

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017 - THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**JESUS SAYS "WHEN YOU GIVE ALMS" - OUR THIRD LENTEN CHALLENGE**

Jesus gives us our three Lenten challenges in the Ash Wednesday Gospel. This week's challenge is this: "*When you give alms do not blow a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do.*" Matthew 6:2

We try to focus on this Ash Wednesday challenge by doing our best to tithe our income and to offer God some of our precious Time and our God given Talents to tangibly acknowledge that everything we have is first and foremost God's free gift to us. In the Sacred Scriptures God calls on us to return to Him the first fruits, a Tithing of our income. We do this first in our weekly parish offering where God enables us, as Jesus' disciples, to personally participate here in our parish in His sacred work with the Time and Talents and Treasure (Income) that He gives us.

I encourage you, especially right now in Lent, to realize that tithing our Time, and our Talent and our Income is before all else about our own personal relationship with God. When you prepare your Sunday collection envelope each week, tell God that you are making a big sacrifice in your gift to Him, even before your many financial obligations, because you are grateful for everything He does for you every day. Thank God too, that your generous sacrifices help our parish to do His sacred work.

We have been presenting our "Moving Forward – Growing Stronger Together" plan this month. I have asked everyone to seriously consider increasing our regular Sunday collection contributions so that the parish will have enough income to properly fulfill all of its ministry responsibilities and, at the same time, to keep our church, our other building and grounds in good repair. Many of you have responded generously to this request already and we thank you.

Whether or not you can increase your own offering, please keep praying that we will achieve good results for our parish in this necessary campaign. If you are still considering our request, please ask Our Lord to be with you in making your decision. Thank you everyone for supporting our parish financially. Thank you as well for giving back to Our Lord some of your Time and the Talents He has given you by participating in our many parish ministries.

Our parish is responsible to do God's sacred work: We worship God here; we preach His Word and teach our people here; people in need receive God's help here. Everyone working and volunteering here, these parish grounds, our Church and our other buildings - God uses us and everything here for His sacred purpose when we offer Him our Treasure, our Time and our Talents.

Thank you for your increasing generosity and parish participation which I pray is helping you have stronger faith in God as well as helping our parish to do more of His work. May we keep responding to Jesus with our Lenten Prayer, and our Fasting, and our Almsgiving, preparing for our Lenten confession and renewing our Baptismal promises to Jesus on Easter itself.

*God Bless, Father Herb*

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**WORDS OF TITHING FROM THE PEWS:**

**Words of Tithing from the Pews:**

**From the Pastor:** Generosity in our hearts is a sign of God's presence within us. This is part of the Light our Lord asks us to shine into the darkness around us. Thank you for your sacrifice of Tithing. Thank you for your Lenten Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving (Tithing).

**Words on tithing from the Pews:** Tithing has been a blessing for me. Returning to God a part of my income made me realize that I must also give more of my time to people around me.

Sunday Collections This February (4Weekends): \$64,947.76

Sunday Collections Last February (4Weekends): \$68,533.24

This is a \$3,585.48 decrease.

Faith Direct Parishioners: 105

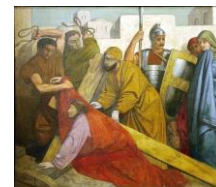
**Thank you for your Tithing sacrifices!**

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

Mass attendance for March 11/12: 1787

**GOOD FRIDAY LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**WE NEED PARTICIPANTS – APRIL 14**



This year our parish will once again pray the Living Stations of the Cross at noon on Good Friday. We invite anyone who has not participated in the past to become part of the group that presents this unique prayer experience every year. No experience or memorization of lines is needed. Young or old, man or women, strong enough to help lift Jesus on the cross or caring enough to weep with the women of Jerusalem, it doesn't matter. All that is needed is a willingness to pray and participate in this solemn commendation of Our Lord's Passion. If you can help, please contact the rectory during regular business hours (973-334-2090).

