



Second Sunday of Lent ~ February 25, 2018



God is for us, who can be against us? ~Romans 8:31b

Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – February 24

8:00am- † Caterina & Antonio Bruno
5:00pm- † Cristina Paradiso
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: OLMC Parish
By: St. Benedicta Society

Sunday – February 25

8:30am- † Isabel Maria Quiñones
10:00am- † John J. Bruno
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: daughter, Marta
Offered by: OLMC Parish

Monday – February 26

8:00am- † Guardiani & Sticca Families
12:05pm- † Joseph J. Scamardella, Sr.

Offered by: OLMC Parish
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Tuesday – February 27

8:00am- † Dr. Peter J. Timpone, Sr.
12:05pm- ~ For Jumana Alkarum's Health

Offered by: OLMC Parish
By: Mary Guardiani

Wednesday – February 28

8:00am- † Thomas J. Raggirello
12:05pm- † Frank & Marie DiSogra

Offered by: OLMC Parish
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Thursday – March 1

8:00am- † Peter Nigido
12:05pm- † Nancy Pommerenk

Offered by: Mary Nigido
Offered by: Family

Friday – March 2

8:00am- † Maria Fieromosca
12:05pm- † Renee McRoberts

Offered by: OLMC Parish
By: Mary Guardiani

Saturday – March 3

8:00am- † Thomas Pennino ~*Birthday in Heaven*~
5:00pm- † Marie Flynn

Offered by: Family
Offered by: Linda Graves

Sunday – March 4

8:30am- † Stanley & Marcella Mikos
10:00am- † Cristina Paradiso

Offered by: Mikos Family
Offered by: Rosa Peccinni

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle



~ † *For All Souls*

~ † *in Purgatory*

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Liturgical Minister's Schedule FEBRUARY 2018

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Linda Graves & Lindford Smith (carry Gospel Book)
E. M.: Lindford Smith, Nancy Velez & Cinderella Wonsewitz
Sub: Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lector: Jonathan Codipilly & Maria Oliveras (carry Gospel Book) Sub: C. Albarracín
E.M.: Diane Carbonaro, María Oliveras & Samuel Torres
Sub: MaryAnn Ugbo

Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Alexis Crowdell (carry Gospel Book)
E.M.: Emmanuel Fode, Dianne Murphy & Thelma Washington
Sub: Crescencia Pascua



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"This is my beloved Son, listen to Him" (Mark 9:7)
The scene known as the Transfiguration of Jesus in today's Gospel tells us that the three disciples heard a voice from the cloud that said to them: "This is my beloved Son, listen to Him". The season of Lent that has recently begun, should to be a privileged time to hear Jesus. In fact, last week we heard Jesus say: "Repent and believe in the Gospel" and next week the readings will tell us: "Do not make my Father's house a market." So it's the great challenge of Lent to reflect on what has been separating us from God and to ask for his forgiveness. The first reading shows us that Abraham, our father in faith, is a model of total surrender to God's commands. We always have to see this reading in its context in order not to draw wrong conclusions. God may sometimes ask of us more than we can understand. We on our part are willing to give almost anything but not what we consider most valuable of our lives.

Abraham is willing to sacrifice Isaac, the son of the covenant, to be faithful to God. God meanwhile looks at our hearts and does not allow the death of the innocent and so He intervenes beyond all hope. Thus, far from lamenting our losses in the past, we have to trust in the God of Abraham and Isaac beyond all hope. The Letter to the Romans is like a mirror that reflects and enlarges the sacrifice of Abraham. Indeed, St. Paul tells us that God "did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us." Throughout this letter, Paul speaks of what is known as the doctrine of justification. Jesus was faithful to the will of His Father and trusted beyond his suffering and death. Believers have been saved by the sacrifice of the only Son of God and this is our salvation. In today's Gospel, Jesus is transfigured and appeared in the splendor of His glory surrounded by Moses and Elijah before three of his disciples. It is interesting that Peter, James and John beyond being impressed are terrified with this. They are more confused when Jesus told them that He will rise again from the dead. Like Abraham, we are not prepared for what God would possibly be asking of us or what Jesus' 3 disciples wanted to hear. Moreover, Peter was unable to understand that Jesus had to suffer, die and then be Risen from the dead. Even if our faith may be strong or weak, God always has a place for everyone. Abraham is a model of deep faith while Peter is presented in the Gospels as one who is of weak faith. For instance, on the Mt. Tabor Peter questioned Jesus; in Gethsemane Peter is sleeping and in Jerusalem he even denies his Master. However, Jesus chose Peter to lead his Church as God chose Abraham to be the father of his chosen people. Now that we are preparing to celebrate the five years of the election of Pope Francis, successor of Peter, we humbly ask God that our Pope may not waiver in his faith and continue leading Christ's church in the good and bad days of our lives.

