



Second Sunday of Lent – March 12, 2017



“Christ Jesus ... destroyed death and brought life
and immortality to light through the gospel. ~ 2 Timothy 1:10b

Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – March 11

8:00am- †

Offered by:

5:00pm- † Charles & Zoraida May & Julia Buckley Offered by: Barbara May

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – March 12

8:30am- †

Offered by:

10:00am- † Frank Fele

By: daughters, Fran & Susan

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – March 13

8:00am- †

Offered by:

12:05pm- † Gregory Zilinski

Offered by: Family

Tuesday – March 14

8:00am- †

Offered by:

12:05pm- †

Offered by:

Wednesday – March 15

8:00am - †

Offered by:

12:05pm- †

Offered by:

Thursday – March 16

8:00am- †

12:05pm- †

Offered by:

Friday – March 17

8:00am- †

Offered by:

12:05pm- † Deceased members of Prendergast Family Offered by: Family

Saturday – March 18

8:00am- †

Offered by:

5:00pm- † Joe Fortunato Offered by: Fortunato Family

Sunday – March 19

8:30am- †

Offered by:

10:00am- †

Offered by:

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine		~ †
Tabernacle Candle		~ †
Memorial Candle		~ †
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Liturgical Minister's Schedule MARCH 2017

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Linda Graves & Lindford Smith (carry Gospel Book)

E.M.: Lindford Smith & Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Sub: Cinderella Wonszewitz

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lector: Johnathan Codipilly & Samuel Torres (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Ceferino Albarracin

E.M.: Delmeter Carey & Joan Fortunato & Samuel Torres

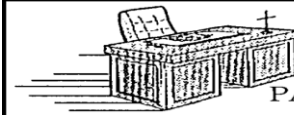
Sub: Diane Carbonaro

Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Thelma Washington (carry Gospel Book)

E.M.: Alexis Crowdell & Emmanuel Fode & Dianne Murphy

Sub: Cresencia Pascua



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

“[God] saved us and called us to a holy life...” These words of St. Paul remind us of the salvation that is ours and the dignity of the life to which we are called.

God saved us. Through his suffering, death and resurrection, Jesus saved us from the power of sin and death so that we might live in the hope of everlasting life. This proclamation of faith only has significance if we acknowledge that we are sinners and that as sinners we desire the salvation that Jesus won for us. In Lent, we ask ourselves, “Where is sin present in my life?” “Do I seek the grace of the Risen Christ to help me diminish the power of sin in my life so as to share in the glory of Christ now and in its fullness after death?” We can often overlook the areas of sin in our lives. Or, we can make the judgment that our sin is not so serious, and so doesn’t merit our efforts to diminish its influence over us. This, in turn, calls into question the intensity of our desire to know the salvation Jesus won for us. Do we actively seek the grace to recognize and conquer our sinfulness so as to live in the hope of the salvation that Jesus won for us?

We are called to a holy life. We are called to live a life that reflects the living presence of God within us. When other persons encounter us, they should encounter God! In order for us to grow in our capacity to reflect God to the world, we must embody in our lives the qualities of Jesus, God incarnate. To be holy, therefore, is to embody the compassion of Christ, the mercy of Christ, the generosity of Christ, the fidelity of Christ to his Father, the patience of Christ, the humility of Christ, the embrace that Christ offered to all without distinction. Look at that list. Pick the one or two areas in which you need to grow in order to better reflect God to our world. Make this your Lenten project. Open your heart to the grace of the Risen Christ and allow that grace to help save you from that sin which robs you of the salvation God deeply desires for you.

Lent can be a rich season of grace for us, if we cooperate with Christ in diminishing the level of sinfulness in our lives so that can live a truly holy life.

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."

March 12: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4
2 Timothy 1:8-10
Matthew 17:1-9

March 19: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 5:5-42



WE PRAY TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST – When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist (the Mass), we gather as the Body of Christ that we are. All of us should be together at the same time to reflect the unity that is the desire of Christ for us. We should also pray and sing together so that the Body of Christ prays and sings with one voice. Thank you for the attention that you are giving to your participation in the Sunday Eucharist during Lent!

