

# Third Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2020

## MASSES FOR the WEEK

### SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH

8:30 A.M. Ada Felter  
10:30A.M. People of the Parish  
12:00P.M. Vincent Hicks

### MONDAY, MARCH 16TH

8:00 A.M. Joseph Anthony Cinotti

### TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH

8:00 A.M. Joan Santillo

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH

8:00 A.M. Rev. Richard Jacobs  
7:30 P.M. Kathleen Tovo

### THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH

8:00 A.M. Rev. James Reedy

### FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH

8:00 A.M. Rev. Martin Rauscher  
7:15 P.M. Stations of the Cross

### SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST

9:00 A.M. Ralph Spinelli  
5:00 P.M. Anna Heaney

### SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND

8:30 A.M. People of the Parish  
10:30A.M. Patrick Duffy  
12:00P.M. Ignacio A. Rodriguez

## SCRIPTURES

### March 22, 2020- 4th Sunday of Lent

**First Reading:** IN SEEKING A KING FOR THE ISRAELITES, SAMUEL TRAVELED TO JESSE OF BETHLEHEM, WHO HAD SEVEN SONS. COMMANDED BY GOD TO IGNORE THE ELDER SONS, SAMUEL ANOINTED THE YOUNGEST, DAVID. **(1 SAMUEL 16: 1B, 6-7,10-13A)**

**SECOND READING:** PAUL EXHORTS THE EPHESIANS TO LIVE AS "CHILDREN OF LIGHT" IN GOODNESS AND TRUTH AND TO AVOID EVIL DEEDS "DONE IN DARKNESS." **(EPHESIANS 5: 8-14)**

**GOSPEL:** JESUS PERFORMS THE MIRACLE OF GIVING SIGHT TO THE MAN BORN BLIND. BECAUSE JESUS PERFORMED THIS MIRACLE ON THE SABBATH, THE PHARISEES CALLED HIM A "SINNER," BUT THE BLIND MAN SAID, "HE IS A PROPHET." JESUS LATER REVEALS TO THE BLIND MAN THAT HE IS THE SON OF MAN. **(JOHN 9: 1-41)**

### STEWARDSHIP by the BOOK-March 15, 2020

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!  
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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 24th 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 15th -8:45-10:15 AM-classes-(K-5)  
Sat., March 21-10AM - 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders Breakfast with Father Chris  
Sunday, March 22nd -8:45-10:15 AM-classes-(Pre-K-5)  
10:30AM - Class Mass Grade 2- family members are welcome

### MIDDLE SCHOOL -GRADES 6-8

Sunday, March 15th - 6:30 -8PM classes  
Sunday, March 22nd - 6:30 -8PM classes

### HIGH SCHOOL - GRADES 9-10

Sunday, March 22nd - 6:30-8PM classes  
SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND- 9AM-12PM PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
HOSTED BY OUR FRESHMEN

### 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, Patricia Schaffhauser, Betty Gardner, Lisa Ann Fisher, Joan Elise Butler, Susan Totino, Anne Nichols, Ellen Cohen, Geneva Kumar, Vanessa Espinoza, Quinn Gorman, Dan Iadarola, Frances Ferrara, Lillian Colello, Maryanne Drozdick, Dora Lavin, Mary Ann Miller, Christine Profaca, & all who are ill at this time. **We pray for recently deceased:** Ramon Fischetti, Rae Rittenhouse, Fr. Eamon O'Hara, Fr. Tom Curran.



"The Lenten Companion - A Personal Encounter with the Power of the Gospel," will hold the next meeting Monday, March 16th at 7:30PM in the Church Hall, and Wednesday, March 18th at 1PM.

**LENTEN MASS PROGRAM**-This Wednesday, March 18th, at 7:30pm Fr. Al Lampron, from St. Bernard Parish, Wharton, will be our guest celebrant for the third of our Wednesday evening Lenten Masses. Please join us and bring a friend.



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



**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 will be available in the church pews next weekend.



# JOURNEYING IN FAITH

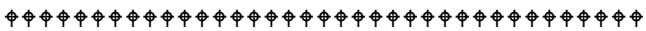
This week we celebrate the feasts of two great men of faith - St. Patrick on March 17th and St. Joseph on March 19th. Through them we are reminded that faithfulness to God is a challenge for all Christians. Both of these men were called by God and given a mission which was uniquely their own. Because both responded faithfully and humbly to their call, they fulfilled God's plan for them.

As a boy, Patrick was wrenched from his family, from Roman civilization and sold into slavery in Ireland, an unknown land to him. During his captivity he experienced a profound conversion that changed the course of his life. After escaping and returning to his homeland, He responded to God's call to become a priest and to return to Ireland to bring the Gospel of Christ to the people. He spent some thirty years there and evangelized and baptized many thousands. His work carried on through his successors and brought a shining light into the "Dark Ages" and his influence has been noted in the Church down through the ages even to our present day.

Joseph's courage to live a life of faith is an inspiration for us to trust in God especially in times of uncertainty and struggle. Joseph risked his reputation and trusted God's voice when the angel told him to wed Mary and believe that she was bearing God's Son. His journey through life was filled with uncertainty but led by the Spirit, he traveled the rough, uncertain journeys to Bethlehem, to Egypt and to Nazareth. He uprooted his family, traveled in faith and trusted in God. All of this he did in response to a deep inner sense of his call. Joseph's faith was rooted in trust in a God of steadfast love.

As we continue our Lenten Journey let us be mindful of our own call to Journey in Faith. Let us ask God to give us the courage to risk and to be open to His mysterious ways in our lives. To walk in faith will often mean that we do not have the answers at the moment we want them. It means taking one step at a time as we allow the Lord's light to shine and guide us on our Journey.

*Sincerely in Christ,  
Father Chris*



**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.**



**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.**



**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.**

**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, chicken broth, beets, spinach, CANNED FRUIT and fruit cups.**

**Household:** shampoo, conditioner, TP, paper towels.

**Refrigerator:** milk, yogurt; frozen foods.

NOTE: Shoprite gift card donations are also accepted.

**Thank you to the Bolcars and Kimbles for their donations.**



## 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*.



*SATURDAY, March 28, 2020 6-9pm.*

*OLDSOS Rosary Altar Society's*

***"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 mangia! Snow Date- Saturday April 4th.

**GETTING MARRIED IN 2020/2021?** Call the rectory 973-663-0211 to arrange for your wedding at Star of the Sea Church.



## ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY'S YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER-



to benefit our High School Scholarship Award Program is on now. We receive 40% of sales.

**Return orders by March 28th or Order online at [www.yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com), enter**

**Group Number 999979759, until July 1. For more info call Sue Sacino at 973-601-3028 or [sacinos@yahoo.com](mailto:sacinos@yahoo.com).**

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## CORONAVIRUS DIOCESAN GUIDELINES

**We will follow these steps until further notice:**

- 1. Communion in both species is discontinued for the time being.**
- 2. Eucharist should be taken in the hand only.**
- 3. No shaking hands at the Sign of Peace, wave or nod head respectfully.**
- 4. Eucharistic Ministers will use hand sanitizer before and after distribution of Communion.**

We pray for everyone's safety, and for a speedy resolution to this latest virus traveling the world. Updates will be posted as we receive them.



**End of Bulletin. March 15, 2020**

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Thanks for all your help.

**NOTE: cancellations after bulletin sent to press:**

**ALL CCD CLASSES Sun 3/15 cancelled- Reschedule TBD next week.**

Pancake Breakfast 3/22 - -reschedule TBD

St. Joseph's Festa Dinner 3/28 - " "

Updates as we have them.