



Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ March 6, 2016



"... This is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation." ~2Corinthians 5:18

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday March 5

8:00am- † Saverio & Marie Micillo
5:00pm- † Patricia May
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday March 6

8:30am- † Eddie Santiago
10:00am- † Fr. D. Michael Flynn, S.J.
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday March 7

8:00am- † Joseph DeSimone
12:05pm- †

Tuesday March 8

8:00am ~In Thanksgiving~ For Melanie,
Baby Kai & André
12:05pm- † Tessie Mooney

Wednesday March 9

8:00am- †
12:05pm- †

Thursday March 10

8:00am- †
12:05pm - †

Friday March 11

8:00am- †
12:05pm- † Maria Negri

Saturday March 12

8:00am- †
5:00pm- † Thomas Mooney
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday March 13

8:30am- † Isabel Maria Quiñones
10:00am- † Dolores Elizabeth Zukowski
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions



Offered by: daughter, Theresa
Offered by: Peggy & Tom Ventrudo

By: Loretta & Rose DeAngelis

Offered by: Joann Scamardella

Offered by: Annette Esposito

Offered by:

Offered by: Linford & Lorna Smith

Offered by: Linda Graves

Offered by:

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Offered by:

Offered by:

Offered by: Family

Offered by:

Offered by: Linda Graves

Offered by: daughter, Marta

Offered by: Zukowski Family

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle



† In Memory of Elvira Ancona

Offered by: daughter, Theresa

~ † In Memory of Anthony Ancona

Offered by: Theresa Tortorella

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Liturgical Minster's Schedule MARCH 2016

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Linda Graves & Tom Ventrudo (carry Gospel Book)
E. M.: Nancy Velez, Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Sub: Linford Smith
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Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Joan Fortunato & Diane Carbonaro (carry Gospel Book)
E.M.: Diane Carbonaro, Delmeter Carey & Cinderella Wonszewitz

Sub: Joan Knighton
Sub: Bill Hinton

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Victoria Garay (carry Gospel Book)
E. M.: Valerie Cappucci, Dianne Murphy & Thelma Washington

Sub: Sharely Manuel
Sub: Alexis Crowdell



"You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light..." This wonderful reminder and admonition of St. Paul is a blessed challenge to us in Lent.

You were once in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. We are light in the Lord because we were joined to Jesus Christ in baptism. His life flows in us and his life should radiate out from us to illumine our world. This is the challenge for us in Lent. We examine our lives in Lent to see where we have obscured the light of Christ within us because of our sinfulness – our refusal to conform all aspects of our lives to what we know Christ expects of us as his brothers and sisters, children of the one God. As we allow the grace of Jesus Christ to free us from our sins, to diminish the control that sin has on our lives, then the light of Christ within us begins to shine more brightly so that this light is evident to others through the witness of our lives.

Right now, our nation needs the witness of serious, thoughtful, committed Christians who wish to radiate the authentic light of Jesus Christ so as to scatter the darkness of fear, prejudice, and ignorance that have become the central elements of our current presidential campaign. The current presidential campaign is a disgrace and an embarrassment to us as a nation. At a time when our nation faces serious issues that need thoughtful consideration, issues such as income inequality, wage stagnation, persistent poverty, universal access to health care, immigration, economic development, domestic and international security, we have a presidential campaign that has degenerated into a grade-school shouting match where the coarseness and vulgarity of the discourse is exceeded only by the paucity of intelligent responses to the issues we face. In our Catholic social teaching, we have a wealth of resources that can guide us in our responses to the critical issues that our nation now faces. It is our obligation to learn that tradition and apply that tradition in a thoughtful way to the issues that must be addressed.

Now is the time for all of us to allow the light of Christ to shine brightly within us.

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: 4th Lent – Special

1 Samuel 16:1-6,7,10-13
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Next Sun: 5th Lent – Special

Ezekiel 37:12-14
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45



CARDINAL'S CAMPAIGN – I am very grateful to those of you who have made a gift or pledge to the Cardinal's Campaign. This Campaign is crucial to the well-being of our diocese and helps to insure that our parish and school can continue. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge to the Campaign, please fill out one of the envelopes in the church and return it in the collection or to the office. Thank you! Fr. Hallinan

EASTER FLOWERS – If you would like to remember a deceased loved one with a donation for the Easter flowers, envelopes are available at the entrance of the church. If we receive your envelope by March 18th, we will include the name of your loved one in our Easter bulletin. You can return the envelopes in the collection or in the office.

