



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion ~ March 20, 2016



"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the LORD; peace in heaven and glory in the highest." ~Luke 19:38

Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday March 19

8:00am- †
5:00pm- † Patricia May
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by:
Offered by: Ina Zinnanti

Sunday March 20 Palm Sunday

8:30am-† Msgr. Augustine J. DiBlasi & Mom
10:00am- † Maximo Pascua
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Family
Offered by: wife, Crescencia Pascua

Monday March 21

8:00am- † Thomas Kellher
12:05pm- † Mrs. Owens

Offered by: Bernadette DeFrancisci
Offered by: Mary & Libby Guardiani

Tuesday March 22

8:00am- † Eddie Santiago
12:05pm- † Sophie Scamardella

Offered by: Annette Esposito
Offered by: Joann Scamardella

Wednesday March 23

8:00am- †
12:05pm- †

Offered by:
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Thursday March 24 Holy Thursday

7:30pm- † Mass of the Lords Super

Bilingual Liturgy

Friday March 25 Good Friday

3:00pm- Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7:00pm- Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

English Liturgy
Spanish Liturgy

Saturday March 26 Holy Saturday

8:00pm- † Easter Vigil Mass

Bilingual Liturgy

Sunday March 27 Easter Sunday

8:30am-† Pancrazio LaMorte
10:00am-† Eddie Santiago
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: wife, Rafaela
Offered by: Victoria & Wilfredo Garay

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle
Memorial Candle



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Liturgical Minister's Schedule MARCH 2016

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Linda Graves & Tom Ventrudo (carry Gospel Book)
E. M.: Nancy Velez, Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Sub: Linford Smith
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Sunday 8:30 a.m.

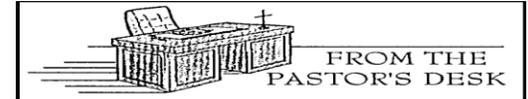
Lector: Joan Fortunato & Diane Carbonaro (carry Gospel Book)
E.M.: Diane Carbonaro, Delmeter Carey & Cinderella Wonszewitz

Sub: Joan Knighton
Sub: Bill Hinton

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Victoria Garay (carry Gospel Book)
E. M.: Valerie Cappucci, Dianne Murphy & Thelma Washington

Sub: Sharely Manuel
Sub: Alexis Crowdell



Today, we begin the most important week of the Christian calendar – Holy Week. But do your actions this week communicate to the world that this week is truly holy for you?

Recently, Cardinal Dolan lamented the fact that Catholic Christians do not seem to pay attention to the importance of the public witness they are called to give their faith. He commented on the fact that Muslims are not ashamed to stop their work to observe their daily ritual of prayer. He recalled how an extraordinarily talented Jewish baseball player, Sandy Koufax, chose not to play in the first game of the 1965 World Series because that day was Yom Kippur – the most solemn day of the Jewish calendar. How do we, as Catholic Christians, communicate to the world the importance of our faith especially in this time of Lent? Have you abstained from meat on Fridays? Have you maintained a practice of personal discipline – not eating candy or not drinking beer or alcohol? Have you tried to be more patient with your spouse and your children? Have you tried to stop using inappropriate language at home and at work? Has there been some effort this Lent to give witness to the importance of your faith?

As we begin Holy Week, how will you make this week holy? Will you gather with your family for prayer every evening? Will you refrain from fights with your spouse and your children? Will you leave work early on Thursday so that you can attend Mass on Holy Thursday? Will you not work on Good Friday? If you must work because of your financial situation, will you leave work early to attend Good Friday services? On Holy Saturday, will you spend the entire day working, or preparing the Easter feast, or will you spend some quiet time with your family in which each family member expresses his/her gratitude to God for the gift of Jesus – whose death and resurrection gives us the hope of everlasting life? What will you do to make this week holy? How will you live differently in order to make this week different from other weeks?

What a great gift we offer ourselves and our world, if we make this week truly holy!

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

These readings are found complete on our parish web page (www.olmcsi.org). Click on "USCCB Daily Readings."

TODAY: Palm-Passion Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Luke 22:14-23:56 (Passion)

Next Sun: Easter Sunday

Acts of the Apostles 10:34., 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Cor. 5:6-8
John 20:1-9



GREAT PROGRESS WITH THE CARDINAL'S CAMPAIGN! –We have pledges to the Campaign for more than half of our goal of \$25,500 and we have received one-third of our goal in gifts. We welcome all pledges and gifts. Envelopes are available in the vestibule. They can be returned in the collection or in the office. Thank you!

PASTOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING - Monday –March 21st at 5 p.m. – Meeting Room. All are welcome!

THE SWEET SMELL OF SYRUP and THE SAVORY AROMA OF BACON! Buy your tickets for our pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 3, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Adults: \$8.00. Children 12 years and under: \$4.00. This is a great way for your family to be together on a Sunday.

MONTHLY COLLECTION IN SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH – We had a collection on the first Sunday of every month, *Companions in Christ*, to help our parish meet its significant monthly expenses. Unfortunately, there was often a conflict with collections that our universal Church asked us to support. Starting on April 9/10, we will have our second collection for the support of the parish every second Sunday of the month. Why do we need a second collection for the support of our parish every month? Our normal Sunday collection only raises enough revenue to pay the salaries for our lay employees for that week. It does not raise the money needed to pay our electric bill (\$1200 this month), gas bill (\$700), our payment for Archdiocesan services including employee benefits and property insurance (\$2,500 per week), the salary and benefits of our two priests (\$7,000 monthly), and all of the other expenses associated with running a small business that our parish is. I know that most of you struggle to meet your monthly expenses as well so I am deeply appreciative of your generosity. Please understand that I raise money not because I enjoy it but because I have to! Thank you for your patience and generosity with our numerous appeals for help! Fr. Hallinan.

COUPLES CELEBRATING 50 YEARS of MARRIAGE – Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2016 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 25th at 1:30 p.m. or Sunday, June 26th at 2:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Please register in the parish office. **The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 24th, 2016.** If you cannot attend either date but would like a certificate from the Archdiocese, you may also register in the parish office.

NEEDING HELP FOR YOU OR YOUR FAMILY? – Project Hospitality offers Single Stop services (English and Spanish) at our Lady of Mount Carmel on Tuesdays from 9 am to 12 pm and Fridays from 2 pm to 6:30 pm. Come receive a benefits screening and application assistance (food stamps, WIC, rent and utility help) and access to free legal help, financial counseling, health insurance navigation, and tax preparation services.

GIVE A GIFT THAT GIVES OUR PARISH A GIFT – The Society of St. Vincent DePaul will give back to our church either \$50 or \$100 for every car, truck or van that you donate to them. It doesn't matter whether the vehicle works or not! If you do not have a vehicle to donate, maybe you know someone in your family, in your neighborhood, or at work who might be interested. Please call the St. Vincent DePaul Society at 718-491-2525

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR MATURE ADULTS – University Hospice (78 Meisner Avenue) is seeking volunteers to support their work of providing quality, compassionate end-of-life care to residents on Staten Island. Volunteers are needed for visits to patients in their homes, nursing facilities, or hospitals. The Hospice also needs volunteers in their office and to work on special projects. Training begins on April 16. If interested, please call 718.226.6458 and speak with Angela DeMarco.

PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK - Lord Jesus Christ, in this sacred and solemn week when we see again the depth and mystery of your redeeming love, help us to follow where you go, to stop where you stumble, to listen when you cry, to hurt as you suffer, to bow our heads in sorrow as you die, so that, when you are raised to life again, we may share in your endless joy. *Amen*

WEEKLY OFFERING: March 13: \$5,628. – Thank you for your generosity! Winners of the St. Patrick's Day Raffle (\$470): Joan Fortunato (Brunch for 2); Martha Moffit (Mike's Diner); Mary Lou Obermayer (Basket of Irish Cheer).

CONVERSION - Jesus makes a Royal, Triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Crowds sing out the Benediction: Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) to the one who enters in the name of the Lord. But today we also hear the Passion read in the Gospel. While we are joyful at the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, we must reflect on the words of St. Clement's letter to the Corinthians: "Let us fix our attention on the blood of Christ and recognize how precious it is to God his Father, since it was shed for our salvation and brought the grace of repentance to all the world." May our sacrifices this Lenten season draw us closer to Christ and His Kingdom as we constantly pray to be Humble, Contrite, Obedient, Grateful, Thankful, Compassionate, Cheerful, Joyful and a Pure and Holy Servant and live our life in a manner most pleasing to God. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.