

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018

MASSES FOR the WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH
 8:30 A.M. Buccafurni & Spagnolo Families
 10:30A.M. People of the Parish
 12:00P.M. James Nicholl

MONDAY, MARCH 19TH
 8:00 A.M. Intention of Anne Naused

TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH
 8:00 A.M. Gerard Campbell

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21ST
 8:00 A.M. Carmella Rizzutto
 7:30 P.M. Vera Donohue

THURSDAY, MARCH 22ND
 8:00 A.M. Robert Dutko

FRIDAY, MARCH 23RD
 8:00 A.M. Brigid McDonald & Brian Connolly
 7:15 P.M. Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH
 9:00 A.M. Carmela Paradiso
 5:00 P.M. People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH - PALM SUNDAY
 8:30 A.M. Donna Drew
 10:30A.M. Thomas Kelly
 12:00P.M. Michael Della Terza, Sr.

SCRIPTURES:

March 25, 2018 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
First Reading: Isaiah describes the pain and insults of the Servant of God. Yet, he sounds hopeful when describing God as his help, knowing he will not be disgraced. (ISAIAH 50:4-7)

SECOND READING: PAUL EXULTS CHRIST'S GREAT SACRIFICE OF HUMBLING HIMSELF TO BECOME HUMAN AND DIE ON THE CROSS. HE EXPLAINS THAT THIS IS WHY WE SHOULD NOW REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF HONORING BOTH HIS NAME AND MEMORY. (PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11)

GOSPEL: MARK DESCRIBES THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO CHRIST'S CRUCIFIXION. THE LAST SUPPER IS DESCRIBED, EXPLAINING WHERE THE EUCHARIST BEGAN. JUDAS BETRAYS JESUS AND HIS SUFFERING AT THE HANDS OF THE SANHEDRIN (HIGH COUNCIL) IS DETAILED. (MARK:14: 1—15:47)

STEWARDSHIP by the BOOK-March 18,2018

"If anyone would serve Me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "let him follow Me; where I am, there will My servant be." In what ways is Jesus inviting *me* to follow Him? What service is He asking of me?

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MASS CARDS We are asked to pray for the dead. The best way to do this is to have a mass celebrated in memory of a loved one. Call the rectory 973-663-0211. **Please note-** offering is \$15.

RCIA -- next meeting Tuesday, **March 20th** at 7:30pm at the Rectory.

COME HOME TO HEALING --THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE IN ALL Paterson Diocese parishes Mondays of Lent- March 19—and also Tuesday, March 27 & Wed. March 28-7- 8:00pm, & Sat. March 24 - 3:30-4:45pm.



BAPTISMS are regularly performed on the First Sunday of each month at 1pm. To arrange for a Baptism please call the rectory M-F - 973-663-0211.



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 CCD Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/olsoslh>

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -PRE-K-Grade 5
 Sunday, March 18, 2018– 8:45 AM **B Week**
 10:30am Class Mass Grade 2B
 Sunday, March 25, 2018 – 8:45 AM **A Week** classes
 10:30am CLOW

MIDDLE SCHOOL -GRADES 6-8
 Sunday, March 25, 2018-- 6:30-8:00PM – classes

HIGH SCHOOL – GRADES 9-10
 Sun., March 25, 2018- 6:30 -8:00PM – class

March 18 & 25, 2018 – pick up for Gertrude Hawk Orders

Please remember in prayer those who are sick:
 Maureen Crowley, Patricia Kautter, Michael Christopher Dalessio, Tara Tighe Burnham, John Babbitt, Tyler Mueller, Larry Stimpfel, Terri Corcoran-Stimpfel, Dolores Yagozinski, Vito Polera, Cathy Collins, Thomas Gorman, Kathleen Stefanski, Cindy Telmosse, Carol Aulbach, & all who are ill at this time.



LENTEN HEALING MASS- will be held –**THIS Wednesday, March 21st, at 7:30pm. Msgr. Martin McDonnell**, retired priest of the Paterson Diocese will be our guest celebrant for the **Healing Mass.** and the last of our Wednesday evening Lenten Masses. Please join us and bring family and friends who may be in need of healing at this time.



SATURDAY, MARCH 24th 9am-3pm Annual OLSOS INDOOR FLEA MARKET & CRAFT EVENT – For Applications go to [e-mail GRACESILL@optonline.net](mailto:GRACESILL@optonline.net) and ask for one. **Gym SOLD OUT, only \$30 tables available in the Church Hall.** Vendor set up will be at 7AM. Snow Date Saturday, 4/7.



NEW ALTAR SERVERS--Instructions are being held Saturday mornings from 10AM to 11AM March 24, and April 6.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held in Church Friday at 7:15 PM. Come join us for this wonderful devotion.



EASTER FLOWERS *Easter is our greatest feast- celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus. It is fitting that our sanctuary reflects this joy.* You can help decorate our sanctuary by donating an **Easter Lily**, in memory of a loved one. A **donation of \$25.00** is requested. Envelopes are available in the church pews.



