



First Sunday of Lent ~ February 14, 2016

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths. –Psalm 25:4



Weekly Mass Intentions



Saturday February 13

8:00am- Teresa Tororella

Offered by: Teresa Tororella

5:00pm- † Patricia May

Offered by: Rosanne Frickenstein

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday February 14

8:30am- † Joe Fortunato

Offered by: wife, Joan Fortunato

10:00am- † Dolores Elizabeth & Theodora
Zukowski

Offered by: Zukowski Family

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday February 15

8:00am- †

Offered by:

12:05pm- † John Bruno

Offered by: daughter, Barbra & Mary

Tuesday February 16

8:00am- †

Offered by:

12:05pm- † Michael Contrado

Offered by: wife, Theresa

Wednesday February 17

8:00am- † Andrew Frulio ~Repose of the Soul

Offered by: Frulio Family

12:05pm- † Linda Raisley

Offered by: Tony Raisley

Thursday February 18

8:00am- † Joseph Fortunato

Offered by: Joan Knight

12:05pm - Kevin, Gidget & Sean Gillespie
"For their Health"

Offered by: Gidget Gillespie

Friday February 19

8:00am- Kevin, Gidget & Sean Gillespie
"For their Health"

Offered by: Gidget Gillespie

12:05pm- † Ana A. Simmons

Offered by: The Simons Marry
Show Family

Saturday February 20

8:00am- Kevin, Gidget & Sean Gillespie
"For their Health"

Offered by: Gidget Gillespie

5:00pm- † Gilda Mammolito

Offered by: Lou Mammolito

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday February 21

8:30am- † Pasty Juliano

Offered by: Parishioners

10:00am- † Dr. Daniel J. Paulo

Offered by: James Beers

11:30am- Kevin, Gidget & Sean Gillespie
"For their Health"

Offered by: Gidget Gillespie

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candles



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Liturgical Minister's Schedule FEBRUARY 2016

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Linda Graves & Tom Ventruco (carry Gospel Book)

E. M.: Linford Smith, Peg & Tom Ventruco

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Jonathan Codipilly & Samuel Torres (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Joan Fortunato

E.M.: Maria Oliveras, Linda Torres & Samuel Torres Sub: Delmeter Carey

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Thelma Washington (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Valerie Cappucci

E. M.: Alexis Crowdell, Crescensia Pascua & Mariana Zukowski Sub: Dianne Murphy



In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul declares that "everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved." But Jesus Christ himself offers an important caveat to that declaration.

For St. Paul, the core of our Christian faith is our proclamation of the Risen Christ as our Lord and Savior. He is the source of our salvation. St. Paul emphasized this point as strongly as he did because of his own experience as a devout Jew. As a devout Jew, St. Paul followed the Jewish law very strictly and saw in that Law the path to righteousness – to be in right in right standing with God. It was in conformity to all the rites, rituals, and prescriptions of the Jewish Law that a devout Jew found the way to salvation. With his conversion to Christianity, St. Paul recognized that Jesus alone was the source of salvation. St. Paul felt it was necessary to remind his Jewish-Christian contemporaries that the Jewish law was not the source of their salvation. The source of their salvation now was their profession of faith in the Risen Christ. Thus St. Paul proclaims, "Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved." While St. Paul is correct in that statement, Jesus, himself, offers a cautionary corrective to his proclamation.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus declares, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven." We begin with our proclamation of faith in the Risen Christ as our Lord and Savior. We then demonstrate that faith in the way we conform our lives to his. If we don't manifest in our lives the same compassion, mercy, generosity and inclusivity of Christ in our lives, then we make a mockery of our profession of faith in him as our Lord and Savior. This is the challenge that we all face as Christians. We must live in a way that supports rather than contradicts our profession of faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior – the source of our salvation.

Lent gives us a good opportunity to examine our lives. Do our lives genuinely reflect an authentic proclamation of faith in the Risen Christ as our Lord and Savior?

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

These readings are found complete on our parish web page (www.olmcsi.org). Click on "USCCB Daily Readings."

TODAY: 1st Lent

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Romans 10:8-13

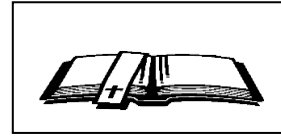
Luke 4:1-13

Next Week: 2nd Lent

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 9:28-36



THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED – MONDAY – FEBRUARY 15th- PRESIDENT’S DAY

PASTOR’S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – MONDAY – FEBRUARY 29th at 5 pm – All are welcome!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) – We offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) every Saturday from 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. and from 6:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. You may also call the office for an appointment.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS– Fr. Roselli will offer a program of spiritual reflections every Thursday in the meeting room after the 12:05 p.m. Mass. Every Friday after the 12:05 p.m. Mass, we will offer Stations of the Cross. There will be no Eucharistic adoration during Lent. Fridays in Lent are simply days of abstinence from meat. (Fasting is only obligatory for those under 60 years of age.)

WANT TO BE A LIFEGUARD THIS SUMMER? - If you are between 15 and 17 years of age and know how to swim, you can receive training to be a lifeguard and receive a job for the summer. If you are interested, please leave a message for Fr. Hallinan in the parish office.

CATHOLIC COUPLE CHECKUP – The Couple Checkup is an online tool designed to identify the areas of strength and areas of continued growth for couples who are dating, engaged or married. Research has shown that this process improves relationships by stimulating honest dialogue, increasing understanding, and empowering couples. It is an easy, enjoyable way to assess your relationship and have some meaningful conversations. The Archdiocese is offering 100 free codes on its website to encourage couples to participate. Visit www.nyfamilylife.org.

If you have questions, please contact Izabella Nagle at 646-794-3190 or izabell.nagle@archny.org.

OUR LENTEN PRAYER:

Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, a sinner
for my prodigal heart has wandered far from you
and squandered the inheritance of your love.
Set me free from the distractions that surround me
unbind those places where I am anything but free.
Open my ears to hear your call
and quiet the restlessness that keeps me caught up in frenetic activity.
Show me the way back to you...
the way to take the first step
the way to be patient and attentive
the way to forgive myself and others
the way to apologize for how I have treated others
the way to let go of regrets and past hurts
the way to live gently and mindfully
the way to be still and return to you
Free me, restore me, forgive me, embrace me
so that in turn, I may become your love and justice
in a world in need of conversion. Amen.

FIRST SUNDAY IN
LENT

TRY A DIFFERENT TYPE OF FASTING THIS LENT – What might be an appropriate fast for you this Lent? To fast from gossip? To fast from the temptation to put another person down? To fast from your electronic gadgets? To fast from impatience with yourself, your spouse, your children, your co-workers? To fast from alcohol? To fast from gambling? To fast from cursing? Take a look at your life and consider where fasting might help you re-orient your life so that you are living in greater fidelity to what you know God desires for you.

WEEKLY OFFERING: February 7th: – Thank you for your generosity!

“Beauty of Forgiveness”

Humanity is never so beautiful as when praying for forgiveness, or else forgiving another.

~ Jean Paul F. Richter

