



# First Sunday of Lent

## February 18, 2018



*Your ways, oh Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths. ~Psalm 25:4*

### Weekly Mass Intentions



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#### Saturday – February 17

8:00am- † Dorothy Timpone  
 5:00pm- ~ Blessings 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
 Dorothy & Jim Clark  
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*Offered by:* OLMC Parish  
*Offered by:* Family

#### Sunday – February 18

8:30am- † Wanda Saldaña  
 10:00am- † Maria Quintana & Antonia Guzman  
 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions  
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions  
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*By:* Santos Family  
*Offered by:* Family

#### Monday – February 19

8:00am- † Kevin Almazan  
 12:05pm- † NO MASS

*Offered by:* Family

#### Tuesday – February 20

8:00am ~ Carl Labollita's health & well being  
 12:05pm- ~Special Intentions of Duanna Kempton

*Offered by:* wife, Christine

#### Wednesday – February 21

8:00am- † Philip & Rose Moretti  
 12:05pm- † Pasquale Loffreno

*Offered by:* OLMC Parish  
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#### Thursday – February 22

8:00am- † Assunta & Francesco DeFrancesco  
 12:05pm- † Donald Ventrudo

*Offered by:* OLMC Parish  
*By:* Peter & Pat Schwimer

#### Friday – February 23

8:00am- † Grace F. Coleman ~Anniversary~  
 12:05pm- † Esteban Guzman Martinez  
 ~1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary~

*By:* Aurora Nazarino Ocampo  
*Offered by:* wife & children

#### Saturday – February 24

8:00am- † Caterina & Antonio Bruno  
 5:00pm- † Cristina Paradiso

*Offered by:* OLMC Parish  
*By:* St. Benedicta Society

#### Sunday – February 25

8:30am- † Isabel Maria Quiñones  
 10:00am- † John J. Bruno

*Offered by:* daughter, Marta  
*Offered by:* OLMC Parish

### Weekly Memorials

**Bread & Wine**  
**Tabernacle Candle**  
**Memorial Candle**  
**Memorial Candle**



~ † *For the Repose of*  
 ~ † *the Souls of All Our*  
 ~ † *Faithful Departed*  
 ~ † *Parishioners*

### Liturgical Minister's Schedule FEBRUARY 2018

#### Saturday 5:00 PM

*Lector:* Linda Graves & Lindford Smith (carry Gospel Book)  
*E. M.:* Lindford Smith, Nancy Velez & Cinderella Wonszewitz  
*Sub:* Peg & Tom Ventrudo

#### Sunday 8:30 AM

*Lector:* Jonathan Codipilly & Maria Oliveras (carry Gospel Book) *Sub:* C. Albarracín  
*E.M.:* Diane Carbonaro, María Oliveras & Samuel Torres *Sub:* MaryAnn Ugbo

#### Sunday 10:00 AM

*Lector:* Alexis Crowdell (carry Gospel Book)  
*E.M.:* Emmanuel Fode, Dianne Murphy & Thelma Washington *Sub:* Crescencia Pascua



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### "Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him" (Mark 1:12)

