



# First Sunday in Lent ~ March 1, 2020



## Weekly Mass Intentions



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#### Saturday – February 29

8:00am- † Marie Flynn  
 5:00pm~For Tony Hallinan's Health  
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish  
*Offered by:* Linda Graves

#### Sunday – March 1

8:30am-† Nancy Pommerenk  
 10:00am-† Peter Nigido ~24<sup>th</sup> Anniv.~  
 11:30am-† Parish Community Intentions  
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions  
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*Offered by:* Family  
*Offered by:* Mary Nigido

#### Monday – March 2

8:00am-† Mamie Tori  
 12:05pm-† Joy Pellet

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish  
*Offered by:* Carmine Mezzacappa

#### Tuesday – March 3

8:00am-† Ann Louise Goepel-Schott  
 12:05pm-† Carl Cangialosi

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish  
*Offered by:* Angelina Varrassi

#### Ash Wednesday – March 4

8:00am-† Donna Currie ~*Birthday in Heaven*~  
 12:05pm-† Annarose Verrault

*Offered by:* Thomas Gaccione  
*Offered by:* Family

#### Thursday – March 5

8:00am- † Antonia Perez  
 12:05pm-† Marie Garcia

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish  
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#### Friday – March 6

8:00am- † Michelle Modica  
 12:05pm~ In thanksgiving for all family blessings and healings

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish  
*Offered by:* Susan Ferris

#### Saturday – March 7

8:00am- † Rose Barbato  
 5:00pm- † Louis Bunch

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

#### Sunday – March 8

8:30am- † Lillian Trowbridge  
 10:00am-† Verna Campbell

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish  
*Offered by:* Beverly Marryshow

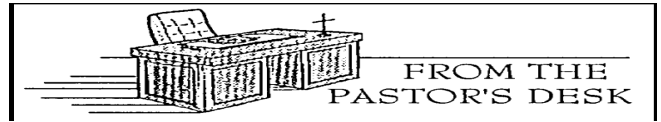
## Weekly Memorials

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



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 ~ For Gabriel Ortega's Intentions  
*Requested by:* Mom, JulieAnn Fair  
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since we can distinguish between good and evil. However, we have not reached the wisdom that Eve wanted and sometimes we have fallen back into the same mistakes when acting. At the beginning of this Lenten journey, let us pray to be like Jesus, true man and God, who resisted temptation through his obedience to the will of God his Father. Let us also pray to be like Jesus and to follow our good consciences and not fall into temptation. There is always a place for grace and mercy. Lent is the time to live facing God.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### **"Jesus fasted forty days"** *(Matthew 4: 1-11)*

When I have to talk about the fast of Jesus I always remember the faces of my former students at Loyola School when watching a video clip adaptation of Jesus' temptations in our modern times. According to the gospel account Jesus was tempted in the desert; according to the video clip, temptations are today in the city. Beyond the differences and similarities with the remaking of the temptations story, the liturgy presents us with Jesus facing a unique drama. The story wants to call our attention to the fact that as believers we may know that we also have the divine grace to be able to overcome any temptation.

The story of Adam and Eve invites us to look beyond the simple actions recorded in Genesis. On the one hand there is the literal interpretation and, on the other, perhaps the message that it entails. Literally the snakes have not spoken in the past, and do not speak or will speak in the future. But it is true that men and women fall into temptation and turn away from God's way. The sin of the first parents is to disobey God. Jesus, on the other hand, is tempted but does NOT fall into temptation. Hence our affirmation of faith that Jesus is truly man but not a sinner.

When we talk about temptation we should talk about grace. That is why an authentic current Catholic spirituality should not emphasize temptation and sin but grace and mercy. Not long ago, a young man told me about our tendency to live in sin. I contradicted him by saying that our tendency should be to live in grace. Given the negative tendency to look at the glass half empty we should be those who look at the same glass but half full. Lent is a season that far from depriving ourselves of the life of grace and recalling our sins, it is an opportunity to lead us to the path of holiness. Jesus in resisting temptations and unmasking the spirit of evil, tells us that another way is possible. We are not called to stumble again with the same stone but to lift our head and freely follow the path of salvation. Temptations and their false promises keep us tied to a past or present that does not have a place for God's mercy. Saint Ignatius tells us when talking about the temptations of our forefathers that "the evil spirit even quotes the Holy Scripture to achieve its protruding ends." But that is not the will of God because it leads us to sensationalism and the cult of personality. The will of Jesus is to conform to the plan of his Heavenly Father and go through denial and the cross to reach redemption for all.

