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Sunday, March 11, 2018 | Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year B

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2380 Belmont Avenue
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Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday: 8:30am | 12:00pm (Both English)

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm (Vigil Mass - English)

Sunday: 8:30am (English) | 9:30am (Spanish)

11:00am (Italian) | 12:15pm (English)

1:30pm (Spanish)

Weekday: 8:30am / 12:00pm / 6:30pm (All English)

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00pm to 5:00pm or any time by calling the Parish Office.

RITE OF BAPTISM

2nd Sunday of every month in Spanish at 2:30pm

3rd Sunday every other month in English at 2:30pm

Attendance at Pre - Baptism Class is required.

Please stop by the Parish Center to register or call for more information.

RITE OF MATRIMONY

Wedding dates may be scheduled after initial meeting with a priest.

PASTORAL VISITS TO THE SICK

If you or someone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would be served by a pastoral visit by a Priest, Religious Sister or a lay Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Center.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We invite new parishioners to register at the Parish Center.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

For information please call Sr. Edna at the Parish Office at (718) 295-3770.

MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL 2465 Bathgate Avenue

Please contact the School Office at (718) 295-6080.

ANNOUNCED MASSES**Sunday, March 11th | Fourth Sunday of Lent**

8:30am Lindo & Maria Borgatti
 9:30am Pro Populo
 11:00am Michele, Carmela e Giovanni Navarra
 12:15pm Joseph Zinzi
 1:30pm Isabel Monserrate Bailon

Monday, March 12th | Lenten Weekday

8:30am Carmine Navarra
 12:00pm Luigi D'Angelo
 6:30pm Jose Moreno, Secundino Eiras & Family

Tuesday, March 13th | Lenten Weekday

8:30am Pasquale Marsibilio
 12:00pm Filippa & Peter Di Lorenzo
 6:30pm Elisa Molinaro

Wednesday, March 14th | Lenten Weekday

8:30am Giovanni Boiano
 12:00pm For the intentions of Giovanni Navarra (L)
 6:30pm Rosa & Yolanda Leo

Thursday, March 15th | Lenten Weekday

8:30am Deceased of the Contento Family
 12:00pm Adelaida Arda
 6:30pm Vincenzo Marano

Friday, March 16th | Lenten Weekday

8:30am Carmine Pistocco
 12:00pm Luisa & Joseph Spedalieri; Mario Campanelli
 6:30pm Diane Strehlau

Saturday, March 17th | St. Patrick

8:30am For the Holy Souls
 12:00pm Padre Pio Prayer Group
 5:00pm Peter Gaine

Sunday, March 18th | Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30am Rita & Victoria Ippolito
 9:30am Pro Populo
 11:00am Martino Ciavarello, Carmelo e Antonina Virgadamo
 12:15pm Anthony & Emily Valerio
 1:30pm For the intentions of Jasmine Forestier (L)

+ REST IN PEACE +

Please pray for *Anne Mariano, Edith Nazzaro, Basilia Cintron, the victims of the fire* and all the faithful departed

WEEKEND MASSES - 3/4/18

Collection\$4,351.09
 Last year's collection.....\$4,784.16

WEEKEND ATTENDANCE - 3/4/18

Adults: 846 Children: 275 Total: 1,121

From the Desk of Father Jonathan

This week our neighborhood endured a second deadly fire. Two people died and, as of the time of my writing, two are still in critical condition. Others have been hospitalized and released. In all, at least fifteen families have been displaced, including members of our parish, adults and children alike. This fire did not get the same national media coverage as the fire on Prospect, but the families affected are suffering just as much. Our parish has been coordinating with our elected officials and Catholic Charities of New York to respond quickly to the needs of these families. We have visited all of the hospitalized and are working to contact and offer help to the displaced. We know that the first few days after the fire, the families are scattered, either in temporary shelters offered by Red Cross or with family members. But soon these families will need to get back on their feet, find new apartments, and deal with the financial consequences of not being able to go to work.

