



Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ March 13, 2016



And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. ~John 1:14

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday March 12

- 8:00am- † Daniel Fode
- 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

Monday March 14

- 8:00am- †
- 12:05pm- †

Tuesday March 15

- 8:00am- †
- 12:05pm- † Joseph Schipani

Wednesday March 16

- 8:00am- †
- 12:05pm- † Michael Contardo

Thursday March 17

- 8:00am- † Anna & Edward Burke
- 12:05pm- † Matilda Fiorillo

Friday March 18

- 8:00am- † Joseph Fortuanto
- 12:05pm- † Mrs. Helen Valentine

Saturday March 19

- 8:00am- †
- 5:00pm- † Patricia May
- 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday March 20

- 8:30am- † Msgr. Augustine J. DiBlasi & Mom Offered by: Family
- 10:00am- † Maximo Pascua Offered by: wife, Crescencia Pascua
- 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
- 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
- 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions



Mass Intentions

Offered by: Emmanuel Fode

Offered by: Linda Graves

Offered by: daughter, Marta

Offered by: Zukowski Family

Offered by:

Offered by:

Offered by:

Offered by: Mary & Libby Guardiani

Offered by:

Offered by: wife, Theresa

Offered by: Joan Fortunato

Offered by: Joann Scamardella

Offered by: Joan Knighton

Offered by: son, Thomas Valentine

Offered by:

Offered by: Ina Zinnanti

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine ~ †

Tabernacle Candle ~ †

Memorial Candle ~ †

Memorial Candle ~ †



Liturgical Minister'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.

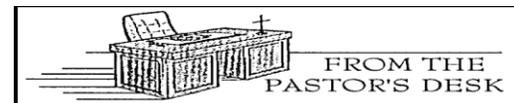
Lector: Joan Fortunato & Diane Carbonaro (carry Gospel Book)
E.M.: Diane Carbonaro, Delmeter Carey & Cinderella Wonssewitz

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



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“Those in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit...” Do our lives confirm or contradict this declaration of St. Paul?

We are in the flesh. We are human beings with real physical needs and desires. The physical needs and desires that we have are often quite pleasurable. The problem becomes when we allow our physical needs and desires to control how we think and how we act. For example, we can become obsessed with food and become fixated on satiating that desire without regard for our health and how our insatiable desire for food may negatively impact others. Or, we may take pleasure in alcohol and soon find ourselves drinking too much, and too often. Both of these examples raise the issue of addiction and the need for treatment of that addiction, but the point here is that we don't recognize that we have a problem and so we do not act to address the problem. Sex is a major issue today. In our parish, we have persons as young 14 years old engaged in sexual activity. From an early age, young people can become habituated to satisfying their sexual desires without any consideration of what is appropriate and healthy. To be in the flesh in these ways is contrary to what God desires for us.

We are in the Spirit. God gifted us with God's Spirit in baptism. With the help of God's Spirit, we can act to control our physical needs and desires so that we fill those needs and desires in a way that is healthy for us and that will lead us into that abundance of life that is God's desire for us. Lent gives us the opportunity to look very honestly at our lives. Where in our lives have the desires of the flesh taken control of our lives? Where in our lives do we see that the desires of the flesh control the way we think and the way we act? Where do we need the grace of God's Spirit to control our needs and desires so as to live in the freedom of God's children – not enslaved to our desires?

Let us live, not as slaves to the flesh, but as persons guided by God's Spirit.

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: 5th Lent – Special

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

Next Sun: Palm-Passion Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Luke 22:14-23:56 (Passion)



WE STILL NEED YOUR SUPPORT! – Thank you for your generous response to the Cardinal's Campaign. We have made good progress toward our goal of \$25,500. Now is the time when we need everyone's participation. No gift is too small! Envelopes are available in the church. They can be returned in the collection or in the office. Thank you!

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!

THE SWEET SMELL OF SYRUP and THE SAVORY AROMA OF BACON! Buy your tickets for our pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 3, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Adults: \$8.00. Children 12 years and under: \$4.00. This is a great way for your family to be together on a Sunday.

NEEDING HELP FOR YOU OR YOUR FAMILY? – Project Hospitality offers Single Stop services (English and Spanish) at Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Tuesdays from 9 am to 12 pm and Fridays from 2 pm to 6:30 pm. Come receive a benefits screening and application assistance (food stamps, WIC, rent and utility help) and access to free legal help, financial counseling, health insurance navigation, and tax preparation services.

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

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.

PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK - Lord Jesus Christ, in this sacred and solemn week when we see again the depth and mystery of your redeeming love, help us to follow where you go, to stop where you stumble, to listen when you cry, to hurt as you suffer, to bow our heads in sorrow as you die, so that, when you are raised to life again, we may share in your endless joy. *Amen.*

WEEKLY OFFERING: March 6: \$5,239. - Catholic Relief Services: \$829. – Thank you for your generosity!

Liturgical Ministers for Holy Week- 2016

Palm Sunday, March 20th - Saturday 5:00pm: Passion of Christ: Linda Graves (narrator) & Linford Smith (2nd reader) **E.M.:** Tom Ventruo

Sunday 8:30am: Passion of Christ: Joan Fortunato (narrator) & Joan Knighton (2nd reader) **E.M.:** Diane Carbonaro

Sunday 10:00am: Passion of Christ: Victoria Garay (narrator) & Alexis Crowdell (2nd reader) **E.M.:** Dianne Murphy

Holy Thursday, March 24th - Thursday 7:30pm: Lector: Alexis Crowdell **E.M.:** Thelma Washington

Good Friday, March 25th - Friday 3:00pm: Passion of Christ: Alexis Crowdell (narrator) & Maria Oliveras (reader) **E.M.:** Thelma Washington

Holy Saturday, March 26th - Saturday 8:00pm: Lector: Linda Torres **E.M.:** Nancy Velez