

# First Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2019

## MASSES FOR the WEEK

### SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH

8:30 A.M. Josephine Buccafurni  
10:30A.M. People of the Parish  
12:00P.M. George Esso

### MONDAY, MARCH 11TH

8:00 A.M. Intention of Maryann Greene

### TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH

8:00 A.M. Mark Rech

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH

8:00 A.M. Kathleen Tovo  
7:30 P.M. Francisca Kariyawasam

### THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH

8:00 A.M. Frank T. Milone

### FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH

8:00 A.M. Vincent Hicks  
7:15 P.M. Stations of the Cross

### SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH

9:00 A.M. Fr. Raphael Perez  
5:00 P.M. George Esso

### SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH

8:30 A.M. Tara Tighe Burnham  
10:30A.M. Darwel Lame  
12:00P.M. People of the Parish

### SCRIPTURES:

#### March 17, 2019– Second Sunday of Lent

**First Reading:** GOD TOLD ABRAM THAT HE WOULD GIVE HIM THE LAND OF EGYPT AND HIS DESCENDANTS WOULD BECOME A GREAT PEOPLE. ABRAM THEN MADE SACRIFICES TO GOD, CUTTING THEM IN HALF. A TORCH PASSED BETWEEN THE PIECES, AS A VISIBLE SIGN TO ABRAM OF GOD'S PROMISE. (GENESIS 15: 5-12, 17-18)

**SECOND READING:** PAUL URGES THE PHILIPPIANS TO AVOID BECOMING TOO INTERESTED IN MATERIAL POSSESSIONS. HE REMINDS THEM THAT THEIR MOST IMPORTANT WEALTH IS THEIR FAITH IN JESUS, WHICH WILL LEAD THEM TO ETERNAL LIFE. (PHILIPPIANS 3: 17—4:1)

**GOSPEL:** JESUS TOOK PETER, JOHN AND JAMES TO A MOUNTAIN TO PRAY. WHEN HIS CLOTHES GREW INCREDIBLY WHITE, MOSES AND ELIJAH APPEARED. THEY SPOKE OF THE SCRIPTURE HE WAS TO FULFILL. THEN A CLOUD CAME DOWN AND A VOICE SAID, "THIS IS MY SON, MY CHOSEN ONE. LISTEN TO HIM." THE DISCIPLES WHO HAD SEEN JESUS' GLORY DID NOT DISCLOSE THIS EXPERIENCE TO ANYONE UNTIL MUCH LATER. (LUKE 9: 28B-36)

#### STEWARDSHIP by the BOOK- March 10, 2019

Today's first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the promised land. Is my offering at today's Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given me?

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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, March 26, 7:30pm in the Rectory.

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

**Upcoming baptisms-** Sun. March 10, March 31.



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

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



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

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

Sunday, March 10, 2019 -8:45AM – classes K-5

9:15AM – First Grade Parent Meeting

**10:30AM – Class Mass Grade 2**

All 2nd Grade students **MUST** attend.

Grades K, 1, 3 & 5 should attend

Saturday, March 16 – Grade 2 First Communion Workshop & Breakfast with Fr. Chris

### MIDDLE SCHOOL -GRADES 6-8

Sunday, March 10th - 6:30 – 8:00 PM – classes

Sunday, March 24th - 6:30 – 8:00 PM – classes

### HIGH SCHOOL – GRADES 9-10

Sunday, March 10th – 6:30-8:00pm classes

**Sophomore Interviews**

**NO CCD Classes March 17th**

### CHOIR PRACTICE:

Adults – practice is on Thursdays at 7:30PM in the Church. All parishioners 18 & over welcome.



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

Msgr. Paul Knauer, John Crowley, Pacita Cabaluna, Quinn Gorman, Kevin Walty, Dylan Flinchum, Nancy McDonald, Julian Bonifacio, Fr. Thomas Mangeri, Msgr. Eugene Boland, Jack Gebhardt, Jr., Christine Profaca, & all who are ill at this time. **We also pray for the recently deceased:** Fr. Patrick Walsh, CSSR, Beverly Lagonikos, Fr. Donal O'Leary, David Campbell.

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS FOR 2019** Altar servers assist the priest and deacon at the altar at Mass, help to serve at Christmas, Holy Week and Easter, and celebrations such as Confirmation. **Instructions continue Saturdays from 10AM to 11AM - March 16, 23, 30.**



**THE JOURNEY** continues on Tuesday night **March 12, at 7:30PM** and Wednesday afternoon **March 13, at 1:00PM**. Registration forms are located in the back of the Church for those still interested. We look forward to sharing this journey with you.

**OLSOS ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY's** first meeting of 2019 is **Monday, March 11th**, 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 30th Craft Fair & Flea Market**, and our **Spring Yankee Candle Fundraiser** to support our Scholarship Award. Please join us!



**OPERATION RICE BOWL:** As part of our community's 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 information & additional resources to use.**



**GETTING MARRIED IN 2019/2020?** Call the rectory 973-663-0211 to arrange for your wedding at Star of the Sea Church.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE IN ALL Paterson diocese parishes on the Mondays of Lent from 7pm to 8:30pm.



**LENTEN MASS PROGRAM**—This **Wednesday, March 13th**, 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.



# 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*



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

## SATURDAY, MARCH 30th

### Annual Star of the Sea INDOOR FLEA MARKET & CRAFT FAIR – 9AM-3PM.

Sponsored by the OLSOS Rosary Altar Society. Proceeds benefit the parish. **Vendors wanted!**

Come sell your new/gently used goods, wares and services. Reserve a table by March 15th Call Sue Sacino at 973-601-3028. **Gym table \$35, \$30 Church Hall** Vendor set up 7AM



### FOOD PANTRY

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 11-11:45AM 1:15-3:15PM**  
call 973-663-0211 for appointment. Coordinator is

Toni Tarighi- Items needed: **SOUP, CEREAL, canned meats, canned fruits, soup, rice, pasta sauce.**

**Toiletries: plastic wrap, Dish detergent, tissues, deodorant, tooth paste, paper towels, TP.**

**Refrigerator: milk, yogurt, frozen foods- all types.**

NOTE: Shoprite gift card donations also accepted.

Thank you to the Bolcars, Lavins, & all who support our pantry.



### ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICE-

**MARCH 10th – 7PM at Berkshire Valley**

**Presbyterian Church- BV Road near**

**Rte 15 South.** Join 12 area churches as we

open ourselves to the challenge of Lent this

evening. Sponsored by the Lake Hopatcong Assoc. of Churches.

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

March 10,17, **Art class** with Claudia Dungan 2-5pm

Additional classes scheduled April 7, 14-- Fee \$40.

March 16-17 **Ministry Fair** in Church Hall after all masses.

March 24 – 9-12 **Pancake Breakfast**

**MARCH 16 -17- MINISTRY FAIR** after all masses. Please join us in the Church Hall to find out about the many ministries that make our parish tick. Coffee, cake & Irish Soda Bread is available. There is a Basket of Cheer Drawing, and Irish Step Dancers performing after 10:30AM Mass, courtesy of Ed & Kathy Hansberry. Please stop in for a few minutes!

**KISS ME KATE-** Bus Trip, **Tuesday, May 21st, 8PM show.**

Please call 973-663-0211 to reserve your seats. Tickets including bus \$107 each. Join us for this musical comedy with Kelly O'Hara, based on Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew", at Studio 54. Bus leaves 4:45pm. Almost sold out!



**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, March 22nd** 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.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sunday, March 24th** 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.**



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