

Third Sunday of Lent

March 24, 2019

MASSES FOR the WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH

8:30 A.M. Carol De Paola
10:30A.M. People of the Parish
12:00P.M. George Esso

MONDAY, MARCH 25TH

8:00 A.M. Arthur & Rose Smith

TUESDAY, MARCH 26TH

8:00 A.M. Michael Mercadante

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27TH

8:00 A.M. Msgr. Paul Knauer
7:30 P.M. Buccafurni & Spagnolo families

THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH

8:00 A.M. Gloria Dvornick

FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH

8:00 A.M. Anna & Joseph Halupka
7:15 P.M. Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH

9:00 A.M. Richard Orifice
5:00 P.M. Joyce Wolf

SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST

8:30 A.M. David Campbell
10:30A.M. People of the Parish
12:00P.M. Michael Della Terza, Sr.

SCRIPTURES:

March 31, 2019– Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: JOSHUA AND THE ISRAELITES CELEBRATED PASSOVER IN JERICHO. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THEY HAD EATEN THE PRODUCE OF THE PROMISED LAND. AFTER THIS, THERE WAS NO MORE BREAD SENT FROM HEAVEN BECAUSE THEY WERE ABLE TO EAT THE YIELD OF THE LAND. (JOSHUA 5: 9A, 10-12)

SECOND READING: PAUL TELLS US THAT ANYONE LIVING IN JESUS IS A NEW CREATION BECAUSE GOD HAS RECONCILED WITH US THROUGH CHRIST. AS AN AMBASSADOR FOR JESUS, PAUL IMPLORES THAT THE CORINTHIANS BE RECONCILED TO GOD THROUGH JESUS. (2 CORINTHIANS 5: 17-21)

GOSPEL: THE PHARISEES GREW DISGUSTED WITH JESUS BECAUSE OF HIS COMPASSION TOWARD SINNERS. SO JESUS TOLD THEM A STORY OF A SON WHO SQUANDERED HIS INHERITANCE. WHEN A FAMINE BROKE OUT, HE RETURNED HOME AND ASKED HIS FATHER TO BECOME A HIRED HAND. HIS FATHER INSTEAD WELCOMED HIM WITH A JOYFUL CELEBRATION, JUST AS GOD IS OVERJOYED WHEN A SINNER RETURNS TO HIM. (LUKE 15: 1-3, 11-32)

STEWARDSHIP by the BOOK- March 31, 2019

The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!

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 31.



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

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

Sunday March 24 – PANCAKE BREAKFAST

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -PRE-K-Grade 5

Sunday, March 24th -8:45AM – classes K-5

MIDDLE SCHOOL -GRADES 6-8

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

HIGH SCHOOL – GRADES 9-10

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

6:30PM- 10th grade Student & Parent Social

“Are you Smarter than a 10th Grader?”

One parent must attend

NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES SUNDAY MARCH 31st



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:

Regina Clarke, John Crowley, Pacita Cabaluna, Robin Wright, Quinn Gorman, Dylan Flinchum, Julian Bonifacio, Msgr. Eugene Boland, Jack Gebhardt, Jr., Ciara Davison, & all who are ill at this time. **We also pray for the recently deceased:** Msgr. Paul Knauer, Fr. Patrick Walsh, Beverly Lagonikos, Josephine Profido, Sr. Brigid O'Shea, Michael Mercadante, Gloria Dvornick.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sunday, March 24th hosted by the Freshman Class in the Church Hall. Cost : \$7

adults and \$4 children. Please support our High School Program by enjoying a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage/bacon, coffee, tea, juice, and more with your family- **9AM-12:30PM.**



NEW ALTAR SERVERS FOR 2019 Altar Servers **Instructions continue Saturday from 10AM to 11AM - March 30.** The new servers will be commissioned at the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, April 7th, and begin service in May.



THE JOURNEY continues in the Church Hall on Monday night **March 25, at 7:30PM** and Wednesday afternoon **March 27, at 1:00PM.** We look forward to sharing this journey with you.

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.



EASTER FLOWERS Easter is our greatest feast- celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus. It is fitting that our sanctuary reflects this joy. You can help decorate our sanctuary by



donating an **Easter Lily**, in memory of a loved one. A **donation of \$25.00** is requested. Envelopes are available in the church pews.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30th – Star of the Sea INDOOR FLEA MARKET & CRAFT FAIR

– 9AM-3PM. Sponsored by OLSOS Rosary Altar Society. Proceeds benefit the parish. **Vendors wanted!** Come sell your crafts, services or new/gently used goods & wares Reserve a table- Call Sue Sacino at 973-601-3028. **ONLY Church Hall tables left- \$30.** Vendor set up 7AM.