**SCRIPTURE READINGS MARCH 29-26**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>2 Samuel 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16</b> <b>Romans 4: 13, 16-18, 22</b> Gospel: <b>Matthew 1: 16, 18-21, 24a</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Daniel 3: 25, 34-43</b> Gospel: <b>Matthew 18: 21-35</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 4: 1, 5-9</b> Gospel: <b>Matthew 5: 17-19</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Jeremiah 7: 23-28</b> Gospel: <b>Luke 11: 14-23</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Hosea 14: 2-10</b> Gospel: <b>Mark 12: 28-34</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Isaiah 7: 10-14; 8: 10</b> Gospel: <b>Luke 1: 26-38</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a</b> <b>Ephesians 5: 8-14</b> Gospel: <b>John 9: 1-41</b>

**SANCTUARY LAMPS & FLOWERS**

You may have the Sanctuary Candles in the Church, Chapel or Adoration Chapel burn in memory of a loved one (\$10.00 donation), roses at the Tabernacle (\$10.00 donation), or flowers at the altar (\$50.00 Donation). Please call or stop into the rectory office.

**March 19-25, 2017**

**Sanctuary Lamp in the Church** is for Dennis McGuire

**Sanctuary Lamp in Mary's Daily Chapel** is for the Donna Sanok

**Sanctuary Lamps in the Adoration Chapel** are for Gregory Loff, In Thanksgiving, Charles Hathaway, Richard Locilento

**WHAT KIND OF FASTING IS THE LORD ASKING FOR US?**

**"This is the kind of fasting I have chosen... to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor with shelter"** Isaiah 58:7 In Lent God shows His great love for us in Jesus. This is the time when we want to align ourselves more closely with the Suffering Jesus. Perhaps we can do that by following the suggestion of the Prophet Isaiah through our Lenten Christian Service Project, which has become a tradition for our parish.

The Good Samaritans are sponsoring a "Simple Soup-er Meal" on Friday **March 24<sup>th</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 PM in the Church Hall.** We invite you and your family to share one or both of these meals and ask that you kindly make a good-will offering. All donations will purchase items for children in the New Jersey Battered Women's Shelter in our area. Besides helping these children, we remind ourselves that many needy people do not even have this simple meal to share.

**Let us come together as a parish and let this be "the kind of fasting we have chosen".**

**RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DURING LENT**

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked us to become more aware of the many small and sometimes unnoticed opportunities we have to extend kindness and mercy to others... walking the extra mile... going out of our way. This can begin with our family, friends, and neighborhood and beyond.

**Before Mass, baskets and note paper are on tables as you enter church. Take a minute to briefly jot down a Random Act of Kindness you have done or received and place it in the basket. You may also write your Random Act of Kindness at home and bring it to church. When the gifts of Bread and Wine are brought to the altar, our Acts of Kindness will accompany them.** This is a beautiful way to keep focused on Jesus during Lent and serve as a reminder that He is always in our midst in the presence of others.

**MARTHA MINISTRY- FRIDAY, MARCH 24 – TEAM 3**

Claudette Pavel, Anne Monahan, Florence Gerould, Aurora Arayata

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR- MARCH 20-26**

**MONDAY, March 20<sup>th</sup>-St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**6:45AM** – Connie & Al Uricoli, Special Intention for Barbara & Warren Leshner & Linda & Michael Franchino

**8:00AM** – Eleanor Spellman, Matilda Frankowski, Sr. Winifred Denise & Sr. Mary Lucy

**7:00PM** – Louise & Molly Renga, Michael A. Franchino & Family, Renga Family

**TUESDAY, March 21st**

**6:45AM** – Special Intention for Warren Leshner & Linda Franchino

**8:00AM** – Joan Wilson, Connie & Al Uricoli, Franchino Family

**7:00PM** – Uricoli Family

**WEDNESDAY, March 22nd**

**6:45AM** – Albert, Rose & David Franklin

**8:00AM** – Connie & Al Uricoli, Special Intention for Patrick Gelson, Special Intention for Barbara & Warren Leshner

**7:00PM** – Special Intention for Barbara Leshner in Thanksgiving

**THURSDAY, March 23<sup>rd</sup>-St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop**

**6:45AM** – Special Intention for the Priests of the Parish

**8:00AM** – Frederick Mercurio, Ki Sik Francis Shin

**7:00PM** – Special Intention for the Deacons of the Parish

**FRIDAY, March 24<sup>th</sup>-Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr**

**6:45AM** – Peg Ryan

**8:00AM** – Special Intention for Marge Martin & Dolores Brandao

**7:00PM** – Special Intention for Sr. Sylvia Berzinski, SSC

**SATURDAY, March 25<sup>th</sup>-The Annunciation of the Lord**

**8:00AM** –Stephanie Travers

**5:30PM** – Edward R. Zelichowski (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.), Gladys Moran, Catherine Slater