Instead of doing another food and clothing drive, as a parish we will be collecting gift cards and pre-paid debit cards that can be given to the families for immediate use. I would encourage all of us to think how we can help. These cards can be purchased at most drugstores and also on-line. You can drop the cards off at the parish office or put them in the collection basket next week. Next weekend we will take up a second collection for these families. In this collection you can either offer these gift cards (our preference) or cash. I will make sure all of this goes to the families most in need.

When one member of a family is hurt, the whole family suffers with them. This week members of our parish and neighborhood families were hurt. We now come together in solidarity with them and do what we can to alleviate their pain. Above all, we offer them our love and our prayers.

God bless, *Father Jonathan*

**WEDDING BANNS**

I. Patrick Horan & Maria DiNardo

St. Anthony's Bread - March 13th

*- In Loving Memory of My Parents
 Pasquale & Carmela Ferro
 By Vincent Ferro*

*- Secondo le mie intenzioni
 By C.R.*

COMMUNAL RESPONSIBILITY

The people of God forgot the covenant and flouted God's laws. They did not listen to the prophets among them, who spoke for God in warning them. Prophets are sent from God to remind us why we are here, but they are often, even in our own time, mocked, disregarded, and mistreated rather than thanked and listened to.

The book of Chronicles tells the results of these sins: the destruction of the temple and all of Jerusalem, murder, mayhem, and finally exile to a foreign land. Why are these stories in the Bible? Just to inform us of what happened to our ancient forebears? What good would that be unless there were a message and a warning for us as well? Are we people who follow the teachings of God, who obey the words of Christ in the second covenant in his blood? Or do we continue to wreak works of darkness and violence? We are reminded by these readings that we will be judged as a people, not just as individuals.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Year B of the Lectionary has the Letter to the Ephesians today. Ephesus, today in Turkey, was in the first century a great Greek city, the center for the worship of Diana, the goddess of the hunt. It was a vast city even by modern standards, having nearly half a million people in the time of Paul. Yet that was a time of economic recession and moral decay. No wonder Saint Paul stayed here the longest. It gave him an enormous and religiously curious audience. His preaching stirred up the artisans who depended on the pilgrims who came to honor (and buy mementos of) seventeen gods and goddesses enshrined in the city's temples. You can still see the open-air theater where Paul's homily triggered a riot. Paul did have success here, and many conversions among Jews and Gentiles. They seem to have struggled with hope, perhaps because of their suffering from economic woes and isolation.

Some old traditions say that the Apostle John lived out his days here, and that the Blessed Mother was cared for by him. There's no biblical basis for this, but it is certain that a small house just outside the city has been treasured by Christians and Muslims for centuries as the last dwelling of Mary. Long ago, the harbor silted up and the city was nearly abandoned, becoming a small village. As is so often the case, that accident of history preserved the ancient city, so that archeologists have been very successful in revealing ancient Christian sites. One such site is the Church of Mary, probably the first church to be dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and the site of the Council of Ephesus in 431. Today, a visit to Ephesus is one of the most rewarding journeys for any pilgrim.

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RESPONSABILITA' COMUNE

Tutto il Nuovo Testamento si interessa alla dottrina centrale della redenzione. Il ritorno di ogni uomo e di ogni cosa alla santità, presso il Padre, si compie attraverso la vita, la morte e la risurrezione di Cristo. Il Vangelo di Giovanni pone l'accento in particolare sull'incarnazione. Gesù è stato mandato dal Padre. È venuto in un mondo decaduto e ha portato luce e vita nuova. Attraverso la sua passione e la sua risurrezione, egli restituisce ogni cosa al Padre e rivela la piena realtà della sua identità di Verbo fatto carne. Per mezzo di lui tutto è riportato alla luce.

Tutta la nostra vita nella Chiesa è il compimento della nostra risposta a Cristo. L'insegnamento del Nuovo Testamento - e ne vediamo un esempio nella lettura di oggi - è assai preciso. La redenzione è stata realizzata tramite Gesù Cristo, ma per noi deve essere ancora realizzata. Noi possiamo infatti rifiutare la luce e scegliere le tenebre.

