

First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2020

MASSES FOR the WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST

8:30 A.M. Margaret Schark
10:30A.M. People of the Parish
12:00P.M. Betsy Pesce

MONDAY, MARCH 2ND

8:00 A.M. Anne Crerand

TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD

8:00 A.M. Thomas Davidson

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH

8:00 A.M. Mae Short
7:30 P.M. Michael Mercadente

THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH

8:00 A.M. Gloria Dvornick

FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH

8:00 A.M. Josephine Porfido
7:15 P.M. Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH

9:00 A.M. Janis Tobin
5:00 P.M. Marie McDonald Kalb

SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH

8:30 A.M. Frank Giaquinto
10:30A.M. Felix Schimpf
12:00P.M. People of the Parish

SCRIPTURES

March 8, 2020– 2nd Sunday of Lent

First Reading: GOD CALLS ABRAHAM TO LEAVE HIS FAMILY AND PEOPLE AND GO TO A NEW LAND. GOD PROMISES TO MAKE THE PEOPLE OF THIS NEW NATION GREAT AND TO BLESS ABRAHAM. (GENESIS 12: 1-4A)

SECOND READING: PAUL, FROM HIS PLACE OF IMPRISONMENT IN ROME, WRITES WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO TIMOTHY, TELLING HIM THAT CHRIST IS FOR THEM EVERLASTING LIFE. (2 TIMOTHY 1: 8B-10)

GOSPEL: WISHING TO REVEAL HIS GLORY TO PETER, JAMES AND JOHN, JESUS TAKES THEM TO A MOUNTAIN WHERE HE IS TRANSFIGURED BEFORE THEM. WHEN PETER EXCLAIMS THAT HE WILL BUILD THREE TABERNACLES THERE IN HONOR OF JESUS, MOSES AND ELIJAH, A VOICE FROM ABOVE PROCLAIMS: "THIS IS MY BELOVED SON ON WHOM MY FAVOR RESTS. LISTEN TO HIM." (MATTHEW 17: 1-9)

STEWARDSHIP by the BOOK- March 1, 2020

What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us!

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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS are being held in Church Fridays during Lent at 7:15 PM. Please join us for this wonderful devotion.

RCIA next meeting Tues., March 3rd 7:15pm in the Rectory.

BAPTISMS

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



NEW TO THE PARISH WELCOME! Please call 973-663-0211 Mon-Fri- 9:30-3 to become a registered member of our active parish.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ☩ 🍎

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

NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -PRE-K-Grade 5

Sunday, March 8th -8:45-10:15 AM-classes-(K-5)
9:00 AM -First Grade Parent Meeting
10:30AM - CLOW

MIDDLE SCHOOL -GRADES 6-8

Sunday, March 8th – 6:30 -8PM classes

HIGH SCHOOL – GRADES 9-10

Sunday, March 8th – 6:30-8PM classes
Sophomore Interviews

♫ ♪ CHOIR PRACTICE: ♫ ♪

Adult Choir practices Thursdays at 7:30-8:30pm. All parishioners 18 & over welcome.

Childrens' Choir practice-Sundays 10:15-10:30am.



Please remember in prayer those who are sick:

Fr. John Connolly, Fr. Daniel Kelly, Betty Gardner, Lisa Ann Fisher, Joan Elise Butler, Anne Nichols, Ellen Cohen, Geneva Kumar, Vanessa Espinoza, Quinn Gorman, Jack & Elizabeth Flinn, Frances Ferrara, Lillian Colello, Maryanne Drozdick, Dora Lavin, Matteo Montemarano, Mary Ann Miller, Christine Profaca, & all who are ill at this time. **We pray for the recently deceased:** Thomas Davidson, Ramon Fischetti, Fr. Tom Curran, Thomas Rush, Dave Blake.



This Lent we have the opportunity to spend together five weeks of self-examination and reflection on the Holy Scripture. Our Parish is holding "The Lenten Companion – A Personal Encounter with the Power of the Gospel," continuing Mondays March 2nd thru March 30th, 2020 at 7:30PM in the Church Hall. There is also an afternoon session on these dates, and a Family group meeting as well. Registration forms are located in the back of the Church for those still interested. We are pleased to share this journey with you. Deacon Alberto



LENTEN MASS PROGRAM–This *Wednesday, March 4th*, at 7:30pm Fr. Marcin Bradke from St. Pius parish, Montville, will be our guest celebrant for the first of our Wednesday evening Lenten Masses. Please join us and bring a friend.

OLSOS ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY's first meeting of 2020 will be Monday, March 9th, at 7PM in the Church Hall. All women of the parish are invited to join us in praying the rosary and discussing this month's topics, including our upcoming March 28th FIRST "St. Joseph's Festa" Dinner Fundraiser, Pampered Chef results, and upcoming events. Join us!



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. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl packet and follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. **Visit orb.crs.org for more info & additional resources to use.**

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



LENT A FORTY DAY RETREAT

The word "Lent" conjures up images of acts of Penance, the color purple, fish, Ashes, sacrifices, no desserts, and maybe no video games or movies. These words are still valid but a word that we should also think about is Baptism. The more we see a link between "Lent" and "Baptism:" the more we can understand the readings and symbols of the Lenten season.