**7:00PM** – Virginia Camara deViera, Clara Lopez, Molinares, Mejia & Barros Romero

**SUNDAY, March 25th – Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**7:30AM** –Paul Ryan (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.), Eileen Wiegel, Susan Erhard

**9:00AM** – Polly & Sal Tomaselli, Joseph McHugh, Steven Ferrara

**10:30AM** – Joseph Quagliano, Theresa Visceglie, Gladys Moran

**12:00PM** – Howard & Rosanne Ferguson, Merlyn Joseph, James Gallagher

**7:00PM** – Terry DiFalco, Lucy & Antonio Venadas

**ALL SAINTS ACADEMY****FAMILY PASTA NIGHT – MARCH 24**

All Saint Academy is sponsoring a *Family Pasta Night* on Friday, March 24 from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the school cafeteria. Adults - \$10 and children 10 and under - \$5. Please join us for pasta, bread, salad, drinks, desserts and great company! All funds will be in support of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION FOR EASTER****THIS WEEKEND-MARCH 18/19**

Thank you, our faithful parishioners, for your continued generosity to our Food Pantry! Our collection is this weekend. **This is our Easter food pantry collection.** We need: juice, condiments, canned soups, coffee, cookies, cold cereal, pasta, prepared spaghetti sauce, canned tomatoes, mac and cheese, side dishes, jelly, pancake mix & syrup, personal care products, cleaning products, laundry detergent & paper products. To ensure that our food pantry families enjoy a wonderful Easter dinner, please also donate traditional food items you would serve and enjoy for Easter such as canned white and sweet potatoes, canned gravy, canned green beans, canned carrots and packaged desserts. We will also be collecting **frozen turkeys & fresh & canned hams**, but please bring them to the Rectory during regular business hours. **Please do not leave them in the Narthex!** Money donations are welcome; please put your donation in an envelope marked "Food Pantry" and drop it in the regular collection basket. Thank you all!

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH MARCH 19-25**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>**

Food Pantry Collection – Narthex  
8:30AM – K of C Pancake Breakfast - Cafeteria  
9:00AM – Children’s Gospel Program – Church Hall  
10:15AM – Sunday CCD - School  
12:00PM – CYO Basketball – Parish Center  
1:00PM – Pre-Cana – Church Hall  
3:00PM – Filipino Mass & Fellowship – Church/Church Hall  
5:30PM – Bingo – Parish Center

**MONDAY, MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>**

11:00AM – Golden Age Club – Community Center  
6:00PM – CYO Basketball – Parish Center  
7:00PM – RCIA – Rectory  
**7:00PM – Reconciliation (Penance) – Church**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>**

8:30AM – Adult Lenten Faith Formation – Church Hall  
10:00AM – Peanut’s Playgroup – Church Hall  
1:30PM – Parish Finance Meeting - Rectory  
4:00PM – Children’s Choir – Church/Church Hall  
6:00PM - CYO Basketball –Parish Center  
6:40PM – Recitation of the Rosary – Chapel  
7:00PM – Rosary Society Mass – Chapel  
7:15PM – Tuesday CCD – School  
7:30PM – Rosary Society Meeting – Church Hall  
7:30PM – Bereavement Support Group - Convent  
7:30PM – Adult Lenten Faith Formation – Rectory  
9:00PM – CYO Coach’s Basketball – Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>**

6:00PM – CYO Basketball – Parish Center  
7:00PM – Boy Scouts Troop 72 - Cafeteria  
7:30PM – Bible Sharing – Church Hall  
7:30PM – New Lector Training - Church

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>**

6:00PM – CYO Basketball – Parish Center  
7:00PM – First Communion Parents Prayer Service - Church  
7:30PM – Adult Choir – Church/Church Hall  
8:30PM – Men’s Basketball – Parish Center

**FRIDAY, MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>**

5:00PM – Lenten Soup Meal – Church Hall  
6:00PM – CYO Basketball – Parish Center  
7:00PM – Girl Scout Troop 96097 – School  
6:00PM – ASA 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pasta Dinner - Cafeteria

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

8:30AM – Polish School – School  
1:00PM – CYO Basketball – Parish Center  
4:00PM – Penance – Church  
5:30PM – Blessing of Expectant Parents - Church  
7:30PM – AA – Church Hall  
8:00PM – Indian Community Sports – Parish Center

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Training for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion **has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM** in the church. We will train for service in church as well as service to the sick and home bound.

