

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018

MASSES FOR the WEEK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

8:30 A.M. Vera Donohue
10:30A.M. Gary Langan
12:00P.M. People of the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19th – Presidents' Day

8:00 A.M. Mary M. Houlihan

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

8:00 A.M. Kenneth Schroers

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

8:00 A.M. Deacon Frank Para
7:30 P.M. Vera Donohue

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

8:00 A.M. James Coughlin Jr.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

8:00 A.M. Julia Messerle
7:15 P.M. Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

9:00 A.M. Michael Dalessio
5:00 P.M. People of the Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

8:30 A.M. Danny McLean
10:30A.M. Helen Spanton
12:00P.M. Esther Punturieri

SCRIPTURES:

February 25, 2018 – Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading: GOD ORDERED ABRAHAM TO TAKE HIS ONLY BELOVED SON TO MORIAH AND OFFER HIM AS A SACRIFICE. ABRAHAM BUILT AN ALTAR AND TOOK OUT A KNIFE TO SACRIFICE HIS SON ISAAC. BUT, GOD CALLED OUT TO HIM AND TOLD HIM OF BLESSINGS THAT WOULD BE BESTOWED ON HIM AND HIS DESCENDANTS BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN WILLING TO DO WHAT GOD HAD ASKED.

(GENESIS 22:1-2, 9A,10-13,15-18)

SECOND READING PAUL REMINDS THE PEOPLE THAT GOD DID NOT SPARE HIS ONLY SON, BUT GAVE HIM UP FOR THE SAKE OF ALL PEOPLE. THIS PROVES GOD VIEWS US ALL AS HIS CHILDREN, AND THAT NO PERSON CAN HARM OR CONDEMN US BECAUSE GOD WILL PROTECT US. (ROMANS 8:31B-34)

GOSPEL: JESUS LED PETER, JAMES AND JOHN UP A HIGH MOUNTAIN, WHERE HE CONVERSED WITH ELIJAH AND MOSES. A VOICE PROCLAIMED, "THIS IS MY SON, MY BELOVED. LISTEN TO HIM." THEN JESUS WAS ALONE AND WARNED THEM NOT TO TELL ANYONE WHAT THEY HAD SEEN UNTIL HE HAD RISEN FROM THE DEAD. (MARK 9: 2-10)

STEWARDSHIP by the BOOK-February 18, 2018

The waters of baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism...that people place their gifts, their resources—their selves—at God's service in and through the Church."

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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.

RCIA -- next meeting Tuesday, **February 20th** at 7:30pm at the Rectory.

BAPTISMS are regularly performed on the First Sunday of each month at 1pm. To arrange for a Baptism please call the rectory M-F - 973-663-0211.



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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -PRE-K-Grade 5

Sunday, February 25, 2018– 8:45 AM A Week classes

MIDDLE SCHOOL -GRADES 6-8

Sunday, February 25th-6:30-8:00 PM – classes

HIGH SCHOOL – GRADES 9-10

NO CCD CLASSES SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18TH

Sunday, February 25th – Soup Supper 6:30pm
Grades 6 thru 10

Please remember in prayer those who are sick:

Patricia Kautter, Al Snolis, Patricia Kautter, Tara Tighe Burnham, John Babbitt, Tyler Mueller, Larry Stimpfel, Dolores Yagozinski, Vito Polera, Cathy Collins, Ben Gonzales, Strut Hurley, Julie Hildebran, Maverick Carpenter, Cindy Telmosse, Carol Aulbach, & all who are ill at this time.



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Fri., February 16th thru Sun. Feb 18th – Antioch Retreat

Sun., February 25th –SOUP SUPPER– Grades 6- 10-- A & B Wks

NO CCD classes February 18th

LENTEN MASS PROGRAM—This Wednesday,

February 21st, at 7:30pm Fr. Marcin Bradke from OL Lake parish, Sparta, will be our guest celebrant for the first of our Wednesday evening Lenten Masses. Please join us and bring a friend.



SATURDAY. MARCH 24th 9am-3pm Annual OLSOS INDOOR FLEA MARKET & CRAFT EVENT – Vendors wanted!