Fr. Hernan P., S.J.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

February 25: Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18
Psalm 116: 10, 15-19
Romans 8:31B-34

March 4: Second Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19:8-11
1 Corinthians 1:22-25



LENTEN SERIES – Deepen your experience of prayer and faith with our six-week series during Lent. Meetings will be on six consecutive Thursdays in Lent. Join us on the next date; March 1st. Participants need not worry if they cannot make every meeting. Sessions begin at 12:45 PM immediately after the 12:05 PM Mass, and will last one hour. Please call the parish office to register. Presenter is Fr. Marc Roselli, S.J.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – We will have Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent after the 12:05pm mass. The Stations of the Cross is a Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus' Passion and Death. At each station we use our senses and our imagination to reflect prayerfully upon Jesus' suffering, Death, and Resurrection, and to simply experience the visual images to reflect on Christ's love for us.

CCD NEWS – The First Holy Communion Workshop is scheduled for Sunday, March 4th in the school gym at 9:30am; Confirmation Workshop will be held on Wednesday, March 7th at 6:30pm. All children that are required to attend must be accompanied by a parent or a guardian. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office.

A CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR ALL – TOURING TUESDAYS; Come visit at the next Open House on Tuesdays, March 13 & April 24 from 9am to 11am. Registration is open for the new 2018-2019 school year. Financial assistance available for qualifying families. At OLMC-SB, we offer a diverse educational experience for students of all ethnic and economic background, an education that prepares and sustains students in the real world. Please call 7187-981-5131 for more information.

FREE PRE-K PROGRAM AT MT. CARMEL – ST. BENEDICTA SCHOOL: The application for pre-kindergarten will open on Monday, February 5th. Children born in 2014 are eligible to register to this free full-day program that is also offered in Our School offers this wonderful program. The application period will close on March 30th. For more information, call 718-981-5131.

4TH ANNUAL SI CATHOLIC YOUTH CELEBRATION - All 8th grades through 12th grade students are welcome to the 4th Annual SI Catholic Youth Celebration which will be held at Moore Catholic High School (100 Merrill Ave.) on Sunday, March 11th from 12pm to 5pm. Our theme for the day is "You're Not Alone." Join us for a chance to win up to \$500 in cash prizes! Food, fellowship, and music will be provided as well as 4pm Mass with Bishop O'Hara. All are welcome! #Staten Island CYC on Instagram and SI Catholic Youth Celebration event on Facebook. All must register at <https://ovmny.org/sicyc> to attend. For any questions please email cyminsi@gmail.com

IRISH DINNER & DANCE - at St. Patrick & St. Joseph Church (*Sponsored by the Holy Name Society*) on Saturday, March 17th, 6pm at St. Roch's Parish Hall (602 Port Richmond Ave). Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner (alternative chicken option also available), Venetian table, Beer, soda, coffee and tea. BYOB. \$30 pp. Advance purchase only. For reservations call John (718)698-4117 or Joe (718)981-3157.

PROTECT OUR CHILDREN – Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P., at 212-371-1000, x2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the website of the Archdiocese – www.archny.org. In keeping with the archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

COLLECTIONS: February 18: Weekly Collection \$3,624; Debt Reduction: \$1,319; Ash Wednesday: \$3,629. *Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish!*

A LENTEN ROSARY - As we pray the rosary during Lent we meditate on the five sorrowful mysteries:

Agony in the Garden: We say with humble heart: "I Desire True Repentance for My Sins" and think of Our Lord Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, suffering a bitter agony for our sins.

Scourging at the Pillar: We say with humble heart: "I Desire a Spirit of Mortification" and reflect on the cruel scourging at the pillar that our lord suffered; the heavy blows that tore His flesh.

Crowning with Thorns: We say with humble heart: "I Desire Moral Courage" and meditate on the crown of sharp thorns that was forced upon our Lord's sacred Head and the patience with which He endured the pain for our sins.

Carrying of the Cross: We say with humble heart: "I Desire the Virtue of Patience" and contemplate the heavy Cross, so willingly carried by our Lord. We ask Him to help us carry our crosses without complaint.

The Crucifixion: We say with humble heart: "I Desire the Grace of Final Perseverance" and pause to consider the love which filled Christ's Sacred Heart during His three hour of agony on the Cross. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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