

# Second Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2020

## MASSES FOR the WEEK

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH**  
 8:30 A.M. Frank Giaquinto  
 10:30A.M. Felix Schimpf  
 12:00P.M. People of the Parish

**MONDAY, MARCH 9TH**  
 8:00 A.M. Fr. Paul Knauer

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH**  
 8:00 A.M. Frank T. Milone

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH**  
 8:00 A.M. Lyn Schoonover  
 7:30 P.M. Mark Rech

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH**  
 8:00 A.M. Margaret Scanlon

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH**  
 8:00 A.M. Catherine Koloski  
 7:15 P.M. Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH**  
 9:00 A.M. Ramon Fischetti  
 5:00 P.M. Betty Harrington

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH**  
 8:30 A.M. Ada Felter  
 10:30A.M. People of the Parish  
 12:00P.M. Vincent Hicks

### SCRIPTURES

#### March 15, 2020– 3rd Sunday of Lent

**First Reading:** THIS STORY FROM EXODUS REVEALS THAT THE ISRAELITES, AFTER THEIR ESCAPE FROM EGYPT, CAST ALL BLAME FOR THEIR SUFFERINGS ON MOSES. IN THIS INSTANCE, THEY WERE DYING OF THIRST. WHEN MOSES APPEALED TO THE LORD, THE LORD DIRECTED MOSES TO STRIKE A ROCK AND WATER WOULD GUSH FORTH. (EXODUS 17: 3-7)

**SECOND READING:** PAUL REMINDS THE ROMANS THAT BECAUSE CHRIST DIED FOR ALL PEOPLE, THEY ARE ACCEPTABLE IN GOD'S SIGHT. (ROMANS 5: 1-2, 5- 8)

**GOSPEL:** JESUS CONVERSES WITH THE SAMARITAN WOMAN AT JACOB'S WELL. WHEN JESUS INDICATES THAT WHOEVER DRINKS FROM THE WATER HE GIVES WILL NEVER BE THIRSTY AGAIN, THE WOMAN IMMEDIATELY ANSWERS, "GIVE ME THIS WATER, SIR..." JESUS THEN REVEALS THAT SHE HAS HAD FIVE HUSBANDS AND TELLS HER THAT HE IS THE MESSIAH. THE WOMAN BELIEVES JESUS AND PROCLAIMS THIS NEWS TO ALL THE TOWNSPEOPLE, WHO BELIEVE HER AND COME TO SEE JESUS. (JOHN 4: 5-42)

#### STEWARDSHIP by the BOOK-March 8, 2020

"Bear your share of the hardship which the gospel entails," St. Paul tells Timothy in today's second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?

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**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 10th 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>

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -PRE-K-Grade 5

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

Sunday, March 15th -8:45-10:15 AM-classes-(K-5)

### MIDDLE SCHOOL -GRADES 6-8

Sunday, March 8th – 6:30 -8PM classes  
 Sunday, March 15th – 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.



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** Sunday, March 22nd hosted by the Freshman Class in the Church Hall. Cost : \$7.00 adults and \$4.00 children. Please support our High

School Program by enjoying a delicious breakfast including pancakes, sausage, bacon, fruit, pasties, juice, coffee, tea, with your family after the 8:30 or 10:30 Mass.

### Please remember in prayer those who are sick:

Fr. John Connolly, Fr. Daniel Kelly, Betty Gardner, Lisa Ann Fisher, Joan Elise Butler, Susan Totino, Anne Nichols, Ellen Cohen, Geneva Kumar, Vanessa Espinoza, Quinn Gorman, Jack & Elizabeth Flinn, Frances Ferrara, Lillian Colello, Maryanne Drozdick, Dora Lavin, 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.



"The Lenten Companion – A Personal Encounter with the Power of the Gospel," will hold the next meeting Thursday, March 12th at 7:30PM in the Church Hall.



**LENTEN MASS PROGRAM**—This Wednesday, March 11th, at 7:30pm Fr. John Andrew Connell, retired priest from the Diocese, will be our guest celebrant for the second Wednesday evening Lenten Mass. 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](http://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 the season of LENT.**



# LENT IS A TIME FOR FEASTING

We rarely think of the word "feasting" in connection with Lent, but there is no word more appropriate to describe the works of the Holy Spirit in our hearts during this holy season. It is truly a time to feast on the goodness and mercy of God and a time to be lavish in sharing these gifts with ourselves and the world. It is a time to bask in the love of our God. "God so loved the world He gave His only Son," (John 3:16). These words are at the heart of Lent. We are led into the desert to renew the marriage covenant of our Lover-God- and ourselves. Our God lures us into the desert almost seducing us to believe and accept His passionate love and tenderness.

Lent can be somber as the color purple suggests, yet it is also a time of passion and renewal of our love affair with Love itself. It is as much a time to accept, to embrace, and to celebrate as it is to deny ourselves. We have broken our covenant with God and Lent is a time for us to renew that covenant. The feast of Lent is meant for us to celebrate and renew our love for our God, for ourselves, and for others. It grows into a feast of gratitude as our hearts praise the Lord for all the blessings in our lives. We feast on forgiveness as we forgive ourselves, and all who have hurt us through our lives. We believe in the total forgiveness won for us on the Cross.

Our feasting is full of compassion as we have a new heart for the suffering and pain of the human family. We see humanity on the cross with Jesus and we have a new heart to work for social justice and peace. Our feasting gives us a new hope as we believe in the goodness of our world and the goodness of the people in it. We feast on the hope that we can grow and change for the better.

Our feasting has generous portions of commitment as we say "yes" once again to the Lord and to the call He has given us. We want to be the best, husband, wife, parent, sister, brother or friend that we can be. Our feasting is a sharing in the truth of Jesus as we give our lives, as Jesus did, for what is just and right. We make our stands based on truth and conscience.

The great feast is a feast of patience. We know that growth in ourselves takes time, just as it does in others and in institutions. We do not excuse laziness or indifference in ourselves, but we challenge ourselves to grow.

We also feast on the Mercy of God. It is our hope for the present and the future. The God of Love calls us this Lent to bask in His love and to continue to model ourselves on Jesus. This is a special time!

*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.



BUS TRIP for "TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD" - **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.



## 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, Pancake mix & syrup, mayo, ketchup, mustard, salad dressings, spices, fruit cups.**

**Household:** 2-in-1 shampoo, TP, paper towels.

**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 & accordion player. Come join the feast and mangial! Snow Date, Saturday April 4th.

**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.



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Please support Catholic Charities local programs by donating clothes, shoes and household items to the donation bins**

**located at the back of our parking lot..** For large household items, or furniture please call number on collection bins.

**Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, will host their 19th Annual Caring Basket Gala March 26, 2020**, honoring Brother Paul, Diveny, OSB, Louis & Julianne Modugno, & Thomas Anselmi. Held at the *Hanover Marriot* 6:30-10:00 PM. There is a 50/50 cash raffle and basket raffle along with a silent and live auction. **All proceeds are primarily for the support and education of the 20 international Sisters from developing nations who are attending the college where we say, "Teach a Sister...Touch the World".** For more information and for the invitation, visit [www.acs350.org/events-2/](http://www.acs350.org/events-2/)

### 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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