



Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 7, 2019



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – April 6

8:00am- † Giovanni DeSantis
 5:00pm- † Michael O'Brien
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
By: Lindy & Lorna Smith

Sunday – April 7

8:30am- † Giovanna Mezzacappa
 10:00am- † Laura Ann Patterson-Mikos
 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Monday – April 8

8:00am- † Joseph F. Lewis
 12:05pm- † Pasquale Insanto

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Tuesday – April 9

8:00am- † Mary Nacchio
 12:05pm- † Francesco DiGiovanni

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Wednesday – April 10

8:00am- † Robert G. Hynes
 12:05pm- † Rita Castellucci

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Thursday – April 11

8:00am- † Angelo BiFulco
 12:05pm~ For Jose Contreras's Health

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: mom, Evette

Friday – April 12

8:00am- † John Carnevale, Sr.
 12:05pm- † Edward Donovan

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Family

Saturday – April 13

8:00am- † Frank Carbonaro
 5:00pm- † Jim & Louise Obermayer

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Family

Sunday – April 14

8:30am- † Dolores Williams
 10:00am- † Jose Maria Posadas &
 Gregorio Benavides

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Family

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle



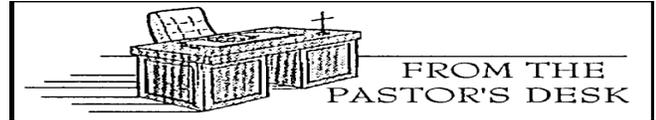
~ For all sick members of our Parish

~

~

~

"Sometimes we are overwhelmed by the sense of our own guilt. Frozen with fear, we await condemnation. Lord, as the woman in the reading, we can hear how the voices of condemnation vanish, until only Your voice remains, telling us to move forward and sin no more." **(Sacred Space)**



"Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore." (John 8:11)

We are almost finishing our journey of faith that began on Ash Wednesday, we find Jesus, the merciful judge. Jesus far from condemning the adulterous woman for her bad deeds, lavished her a second chance. Let us imagine the tenderness of Jesus our God; who is not revengeful and who does not treat us according to our bad actions. Although we are all sinners, we often try to do good, even though sometimes we do not reach our ideals at the beginning of this penitential season.

Fortunately, God revealed in Jesus his merciful and clemency to forgive us. As we celebrate this Eucharist, let us thank God for his superabundant mercy and think of those who need our forgiveness.

The Liturgy of the Word presents us with numerous witnesses throughout history who have been given the opportunity to start a new life. The Prophet Isaiah bets on God's hope, God who is companionate to his people and is able to make possible the impossible: "I will make rivers in the desert." God is ready to save his people who left Egypt and years later he will do it with the Jews who survived the Babylonian exile. Saint Paul on the other hand, starts a new life when he meets Jesus on his way to Damascus.

It is such his change, that Paul considers everything as "rubbish if it doesn't lead him to Christ. The woman in the Gospel receives a new possibility of living when Jesus defying the macho customs of his time, he lets her go but not before warning her not to sin anymore.

Somehow the forgiveness that is proper to God the merciful Father, makes a new life possible. God is able to re-create us because he is a God who has not abandoned his creation, but through his portents, prophets and his Son pours out his grace in this world. We should only be willing to change into contact with the merciful love of Jesus and his Word. For Saint Ignatius of Loyola the fruit of conversion or new beginning is to accept that we live in a world of grace. That's why Ignatius at the end of the Spiritual Exercises wants the retreatant, that is, each one of us, to ask God for "Love and Grace", because that alone is enough for us.

Fr. Hernán, S.J.

← *Continued*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

April 7: Fifth Sunday in Lent – Year C

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Philippians 3:8-14

April 14: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Philippians 2:6-11



EASTER MONEY BUNNY JACKPOT – The MONEY BUNNY Raffle is here! We strongly encourage everyone to take part in this raffle. ALL seven Easter basket ARE filled with lots of goodies. Chances (3x\$5 or 7x\$10) will be sold at all the masses or you can also obtain them at the rectory. Drawing will be on **April 23rd**. GOOD LUCK! And thank you for supporting this wonderful fundraiser.

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES WITH AN EASTER FLOWER DONATION - This Easter, honor your loved ones with a donation that will help decorate the church with Easter flowers. Any donation is certainly welcomed and gratefully received. On the donation envelope, please print the names of those you wish to honor and the envelopes will remain on the altar for the month of April. There are more envelopes available in the church entrance.

OPEN HOUSE - Come visit our school on **April 9th** from 9am to 11am. -Our school offers a nurturing and safe environment while challenging our students to reach their best potential. Kindergarten - 8th grade. Financial Aid available. Free Pre-kindergarten program. Come and see for yourself what Our School and Our Mission is all about. For more information, call the school office 718-981-5131.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER - Jimmy Max "Raising Dough" Fundraiser for OLMC-SB School; Dine-in at Jimmy Max on **Tuesday, April 16th** from open to close and our school will receive a percentage of your purchase. What a delicious way to give back to our school! Jimmy Max is located at 280 Watchogue Road. To participate simply mention our school name, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-St. Benedicta.

WEEKLY LENTEN SERIES – Fr. Roselli is offering a weekly Lenten Series on **Thursday, April 11th** at 10:30am in the Fr. Miguel Meeting Room. Its 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.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY - "*Lighten Up. Experience the power of forgiveness this Easter.*" We invite everyone for Lenten Individual Confessions on Holy **Monday, April 15th** from 4pm to 8pm in the Parish House (Rectory). A priest will be available to hear your confession. Cleanse your heart and your soul before Easter. Pope Francis tells us "Every time we go to confession, God embraces us."

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.

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 \$8,325 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.

COLLECTIONS: March 31: \$4,674; Second collection: \$1,474. *Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish!*