



Third Sunday of Lent ~ March 7, 2021



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – March 6

8:00am- † Jack Field
5:00pm- † Donna Currie
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

By: Cinderella Wonsewitz
Offered by: Tommy

Sunday – March 7

8:30am~For the Protection of our Parishioners
10:00am- † Guillermo Martinez
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
By: wife, Hercilia Martinez

Monday– March 8

8:00am~ Intentions of the Wynne Family
12:05pm- † Roosevelt Delano Simpson
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Steve
By: Cinderella Wonsewitz

Tuesday – March 9

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Wednesday – March 10

8:00am~ For Healing & Protection of
Jayden Muñoz & Isaiah Roland
12:05pm-† Thomas Mormino, Sr.
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Susan Ferris
Offered by: Family

Thursday – March 11

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Friday – March 12

8:00am~ For Mary Lumbrano's Health
12:05pm-† Phyllis Tafuri
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Kathleen Delaney

Saturday – March 13

8:00am- † Erminia Motika
5:00pm~ For David Troianiello's Health

Offered by: Loyola School
Offered by: Bunch Family

Sunday – March 14

8:30am- † Alfred Binet
10:00am~ For Healing, Protection &
Peace of The Muñoz Family

Offered by: Loyola School
Offered by: Susan Ferris

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine



~ † Marianna & Vincent Raducha

Requested by: Frank Peters

Tabernacle Candle

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Memorial Candle

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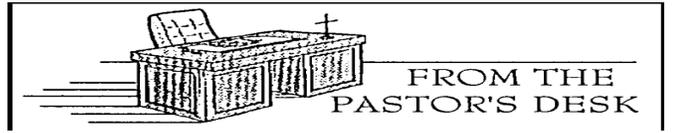
Memorial Candle

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COLLECTIONS – February 27 & 28 : \$ 4,990.

Thank you for your abundant generosity and continued support.

*"Today there are still **"merchants in the Temple."** We know that each person is a "temple of the Holy Spirit" and there are many men and women whose temples are being desecrated with all kinds of moral and physical abuse. This panorama should "burn" our entrails and arouse in us a passion for what is sacred: each human being" (Pope Francis).*



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"Destroy this temple and I will raise it up in three days." (John 2:13-25)

We fall, sin and fail. Our nature is weak and that is why Lent is a special time in the liturgical calendar where we can seek the strength that comes from God. This season makes us aware of our need for mercy and forgiveness. God's mercy and forgiveness are in their perfect form in the person of Jesus Christ who redeemed us from our faults and sins, carrying all of our guilt. Only God has the words of Eternal Life, as we sing in today's psalm. Let us seek God's mercy given to us in Jesus Christ by focusing on the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

It is always good to go back to the basics of our faith. Today we remember that God's commandments were given to the chosen people to guide them on the path of salvation. Saint Paul in the second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Jesus is not a sign of weakness or madness but a sign of the strength of love that goes beyond death. In the Gospel scene where Jesus is full of anger with those who desecrate the Temple and where he declares, "destroy this temple and I will raise it up in three days" we can understand as a sign of his resurrection and the temple of his body. So let us seek the wisdom that the Word of God gives us to understand the message of these readings.

Salvation is not given or achieved overnight. God's various promises to Noah and his descendants remind us that God does not abandon us. Miracles and heavenly signs are signs from God that confirm the action of a loving God who cares for his people. God forms them as a father and mother care for and teach their children. Firm faith is sustained in Jesus Christ who is the culmination of all of the Old Testament Covenants. The commandments prepared the people of God and the fulfillment of them is a pre-announcement that the mercy of God is eternal through the sacrifice of his Son. The challenge is to be faithful to that Covenant that changes our lives to make them better.

As we have already reflected on, let us remember what Saint Paul says, "we are temples of the Holy Spirit." Like the Temple in Jerusalem we also need to purify ourselves from time to time. It would not be bad for us to do an "Examen" in the manner of Saint Ignatius; that is, look at how our lives are in the face of God, others and ourselves. Today is not the time to stare at our particular needs and look for easy solutions but to remember that my family, friends, co-workers and neighbors are also those temples of the Holy Spirit. All our efforts this Lent invite us to respect, care for and protect others as they deserve. Only then can we dream of the promises that are given beyond evil and death;

"Destroy this temple and I will raise it up in three days."

