



Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 26, 2017



The Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want. ~ Psalm 23:1

Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – March 25

8:00am- ~ Unborn babies in wombs & their families
5:00pm- † Nuncio Lattanzio
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

By: Deacon James Stahlnecker
Offered by: granddaughters,
Fran & Susan

Sunday – March 26

8:30am- † Msgr. Augustin J. DiBlasi & Mom
10:00am- † Domenico Mezzacappa
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Family
Offered by: Lena Mezzacappa

Monday – March 27

8:00am- †
12:05pm- † Maureen Krier

Offered by:
By: Patricia Vasquez & Family

Tuesday – March 28

8:00am- ~ Special Intentions of Barry Lato
12:05pm- †

Offered by: Joyce Pepo
Offered by:

Wednesday – March 29

8:00am - † Guiseppi & Concetta Fortunato
12:05pm- †

Offered by: Joan Fortunato
Offered by:

Thursday – March 30

8:00am- †
12:05pm- †

Offered by:

Friday – March 31

8:00am- †
12:05pm- †

Offered by:
Offered by:

Saturday – April 1

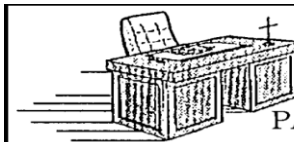
8:00am- †
5:00pm- † Irma E. Perez & Yolanda Manguel

Offered by:
Offered by: Cabot Family

Sunday – April 2

8:30am- † Msgr. Augustin J. DiBlasi & Pop
10:00am- † Agnes Lattanzio

Offered by: Family
Offered by: granddaughters,
Fran & Susan



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness, righteousness and truth.” This exhortation of St. Paul is a strong challenge to us in this Lenten season.

There is much darkness in our nation today. Certain national leaders routinely sow seeds of fear concerning immigrants, refugees, and Muslims. This casts the darkness of fear over immigrants and Muslims living in this country, and it brings gloom and darkness to those who want to come to this country in order to escape unspeakable conditions of war or violence in their home countries. There is also a shadow of darkness that is beginning to envelope our Jewish brothers and sisters. A wave of anti-Semitic incidents in our country has saddened not only Jews, but all persons of good-will. There is a desperate need for the light of welcome, tolerance, respect, and understanding to dispel the darkness that now overshadows our nation.

Through our baptism in Christ, the life of Christ flows within us. When we cultivate the life of Christ within us by our conscious efforts to conform our lives to his life and his teaching, then our lives will reflect the goodness, truth, and righteousness of Christ. To be righteous is to be in right relationship with God and with all of our brothers and sisters in God. Remember, we are all brother and sister to each other because there is only one God who created each one of us in God’s own image and likeness. When our lives reflect the goodness, truth and righteousness of Jesus Christ, then our lives radiate his light to the world and dispel the darkness of this world. Do we illumine our world with our insistence that our nation welcome immigrants and refugees who are in need of our help? Do we illumine our world by our embrace of our brothers and sisters in Abraham, Muslims and Jews? Are we instruments of light or darkness in our world? St. Paul declares that we are children of light. May our lives prove the truth of what St. Paul proclaims.

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine



~ In Thanksgiving for Raul Mejia’s Health
Offered by: Mejia-Martinez Family

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Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle

Liturgical Minster’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 Wonsewitz

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lector: Johnathan Codipilly & Samuel Torres (carry Gospel Book)
E.M.: Delmeter Carey & Joan Fortunato & Samuel Torres

Sub: Ceferino Albarracin
Sub: Diane Carbonaro

Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Thelma Washington (carry Gospel Book)

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

Sub: Cresencia Pascua

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

March 26: 4th Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

April 2: 5th Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45



DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REVIVE YOUR FAITH! - The Archdiocese is offering our parish cluster the opportunity to renew our faith in this sacred season with a Mission under the leadership of Fr. Kenan Peters, of the Passionist Fathers. The Mission will be held in our church at 7 p.m. on April 3, 4, and 5 (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday). We are only asking for an hour of your time each evening. This will be a precious hour for you to renew and reinvigorate your faith! Child-care will be provided. Registration is required, so please call the parish office. *We look forward to seeing you on April 3!*

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP and FILM- Join us on Friday, March 31st 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 by Monday March 27th. Donation of \$10 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under will be received at the door. Thank you!***

LENTEN DEVOTION. There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday after the 12:05 p.m. Mass starting March 3rd. There is no Eucharistic adoration on the first Friday of April as we are offering Stations of the Cross. It will resume in May. ***There is adoration on the last Monday of every month after the 12:05 pm Mass.***

ADORATION of THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – This Monday, March 27th, after the 12:05 p.m. Mass. The Hispanic community will offer adoration this Monday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. *All are welcome!*

THREE SIMPLE STEPS TO IMPROVE OUR SUNDAY MASS – Arrive on time. Help your child to participate in the Mass. Participate in the prayers and songs. We are the Body of Christ and it is important for us to worship as one with one voice!

MEET NEW PEOPLE and CONTRIBUTE to a PARISH FUND-RAISER – Our Spanish community will be completing the creation of palm crosses on Thursday, April 6th and Friday, April 7th, each day from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. They can always use more hands to help in the final assembly of the crosses. You can come when you can and leave when you have to! Please let the office know if you plan to help. *Thank you!*

THERE IS STILL TIME TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE CARDINAL'S APPEAL! – Thank you to all of our parishioners who have made a donation or made a pledge to this year's Cardinal's Appeal. Your support is truly a blessing for our church and the greater church of New York! If you would like to make a donation or pledge, there are envelopes in the entrance of the church and in the parish office. *Thank you!*

WOMEN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION – Saturday, April 8th, from 10 a.m to 3 p.m. at Notre Dame Academy High School (134 Howard Ave. Arts and Humanities Building). *Into Thy Hands* – Entrusting all of our struggles and concerns into the hands of God. Talks, Music, Guided Meditation, Sharing and Fellowship. Presented by Catholic mental health professionals. RSVP: 347-273-1290 (Dr. Connie Salhany). Or contact info@cognitivetherapysi.com (Laura Parisi). \$25 fee for the day – checks should be made out to Notre Dame High School.

MUSICAL "9 to 5" at St. JOHN VILLA ACADEMY – April 6, 7, and 8 at 7 p.m. in the school gymnasium (8 Narrows Road South) at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Tickets and information: Irma Cruz at 718-442-6240, ext. 170 or icruz@sjva.org.

LENTEN PRAYER: Today Lord, I choose life, I choose your love and the challenge to live it and share it, I choose hope, even in moments of darkness, I choose faith, accepting you as Lord and God, I choose to let go of some part of my burdens, day by day handing them over to you, I choose to take hold of your strength and power ever more deeply in my life. May this truly be for me a time of new life, of change, challenge and growth. May I come to Easter with a heart open to dying with you and rising to your new life, day by day.

WEEKLY OFFERING: March 19th: \$5,300. *Thank you for your generosity!*

TIPS ABOUT PRAYER: *Just because you have more time to pray doesn't mean you will pray more.* It can be hard to carve out time for prayer. But when you have more time, it still takes some effort to move into prayer.

Talk straight to God, and talk about everything. This is similar to "pray your feelings." No subject is inappropriate for prayer. Talk about everything. When we die, we come to the Lord as we are, the good and the bad. We would not want to have too many difficult things that we have to talk over for the first time with the Lord.

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