In the 4th and 5th Centuries the process leading up to baptism and to becoming a Christian was called the "Catechumenate." It was a lengthy process and concluded with a 40-day retreat during which the catechumens prepared to be fully initiated into the community through Baptism, Confirmation, and admission to the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. (Today the R.C.I.A. follows closely the same process). This final 40-day period became known as Lent. The members of the community who were already baptized saw this period as a time to encourage candidates and to pray with them. It was also a time to renew their baptismal promises.

In later centuries the focus of baptism shifted from adults to infants and the focus of Lent changed to penance and mortification. The Second Vatican Council, in looking at the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, has restored the baptismal character of Lent. For those people in the R.C.I.A. program Lent has become again a retreat before Baptism and Confirmation. It is called the period of purification and enlightenment.

If Lent is "Baptism time," then we must rediscover the importance of our own Baptism. For many people Baptism is something that happened a long time ago without much impact on what they do today. Some years ago I visited Venice. It was a wonderful experience but it didn't change the rest of my life. In 1971 I was ordained a priest. That experience has changed the rest of my life. There are events that change our lives, marriage, becoming a parent, ordination, and baptism.

At Baptism parents and godparents make a solemn promise to raise the child in the faith, to keep God's commandments and to love God and neighbor. They also promise to reject Satan and sin, and to believe in the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit and in the Catholic Church by saying "I Do" to various questions. It takes a lifetime to realize the meaning of those "I do's". Lent is a time to ponder these promises and renew them by again saying "I do."

On Ash Wednesday we heard the call that echoes our Baptism: Turn around, convert, "Return to Me with your whole heart" (Joel 2:12). Matthew tells us we are to give alms, how we are to pray, and how we are to fast. These are the three traditional acts of Lent. We are not to be glum, but to be generous. When we receive ashes we are reminded of our baptismal commitment: "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel."

To turn from sin we must know what sins we face. At baptism we promised to "Reject Satan, father of sin, and prince of darkness." How do you name the evil in your life? You probably do not call it "Satan" or "prince of darkness." These names may not help us to see what our task for Lent is this year. The reality of evil is still present in our lives. Perhaps our "devils" belong to the "ISM" family: alcoholism, consumerism, materialism, racism, sexism. Or perhaps they belong to the areas of drugs or honesty.

Yes, there is a lot to think about this Lent. Add a purple cloth or ribbon to your kitchen table to remind you of Lent. May this Lent be a special one for you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Chris



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE IN ALL Paterson diocese parishes on the Mondays of Lent from 7pm to 8:30pm.



Daylight Savings Time-Spring Ahead! Please remember to turn your clocks forward 1 hour-Saturday night, March 7th for the arrival of Daylight Savings Time, & **to be on time for Mass.**

FOOD PANTRY

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



Coordinator-Toni Tarigh. **Only items listed are needed.**
 Items needed: JUICES, **canned meats, Pancake mix & syrup, mayo, ketchup, mustard, salad dressings, spices.**
Household: 2-in-1 shampoo, TP.
Refrigerator: milk, yogurt; frozen foods.
 NOTE: Shoprite gift card donations are also accepted.
Thank you to the Kimbles for their donations.



SATURDAY, March 28, 2020 6-9pm. OLSOS Rosary Altar Society presents "Saint Joseph Festa Dinner"

Fundraiser. Includes choice of spaghetti w/ meatballs or Chicken parmigiana, or meat or meatless ziti + dessert table, tea, coffee, soda, water. **BYOB!** Adults \$15, Seniors \$13, children under 12- \$10. 50/50 & Door Prize. Ticket sales March 7-8,14-15,21-22, after all masses. No at-door sales. **Live Music** - provided by electric violinist, singer accompanied by pianist & accordian player. Come join the feast and mangia!

SAVE THE DATE! MONDAY, MARCH 9th, 2020-"DINE & DONATE"

hosted by the Jefferson Twp. Community Chorus. Dine at Gatwyns II, (900 Rte. 15 No., Lake Hopatcong), 4 -10pm. 15% of your bill goes to the JTCC. Your support is appreciated.

BUS TRIP for "TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD" with Ed Harris - WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020, 7pm show is now SOLD OUT!

Call for waiting list. Cost \$122. Payments due by March 25th.

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 a time for a Communion call.



St. Jude Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner-Saturday, March 7th- 6pm -cost \$25, or \$30 at the door. Dinner, dessert, beer, soda, coffee, tea, Irish Step Dancers, music by "The Rose of Omagh." For tickets call 973-398-6377/Jimmy 973-945-7522.

Prayer for Loved Ones to Return to the Practice of the Faith

O Good Shepherd, you never cease to seek out the lost, to call home the stray, to comfort the frightened, and to bind up the wounded.

I ask you to bring (names) back to the practice of the faith, and to remove all obstacles that are keeping them from experiencing the fullness of your abundant mercy and the depth of your love.

I pray for the guidance of your Holy Spirit in order to be a witness to them, and to be a channel of your grace.

Please forgive us all of our sins.

Help us all to remember that you love us to the end and offer yourself to the Father for the salvation of all. AMEN.

NOTE: Prayers for the return of a non-practicing Catholic should be accompanied by sacrificial and private acts of fasting and almsgiving in their name(s).



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