Please call Deacon Bob at 973-887-5057 for more details.

**PERPETUAL ADORATION**

We need adorers for the 12 Noon on Saturdays & Sundays and 4:00 PM on Wednesdays. Please consider spending time with Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Substitutes are also needed. The spirit of sacrifice is the spirit of Christianity. Jesus sacrificed everything. Will you make a sacrifice of your time for Him? Call Kim at 973-886-6334.

*For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven...*

*...a time to born*

*...a time to die*

*Richard Grabiec, Dominick Romano*

*...a time to heal*

*Fr. Leo Carey, Fr. Ron Sordillo,*

*Noah Lorencovitz, Albert Rogers, Mary Beth Powers,  
James Osisek, Tony Lonero, Rony Antony, Kathleen O’Meara*

*...a time to love*

*“...and a time of peace.” Ecclesiastes 3:11*

**SAINT PETER’S GOLDEN AGE-MARCH 20-11AM**

Saint Peter’s Golden Age will meet at the Community Center on **Monday, March 20, 2017** at 11:00 AM – All are welcome!

We will be having a trip to the Sands in Pennsylvania on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. For more information, call Joe or Jackie at 973-335-1209.

**A PROGRESS REPORT FOR OUR MOVING FORWARD GROWING STRONGER TOGETHER PROGRAM**

Our parish’s increased offertory giving program is in progress all this month. Hopefully you received a mailing from our parish with a brochure reviewing our parish ministries, our parish’s current financial statement and a letter from Father Herb (with a decent picture of him). If you didn’t receive this mailing, please call the rectory so that we can send it to you. It may be that we don’t have you registered as a parishioner or there may be some mistake with your address information.

We are so proud to thank our faithful parishioners who spoke at the Masses about their commitment to our parish and its ministries. Gino Blanco spoke at all 5 Sunday Masses on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> while Terry Smail spoke at our Saturday 5:30 PM Mass. Miguel Ferrer and his wife, Maritza, spoke at our 7:00 PM Spanish Mass on Saturday evening. We thank them for their beautiful witness about our parish and its important place in their own lives.

Father Herb spoke at our Masses about this necessary parish effort to significantly increase our recently declining parish collection income so that we can faithfully fulfill our responsibilities as a ministering, serving parish community as well as keeping our very special parish church and our other buildings and the church grounds in good repair, especially the church itself.

We ask everyone to please continue praying to our Lord Jesus and His Mother Mary, for good results in this effort to increase our parish collection income so that we can Move Forward and Grow Stronger Together.

We also make the point again, as Father Herb said to us in the pulpit, that we ask you to increase your own collection offering every week only if you possibly can. We emphasize this again – **ONLY if you possibly can**.

If you have already made your commitment to increase your weekly collection offering, please begin doing that for us now. Thank you.

If you are in our electronic giving program with Faith Direct and you are increasing your collection offering, please call 1-866-507-8757 or email Faith Direct at [info@faithdirect.net](mailto:info@faithdirect.net) using our parish code NJ745 to notify them of your increased collection offering so that the change will be made exactly as you have decided. Thank you.

If you haven’t turned in your Commitment Card, you are receiving mailings this month giving you another opportunity to conveniently make and record your giving decision and return the Commitment Card to our parish.

Thank you for your generosity to our parish, for your participation in our parish ministries and for your prayers. We ask Our Lord to always keep our parish “Moving Forward and Growing Stronger Together”.





### ALL SAINTS ACADEMY CORNER

Please contact our school office to schedule an appointment to visit us and tour our school. All Saints Academy is a nationally recognized STEM school of the Diocese of Paterson. Our school offers a comprehensive, multi-curricular, rigorous academic program, centered on values-based education. A strong and loving Catholic identity permeates the environment. A spirit of faith, respect and joy are evident in our school. In addition to religious instruction, students model Christian ideals through cooperative activities, spiritual and liturgical celebrations, participation in Sacraments, and service outreach. An active parent organization lends partnership and support to the school community. The Early Childhood Center offers classes for three and four year old children. The elementary and middle school classes include kindergarten through grade eight. Contact our school principal, Mrs. Judy Berg, at 973-334-4704, to schedule a tour and classroom visit. [www.allsaintspar.org](http://www.allsaintspar.org)

### MAY 2017 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF MARY'S FATIMA APPARITIONS - JOURNEY TO FATIMA MAY 21-31, WITH MSGR. HERB - VISIT LISBON, FATIMA, PORTUGAL & SUNNY SPAIN

