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Sunday, March 10, 2019 | First Sunday of Lent (Year C)

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Open 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 Center.

OLMC SCHOOL: 2465 BATHGATE AVENUE

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

ANNOUNCED MASSES**Sunday, March 10th First Sunday of Lent**

8:30am Guglielmo & Natale D'Angelo
 9:30am Para la Comunidad de Monte Carmelo
 11:00am Matteo e Maria Cuomo
 12:15pm Arcangela Cardillo
 1:30pm Hilario Garcia

Monday, March 11th | Lenten Weekday

8:30am Carmine Navarra
 12:00pm Nicoletta Ferrara
 6:30pm Salvatore & Sarah Contento

Tuesday, March 12th | Lenten Weekday

8:30am Philip Cammarano, Sr.
 12:00pm Vito A. Marcone
 6:30pm Lucia Petti

Wednesday, March 13th | Lenten Weekday

8:30am Nike Kajtazi
 12:00pm Filippa & Peter Di Lorenzo
 6:30pm Pasquale Marsibilio

Thursday, March 14th | Lenten Weekday

8:30am Giovanni Boiano
 12:00pm Giovanni Navarra (living)
 6:30pm Lesandro Gusman Feliz

Friday, March 15th | Lenten Weekday

8:30am Jim Kelley
 12:00pm Caryl Borgatti
 6:30pm Simone Pietro Cutugnino

Saturday, March 16th | Lenten Weekday

8:30am Diana Scollo
 12:00pm Padre Pio Prayer Group Intentions
 5:00pm Diane Strehlau

Sunday, March 17th Second Sunday of Lent

8:30am John Joseph Ambrose
 9:30am Para la Comunidad de Monte Carmelo
 11:00am Angela e Filomena Salvatore
 12:15pm Peter Gaine
 1:30pm Iris Hernandez

+REST IN PEACE+

Please pray for *Christopher Bruno, Filippa Vella,*
George Van Glahn and all the faithful departed

WEEKEND MASSES - 3/3/19

Collection\$3,475.82
 Last year's Collection\$3,553.49

WEEKEND ATTENDANCE - 3/3/19

Adults: 744 Children: 198 Total: 942

From the Desk of Father José Félix Ortega

Living in the Holy Land these past fifteen months, I had the opportunity to visit the desert many times. The Judean desert, the Dead Sea area, the Negev desert, the Wadi Rum in Jordan and the desert in the Sinai Peninsula. I love the desert; there is something in its landscape that attracts me: the colors, the forms, the silence, the erosion...

As we begin the liturgical season of Lent, we contemplate Jesus going into the desert and spending forty days there. According to the tradition, he was in the Judean desert, close to Jericho. That area is very rocky, with little to no vegetation during most of the year. But in winter, after a few days of rain, a strange phenomenon happens as some grass grows, and a few flowers blossom. It is quite a spectacle.

In Lent we are spiritually invited to be in the desert, to leave many things behind and spend some time in silence and prayer. But remember, that doesn't mean spiritual dryness. As grass and flowers could blossom in the desert with water, many things can blossom in our soul with the Living Water of Christ. I pray that this Lenten season we are starting will be for you a moment of spiritual blossoming.

God bless,
Father José Félix

~ St Anthony's Bread ~

March 12th

In Loving Memory of
 my parents, Carmela & Pasquale Ferro
From Vincent Ferro

FLORENCE BOCARIUS

Our former Music Director & Organist
entered into Eternal Life on
Saturday, March 2nd.

Thank you, Florence,
for your example of
steadfast faith and love.

~ May you rest in peace ~

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God brought us into this land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalms — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading — The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel — Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led into the desert for forty days (Luke 4:1-13).

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MEMORIALS***Sanctuary Lamp***

In Loving Memory of
Frank & Concetta Rizzo
by Mimma Rizzo

Lenten Retreat

Led by Fr. Henry
Begins today - 3pm to 4:15pm
in the Parish Center

+ Help make the most of Lent +

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Often, when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life's journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: with these three "pillars" of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season, and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year, at the end of our journey, is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death's darkness and power. Annually, we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life's journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven.