Reserve a table by March 8th. Applications will be in the vestibule in the coming weeks or [e-mail GRACESILL@optonline.net](mailto:GRACESILL@optonline.net) and ask for one. \$35 Gym table, \$30 Church Hall. Vendor set up is at 7AM. Snow Date Saturday, 4/7.



NEW ALTAR SERVERS FOR 2018:

Our parish is now in need of a new class of altar servers for 2018. It is open to boys & girls in 4th grade and up. Altar servers assist the priest and deacon on the altar at Mass, help to serve at Christmas, Holy Week and Easter, and special celebrations such as Confirmation. **Instructions are being held Saturday mornings from 10AM to 11AM on February 24, and March 3, 10, 17 & 24.** Please fill out applications (in vestibule) & return to Fr. Chris. Details are on the form.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

will be held in Church Friday February 23rd at 7:15 PM. Come join us for this wonderful devotion.

On-Line Giving - Please go to the website olsoslh.org and click on the icon "We Share" to use on-line giving instead of envelopes. It is a way to make sure your offering is made even when you are unable to come to weekend Mass.

COME HOME TO HEALING --THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE IN ALL Paterson Diocese parishes on the Mondays of Lent--

February 19, 26 March 5, 12, & 19-- 7pm to 8:30pm.



Monday, February 19th is Presidents' Day. The Parish and Religious Education Offices will be closed. In an emergency please call the rectory, 973-663-0211, otherwise contact us Tuesday. Thank you.

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 4th and 5th 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



NEW TO THE PARISH Welcome! Please call (973) 663-0211 & register to become a member of our active parish.

FOOD PANTRY

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 10:45-11:45AM 1:30-3:30PM call 973-663-0211 for appointment.



Coordinator is Toni Tarighi- Items needed: **SOUP, COFFEE, TEA, CEREAL, canned fruits, oatmeal, CANNED PASTA, canned meats & stews, hash, mac & cheese, Pancake mix & syrup, veggies, JELLY, peanut butter, cake mix, 2-in-1 shampoo, Dish/ Laundry detergents, deodorant, Refrigerator: milk, eggs, yogurt; frozen foods- all types.**

NOTE: Shoprite gift card donations also accepted. *Thank you to everyone supporting our food pantry.*



SOUP KITCHEN: Our parish is responsible for the noon meal on the fourth Friday of each month at Trinity Lutheran Church, East Blackwell Street, Dover (973-366-2821). **We serve again on Friday, February 23rd** and we will be

serving between 160 to 190 meals that day. If you can help serve, cook a meal or donate some food please contact Ed Young at 973-270-3512. Good for teen community service as well. Thank you.

GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY – Flyers have been given to students in grades K--10. Please support this annual fundraiser for our Religious Education program. **Order deadline-March 11th.** Candy will be here in time for Easter.



The Journey small groups have formed with about 50 parishioners participating. All parishioners are encouraged to pray *The Journey prayer*, read the devotional, "**The Journey, Part 2: Encountering the Community of Jesus**" and read the weekly bulletin inserts.



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

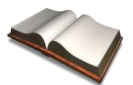
Operation Rice Bowl, a program of prayer, fasting, learning and giving. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl packet and follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Visit orb.crs.org for more info & additional resources to use.

SICK OR SHUT IN-or know someone who is- unable to get to church to receive Communion? Please call the rectory at 663-0211 to set up time for a Communion call.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE is Prayer and Fasting, Peaceful Vigil, and Community Outreach. Take part with Morris County Right to Life at Planned Parenthood, 196 Speedwell Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960, 7AM to 7PM **seven days a week continuing now through Palm Sunday March 25.** We invite pro-lifers as individuals or groups to participate. Bring signs to hold (except graphic type) or will supply as needed. Please contact by email: 44LifeUS@gmail.com or call 973-933-2800.

2019 DAILY MASS BOOK RECORD is now available. Call Patricia at the rectory (973) 663-0211 to set up your memorial Masses for next year.



INCREASED OFFERTORY PROGRAM : Thank you to all parishioners who have submitted their Commitment Card for our **Grateful Giving, Joyful Living Follow Up Program** to the church. We will be mailing out a **Summary Report** of the program and need all commitments accounted for in this report. For electronic giving please go to www.olsoslh.org and click on the We SHARE icon.



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