

# First Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2017

## MASSES FOR the WEEK

### SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH

8:30 A.M. People of the Parish  
10:30A.M. Mariana Paonessa  
12:00P.M. William Spanton

### MONDAY, MARCH 6TH

8:00 A.M. Marnee McLean

### TUESDAY, MARCH 7TH

8:00 A.M. Marie McDonald-Kalb (3rd Anniv)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8TH

8:00 A.M. Caroline Bozza  
7:30 P.M. John Ulianiello

### THURSDAY, MARCH 9TH

8:00 A.M. John Kelly

### FRIDAY, MARCH 10TH

8:00 A.M. Thomas Dowling

### 7:15 P.M. Stations of the Cross

### SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH

9:00 A.M. Elizabeth Bialas  
5:00 P.M. People of the Parish

### SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH

8:30 A.M. Mark Rech  
10:30A.M. Sr. Rosemary McSorley  
12:00P.M. Stella Padlo

## SCRIPTURES:

### March 12, 2017- 2nd Sunday of Lent

**First Reading:** GOD CALLS ABRAHAM TO LEAVE HIS FAMILY AND PEOPLE AND GO TO A NEW LAND. GOD PROMISES TO MAKE THE PEOPLE OF THIS NEW NATION GREAT AND TO BLESS ABRAHAM. (GENESIS 12: 1-4A)

**SECOND READING:** PAUL, FROM HIS PLACE OF IMPRISONMENT IN ROME, WRITES WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO TIMOTHY, TELLING HIM THAT CHRIST IS FOR THEM EVERLASTING LIFE. (2 TIMOTHY 1: 8B-10)

**GOSPEL:** WISHING TO REVEAL HIS GLORY TO PETER, JAMES AND JOHN, JESUS TAKES THEM TO A MOUNTAIN WHERE HE IS TRANSFIGURED BEFORE THEM. WHEN PETER EXCLAIMS THAT HE WILL BUILD THREE TABERNACLES THERE IN HONOR OF JESUS, MOSES AND ELIJAH, A VOICE FROM ABOVE PROCLAIMS: "THIS IS MY BELOVED SON ON WHOM MY FAVOR RESTS. LISTEN TO HIM." (MATTHEW 17: 1-9)

### STEWARDSHIP by the BOOK-March 5, 2017

What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us!

**MASS CARDS** We are asked to pray for the dead. The best way to do this is to have a mass celebrated in memory of a loved one. Call the rectory 973-663-0211. Please note- offering is \$15.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** are being held in Church Fridays during Lent at 7:15 PM. Please join us for this wonderful devotion.

### BAPTISMS

The next Baptism prep will be held Monday, March 27th at 7:15pm for Baptisms to be performed on Sunday, April 2nd, at 1:00PM.



**GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY SALE** - Flyers were distributed to grades 1 through 10. Please support this yearly fundraiser for our Religious Ed Program. **Order deadline is March 19th.** Candy will be here for Easter.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/olsosrh>

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -PRE-K-Grade 5

**Sunday, March 5th -8:45-10:15AM B-Wk classes +(Pre-K)**  
9AM- 1st Communion Parent Meeting Grade 1B  
**Sunday, March 12th -8:45-10:15AM A-Wk classes +(Pre-K)**  
9AM- 1st Communion Parent Meeting Grade 1A  
10:30AM - Class Mass Grade 2A

### MIDDLE SCHOOL -GRADES 6-8

**Sunday, March 5th -6:30-8:00PM B-Wk classes**  
**Sunday, March 12th -6:30-8:00PM A-Wk classes**

### HIGH SCHOOL - GRADES 9-10

**Sunday, March 12th -6:30-8pm classes-Sophomores**  
**Sunday, March 12th - Sophomore Interviews**  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST -9-12PM FRESHMEN SERVICE**

### Please remember in prayer those who are sick:

**SR. Kathleen Doyle (knee surgery)**, Msgr. Leo Carey, Msgr. Martin Rauscher, Jimmy Giannone, Jamie Williams, Tracy McBride, Francis Short, Tommy Vacca, Karen Zarzycki, Joseph Gorman, Carol Aulbach, Maureen McDermott, Peter Romaine, Gary Leaver, Patrick William, Christine Profaca & all who are ill at this time.