Nel battesimo Cristo ci avvolge: noi siamo, per così dire, "incorporati" in lui ed entriamo così in unione con tutti i battezzati nel Corpo di Cristo. Eppure la nostra risposta di uomini, resa possibile dalla grazia di Dio, necessita del nostro consenso personale. Quando c'è anche tale accordo, ciò che facciamo è fatto in Cristo e ne porta chiaramente il segno. Diventiamo allora suoi testimoni nel mondo.

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Salmo 136 - Quarta Domenica di Quaresima

Il ricordo di te, Signore, è la nostra gioia.

Lungo i fiumi di Babilonia,
là sedevamo e piangevamo
ricordandoci di Sion.
Ai salici di quella terra
appendemmo le nostre cetre.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORIALS



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**11:15 a.m. - Italian
7:00 p.m. - English
7:30 p.m. - Spanish**

RESPONSABILIDAD COMUNAL

El pueblo de Dios olvidó la alianza y se burló de las leyes de Dios. No escucharon a los profetas que había entre ellos, los cuales les advertían en nombre de Dios. Los profetas son enviados por Dios para recordarnos por qué estamos aquí, pero muchas veces, incluso en nuestra época, nos burlamos de ellos, los despreciamos y los maltratamos, en vez de escucharlos y agradecerles.

El libro de las Crónicas nos cuenta los resultados de estos pecados: la destrucción del Templo y de toda Jerusalén, asesinatos, caos y por último el exilio a una tierra desconocida. ¿Por qué hallamos estos relatos en la Biblia? ¿Están ahí sólo para informarnos lo que les sucedió a nuestros antepasados? ¿Qué bien nos puede traer eso a menos que también haya un mensaje y una advertencia para nosotros? ¿Somos personas que respetan las enseñanzas de Dios, que obedecen las palabras de Cristo en la segunda alianza en su sangre? ¿O continuamos sembrando obras de maldad y violencia? Estas lecturas nos recuerdan que seremos juzgados como pueblo, no sólo como individuos.

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HORA SANTA EUCARISTICA



“Míranos, Señor; somos tus hijos, a quienes tantas veces habéis alimentado con tu mismo Cuerpo y Sangre”

*Este Jueves
15 de Marzo - 7:15pm*

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El tiempo de Cuaresma se caracteriza por los ayunos y las abstinencias. Recuerdo que como niño mis padres me inculcaron la necesidad de dejar de comer golosinas durante la Cuaresma, de abstenerme del dulce para compartir la amargura del sufrimiento que Cristo sostuvo por mis pecados. Eventualmente en la parroquia, el sacerdote nos animó a guardar el dinerito que ahorrábamos no comprando dulces para mandarlo a los niños pobres. El ayuno y la abstinencia no sólo eran para acompañar a Jesús en su dolor histórico sino para animarlo y consolarlo en sus adoloridos hijo e hijas.

Muchos padres ya no animan a sus hijos e hijas a que hagan abstinencia, no les enseñan la necesidad de dejar algo innecesario para ayudar a los que no tienen o tienen menos. Es una realidad triste porque casi todas las religiones tienen sus prácticas de ayuno y abstinencia, para purificar el templo de nuestro cuerpo. Ciertamente esta forma de penitencia abre el alma a la presencia divina, por lo cual animar a sus hijo y a sus hijas en esta práctica es darles la oportunidad de encontrarse con Dios y con los pobres.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Lectors for March 17th & 18th

5:00pm A. Zervos & A. Hansen
8:30am N. Watson & B. Rivera
9:30am C. Vera & M. Melendez
11:00am M. Barrett & R. Bizzarro
12:15pm M. Gerbasi & S. Hernandez
1:30pm I. Gonzalez & A. Trujillo



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NOT ENOUGH

It is not enough for me to love God, if my neighbor
does not love God.

—St. Vincent de Paul



St. Joseph Pasta Social

Sunday, March 18th

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3pm to 7pm

in Fatima Hall

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9;
Jn 12:20-33
Alternate readings (Year A):
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]



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