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP and FILM- Join us on Friday, March 31st at 7:00 p.m. to enjoy a simple Lenten meal of soup, bread, cheese and dessert while we watch the film, "The Huntress", a family film about a 13 year-old-girl who becomes the first female in 12 generations to become an expert eagle hunter. Stunningly beautiful and movingly told, the movie will surely warm your heart! **Reservations required. Please call the office before March 28. Donation of \$10 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under will be received at the door. Thank you!**

LENTEN DEVOTION. There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday after the 12:05 p.m. Mass starting March 3rd. There is no Eucharistic adoration on the first Friday of April as we are offering Stations of the Cross. It will resume in May. **There is adoration on the last Monday of every month after the 12:05 pm Mass.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE CARDINAL'S APPEAL! – Thank you to all of our parishioners who have made a donation or made a pledge to this year's Cardinal's Appeal. Your support is truly a blessing for our church and the greater church of New York! If you would like to make a donation or pledge, there are envelopes in the entrance of the church and in the parish office. *Thank you!*

PASTOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Monday, March 20th, at 5 p.m. in the Padre Miguel Room – 1st Floor of Rectory.

MORNING PRAYER - God of infinite love, you shower me with limitless gifts in my life. In my every thought and action today guide me to the bright and loving light of your kingdom. Help me to be aware of the many ways you allow me to share in your life so intimately today. Let me be grateful every moment of this day.

LENTEN PROGRAMS at St. RITA's –Friday, March 17th at 7:30 p.m. – Fr. Eugene Carella will offer Mass for the Feast of St. Patrick. After the Mass, there will be veneration of a first-class relic. Friday, March 24th, at 7:30 p.m. – Living Stations of the Cross. St. Rita school students will present the Living Stations of the Cross. The reenactment will be offered by the eighth graders in the school auditorium.

BEREAVEMENT FACILITATOR TRAINING – If you are interested in becoming a bereavement facilitator, the Archdiocese is offering a training session on Saturday, March 25th, from 10 am. to 5 p.m. at The Church of St. Clare (110 Nelson Ave) in the Father Murphy Center. For information or registration, please contact Vinny DaSilva at 646-794-3168 or vincent.dasilva@archny.org. **You must have a Pastor's approval form. Please contact our parish office, if you are interested in obtaining this form.**

CAMP VERITAS 2017: Camp Veritas is a one-week play-and-pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7th to 12th grades. It will be held at three locations in 2017: July 16-22 Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, N.Y., July 23-29 at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD. And August 13-19 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, N.Y. Enrollment has begun. The price for the week is \$450 per camper. Early bird rates (if paid in full by 4/1/17) are \$400 for all sites. Volunteers (18 years and older) are needed and are not charged for the week. Please see: www.campveritas.com.

SUMMER THEOLOGY AND SERVICE PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH – *Faith and Service in the City* is a one-week residential program offered by St. John's University in Queens to help Catholic youth explore their faith more deeply, discover the riches of New York City, and find fulfillment in service of those in need. To be eligible, students must be entering either the 10th or 11th grades (sophomores and juniors in high school). Fee is \$495 for 6 nights at the Queen's campus. Program will be offered in July and August. For more details, please go to www.stjohns.edu/vli.

FOOD PANTRY at ST. ROCH'S – 602 Port Richmond Avenue. **This Tuesday** from 4 pm to 5 pm.

WEEKLY OFFERING: March 5th: \$5,555. Ash Wednesday: \$3,906. *Thank you for your generosity!*

SACRIFICE YOURSELF FOR LENT - Forsake yourself, resign yourself, and you shall enjoy great inward peace. Give all for all; ask for nothing, require nothing back; abide purely and unhesitating in God and you shall possess Him, you shall be free in heart, and darkness shall not tread you down. *Let this be your Lenten endeavor; this your prayer; this your desire: that you may be stripped of all selfishness and naked follow the naked Jesus; that you may die to yourself and live eternally to God.*