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La Messa Oggi

La tentazione di Gesù è situata unanimemente dai tre Sinottici subito dopo il battesimo, e tutti e tre mettono questa dimora di Gesù nel deserto in rapporto con il dono dello Spirito Santo, ricevuto da lui immediatamente prima nello stesso battesimo (v. 1). Ma nel modo di parlarne gli evangelisti presentano delle significative differenze. Mc riporta in due soli versetti la notizia del digiuno dei quaranta giorni che costituiscono pure, globalmente, tutto il tempo in cui Gesù è tentato (Mc 1,12-13). Solo Mt (4,1-11) e Lc (4,1-13) parlano di tre speciali tentazioni che si verificano soltanto alla fine dei quaranta giorni di digiuno, ma rispetto a Mt solo Lc sottolinea che Gesù era tentato anche prima (v. 2), durante i quaranta giorni, come dice pure Mc. Ma la differenza più significativa tra Mt e Lc consiste nell'inversione che Lc presenta tra la seconda e la terza tentazione rispetto a Mt, la cui sequenza sembra la più logica e la più primitiva. Infatti, l'adorazione dell'unico Signore a cui si appella Gesù nel respingere l'offerta dei regni della terra si presta meglio a formare l'apice di tutto il racconto che non il rifiuto di tentare Dio, che Lc pone nella terza tentazione. Con questa inversione Lc conferisce più importanza alla città di Gerusalemme (v. 8), sede dell'ultima tentazione, indicando così in essa il preludio alla suprema tentazione di Gesù nella sua passione. Ma nello stesso tempo, con questa inversione Lc dà più importanza al tema della tentazione stessa, come si vede dalla sua conclusione dell'episodio (v. 13): «*Dopo aver esaurito ogni tentazione, il diavolo si allontanò da lui fino al momento fissato*».

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- VIA CRUCIS -**FRIDAYS + VENERDÌ + VIERNES**

11:15 a.m. - Italian

5:45 p.m. - English

7:00 p.m. - Spanish

AUGURI!

Come Comunità Parrocchiale siamo lieti di annunciare che l'avvocato **Gennaro Bizzarro**, figlio di Giuseppe e di Annamaria Romano, nato nel 1975 e residente per tanti anni al 737 E. della 187ma. Strada, lo scorso 26 Febbraio è stato eletto senatore dello stato del Connecticut. Orgogliosi di questo nostro concittadino, gli auguriamo sempre migliori successi!

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Libres de los egipcios opresores, los israelitas muestran su fe ofreciendo al Señor los primeros frutos de su nueva tierra (Deuteronomio 26:4-10).

Salmo — Tú eres mi Dios y en ti confío (Salmo 91 [90]).

Segunda lectura — Todos los que expresan su fe en Jesús resucitado y confiesan que él es el Señor, se salvarán (Romanos 10:8-13).

Evangelio — Jesús fue conducido por el Espíritu al desierto y allí fue tentado (Lucas 4:1-13).

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RETIRO DE CUARESMA

* HOY *

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

En la Iglesia

¡Te esperamos!



TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Las cenizas que se nos pusieron en la frente el miércoles pasado ya están borradas, pero las palabras que nos dijeron deben sonar aún en nuestras almas. Tradicionalmente se dice: "Recuerda que del polvo venimos y al polvo retornaremos." Y aunque hoy en muchos lugares se dice: "Conviértete y cree en el Evangelio" el mensaje para oídos latinos es el mismo. Es un mensaje que nos saca de nuestro egoísmo recordándonos lo que los antiguos Toltecas ya sabían: esta vida es un sueño y el que muere despierta a la vida verdadera. Viviendo el Evangelio en esta vida nos prepara para la vida eterna.

Las cenizas y esas frases dan un mensaje que lleva la imagen de la tierra que se somete para cultivarse. A veces la tierra se quema para que de sus cenizas venga vida nueva. Las cenizas que se nos pusieron no son para despreciar nuestra vida sino para amarla. De esa manera seremos cultivados por el ayuno, la oración y la caridad que hagamos durante la cuaresma, sometiendo el polvo de nuestro cuerpo para dar fruto eterno.

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

Lectors for March 16th & 17th

5:00 p.m. M. Cerezo & C. Diaz
8:30 a.m. P. D'Orsogna & Sr. Edna
11:00 a.m. C. & R. Bizzarro
12:15 p.m. F. Randazzo & C. Vera

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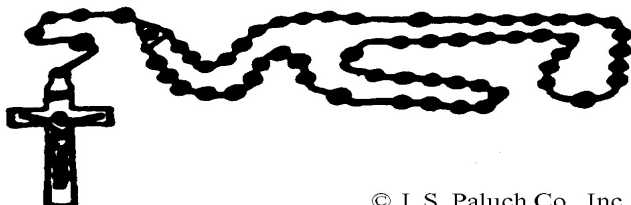
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Jesus Vargas
at the Parish Center

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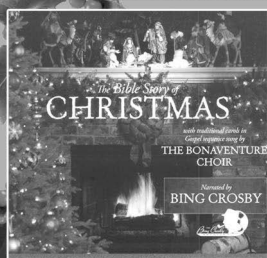
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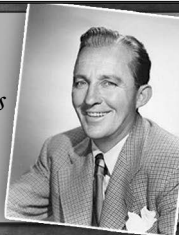


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