



# First Sunday of Lent



March 10, 2019

## Weekly Mass Intentions



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#### Saturday – March 9

8:00am-† Mary Ruberto  
5:00pm-† Domenico Mezzacappa  
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish  
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#### Sunday – March 10

8:30am- † Catherine Fallacara  
10:00am-† Concetta Pellicchia  
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions  
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions  
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

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

#### Monday – March 11

8:00am~Special Intentions of Duanna Kempton  
12:05pm~Special Intentions of Jesus Acosta

*Offered by:* Janet Paulino

#### Tuesday – March 12

8:00am-† Leonard Henry Wonszewitz II  
~*Birthday in Heaven*~  
12:05pm-† Casiano Lorenzo

*Offered by:* wife, Cinderella  
*Offered by:* Daughter

#### Wednesday– March 13

8:00am-† Joseph DeSimone  
12:05pm-† Loretta Venturini

*Offered by:* Annette Esposito  
*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish

#### Thursday – March 14

8:00am~Special Intentions Duanna Kempton  
12:05pm-† Kathryn Conti

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish

#### Friday – March 15

8:00am- † Mary Margarella  
12:05pm- † Clara R. Koutz

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish  
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#### Saturday – March 16

8:00am-† James Rogan  
5:00pm-† Theresa Ficara

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish  
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#### Sunday – March 17

8:30am- † Howard Dixon  
10:00am-† Assunta (Sue) Falcone

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish  
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## Weekly Memorials

### Bread & Wine

### Tabernacle Candle

### Memorial Candle



~  
*~Deceased Members of Prendergast Family  
Offered by their Family*

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*~ In Memory of Henry H. Wonszewitz  
Offered by wife Cinderella*



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

#### "The way of Faith is open to All" (Romans 10: 8-13)

Once again we begin this Lenten season united with Jesus, the immolated victim for our salvation. This time is "the way of faith that is open to all" as the Letter to the Romans says. Indeed, on the last Sunday of Lent we will hear the same Jesus who, in facing death, reaffirms his faith in God. Today at the beginning of these Lenten days, Jesus places his trust in God the Father to resist the present and future temptation. Moses for his part expresses the faith that believers have placed in God while St. Paul preaches that whoever has faith will be saved.

The liturgy is rich in multiple rituals. The ritual establishes the importance of an action through repetition. Our Eucharist is an obvious example of this affirmation. Therefore, when examining the ceremony described in the first reading, we find similarities with our worship with the priest presiding from the altar while the people present their offerings and bow before the presence of the Lord and his salvific actions. The Lenten season is full of rituals such as the reception of the ashes on our foreheads, the washing of the feet and the prayer of the way of the cross. Through repetition these actions become an integral part of who we are and in concrete expressions of our faith.

Meditating on temptations rather than provoking a great fantasy could be a time to demonstrate that God and not the demon has control over the life of Jesus. The power of the evil wants to mandate, according to his crooked ways of thinking, a Jesus who lives His faith and does not accept but the will of His Father God. The tempter even uses the Scripture, but Jesus does not fall into his nets because it is more important for Him to manifest the preeminence of God. Jesus not only contradicts the arguments of the devil but affirms that God is the precedent of all including the demon. In simpler words, the God who comforts Jesus is the God of Life and not death and lies.

Today, but especially in the past, the desert was conceived as a lonely and dangerous place. The Israelites suffered hunger and thirst when they left Egypt and wandered through the desert. The fear of wild animals like the bandits who operated from the desert made it even more fearsome. That is why the rejected of society were condemned to a life of desert. With all of the above, it is easy to understand why the contemporaries of Jesus believed that the devil inhabited the desert.

When exposed to that place, Jesus is exposed to all its dangers, but after 40 days, He resists the temptations because he knows that His Father God is Lord of the Universe, even of the desert.

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When we walk with Jesus in this Lent, we can live more intensely our faith in a God who is close and sustains us so as not to ourselves fall.

**Fr. Hernan, S.J.**

*The exercise of alms liberates us from greed and helps us discover that the other is my brother: never what I have is only mine. I truly wish that alms would become for everyone a true lifestyle. Like, as Christians, I would like for us to continue the example of the Apostles and see the possibility of sharing our goods with others, a concrete testimony of the communion we live in the Church." (Pope Francis)*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

### **March 10: First Sunday in Lent**

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

### **March 17: Second Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18  
Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14  
Philippians 3:17—4:1



**PASTOR'S ADVISORY MEETING** – Everyone is invited to our next Pastor's Advisory Meeting to be held this coming Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in the Fr. Miguel Meeting Room. All parishioners are welcome to attend and help propose suggestions and advise on parish related topics. We continue to work on enhancing communication and transparency.

**SIX WEEK LENTEN SERIES** – Fr. Roselli is offering a 6 week Lenten Series on Thursdays at 10:30am in the Fr. Miguel Meeting Room. Dates: **March 14, 21, 28, April 4 & 11.** It 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** - We offer Stations of the Cross every Friday 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.

**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.

**MEMORIAL MASS** – We have learned of the passing of Sister Mildred Scrivano , beloved teacher and principal at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – St. Benedicta School for many years. There will be a Memorial Mass for her on **Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** at 5:00pm in our parish. Everyone is welcomed!

**EASTER YOUTH CHOIR** - We are looking for singers to join our Youth Choir to sing for the **most important** Feast Day of the year ... **EASTER SUNDAY!** The Youth Choir will be singing for the 10 am Mass on Easter Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>. Rehearsals are on Saturday afternoons 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, 4/13 from 2:45 pm - 4 pm. Please register with Ms. Nina (Religious Education Director) or with Mr. Barnaby (Organist/Music Director.) or at the Parish Office. *They who sing, pray twice!* (St. Francis of Assisi)

**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 have already received \$3,365 in pledges! 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.

**SPONSOR CERTIFICATES** - Certificates attesting to the fact that a parishioner is a practicing Catholic and is allowed to act as a sponsor, 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 30<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm. Donations of canned foods are welcomed. Contact [cyminsi@gmail.com](mailto:cyminsi@gmail.com) for more information.

**GOLDEN WEDDING JUBILEE MASS** - Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**COLLECTIONS:** March 3: \$3,644; Second Collection: \$1,705. *Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish!*

**PROTECT OUR CHILDREN** – The Archdiocese is committed to doing all that it can do to prevent children and young people from sexual abuse. Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in The Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford O.P. at (212) 371-1000 x 2949. She can also be reached via email at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Information can also be obtained from the Archdiocese website, [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