LENTEN MASS PROGRAM—This **Wednesday, March 27th, at 7:30pm.** **Fr. John Andrew Connell**, retired priest from the Paterson Diocese, will be our guest celebrant for the third of our Wednesday evening Lenten Masses. Please join us and bring a friend.



JOURNEYING IN FAITH

This past week we celebrated the feasts of two great men of faith - St. Patrick on March 17th and St. Joseph on March 19th. Through them we are reminded that faithfulness to God is a challenge for all Christians. Both of these men were called by God and given a mission which was uniquely their own. Because both responded faithfully and humbly to their call, they fulfilled God's plan for them.

As a boy, Patrick was wrenched from his family, from Roman civilization and sold into slavery in Ireland, an unknown land to him. During his captivity he experienced a profound conversion that changed the course of his life. After escaping and returning to his homeland, He responded to God's call to become a priest and to return to Ireland to bring the Gospel of Christ to the people. He spent some thirty years there and evangelized and baptized many thousands. His work carried on through his successors and brought a shining light into the "Dark Ages" and his influence has been noted in the Church down through the ages even to our present day.

Joseph's courage to live a life of faith is an inspiration for us to trust in God especially in times of uncertainty and struggle. Joseph risked his reputation and trusted God's voice when the angel told him to wed Mary and believe that she was bearing God's Son. His journey through life was filled with uncertainty but led by the Spirit, he traveled the rough, uncertain journeys to Bethlehem, to Egypt and to Nazareth. He uprooted his family, traveled in faith and trusted in God. All of this he did in response to a deep inner sense of his call. Joseph's faith was rooted in trust in a God of steadfast love.

As we continue our Lenten Journey let us be mindful of our own call to Journey in Faith. Let us ask God to give us the courage to risk and to be open to His mysterious ways in our lives. To walk in faith will often mean that we do not have the answers at the moment we want them. It means taking one step at a time as we allow the Lord's light to shine and guide us on our Journey.

*Sincerely in Christ,
Father Chris*



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

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!

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

"The Journey"—7:30pm Mondays 3/25, 4/1 & Thursday 4/11; & Wednesday afternoons 1PM – 3/27, 4/3, 4/10
Sunday March 24th – 9-12:30 Pancake Breakfast.
Art class with Claudia Dungan 2-5pm
 Additional classes scheduled April 7, 14-- Fee \$40.

FOOD PANTRY

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 11-11:45AM 1:15-3:15PM
 call 973-663-0211 for appointment. Coordinator is Toni Tarighi- Items needed: **ONLY CANNED**



FRUITS & hot cocoa.

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 Lauren Vaia's work place Co-op for their donation of 10 cases of commercial size canned peaches and several other items. The fruit will be used by Ed Young for the Dover soup kitchen, and for our Pancake Breakfast as well. We are truly blessed!

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY'S YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER-



to benefit our High School Scholarship Award Program is being held until April 1st. We will receive 40% of the sales which will help with the scholarship. Orders will be here in time for Mother's Day. Order online at

www.yankeecandlefundraising.com, enter Group Number 999979759, or in person the weekend of March 30-31 after all masses. For more info or order forms contact Sue Sacino at 973-601-3028 or sacinos@yahoo.com.

PEBBLES IN THE HOLY WATER FONTS?

During the season of Lent pebbles are placed in the fonts and the holy water is removed. This is to remind us that Lent is meant to be a time when we remember that Jesus spent forty days in the desert fasting. Water is a scarce commodity in the desert. The pebbles remind us that for us, too, Lent is meant to be a desert experience.



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JEFFERSON TWP COMMUNITY CHORUS FUNDRAISERS -

DINE & DONATE - Monday, March 25- 4-10pm -Gatwyn's II, 900 Rte 15 North. 15% of your bill goes to JTCC. Also Fundraiser by "Sweets"- candiesShop on line until April 4th. link for orders: http://www.yumraising.com/secure/jefferson_easter_candy_fundraiser_for_the_jef84/?h=Ter_Fon7291&c=fb8076



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

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.**



Paint & Sip "Spring Bouquet"— with Claudia Dungan Friday evening, April 26th in the Church Hall. More info to follow.

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



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