We make a pilgrimage to Fatima with Msgr. Herb for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the May 1917 apparitions by Our Lady of Fatima. Flying to Lisbon, we go to Fatima for 2 days with Mass and candlelight processions for our petitions and in thanksgiving. Then on to Spain to Seville and the sunny Costa Del Sol (optional to the Rock of Gibraltar), Granada, Avila and Madrid to fly home

It has just been announced that Pope Francis will visit Fatima for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on May 13, only a week before our visit. So this is a most special time to visit Our Lady of Fatima. Call or stop at the Rectory for your colorful 4 page daily travel brochure – 973-334-2090. Call the travel agency, Nuovo Tours at 973-882-0021 or Toll Free – 1-844-686-8688.

### BIBLE SHARING-THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

Our Lenten Season Bible Sharing continues on March 22nd at 7:30 PM in the Church Hall. We will be sharing the Mass readings for Lent and all are invited to attend.

### SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA – RETREAT MARCH 27-29

Saint Catherine of Siena on N. Pocono Road in Mountain Lakes invites all to the Franciscan Parish Mission with Fr. Kevin Cronin, OFM on Monday, March 27-March 29 at 7:30 PM. The March 29<sup>th</sup> session will be following a social.

### K OF C ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 19 – 8:30AM –NOON



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring an All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast today from 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM at All Saints Academy Cafeteria. All net proceeds will support our seminarian Elmer Nieto Cruz in his studies for the priesthood. \$7/Adult, \$5/Seniors, \$3/Children 4-10 and under 4 free.

### CRS RICE BOWL – ENCOUNTER OPPORTUNITY

We encounter Fernando in El Salvador where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, youth are pursuing their dreams of building businesses to better the lives of their families. How have you worked to better the lives of others this Lent? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more information.

### BISHOP GEORGE AHR HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

Before it 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2019, Bishop George Ahr/St. Thomas High School wants to reconnect with all of its alumni. We have a news article on the website at [www.bgahs.org](http://www.bgahs.org) asking alumni to update their most recent contact information. Reach us at [dchippendale@bgahs.org](mailto:dchippendale@bgahs.org) the alumni office to keep informed of the events planned for our upcoming milestone celebration.

### COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS-APRIL 6

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents will meet on Thursday, April 6 at 7:30 PM in Room 101 at Saint Christopher's Church on Littleton Road. The program this month is "Dealing With Anger, Guilt and Fear. For more information, call Lily Capriglione at 973-568-4164.

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR-TUESDAY, MARCH 21

Boys and girls in grades 3-8 are invited to join the Children's Choir. The next practice will be on Tuesday, March 21st at 400 PM in the church.

### HAPPENING AT SAINT ANN CHURCH – APRIL 28

They are sponsoring a trip on April 28 to Sight & Sound Millennium theater in Lancaster, PA to see "Jonah". Cost is \$124/pp which includes shopping at Kitchen Kettle Village, Sight & Sound show, dinner at Shady Maple smorgasbord and transportation. Bus leaves St. Ann's parking lot at 10AM and return at 10:30 PM. For tickets, call Ginny at 9730884-1986. Seats sell out quickly. Deadline is March 26.

### ALTAR SERVERS MARCH 25/26, 2017

- 5:30PM – Cattani, Sebastian, Sebastian
- 7:30AM – Jutchenko
- 9:00AM – Anzalone, Anzalone, Patane
- 10:30AM – Davanzo, Ramirez, Umansky
- 12:00PM – Brecher, Brecher, Solomon
- 7:00PM – Wilson, Wilson, Lim

### BINGO – MARCH 19

POWERBALL # 1 \$489  
TEAM C – MARY ANN CISTARO

### OUTREACH CORNER

A woman on Vail Road needs a ride to 12:00 Noon Mass. If you can help, please call the Rectory at 973-334-2090.

A woman needs a ride to church. If you can help, please call the Rectory at 973-334-2090.

A woman wants to receive Holy Communion. If you are a commissioned Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and are able to visit her, please call the Rectory – 973-334-2090. Thank you.

A parishioner needs a ride to the doctor. If you can help, please call the Rectory at 973-334-2090.