Fr. Hernán, SJ

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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 7: Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalms 19:8-11
1 Corinthians 1:22-25

March 14: Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-17, 19-23
Psalms 137:1-6
Ephesians 2:4-10



MY EASTER GIFT TO THE CHURCH - Once again, we would like to encourage all our parishioners to make a special Gift to the Parish for Easter, on the Sunday before Easter, Palm Sunday, March 28th. We suggest \$100 per family.

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.

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES WITH AN EASTER FLOWER DONATION - Every Easter you have an opportunity to honor your loved ones with a donation that will help decorate the church with flowers on Easter. On these special envelopes you can print the names of those you wish to honor and these remembrance envelopes will remain on the altar for the month of April. Available at the church entrance.

ATTENDING MASS SAFELY - Mass and above all the Eucharist are central to the Christian life. In a time like this, it is even more important that the faithful be able to come to Church and receive Holy Communion. Guidelines for mask-wearing, social distancing and other precautions to help ensure the health and well-being of our communities remain in place. **ARRIVE EARLY** (at least 15 minutes before Mass), to ensure a place to sit; doors will open 30 minutes before Mass. Given the spacing requirement, those who come late may be asked to kindly return at another Mass time (if the church has filled to our allowed capacity).

TREE OF LIFE - Help us fulfill our "Tree of Life" and celebrate those you love. Consider gifting a leaf for your special life event, for a loved one who has passed or simply list your family name. Please fill the request form at the rectory. Your participation is greatly appreciated. The suggested donation for a leaf is \$300 and can be made in 3 installments.

LIVE STREAMING / VIRTUAL MASSES - Keeps you connected with our parish through our Facebook page. Connect and follow us on FB to see these transmissions from the comfort of your homes each Sunday. Just search "OLMC SI" and send a friend request. You may access these masses from your smart phone or computer.

Sunday Streamed Mass Schedule: 10:00am (English) & 11:30am (Spanish)

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES - Certificates attesting to the fact that an OLMC parishioner is of practicing Catholic are often required when they are asked to sponsor someone at the time of Baptism or Confirmation. Registered and active parishioners (for a minimum of six months), may receive a sponsor certificate from the Rectory by calling ahead and making this request. This also applies for anyone requiring a letter for immigration.

YOUR OFFERTORY ENVELOPES - Please continue, to the best of your ability, your financial support of our parish. Your offering envelopes may be placed in the collection baskets at mass, dropped off at the rectory office, or mailed to us. **Better and easier: Make your secure online donations by visiting: olmcsi.churhgiving.com** and select the collection you wish to donate to and click to enter an amount, then enter your payment information (it can also be setup to be recurring). That's it. You'll be able to give to any of our collections, and you can return at any time to edit your donation or to view your financial records. Thank you for considering online giving for your support of our parish.

CATHOLIC SISTER'S WEEK - March 8-14. Fifty-two weeks a year women religious stand with the poor and immigrants, teach children, fight injustice, heal the sick, share spirituality, empower women, defend the planet, promote peace, create community, offer hope ... But for one week, March 8-14, we shine the spotlight on women religious and encourage a wide range of campaigns and events that invite all who follow Jesus.

FRESH PRODUCE - Distribution of fresh produce and food will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2021 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Holy Family Parish / Msgr. Glynn Center (366 Watchogue Rd). You must bring your own bags.

CARDINAL'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL - As our world continues to navigate an ever-changing landscape, we as Catholics ground our hope in the all-powerful God who loves and sustains us through life's most difficult trials. Many of us here in New York are still deeply affected by the loss of life and the devastating financial consequences of COVID-19. We move forward, however, just as we started this journey - as a family.

Guided by the wisdom of Matthew 25:40, "Whatever you did for the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did for me," our pastors, teachers, lay staff, case workers, ministry leaders, health chaplains, and volunteers will continue the crisis work they started in March of 2020. We are building on the work that the Church has always done, serving the most vulnerable among us wherever there is need.

We were blessed to have the resources, programs, and staff in place to distribute COVID-19 assistance throughout the archdiocese as soon as the pandemic broke out. It's thanks to you, the faithful, and your unrelenting support of the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal year after year that we had this network of resources in place. Your generous donations to already needy parishes made it possible for them to weather the storm, ministering to the sick, the hungry, the jobless, and the grieving. In partnership with Catholic Charities, our parishes and pantries were able to distribute over a million meals and offer essential human services to our communities. Your role is essential to all we do and for this, we are grateful.

Thank you for considering a one-time or monthly gift to the Appeal this year. A little goes a long way when we all work together.