 7-8

SATURDAY 5 PM

Lector: George Schmid

Eucharist: D. Malinowski, J. Noga, P. Sikora, Jr., & D. Lipiska

Precious Blood: T. Losani & J. Falcone

Servers: B. McConnell & A. Casper



SUNDAY 11 AM

Lector: M. Sabine

Eucharist: R. & M. Kukiela, M. Walawender, & J. D'Angelo

Precious Blood: M. Rand & L. Hockey

Servers: M., B., A. & J. Sabine

March 1, 2009

ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY, February 28, 2009

8 AM Confession (St. Francis)
3-3:45 PM Confession (St. Francis)
4-4:30 PM Confession (St. Hyacinth)

SUNDAY, March 1, 2009

7 PM SF Rosary

MONDAY, March 2, 2009

8-5 PM SF *Eucharistic Adoration in Adoration Chapel*
8:30 AM SH Rosary
9:30 AM SF Weight Watchers (hall)
10 AM SF/SH Bible Study Class- SH Parish Center
7 PM SF Italian Classes-Parish Hall

TUESDAY, March 3, 2009

8-5 PM SF *Eucharistic Adoration in Adoration Chapel*
7 PM SF Rosary/Novena
7 PM SF Prayers Apostolate Group (rectory basement)

WEDNESDAY, March 4, 2009

8-5 PM SF *Eucharistic Adoration in Adoration Chapel*
8:30 AM SH Rosary
7 PM SF Social Ministry- Hall

THURSDAY, March 5, 2009

8-5 PM SF *Eucharistic Adoration in Adoration Chapel*
6 PM SF Catholic Daughters- Hall

FRIDAY, March 6, 2009

8-5 PM SF *Eucharistic Adoration in Adoration Chapel*
8:30 AM SH Rosary

SATURDAY, March 7, 2009

8 AM Confession (St. Francis)
3-3:45 PM Confession (St. Francis)
4-4:30 PM Confession (St. Hyacinth)

SUNDAY, March 8, 2009

7 PM SF Rosary

ST. FRANCIS MINISTRY SCHEDULE March 7-8

SATURDAY 4 PM

Lector: F. Mucedola
Eucharist: D. & D. Wayne, A. Saltarello
Precious Blood: M. Cool, T. Casper-Klock
Servers: B. Gill, S. Wayne
Ushers: Joseph DeMaio & group



SUNDAY 9:30 AM

Lector: D. Wayne
Eucharist: D. Wayne, M. Rosa, J. McKay
Precious Blood: J. & M. Camardo
Servers: H., M. & B. Jones, D. Angotti
Ushers: J. Camardo and Group

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