Please visit [www.facebook.com/spayouthministry](http://www.facebook.com/spayouthministry)

# Hablado español en San Pedro Apóstol

## domingo, 19 de marzo de 2017 – Tercer de Cuaresma

### Horario de las Misas:

lunes a viernes: 6:45 y 8:00 a.m.

sábado: 5:30 p.m. y 7:00 p.m. en español

domingo: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12 m. y 7:00 p.m.

### Confesiones:

sábado: 4:00 a 5:00 p.m.

lunes: 7:00 a 8:30 p.m.

(en todas las parroquias de la diócesis)

**Intenciones de las Misas:** Por favor, notificar a la oficina parroquial (973-334-2090) con una semana de anticipación. El donativo para las intenciones es de \$10.00

### Mensaje del párroco:

#### **Jesús dice: “Cuando das limosna” – Nuestro tercer reto de Cuaresma**

Jesús nos da nuestros tres retos Cuaresmales en el evangelio del Miércoles de Ceniza. Esta semana Su reto es éste: “**Por tanto, cuando hagas limosna, no lo vayas trompeteando por delante como hacen los hipócritas**” Mateo 6,2

En nuestra parroquia tratamos de enfocarnos en este reto de Miércoles de Ceniza, con el diezmo de nuestros ingresos y ofreciendo nuestro Tiempo y Talento; para reconocer tangiblemente que todo lo que tenemos, Dios nos los da de gratis. En las Sagradas Escrituras, Dios nos invita a que le devolvamos nuestros primeros frutos, el diezmo de nuestro ingreso. Hacemos ésto primero con nuestra parroquia, donde Dios nos invita, como a los discípulos de Jesús, a que personalmente hagamos Su sagrado trabajo con el Tiempo y Talento que El nos ha dado.

La personas que fielmente aportan su diezmo, su limosna es antes que nada en su relación personal con Dios, y solo después de éso, en ayudar a la iglesia de Dios en hacer Su trabajo. Muchos de nosotros hemos escuchado este mensaje de personas que aportan la mitad de su diezmo de 10% a nuestra parroquia. También, algunos de nosotros hemos aumentado nuestra aportación en la colecta y estamos en camino a dar el diezmo de nuestros ingresos; pero no todo de momento. Nuestra parroquia se regocija en estos grandes actos de fe en el cuidado de Dios.

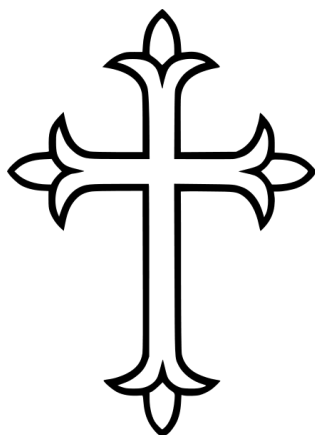
Los exorto, especialmente ahora en la Cuaresma, a darse cuenta que el diezmo de nuestro tiempo, talento e ingreso se debe mayormente a nuestra relación con Dios en Jesús. Está atado a nuestra oración y ayuno. Cuando prepare su sobre para la colecta dominical, deténgase siempre y dígame a Dios, que está haciendo un gran sacrificio en el regalo que le hace, aún antes de cualquier obligación financiera; porque está tan agradecido por todo lo que El hace por usted todos los días. Agradézcale también, que su generosa ofrenda esté también ayudando a su parroquia poder hacer Su sagrado trabajo, aquí en nuestra comunidad.

Escuchar a los que dan el diezmo, me ha ayudado a que mi propio diezmo sea de poner toda mi fe en Dios y no sólo una contribución caritativa. Yo espero y oro que usted vea su más generosa ofrenda, como una respuesta a los caminos de Dios, poniendo más fe y confianza en el cuidado que El le tiene.

Nuestra parroquia tiene la responsabilidad de hacer el sagrado trabajo de Dios: aquí se alaba a Dios, aquí se predica y enseña la Palabra de Dios a nuestra gente, aquí se le da la ayuda de Dios a las personas necesitadas. Aquí hay personas que trabajan y ofrecen su trabajo voluntariamente, el suelo sagrado de nuestra parroquia, incluso los edificios de nuestra parroquia – Dios nos usa a todos y todo aquí para Su sagrado propósito, cuando le damos nuestro Tesoro, Tiempo y Talento.

La otra mitad de nuestro diezmo apoya proyectos especiales en nuestra parroquia, nuestra diócesis y la Iglesia alrededor del mundo. Las ofrendas de nuestros generosos **Compañeros en la fe** son maravillosos ejemplos de ésto. Y personalmente ayudamos a personas y caridades con nuestro dinero, nuestro tiempo y talentos. Todo ésto es devolverle a Dios los primeros frutos de todo lo que El nos provee diariamente.

