



Third Sunday of Lent ~ March 15, 2020



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – March 14

8:00am-† Fr. Anthony Picariello, SJ

5:00pm-† Frank Fele

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Jesuits of Staten Island

Offered by: Frances & Susan Fele

Sunday – March 15

8:30am-† Fr. Robert M. Hanlon, SJ

10:00am-† Br. Sebastian Boccabella, SJ

11:30am-† Parish Community Intentions

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6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

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Monday – March 16

8:00am-~ For Flo Festa's Health

12:05pm-† Fr. Mallick J. Fitzpatrick, SJ

Offered by: Angelina Varrassi

Offered by: Jesuits of Staten Island

Tuesday – March 17

8:00am-~ Birthday Blessings for Isaiah Roland

12:05pm-† Casiano Lorenzo

Offered by: mom, Susan Ferris

Offered by: Family

Wednesday – March 18

8:00am-† Janine Esposito

12:05pm-† Fr. Robert J. Kaslyn, SJ

Offered by: Annette Esposito

Offered by: Jesuits of Staten Island

Thursday – March 19

8:00am- † Fr. Charles B. Connolly, SJ

12:05pm-† Thomas Krant

Offered by: Jesuits of Staten Island

Offered by: Katie Behrens

Friday – March 20

8:00am-† Fr. George A. Gallarelli, SJ

12:05pm- † Fr. Charles Moutenet, SJ

Offered by: Jesuits of Staten Island

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Saturday – March 21

8:00am- † Fr. Paul Gilmartin, SJ

5:00pm- † Maria Pagan

Offered by: Jesuits of Staten Island

Offered by: Sonia & Tito Morales

Sunday – March 22

8:30am- † Fr. James J. Curry, SJ

10:00am-† Fr. Lawrence E. Corcoran, SJ

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Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

**Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle**



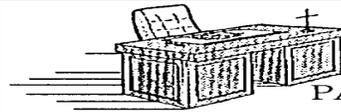
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~ † **Jack & Mary Kate Prendergast**

~ Offered by: **Family**

Moses, and the Samaritan woman was divorced several times and lived with a man with whom she had not married. According to human calculations and distributive justice, neither the Israelites nor the Samaritan woman should receive the living water that quenched their thirst. So, none of us is worthy of the living water we receive at our baptism. As we said last week, we all live in the "world of grace." It is for the love of Jesus and his unconditional surrender to the will of his Father that God has poured out the waters of salvation even though we were still sinners. May we continue walking this Lent knowing that "everything is gift and grace."

Fr. Hernán, S.J.



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

"THE SAMARITAN WOMAN" (John 4: 5-42)

During this Lenten journey we are called to reflect on our lives and also to ask and implore God's mercy on our behalf. There are times in our lives when we may feel lonely, sad, and even forsaken by God. If this is our case, the desperate cry of the Chosen People should serve as an example to us on how they did it in the desert "Is the Lord in our midst or not?" That is why today is a good time in the middle of the desert of our lives to rely on the hope that is given to us in the words of Jesus that assures us that:

"I am always with you."

Water seems to have a central place in today's readings. The Chosen People were thirsty in the desert and the Lord gave them water from the rock on Mount Horeb. The psalmist takes this incident to motivate us not to harden our hearts as they did. Paul suggests the image of water when he affirms that "God's love has been poured into our hearts." The Samaritan woman who is thirsty for water realizes that in Jesus she has received the living water. So every time we walk through the deserts of our lives we may cry out to the only one who can quench our thirst with his Word.

"Sir, give me this water" is the plea of all the thirsty and the theme of many songs. Since we were little we know that water is necessary for life; moreover, scientists seek to find water on other planets where we could eventually inhabit.

The Israelites were thirsty and desperate in their march through the desert. The well of Sychar had quenched thirst for generations dating back to Jacob. But Jesus leaves the Samaritan woman bewildered when he assures her that he possesses the living water that gives eternal life. Therefore, aware that only God can sustain us, we may cry out for that water that produces the fruits of eternal life.

Pope Francis insists on the missionary character of the Church. The Samaritan woman that Jesus meets by the well of Sychar at noon when it is hottest, is who typifies this missionary character. So, she finds Jesus, she is transformed by Him and leaves everything she had to go to proclaim to her friends and neighbors what she had found. Her testimony is effective since we are told that the Samaritans went out to look for Jesus and even convinced him to stay with them. They begin to believe from the woman's testimony, but when they listen to Jesus, they are really convinced that He is the one who is to come. Like the water that gives life, the faith of the Samaritan woman flows to others and transforms them. May we never lose sight of the missionary character of the Church that is proclaimed in our daily lives.

Let us remember that the water from the rock that quenches the thirst of the Israelites like the water that Jesus offers to the Samaritan woman are the manifestations of a God who loves us beyond our personal situation: the Israelites had rebelled against

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

March 15: Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

March 22: Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A
Psalm 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6
Ephesians 5:8-14



MUSIC NOTES FROM BVM - One of the greatest gifts God has given us is the capacity to experience the beauty of music. Throughout the ages, the rich tradition of sacred music in the church assures us that generation after generation, people have recognized the ability of music to invoke spiritual awe. The church continues to insist that music is integral to the experience of the Mass. Especially during the most holy seasons of Lent & Easter please join in singing all the hymns and Mass parts. "Full, active, conscious participation!" *Ad mejoram Dei Gloria.*

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.

EASTER YOUTH CHOIR - We are looking for singers to join our Youth Choir (2nd grade and above) to sing for the **most important** Feast Day of the year ... **EASTER SUNDAY, April 12th**. The Children's Youth Choir will sing for the 10:00am Mass. Rehearsals will be every Saturday afternoon from 2:45pm - 4:00pm beginning **Saturday, March 7th**. 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 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 is 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!

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.

GOOD HEALTH PRACTICES - We share your concern regarding the spread of the coronavirus. It is important for all of us to take care of our health and be concerned for the health of others. The exchange of the sign of peace should, at this time, be done with the verbal greeting "The peace of the Lord be with you" with a smile, a wave of the hand or a nod of the head. Be mindful of the health of your fellow parishioners and cover your mouth if you are sneezing and coughing. Please be sure to sanitize your hand when entering and leaving the Church. We have been instructed to give Communion by hand only, rather than placing the hosts in worshippers' tongues, and to empty holy water fonts, as precautions against the spread of Coronavirus. The distribution of the Precious Blood via the Chalice is temporarily suspended. Though it is true that it is a grave matter to miss mass on Sundays and holydays, this never applies to those who are ill, especially those who are contagious or display flu-like symptoms. So if you are sick, please stay home. Thank you.

CANCELATION OF SCHOOL & CCD - Out of an abundance of caution and at the recommendation of expert health officials, the Safety Task Force of the Office of the Superintendent of Schools and the Archdiocese of NY, our School and our Religious Education classes are canceled for the remainder of the week as the Coronavirus situation is monitored. This decision was made out of an abundance of caution. Any further information will be forwarded to parents as it becomes known. The health and safety of our students, staff and families is of the utmost importance. We are continuing to monitor the situation surrounding COVID-19 (Coronavirus). It is rapidly changing and we are closely following the advice of city, state and federal health officials. We truly understand that taking this action may cause some disruption to our families, but we strongly believe that these measures taken now will have the greatest success of decreasing risk to the whole community.

COLLECTIONS: March 8: \$4.072: Second Collection: \$1.250. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of OUR Parish!