Thanks to Adam and Eve's story we are "like the gods,"

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

### **March 1: First Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17  
Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19

### **March 8: Second Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 12:1-4A  
Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22  
2 Timothy 1:8B-10



**MUSIC NOTES FROM BVM** - "OMG ... its Latin!!" Yes, the Processional Hymn for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th Sundays of Lent will be the beautiful Penitential Gregorian Chant "Parce Domine". But don't be scared ~ its only 3 lines long and we did it last year so it should be a bit familiar. Please give it your best. Please be sure to take a hymn sheet with you when you enter the church which has the Penitential Rite, Gospel Acclamation and Agnus Dei. Your singing of all the chants, hymns and acclamations will help to make it a beautiful, prayerful Lent here at Mt. Carmel. "Full, conscious, active participation"!

**MT. CARMEL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE** - Admissions Applications are now being accepted for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - St. Benedicta School from grades Kindergarten thru 8<sup>th</sup>. Visit us on the next open house, **Tuesday, March 3, 2020** from 9 AM to 11 AM. For more information, call the school office 718-981-5131.

**LENTEN SERIES** - To help us have a more prayerful Lenten experience, Fr. Roselli is offering a weekly Lenten series **every Thursday during Lent** at 10:30am in the Fr. Miguel Meeting Room. It an opportunity for you to grow closer to God by deepening your experience of prayer and faith during this Holy Lenten Season. Weekly participation is recommended but do not worry if you cannot make every session, you may come to as many sessions as your time allows.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - We will pray the Stations of the Cross **every Friday during Lent** after the 12:05pm mass. Join us for this very special Lenten devotion.

**EASTER YOUTH CHOIR** - We are looking for singers to join our Youth Choir (2<sup>nd</sup> grade and above) to sing for the **most important** Feast Day of the year ... **EASTER SUNDAY, April 12<sup>th</sup>**. The Children's Youth Choir will sing for the 10:00am Mass. Rehearsals will be every Saturday afternoon from 2:45pm - 4:00pm beginning next **Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**. We know this a very big commitment and hope your child will be able to sing in the choir for this important time in our Church. Please visit the rectory as soon as possible to register your child and complete a permission slip. *They who sing, pray twice!*

**BIBLE STUDY** - Join us for our Parish Bible Study, meeting Sundays: **March 8 & 22, April 26, May 10 & 31, June 14 & 28**. All dates we will start at 1:00pm and run until 3:00pm. If you do not have a bible, one can be provided for you. The Holy Bible is a book that can help us live happier, more peaceful lives. But sometimes we need a little help to know where to start. Come and explore how God's words can help you in your life.

**PENNIES FOR CHARITY & LENT** - Every penny adds up to aid those in need. When a community comes together, even a little spare change can make a great things happen. **This Lent** we are helping the underprivileged children in Ecuador. The vision is to help provide a meal and/or necessary living essentials and help make him/her feel as special and as important as they truly are. We also hope to achieve a lasting impression of YOUR love for each individual life of the children YOU help. This fundraising drive is set up where anyone can participate, where a handful of coins is just as appreciated as a big check, and where any and every donation makes a difference. You can donate the change from your purse/pocket, write a check, invite your family and neighbors to participate and/or even collect at a social gathering. The possibilities are endless! We have placed a large container in the church entrance to place your donations. Lent: 40 days of Renewal.

**CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL** - *TEACH + SERVE + SANCTIFY*. The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal serves our spiritual communities across our 10 counties. If you have not yet made your pledge to the *Cardinal's Appeal*, please make your commitment today. Remember, you can pledge your gift now and make payments in the coming months. Thank you to all who have already made your commitment - your generosity is appreciated!

**50/50 RAFFLE WINNER** - Congratulations to our February 50/50 Winner: Anselmo Caballero & Guadalupe Millan who received \$270. If you wish to participate and be our next month's winner, feel free to fill out and return your 50/50 envelope/chance which can be found in the envelope packet you receive at home or they also available on the table in the church lobby for your convenience. We hope everyone participates and wins!

**TREE OF LIFE** - In the back of the church (by the choir area) we have placed **The Tree of Life** memorial for anyone who would like to remember one of their loved ones with a memorial plaque. The suggested donation for a leaf on the tree if \$250. Please call the rectory and request your form, if you would like to place a name on the tree.

**OLMC SCHOOL BASKETBALL PROGRAM** - Our school is offering FREE basketball practice to ALL children in grades 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grades. The program is designed to teach the children the fundamental concept of basketball. This program focuses on skills through the use of practices that subsequently build on each other, helping the children to gradually increase their ability to play basketball. We hope that this program will give the children the proper foundation of skills and competence to advance in basketball. Call Coach Vincent at 718-490-6235 to register your child or for more information.

**COLLECTIONS:** February 23: \$4,883; Second Collection: \$1,637. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of OUID Parish!