Gracias por su gran generosidad, la cual oro lo lleve a una fe más fuerte en Dios, al igual que ayuda a nuestra parroquia poder hacer más de la obra de Dios. Que podamos continuar respondiendo a Jesús con nuestra oración, ayuno y limosna durante la Cuaresma, preparándonos para renovar nuestras promesas Bautismales a Jesús en esta Pascua.



**THE ROSARY/ALTAR SOCIETY**

**IS TAKING ORDERS FOR GRAVESITE PALM CROSSES  
THE COST WILL BE \$8.00 PER CROSS**

**PLEASE RETURN BY MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: THE ROSARY/ALTAR SOCIETY**

**Please place your checks in the collection basket or send to the Rectory addressed to the Rosary/Altar Society.**

**The crosses will be available for pick-up in the Narthex after Mass starting on March 25-26 and April 1-2.**

**Any questions, please call Liz Dennis at 973-335-4091**

**Reserved for Fish 'n' Chips Flyer**



## *Celebrating Lent and Preparing for Easter* *Our Masses First*

- Monday – Friday– 6:45 and 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM  
Saturday Mornings – 8:00 AM
- Weekend Masses:

Saturday Afternoons – 5:30 PM. Saturday Evenings – 7:00 PM in Spanish  
Sunday Mornings – 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00 Noon  
Sunday Evenings – 7:00 PM

## *Our Confessions - “Be Reconciled to God.” 2Corinthians 5:20*

- Monday Evenings – 7:00 PM  
In our parish and in every parish in the Diocese for your convenience
- Saturday Afternoon – 4:00 PM

## *Our Lenten Devotions and Events*

- Every Day – All the Time – Our Adoration Chapel in the Convent Building  
Spend time – 1 hour if you can - with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament  
Call Kim at 973-886-6334 or [stpeteradores@optonline.net](mailto:stpeteradores@optonline.net)
- Fridays Evenings – Stations of the Cross – English – 7:30 PM  
Stations of the Cross – Spanish – 8:15 PM
- Fridays of Lent –March 24 & April 7  
5:00 – 7:00 PM – Simple Soup-er Meal – Church Hall  
Free Will Donation for Charity

- Friday, March 17, 2017 – Saint Patrick’s Day

Dispensation from the Friday Fast and Abstinence . Please do a special work of charity or exercise of prayer in place of abstinence to honor Saint Patrick and this Holy Season of Lent.

You can enjoy your corned beef and cabbage!

*Repent and believe in the Gospel - Ash Wednesday*



- Friday, March 31, 2017 – Fish ‘n’ chips Dinner  
5:00 – 8:00 PM School Cafeteria (Visit the parish website to Register or see the bulletin)  
Adults \$15. Children Under 10 years - \$10 – Under 3 – eat free

- Tuesdays – February 28 – April 11 (7 Tuesdays)  
Adult Faith Formation – Living the Commandments and the Beatitudes: For Lent and Beyond with Deacon Peter Cistaro  
After the 8:00 AM Mass (Church Hall) Evenings -7:30 PM (Rectory)

- Every Wednesday Beginning March 8 – 7:30 – 9:00 PM  
Bible Study – Lenten Mass Readings  
Call Deacon Bob – 973-887-5057 or email – [ralife8@aol.com](mailto:ralife8@aol.com)

### *On Your Own Every Day*

- Parish Random Acts of Kindness. At weekend Mass, jot down a Random Act of Kindness you did or received during the week. Please put it in the basket at Church. Our Random Acts of Kindness papers are brought to the altar with the gifts of Bread and Wine and the Collection Offering
  - Operation Rice Bowl Prayers and Donations  
Encounter Lent  
Pray each day with our app!  
Visit [crsricebowl.org/app](http://crsricebowl.org/app) to learn more.
- Join “Best Lent Ever” – a free email program based on Matthew Kelly’s book “Resisting Happiness”  
Sign up – [BestLentEver.com/Lent](http://BestLentEver.com/Lent)  
“Don’t give Up Chocolate for Lent”

Visit our Parish Website in Lent for more details:  
[www.saintpetertheapostle.org](http://www.saintpetertheapostle.org)

*Have a great and Holy Lent this Year!*