

THIRDD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 15, 2020

Third Sunday of Lent:

In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come. The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the

Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

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<p>RECONCILIATION MONDAY CONFESSIONS April 6th / 3pm to 9pm LENTEN MASSES FRIDAYS AT 7:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS at 7:30pm March 13th, 20th, 27th April 3rd, 10th April 3rd First Friday (Holy Hour 6:00pm)</p>

OUR LADY'S GUILD

Our Lady's Guild invites all women of the parish to an evening of Recollection on March 19th at 7:00pm in the Church. A brief general meeting with refreshments will follow in the cafeteria. Please remember to bring \$25 for the upcoming Communion Breakfast.

SACRED HEART HSA FUNDRAISER

LARGE REUSABLE BAGS!!!

Please consider supporting the school with a purchase of a Sacred Heart School Reusable Bag. This is a great way to get the bags you need and to support the school. See flyer in the bulletin.

**SACRED HEART PARISH
25TH AND 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION MAY 17, 2020**

On May 17, 2020 our parish will honor all those celebrating these milestone anniversaries at the 10:00am Mass followed by a reception. If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime this year, please contact the Rectory Office and let us know. 845-357-0035. We will need the date and place of your wedding in a Catholic Church.

**DOMINICAN SISTERS OF SPARKILL
"TAKE CARE OF THE GARDEN"**

7:00PM, THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020

**WITH
CARDINAL TIMOTHY DOLAN
ALL ARE INVITED**

**Register Now: online or via phone: sparkill.org or
845-359-4136**

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 15

Monday, March 16

Rel. Ed. Grade 6 – 4:30pm to 6:00pm

Rel. Ed. Grade 7 – 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Hispanic RCIA – 7pm in the Rectory

Novena – 7:15pm

Tuesday, March 17

Rel. Ed. Grades 3 – 5 – 4:30pm

Rel. Ed. Grade 8 – 7:00pm

Choir Practice – 7:00pm

Prayer Group – 7:30pm in the Rectory Chapel

Wednesday, March 18

St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry – 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Children's choir – 5pm church

Thursday, March 19

Friday, March 20

Lenten Mass – 7:00pm

Stations of the Cross- 7:30pm

Saturday, March 21

St. Joseph Group – 7:30am in the Rectory

Rel. Ed. Grades 1 & 2 – 9:30am to 11:00am

Sunday, March 22

SHS St. Patrick's Day Parade

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL / EASTER BASKETS

The St. Vincent DePaul Society of Sacred Heart Parish is once again asking for donations of hams and non-perishable foods for our Easter Baskets.

Easter Baskets will be distributed on Monday April 6, 2020 from 10am to 12 noon. Deadline: for donations is March 29, 2020.

**SACRED HEART CHURCH
\$10,000.00 RAFFLE**

TICKETS \$100 EACH (1 IN 250 CHANCE TO WIN)

Available at the Rectory

Monday to Friday - 9am to 5pm

1ST PRIZE - \$10,000.00

2ND PRIZE - \$1,000.00

3RD PRIZE - \$500.00

CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2020

To date we have raised \$29,478 towards our goal of \$122,500. This year's Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal, Teach, Serve and Sanctify brings to life the important work the Archdiocese of New York does. Please consider donating.

**HEATHER LEIGH COLON
SCHOLARSHIPS**

Applications for the Heather Leigh Colon scholarship are now available for 8th grade CYO basketball players that are attending a Catholic high school in the fall of 2020. For applications and more information contact Barbara or Mark Colon at [\(914\) 447-5962](tel:9144475962)
Email: bcolon3821@aol.com

**ST. JOSEPH'S ADULT CARE HOME
ART AUCTION**

SATURDAY EVENING MARCH 28, 2020

Please join us for a relaxing evening enjoying beautiful artwork and delicious appetizers from our wonderful local restaurants. Gorgeous Artwork framed at amazing prices. All profits benefit St. Joseph's Adult Care Home Building Fund. A fun evening for a great cause. Admission: \$20 pp / \$30 per couple. Reservations requested but walk in's welcome. Call 845-753-2555. Preview 7pm Auction 8pm.

PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY

Raymund Tuthill

John L. Chiavelli

Kirk Reilly

Armand Burton Mouw

Neil Schouten

Thomas J. Caulfield, Sr.

Edward R. Miller

Renato Gentile

Nikolay Koziey

Madeline McEneny

Lucyna Sulikowski

Grace Grande

Barbara Sandberg

Michael Zenobio

**SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS'S
NAME**

March 8th Collection – \$11,493.

Last Year's Collection – \$12,405.

ANUNCIOS

El Grupo de Oración en Español tiene lugar habitualmente los miércoles, a las 8 de la noche en la cafetería.

Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán lugar el 21 de marzo 2020 a la 1pm. Contactar en la oficina 357- 0035.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

For the Second Time BLANCA CASTILLO AND CESAR BARBA



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Keith Alanis, Jenna

Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Michael Brady, Pat Brady, Annette Burbridge, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Gail Curtin, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Sr., Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Mark Goldman, Debra Gravina, Senan Halpin, Roy Harris, Clement Hayes, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Susan Jarkiewicz, Anna Kasperska, Eileen Kennedy, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Rosemarie Manthey, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Rosemary McCormick, Rich McDowell, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Jacob Mendelsohn, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Joseph Mikulka, Barbara Neilson, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Shace Paljusevic, Peter Princi, Etta Rooney, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, (Baby Ty) Reilly, Frank Salveggi, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Shaun Stein, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing, and Vladimir Zaslavsky.

FOR OUR ARMED FORCES

We pray for all the men and women serving our country in the armed forces especially the sons and daughters, grandchildren and loved ones of our parishioners.

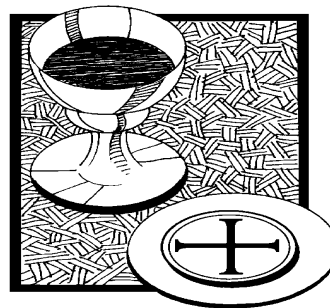
ALTAR MEMORIALS MARCH 15, 2020

Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of ANNE LYNCH



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones:

Especially: Ruth Schwetz, Alicia Benitez, Richard Johnstone and Joseph Grant.



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Patricia Diamond

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Dianne Messina

10:00am – Annette Grady

11:30am – Catherine Greeley

1:00pm – Ruth & Richard Miller

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

MONDAY, MARCH 16

7:00am – Edward Bolton

9:00am – Neil Schouten

7:15pm – **Novena**

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

7:00am – Thomas J. Caulfield Sr.

9:00am – Msgr. Francis M. Brennan

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

7:00am – Mary C. Collins

9:00am – Giuseppe Perrone

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

7:00am – Sr. Rosaline Muricken

9:00am – Joseph B. Varano

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

7:00am – Robert Burkert

9:00am – The Raia Family

7:00pm – Lenten Mass

7:30pm – Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

9:00am – Glenn & Dylan Pape

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Anthony & Josephine Scarr

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Evelyn & Peter Salemo

10:00am – Christine & Dick Corcillo

11:30am – Thomas Howard

1:00pm – Joan Cummings & Elaine Dusold

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

BOOSTER CLUB

WEEK 4–John & Loretto D'Antonio