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sunday, March 12th** hosted by the Freshman Class in the Church Hall. Cost : \$7.00 adults and \$4.00 children.



Please support our High School Program by enjoying a delicious pancake & sausage breakfast with your family after 8:30 or 10:30 Mass.



### NEW ALTAR SERVERS FOR 2017:

Instructions are being held Saturday mornings from 10AM to 11AM on March 11, 18 & 25. Call the rectory 973-663-0211 for info.

### LENTE MASS PROGRAM-This Wednesday, March 8th, at 7:30pm Fr. Andrew Baquero

from St. Therese parish, Succasunna, will be our guest celebrant for the first of our Wednesday evening Lenten Masses. Please join us and bring a friend.



**RCIA** next meeting is on Tuesday, March 7th at 7:30pm at the Rectory.

### OLSOS ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY's first meeting of 2017 will be Monday, March 13th, at 7PM in the Church Hall. All women of the parish are invited to join us in praying the rosary and discussing this month's topics, including our upcoming March 25th Craft Fair & Flea Market. Join us!



**NEW TO THE PARISH WELCOME!** Please call 973-663-0211 Mon-Fri to become a registered member of our active parish.

### NEW LENTEN PROGRAM: "THE JOURNEY" has begun.

If you are interested and have not yet joined a group please contact Mike Dour, our group coordinator at 973-222-6697 or mcdour@optonline.net.



**OPERATION RICE BOWL:** As part of our observance of Lent, we ask all families to participate in **Catholic Relief Services'**

**Operation Rice Bowl, a program of prayer, fasting, learning and giving.** Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl packet and follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Visit [orb.crs.org](http://orb.crs.org) for more info & additional resources to use.

# LENT A FORTY DAY RETREAT

The word "Lent" conjures up images of acts of Penance, the color purple, fish, Ashes, sacrifices, no desserts, and maybe no video games or movies. These words are still valid but a word that we should also think about is Baptism. The more we see a link between "Lent" and "Baptism:" the more we can understand the readings and symbols of the Lenten season.

In the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Centuries the process leading up to baptism and to becoming a Christian was called the "Catechumenate." It was a lengthy process and concluded with a 40-day retreat during which the catechumens prepared to be fully initiated into the community through Baptism, Confirmation, and admission to the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. (Today the R.C.I.A. follows closely the same process). This final 40-day period became known as Lent. The members of the community who were already baptized saw this period as a time to encourage candidates and to pray with them. It was also a time to renew their baptismal promises.

In later centuries the focus of baptism shifted from adults to infants and the focus of Lent changed to penance and mortification. The Second Vatican Council, in looking at the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, has restored the baptismal character of Lent. For those people in the R.C.I.A. program Lent has become again a retreat before Baptism and Confirmation. It is called the period of purification and enlightenment.

If Lent is "Baptism time," then we must rediscover the importance of our own Baptism. For many people Baptism is something that happened a long time ago without much impact on what they do today. Some years ago I visited Venice. It was a wonderful experience but it didn't change the rest of my life. In 1971 I was ordained a priest. That experience *has changed* the rest of my life. There are events that change our lives, marriage, becoming a parent, ordination, and baptism.

At Baptism parents and godparents make a solemn promise to raise the child in the faith, to keep God's commandments and to love God and neighbor. They also promise to reject Satan and sin, and to believe in the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit and in the Catholic Church by saying "I Do" to various questions. It takes a lifetime to realize the meaning of those "I do's". Lent is a time to ponder these promises and renew them by again saying "I do."

On Ash Wednesday we heard the call that echoes our Baptism: Turn around, convert, "Return to Me with your whole heart" (Joel 2:12). Matthew tells us we are to give alms, how we are to pray, and how we are to fast. These are the three traditional acts of Lent. We are not to be glum, but to be generous. When we receive ashes we are reminded of our baptismal commitment: "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel."

