



Second Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2019



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday – March 16

8:00am-† James Rogan
 5:00pm-† Theresa Ficara
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – March 17

8:30am- † Howard Dixon
 10:00am- † Louis M. Bunch
 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – March 18

8:00am-† Assunta (Sue) Falcone
 12:05pm-† Orlando (Tom) Camerlengo

Tuesday – March 19

8:00am-† Christopher Paul Ferrer
 12:05pm-† Daniel Fode

Wednesday– March 20

8:00am-† John Robert Rice
 12:05pm-† Anna May Sellenthin

Thursday – March 21

8:00am-† Nunzia Carozza
 12:05pm-† Leonard Henry Wonsewitz II

Friday – March 22

8:00am- † Ann Marocola
 12:05pm- † Mildred Butler

Saturday – March 23

8:00am-† Dr. Louis Podesta
 5:00pm-† Maria Pagan

Sunday – March 24

8:30am- † DiBlasi, Yaccarino &
 Frabotta Famiy
 10:00am-† Louis Mathias Bunch



Mass Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
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Offered by: Maria Johnson

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Offered by: Emmanuel Fode

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

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Family

Offered by: Michael & Diane
Offered by: son, Tito Morales

Offered by: Family

Offered by: Evette Contreras

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle
Memorial Candle



For all sick members of our Parish

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Dear St. Patrick, in your humility you called yourself a sinner, but you became a most successful missionary and prompted countless pagans to follow the Saviour. Many of their descendants in turn spread the Good News in numerous foreign lands. Through your powerful intercession with God, obtain the missionaries we need to continue the work you began. Amen.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"This is my Beloved Son, Listen to Him" (Luke 9:35)

If on the first Sunday of Lent we were invited to follow this path of faith, today the Sacred Scripture wants us to know how to listen to the voice of Jesus. In fact, in the version of Luke that we use for the passage of the Transfiguration, it has as its center the Voice of the Skies that invites the disciples to listen to Jesus.

Often listening to the Voice of God is not easy and can even lead to dramatic experiences like those experienced by Abraham, Paul or the three disciples who accompanied Jesus to Mount Tabor. It is in the dark night when God makes his promise with the first patriarch to whom he assures him that he will be the father of an enormous offspring impossible to tell.

Abraham believed the Lord and that is why we recognize him as the Father of the believers. Paul for his part describes his experience of faith no less dramatic than that of the patriarch since he assures us that we will share the glory of Christ in heaven. Peter, John and James experience, no less dramatically, the voice of God among the shadows and the darkness that comes from the cloud.

Of course, the dramatic way God spoke to his patriarchs, prophets or disciples is not the way God usually communicates with us. However, the Lord continues to communicate with us and we must be ready to listen to Him. For this, faith and prayer are essential.

Faith to believe beyond what our eyes see. Prayer to persevere in the ways of God beyond the shadows of death that sometimes surround our lives; So says Pope Francis that "prayer makes our hearts discover the secret lies with which we deceive ourselves, to finally seek solace in God. He is our Father and desires for us life."

The experience of the Transfiguration of Jesus wants to be an experience of the transformative power of God.

It is God the Father who speaks and it is God the Son who is transfigured by the power of the Spirit. It is the will of God that the three disciples see what the glory of Jesus will be before they live the hardness of passion.

Believers of all times are allowed to recognize it beyond our limitations and sufferings in the hope that we will also contemplate the glory that God has prepared for all who love Him.

Fr. Hernan, S.J.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

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

March 24: Third Sunday in Lent – Year C

Exodus 3:1-8A, 13-15
Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12



WEEKLY LENTEN SERIES – Fr. Roselli is offering a weekly Lenten Series on Thursdays at 10:30am in the Fr. Migue Meeting Room. Dates: **March 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.

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 30th** at 5:00pm in our parish. Everyone is welcomed!

BIBLE STUDY - Join us for our parish Bible Study, meeting on **Sunday: March 31st**, starting at 1:00pm and running until 3:00pm. If you do not have a bible, one can be provided for you.

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.

PARISH NEWS – The Pastors Advisory Council discussed reinstating the St. Vincent DePaul Society in our Parish. If anyone is interested in helping others in need, please call the Parish Office and sign up so we can begin this worthwhile activity. **What is the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?** Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (or "Vincentians") are men and women who strive to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to individuals in need. We are young and old. Our members come in every shade of skin color, but ALL are blessed with an awareness that our blessings (time, talent or treasure) are to be shared with our brothers and sisters in need. We know that we are not alone. We are part of an international society of friends united by a spirit of poverty, humility, and sharing, which is nourished by prayer and reflection, mutually supportive gatherings, and adherence to a basic Rule. We welcome you ALL!

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 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.

COLLECTIONS: March 10: \$5,992; Catholic Relief: \$608; Ash Wednesday: \$4,641. *Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish!*

LENTEN REGULATIONS - Lent began on Wednesday, March 6th and ends on Holy Thursday, April 18th. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Fasting means only one full meal may be taken that day. Two smaller meals can be eaten to maintain physical strength but the two together must not equal one full meal in quantity. Snacking between meals is not permitted. Catholics ages 18-59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able. Abstinence forbids the eating of meat and poultry. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged to abstain on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays during Lent. This obligation is operative throughout life. Those who are not specifically obliged