NEED VOLUNTEERS on SATURDAY, MARCH 19th – We need volunteers to help receive a large donation of non-perishable food items on Saturday, March 19th, at 11 a.m. Please come to the rectory. Thank you! This would be a good family volunteer event!

A SPECIAL WAY TO MEET OUR SPANISH PARISHIONERS – The Spanish-speaking community will be selling Palm Crosses on Palm Sunday to benefit the parish. They have been working long hours to prepare the crosses. On **Friday, March 18th, from 4 p.m. onward**, they will be meeting in the rectory to finish the crosses. Please feel free to join them! Please bring a strong stapler and a glue gun if you have them.

GIVE A GIFT THAT GIVES OUR PARISH A GIFT – The Society of St. Vincent DePaul will give back to our church either \$50 or \$100 for every car, truck or van that you donate to them. It doesn't matter whether the vehicle works or not! If you do not have a vehicle to donate, maybe you know someone in your family, in your neighborhood, or at work who might be interested. Please call the St. Vincent DePaul Society at 718-491-2525

DAY OF MERCY WITH CARDINAL DOLAN AT OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH – On Saturday, March 12th, Cardinal Dolan will visit Our Lady of Pity Church (1616 Richmond Avenue) to offer an afternoon of mercy from 2:30 p.m. through the 5 p.m. evening Mass. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a presentation on mercy, personal testimonies, prayer, confessions and a concluding Mass that Cardinal Dolan will celebrate.

CATHOLIC BURIAL – When a baptized Catholic Christian dies, it is important to have a funeral Mass offered for the deceased as it gives the Christian community, the Body of Christ, the opportunity to commend to God this fellow member of the Body of Christ. It is then customary to inter the baptized Catholic Christian in a cemetery so that he or she might rest in hallowed ground. Resurrection Cemetery, here on Staten Island, offers space for burial in the ground, space in their new mausoleum for those who prefer to inter the body above ground, and niches created to receive cremated remains. Please visit Resurrection Cemetery at 361 Sharrott Avenue or call 718-361-7738. There are free packets in the book rack in the vestibule of the church that provide more information.

RETIRED and SEEKING A VITAL VOLUNTEER POSITION? – The Community Service Society of New York is seeking persons 55 years of age and older to serve as volunteer public benefit counselors dedicated to helping financially disadvantaged persons. The program requires a seven-week training program that begins on April 5, 2016 in Manhattan. Upon completion, the volunteers will be placed in an agency on Staten Island to provide information on government benefits to low-income families, older adults and individuals with disabilities. Volunteers assist clients with completing applications and helping correct benefit related problems. If you are interested, please call Rebecca Haase at 212-614-5482 or e-mail her at: rhaase@cssny.org.

ANOTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR MATURE ADULTS – University Hospice (78 Meisner Avenue) is seeking volunteers to support their work of providing quality, compassionate end-of-life care to residents on Staten Island. Volunteers are needed for visits to patients in their homes, nursing facilities, or hospitals. The Hospice also needs volunteers in their office and to work on special projects. Training begins on April 16. If interested, please call 718.226.6458 and speak with Angela DeMarco.

WEEKLY OFFERING: February 28: \$5,245. – Thank you for your generosity!

POPE FRANCIS ON THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION - "When people tell me, 'but Father, I am ashamed,' I say, shame is also good; it is healthy to feel a little ashamed, because being ashamed is salutary. Shame does good because it makes us more humble, and the priest receives this confession with love and tenderness and forgives us on God's behalf." "Also, in order to unburden oneself, it is good to talk with a brother and tell the priest these things which are weighing so much on our heart. And one feels that one is unburdening oneself before God, with the Church, with his brother the priest." **"Do not be afraid of confession!** When one finishes confession, one leaves feeling free, grand, beautiful, forgiven, candid, happy. This is the beauty of confession!" "I would like to ask you — when was the last time you made your confession? And if much time has passed, do not lose another day. Go, the priest will be good. **Jesus is there, and he receives you with so much love. Be courageous and go to confession!** Going to confession means being enfolded in a warm embrace: it is the embrace of the Father's infinite mercy and love." Copyright© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.