



# First Sunday of Lent – March 5, 2017



“The Lord, your God, shall you worship and Him alone shall you serve.” ~Matthew 4:10

## Weekly Mass Intentions



### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday – March 4

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

Offered by:  
Offered by:

#### Sunday – March 5

8:30am- †  
10:00am- † Wladislaw & Rosalia Zukowski  
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions  
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions  
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by:  
Offered by: Cappucci Family

#### Monday – March 6

8:00am- †  
12:05pm- †

Offered by:  
Offered by:

#### Tuesday – March 7

8:00am- †  
12:05pm- †

Offered by:  
Offered by:

#### Wednesday – March 8

8:00am - † Joseph DeSimone  
12:05pm- † Luigi Palmiero

Offered by: Annette Esposito  
Offered by: Rosa Palmiero

#### Thursday – March 9

8:00am- †  
12:05pm- † James Vernon Lewis &  
William Gerard Lewis

Offered by: Beloved Father,  
Martin Lewis

#### Friday – March 10

8:00am- †  
12:05pm- † Maria Negri

Offered by:  
Offered by: Family

#### Saturday – March 11

8:00am- †  
5:00pm- † Charles & Zoraida May & Julia Buckley

Offered by:  
Offered by: Barbara May

#### Sunday – March 12

8:30am- †  
10:00am- †

Offered by:  
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## Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine  
Tabernacle Candle  
Memorial Candle  
Memorial Candle



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### Liturgical Minister's Schedule MARCH 2017

#### Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Linda Graves & Lindford Smith (carry Gospel Book)

E.M.: Lindford Smith & Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Sub: Cinderella Wonszewitz

#### Sunday 8:30 AM

Lector: Johnathan Codipilly & Samuel Torres (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Ceferino Albarracin

E.M.: Delmeter Carey & Joan Fortunato & Samuel Torres

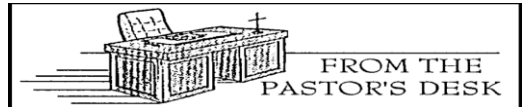
Sub: Diane Carbonaro

#### Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Thelma Washington (carry Gospel Book)

E.M.: Alexis Crowdell & Emmanuel Fode & Dianne Murphy

Sub: Cresencia Pascua



**“For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.”** With these words, St. Paul reminds us of the salvation won for us by Jesus Christ. Do we want the salvation that is ours?

Our desire during this Lenten season should be to maintain one central point of focus - the remarkable truth of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Too often in Lent we focus on the first two and neglect the third! The suffering and death of Jesus only makes sense in light of the resurrection so even in Lent we have to focus on the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. We have to remind ourselves daily that Jesus freely embraced his suffering and death so that through the triumph of his resurrection all those who believe in him could live in the hope of everlasting life. We are sinners. We are not obedient to what God expects of us as sons and daughters of God. But through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus, we have been reconciled to God and now have the hope of everlasting life.

Lent gives us the opportunity to look at those areas in our lives where we have not been obedient to what God expects of us. With God's grace, we can diminish those areas in our life and grow in our obedience to what God expects of us. In this way, we show our gratitude to God for what Jesus Christ has done for us and we demonstrate our desire to know the salvation that Jesus won for us. What are the 2 or 3 areas in your life where you find it most difficult to be obedient to God's desire for you? Is it a habit of dishonesty, a habit of foul words, a habit of inattentiveness to your spouse or to your children, a habit of gossip, a habit of inappropriate sexual activity? Where in your life do you struggle to be obedient to God? Focus on those specific areas in your life this Lent with the desire to express your gratitude for the hope that Christ has won for you and to express your desire to realize that hope in death. Remember each day the hope that is ours and live with the desire to realize that hope!

**Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

### **March 5: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

### **March 12: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 12:1-4  
2 Timothy 1:8-10  
Matthew 17:1-9



**LENTEN DEVOTION.** There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday after the 12:05 p.m. Mass starting March 3<sup>rd</sup>. There is no Eucharistic adoration on the first Friday of April as we are offering Stations of the Cross. It will resume in May. We often think of Lent as a time to 'give-up something'. Instead, think of something positive that you could do this Lent. Visit a homebound relative or friend. Volunteer at a soup kitchen or food pantry. Tutor a young person. Prepare a meal for an elderly neighbor. Buy two less cups of coffee each week and contribute the savings to charity. *Be creative!*

**PLEASE DON'T GET TIRED of HEARING ABOUT THE CARDINAL'S APPEAL!** – Are all these announcements about the Cardinal's Campaign really necessary? Yes! The Campaign is vitally important to our Archdiocese and our parish. We thank all of you who have made a gift or pledge to the Campaign including those of you who made a gift or pledge during Mass this weekend. We always have envelopes available at church to make a gift or pledge. THANK YOU!!!!

**FOOD, FELLOWSHIP and FILM-** Join us on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to enjoy a simple Lenten meal of soup, bread, cheese and dessert while we watch the film, "The Huntress", a family film about a 13 year-old-girl who becomes the first female in 12 generations to become an expert eagle hunter. Stunningly beautiful and movingly told, the movie will surely warm your heart! **Reservations required. Please call the office before March 28. Donation of \$10 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under will be received at the door. Thank you!**

**LENTEN PRAYER** - Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, a sinner for my prodigal heart has wandered far from you and squandered the inheritance of your love. Set me free from the distractions that surround me and unbind those places where I am anything but free. Open my ears to hear your call and quiet the restlessness that keeps me caught up in frenetic activity. Show me the way back to you... the way to take the first step; the way to be patient and attentive; the way to forgive myself and others; the way to apologize for how I have treated others; the way to let go of regrets and past hurts; the way to live gently and mindfully; the way to be still and return to you. Free me, restore me, forgive me, embrace me so that in turn, I may become your love and justice in a world in need of conversion. *Education for Justice*

**LENTEN PROGRAMS at St. RITA's** – Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m.: "Celebrating the Sacred Triduum"- The significance of what we celebrate Holy Thursday, Good Friday and at the Easter Vigil. Offered by Fr. Matthew Ernest, Professor of Liturgy at St. Joseph's Seminary. St. Rita's – 281 Bradley Avenue. All presentations are free and refreshments are offered. Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. – Fr. Eugene Carella will offer Mass for the Feast of St. Patrick. After the Mass, there will be veneration of a first-class relic.

**CAMP VERITAS 2017:** Camp Veritas is a one-week play-and-pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades. It will be held at three locations in 2017: July 16-22 Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, N.Y., July 23-29 at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD. And August 13-19 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, N.Y. Enrollment has begun. The price for the week is \$450 per camper. Early bird rates (if paid in full by 4/1/17) are \$400 for all sites. At Mount St. Mary, there will be a dance and basketball program at no additional charge. Volunteers (18 years and older) are needed and are not charged for the week. Please see: [www.campveritas.com](http://www.campveritas.com).

**SUMMER THEOLOGY AND SERVICE PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH** – *Faith and Service in the City* is a one-week residential program offered by St. John's University in Queens to help Catholic youth explore their faith more deeply, discover the riches of New York City, and find fulfillment in service of those in need. To be eligible, students must be entering either the 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grades (sophomores and juniors in high school). Fee is \$495 for 6 nights at the Queen's campus. Program will be offered in July & August. For more details go to [www.stjohns.edu/vli](http://www.stjohns.edu/vli).

**FOOD PANTRY at ST. ROCH'S** – 602 Port Richmond Avenue. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday from 4pm to 5pm. Next date: 3/14.

**WEEKLY OFFERING:** February 26: \$5,169. *Thank you for your generosity!*

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**PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT** - Heavenly Father, You have created me and breathed into me the Spirit of life. Help me to hear and to live Your Word. Give me strength to follow Christ, the Bread of Life, in my daily life. I ask this through Christ, Your Son and our Lord. *Amen.*

**TIME OF JOY** - Lent is a time of sacrifice and discipline, but it should not be a time of sadness. Instead it should be a season of great joy. The first Preface for the Mass in Lent clearly reminds us of this: For by your gracious gift each year your faithful await the sacred paschal feasts with the joy of minds made pure. As Christians we are stirring up our faith and love for God an each other so that, on Easter, we are ready to meet the risen Lord refreshed and restored.

- Our Sunday Visitor  
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