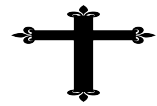




Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 3, 2019



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday – March 2

8:00am-† Elaine Gervais
 5:00pm-† Fr. John J. King, S.J.
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – March 3

8:30am- † Dorothy Wilson
 10:00am-† Fr. Joseph Lupo
 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – March 4

8:00am-† Janine Esposito
 12:05pm~For the Health of Raul y Maurilio Flores

Tuesday – March 5

8:00am-† Gilbert S. Santiago
 12:05pm-† Robert Massi

Wednesday– March 6

8:00am-† Princy Perera
 12:05pm-† Julia Strobel

Thursday – March 7

8:00am- † Yolanda Brach
 12:05pm-† Mary Siminski

Friday – March 8

8:00am- † Carmen Cerrato
 12:05pm- † Thomas Mormino, Sr.

Saturday – March 9

8:00am-† Mary Ruberto
 5:00pm-† Domenico Mezzacappa

Sunday – March 10

8:30am- † Catherine Fallacara
 10:00am-† Concetta Pellecchia



Mass Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
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Offered by: Torres Family
Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

By: Anne & Herb Schiff
Offered by: Irma Flores

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Bill Francis

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Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: wife, Paty

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Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
By: husband, Antonio & Family

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

The candles will burn this week for the following intentions

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle



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 ~ **FOR ALL LORD**
 ~ **JESUS CHRIST**

"As the ash marks our forehead with the invitation: 'Convert and Believe the Gospel', let us set our hearts to live this time in union with the suffering Christ, who with his passion and death on the cross has made us resign, so that, freed from sin, we can participate in the holiness of God himself. » (Pope Francis).

Out of the abundance of the heart,
 the mouth speaks.

Matthew 12:34



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"The mouth speaks of the Abundance of the Heart"

(Luke 6:45)

With the Lenten season already around the corner, it would be good to ask ourselves how we are going to live this time of grace. The words of Jesus cannot be better for this purpose because they invite us to reflect on our attitudes as "our mouth speaks of the abundance of our heart". Many times we are ready to criticize others rather than judging our own actions. For Jesus the main fault is that we become executioners or judges of our brothers because with our own judgment we distort the positive vision towards others.

In the reading of the sapiential books we find aphorisms and not a few statements about the truth as we can see in the Book of Sirach. We can say the same of Jesus, Saint Paul and even the psalm proclaimed today. These texts, that for liturgical reasons have not been proclaimed for almost 20 years, invite us to pay attention to the truth of common wisdom and to live in integrity as it pertains to the people of God.

These first weeks of Ordinary Time we have heard Jesus teach his disciples and us how we should see the world with the gaze of God. Just two weeks ago Jesus spoke to us that the poor and the hungry will be satisfied and also warned those who feel satisfied in the selfishness of their lives. Last week He even asked us to love our enemies and to imitate Him in his abundant heart of mercy. Today Jesus wants us to remove first the beam that obscures our gaze before we judge our neighbor. Of course, the teachings of Jesus are presented as a challenge that goes against the tide in the way that people usually live in the face of others. However, what Jesus tells us, is in perfect harmony with the salvific action of God through human history.

The constant of this action of God is the mercy with the sinner, the blessing of the needy and the forgiveness of the enemies that today on the eve of our Lenten season is presented as the teaching for our lives.

Both the Book of Sirach (first reading) and Luke manifests the importance of the integrity of the person and the damage that a life of hypocrisy produces. What we do and say must be sincere. Otherwise, our words condemn us to remain hypocritical: do as I say and not as I do. People will soon ignore our words if they are empty. That is why the testimony we give in our families, schools and jobs should be a reflection of what we have in our hearts. "The tree is known by its fruits" (Luke 6:44).