To turn from sin we must know what sins we face. At baptism we promised to "Reject Satan, father of sin, and prince of darkness." How do you name the evil in your life? You probably do not call it "Satan" or "prince of darkness." These names may not help us to see what our task for Lent is this year. The reality of evil is still present in our lives. Perhaps our "devils" belong to the "ISM" family: alcoholism, consumerism, materialism, racism, sexism. Or perhaps they belong to the areas of drugs or honesty.

Yes, there is a lot to think about this Lent. Add a purple cloth or ribbon to your kitchen table to remind you of Lent. May this Lent be a special one for you.

*Sincerely in Christ,*

*Father Chris*



**The Rosary is recited Mon-Fri after 8AM Mass, and after 9AM Mass on Saturday. All are welcome to participate, especially during LENT.**



COME HOME TO HEALING --THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE IN ALL Paterson diocese parishes on the Mondays of Lent- March 6, 13, 20 & 27, and April 3rd from 7pm to 8:30pm.



**SATURDAY, MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> 9AM-3PM OLSOS Craft Fair & Flea Market**

hosted by The Rosary Altar Society in the Parish Center & Church Hall. Vendor Set up- 7AM. **Tables\$35 - Gym, - \$30- Church Hall. Please contact Lisa or Grace [gracesill@optonline.net](mailto:gracesill@optonline.net) or [lisag1267.gonzales@aol.com](mailto:lisag1267.gonzales@aol.com) for applications.** Food & drink for sale in the Church Hall. Snow Date -Sat. April 1, 2017.



**Available:** If you would like to make your offerings automatically **by check or credit card**, please go to [www.olsoslh.org](http://www.olsoslh.org) & **click the "Parish Pay" icon** to follow

instructions.

## FOOD PANTRY

**Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:45-11:45Am & 1:30-3PM.**

Coordinator is Toni Tarighi. Items needed: coffee, BAR SOAP, JUICE, TEA, PASTA, TUNA, SAUCE, applesauce, fruit, dish & laundry detergents, deodorant, paper towels, 2-in-1 shampoo, TP, tissues. Refrigerated: EGGS, Milk, yogurt, bread & frozen foods **NOTE:** ShopRite gift card donations are also appreciated.



**Join in the 40 days for Life Prayer Campaign from March 1st - April 9th**, to peacefully pray for the end of abortion

- the leading cause of death in the world - outside the Planned Parenthood in Morristown, a facility that performs over 1,000 abortions each year. Just as Jesus fasted and prayed in the desert for 40 days, so we are called to fast and pray to transform our culture into one that is open to life. Please join us, and those in over 340 cities around the world, to send a powerful message and to pray for the babies and their mothers and fathers, for those who need post-abortive healing, and for those who work at Planned Parenthood. **Please register for a time slot at [40Days for Life.com](http://40DaysforLife.com) and select the Morristown vigil.**

**St. Jude's Annual Corned Beef Dinner Saturday, March 11th 6PM in the Parish Ctr. 40 Maxim Dr., Hopatcong. Tickets-\$25. Call the Rectory (973) 398-6377 for more information.**

**OLSOS VACATION BIBLE CAMP - August 21-25, 2017 9am-3pm** *This year OLSOS will be hosting one week of Day Camp for our Kindergarten through 5th grade children.*



5 days filled with creative activities geared to all ages. Fees: \$175 per child-deadline 5/21; \$150 per child **early Reg.** deadline April 30th; Special multi child

discount \$10 per additional child. **Special and optional prices:** Volunteer pricing - any parent who volunteers for the entire week, child attends for 1/2 price.

**BEFORE CARE** - 7-9AM- \$25 per child per week.

**AFTER CARE** - 3-6 PM- \$37.50 per child per week.

**LUNCH** - \$5 per child per DAY.

**For more information and registration forms contact OLSOS Religious Ed Office 973-663-0124.**

**SPECIAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY DISPENSATION FROM THE LAWS OF FAST & ABSTINENCE** has been given BY BISHOP SERRATELLI with a strong recommendation that the faithful honor both St. Patrick and this holy season of Lent on March 17th by doing some special work of charity or exercise of piety in place of abstinence.



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