The Rosary is recited Mon-Fri after 8AM Mass, and after 9AM Mass on Saturday. All are welcome to participate, especially during LENT.



NEW TO THE PARISH Welcome! Please call (973) 663-0211 & register to become a member of our active parish.



PEBBLES IN THE HOLY WATER FONTS?
 During the season of Lent pebbles are placed in the fountains and the holy water is removed. This is to remind us that Lent is meant to be a time when we remember that Jesus spent forty days in the desert fasting. Water is a scarce commodity in the desert. The pebbles remind us that for us, too, Lent is meant to be a desert experience.



TRY A LITTLE KINDNESS

This Lent and indeed every Lent, we Christians profess that "the kindness and generous love of God our savior has appeared". (Epistle to Titus 3:4). We often use words like love, power, light, truth and justice to describe the coming of God but this letter uses the word kindness. Maybe this can be a special challenge this Lent: to show more of the kindness of God. In Catholic teaching, kindness is the virtue opposite that of envy. An envious person is unappreciative, resentful, tries to tear down others and even takes satisfaction at the misfortune of others. When we are tempted to indulge in envy why not "try a little kindness instead". Kindness entails an ability to reach out beyond our own situation, good or bad, to show goodness and compassion to others. This may be difficult in the present climate, when the economy has placed so much stress on us all.

Abraham Lincoln once said: "as a drop of honey catches more flies than a gallon of gall, so with men (and women). If you would win a man to your cause, first convince him that you are his sincere friend". Lincoln was famous as President for putting his political rivals in his cabinet, even though one or two conspired against him. President George H.W. Bush once called for "a kinder and gentler nation." This kind of change begins with the individual and should be seen in interaction with our families and our children, with neighbors and strangers, on the highway and on our streets.

This can happen in the way we greet each other. Too often we greet people in a perfunctory way, anxious to make our purchase, get our fill up at the gas station, make our deposit at the bank, pick up our lunch at the deli, etc. Now that our weather is improving- a sure sign of spring-we should be a little more chipper in taking care of the everyday tasks of life. In conversation we often can't wait to get our response in, so much so that we rarely listen to what the other has really said. Fr. Nicolas, superior of the Jesuits, says that before speaking you should ask three questions about what you will say: "Is it true, is it kind and gentle, and is it good for others?" A nice little test we can set for ourselves.

Lent is the Christian's journey with Jesus to Jerusalem. The Gospel of Matthew says of Jesus that "a bruised reed he will not break, a smoldering wick he will not quench until he brings justice to victory" (12:20). Jesus is "meek and humble of heart" (11:29). This Lent let us try to put on the mind and heart of Jesus Christ. It is a wonderful time to show forth God's kindness, and at the very least to "try a little kindness". (from an article by Peter Schineller S.J. in America magazine, March 2, 2009).

*Sincerely in Christ,
Father Chris*



On-Line Giving - Please go to the website olsoslh.org and click on the icon "We Share" and follow instructions to use on-line giving instead of envelopes. It is a way to make sure your offering is made even when you are unable to come to weekend Mass.



FOOD PANTRY

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 10:45-11:45AM 1:30-3:30PM call 973-663-0211 for appointment.

Coordinator is Toni Tarighi- **Items we are out of:** MILK, EGGS, canned fruits, oatmeal, CANNED PASTA, canned meats & stews, hash, macaroni & cheese, Pancake mix & syrup, peanut butter, JELLY, cake/brownie mixes, jello & pudding.
Other items needed: SOUP, CEREAL, COFFEE, TEA, veggies, 2-in-1 shampoo, Dish/ Laundry detergents, deodorant, paper towels, toilet tissue.
Refrigerator: yogurt; frozen foods- all types.
 NOTE: Shoprite gift card donations also accepted.
Thank you to everyone supporting our food pantry.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: As part of our observance of Lent, we ask all families to participate in **Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, a program of prayer, fasting, learning and giving.** Visit orb.crs.org for more information.



SHOPRITE CARDS Why purchase them? For every \$100 you spend on these cards our Church makes \$5 Unused amounts stay on cards & are safer than carrying cash. Please consider helping us by buying these cards. Thank you.

SICK OR SHUT IN-or know someone who is- unable to get to church to receive Communion? Please call the rectory at 663-0211 to set up time for a Communion call.



2018 HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

LITURGIES

MARCH 26 th, 27 th, 28th :

Morning Mass at 8:00 AM

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 29TH 7:30PM

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH:

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross

7:30 PM Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

and Death of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 31st 7:30 PM:

Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection & Reception into Full Communion of the Catholic Church for our RCIA Candidates

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST MASSES

8:30 AM, 10:30 AM and 12:00 Noon.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 24th: 3:30 - 4:45 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 27th: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28th: 7:00 - 8:00 PM



May your cup be filled to overflowing with Love, Health and Happiness.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



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