On Ash Wednesday we began the season of Lent. The liturgy reminded of the challenges to "repent and believe in the Gospel". The text of Matthew that day invited us to practice the three fundamental pillars of a true conversion: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The ashes we received that day are a reminder of the Lenten spirit that leads a union with the God of life and our neighbors. Therefore lent is the propitious time to repent before God who is the One who has power over sin and death for our sins and promise to convert us to His designs of love and life for all. As we begin the first week of Lent, let us take these words to heart. In the first reading it speaks of the covenant between God and Noah. Like every Old Testament covenant, both parties undertake something to comply with what has been agreed. The flood, the destruction and death that refer to the book of Genesis were the consequence of the sin of mankind. It is interesting that in this first primitive covenant twice God repeats "never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth," The promise of God enables our life and at the same time becomes a challenge to remain faithful to God's commandments. For the Apostle Peter, second reading, God's salvation in the Old Testament with Noah and his family it is but a prefiguration of true salvation is granted to us in the waters of baptism in Christ Jesus. According to the 1 Peter, "Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God." These 40 days of penance should not only be a time to temporarily stop something that does not help us to follow the path of Jesus, but a time of grace that leads us to the salvation by good works. Like Jesus, we enter in the desert of our lives to resist sin and to start doing good. Therefore, comfort one another and walk together on this path of faith and prayer that the Church proposes. This short fragment of the Gospel of Mark refers to Jesus being tempted in the desert. These 40 days of Jesus are a preparation for His mission to "save many." Jesus teaches us with his own life that in the solitude of our lives we can unite with His Father God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Pope Francis in his 2018 Lenten message proposes the "the sweet remedy of prayer" as the way to make that "our hearts discover the secret lies with which we deceive ourselves." According to Pope Francis, just from that prayerful silence you can find "finally the consolation of God." The desire of the Pope is that "almsgiving became an authentic lifestyle that expresses it with the conviction that charity helps us to discover that the other one is my brother and sister and never what I have is mine." In fasting, Pope Francis recommends to give meaning to the traditional practice of fasting during Lent as a gesture that "weakens our violence, disarms us, and constitutes an important opportunity to grow." **Fr. Hernan P., S.J.**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

### February 18: First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-15  
Psalm 25: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
1 Peter 3:18-22

### February 25: Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis  
Psalm 25:  
1 Peter



**LENTEN SERIES** – Deepen your experience of prayer and faith with our six-week series during Lent. Meetings will be on six consecutive Thursdays in Lent. The following Thursday is February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Participants need not worry if they cannot make every meeting. Sessions begin at 12:45 PM immediately after the 12:05 PM Mass, and will last one hour. Please call the parish office to register. Presenter is Fr. Marc Roselli, S.J.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – We will have Stations of the Cross on **Fridays** during Lent after the 12:05pm mass. The Stations of the Cross is a Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus' Passion and Death. At each station we use our senses and our imagination to reflect prayerfully upon Jesus' suffering, Death, and Resurrection, and to simply experience the visual images to reflect on Christ's love for us.

**A CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR ALL** – TOURING TUESDAYS; Come visit at the next Open House on Tuesdays, March 13 & April 24 from 9am to 11am. Registration is open for the new 2018-2019 school year. Financial assistance available for qualifying families. At OLMC-SB, we offer a diverse educational experience for students of all ethnic and economic background, an education that prepares and sustains students in the real world. Please call 7187-981-5131 for more information.

**FREE PRE-K PROGRAM AT MT. CARMEL – ST. BENEDICTA SCHOOL:** The application for pre-kindergarten will open on Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. Children born in 2014 are eligible to register to this free full-day program that is also offered in Our School offers this wonderful program. The application period will close on March 30<sup>th</sup>. For more information, call 718-981-5131.

**BIBLE STUDY** – You are invited to the next Bible Study on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Invite a friend and we look forward to seeing you there for this exciting time of fellowship and devotion. Colin offers a practical, personal approach to Bible study. For more information, please call the rectory. This is a great study... don't miss it!

**4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SI CATHOLIC YOUTH CELEBRATION** - All 8<sup>th</sup> grades through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome to the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual SI Catholic Youth Celebration which will be held at Moore Catholic High School (100 Merrill Ave.) on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 12pm to 5pm. Our theme for the day is "You're Not Alone." Join us for a chance to win up to \$500 in cash prizes! Food, fellowship, and music will be provided as well as 4pm Mass with Bishop O'Hara. All are welcome! #Staten Island CYC on Instagram and SI Catholic Youth Celebration event on Facebook. All must register at <https://oymny.org/sicyc> to attend. For any questions please email [cyminsi@gmail.com](mailto:cyminsi@gmail.com)

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