Fr. Hernan, S.J.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

March 3: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:4-7
Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
1 Corinthians 15:54-58

March 10: First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
Romans 10:8-13



BIBLE STUDY - Join us for our parish Bible Study, meeting on **Sundays: March 17 & 31**. All dates will start at 1:00pm and run until 3:00pm. If you do not have a bible, one can be provided for you.

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE – **Wednesday, March 6th** is *Ash Wednesday* which marks the beginning of Lent. Ashes will be distributed at the 8am & 12:05pm Masses. There are also two Spanish masses that evening at 6pm & 8pm. It is an important day in the Christian calendar as it marks the first day of fasting, repentance, prayer and self-control that will be required during Lent. All are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance.

SIX WEEK LENTEN SERIES – Fr. Roselli is offering a 6 week Lenten series starting on **Thursdays** starting **March 7th** at 10:30am in the Fr. Miguel Meeting Room. It is an opportunity for you to grow closer to God by deepening your experience of prayer and faith during this Holy Lenten Season. Registration is requested in order to prepare the proper amounts of reading materials. Participants need not worry if they cannot make every meeting, you may come to as many days as your time allows.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Beginning **Friday, March 8th**, we will have Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent immediately following 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.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN – We would like to invite you to sing in the Children's Choir to be formed for the **Easter Sunday Mass on April 13th** at 10:00am. Rehearsals will begin on **Saturday, March 9th** and continue every Saturday through April 13th from 2:45pm to 4pm. We know this is a very big commitment and hope you will be able to sing in the choir for this important time in our Parish. Please stop by the parish office to register today!

2019 CARDINAL'S APPEAL - The Annual Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal has commenced and our parish goal has been set at \$35,000. Many parishioners have already received mail regarding the appeal and have responded generously. We only ask that you be as generous as your means will allow. Our parish has consistently met its goal every year and we thank our parishioners for their immense sacrificial support.

MISSING YOUR CHURCH ENVELOPES? – The Post Office is using an address verification software that has made several age-old addresses on our mailing list invalid. You can get help with this by either calling the company that mails out our envelopes (F.J. Remey 516-741-5112 or toll free 877-357-3639) or by going to the Post Office and asking what is wrong with your address. Temporary envelopes are always available at the entrance of the church in case you haven't received them or simply forgot to bring them. If you are not currently a registered member and would like to receive the envelopes at your home, please pass the parish office and register today.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES - Certificates attesting to the fact that an OLMC-SB parishioner is a practicing Catholic are required when they are asked to sponsor someone at the time of Baptism or Confirmation. These certificates may be obtained **ONLY** by registered members and only by **THE PERSON REQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE**. You must visit the parish office to request one.

ARRAY OF HOPE – "Awakening Hearts"; Staten Island Catholic Youth Ministry Concert Musical. Everyone is invited to an evening of Faith, Hope and Love. Monsignor Farrell High School (2900 Amboy Rd) is hosting a free benefit concert for the poor of Staten Island on Saturday, March 30th at 7:00pm. Donations of canned foods are welcomed. Contact cyminsi@gmail.com for more information.

GOLDEN WEDDING JUBILEE MASS - Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2019 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 2nd at 2:00pm. Pre-registration is required. Please contact the parish office to register. The closing date to register for the Mass is Monday, May 10, 2019 at 5:00 PM.

IRISH/ITALIAN NIGHT – Sacred Heart Parish (981 Castleton Ave.) will be hosting their annual Irish/Italian Night on **Saturday, March 23rd** from 7pm-11pm. Admission is \$20 per adult and \$40 per family with RSVP to Denise Breslin at (772) 209-8277 by March 15th. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Dan Donovan & Brian Carrion will be performing live entertainment. The delicious menu includes homemade Corned Beef and Cabbage, Sheppard's Pie, & Spaghetti & Meatballs. Please feel free to bring anything else for you and your guests. Please make checks payable to Sacred Heart YAC.

COLLECTIONS: February 24: \$4,169; Second Collection: \$1319. *Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish!*

