

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 28, 2016



## *Welcome to the Parish of Saint John the Evangelist & Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

Office Hours at SJE Rectory: Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
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**Father Thomas Kallumady, Pastor**

**Father Rubenus Cammayo, Parochial Vicar**

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~ Visiting Priests ~

Father Bart Daly, Father Patrick McCahill, Father Bob O'Neil,  
Father Edward O'Neil, Father Romane St. Vil, M.M.

~ Staff ~

Andrea Caridi, Cesar Ceballos, JoAnn Douglass - Office Staff  
David Graf - Music Director

~ Parish Cemetery ~

Mount Calvary Cemetery - (914) 949-0671 - Mr. Daniel Murray, Director

### † Mass Schedule †

#### *Saturday Vigil:*

5:30 pm OLMC  
7:00 pm (*Spanish*) SJE

#### *Sunday:*

8:00 am SJE  
9:00 am OLMC  
11:00 am SJE  
12:30 pm (*Spanish*) SJE  
5:00 pm OLMC  
6:30 pm (*Haitian*) OLMC

#### *Weekday Masses:*

**Monday-Friday:** 7:30 am SJE  
12:10 pm OLMC  
**First Friday:** 12:10 pm SJE  
**Saturday:** 12:10 pm SJE

#### *Holyday Vigil:*

5:30 pm OLMC  
7:00 pm *Spanish* SJE

#### *Holyday:*

7:30 am, 6:30 pm SJE  
12:10 pm, 5:30 pm OLMC

#### *Mass for the Hearing Impaired:*

4th Sunday of each month  
at 2:00 pm OLMC  
(not in July & Aug.)

#### *Italian Mass:*

Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday  
& Christmas Day  
at 10:30 am OLMC

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### **Saint John the Evangelist**

Manuel Mendoza

Phone: 914-437-5144

Classes Sunday 9:15-10:45 am  
followed by Family Mass at 11:00 am

#### **Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

Andrew Morzello

Email: [re.olmcwp@yahoo.com](mailto:re.olmcwp@yahoo.com)

Phone: 914-948-6834, option 2

Classes Sunday 10:00-11:30 am

Family Mass at 9:00 am

### CONFESSIONS

#### **Saturdays**

4:30 to 5:15 pm OLMC

6:00 to 6:45 pm SJE

#### **Mondays**

11:30 to 12:00 pm OLMC

*Anytime by appointment at SJE rectory*

### MARRIAGES

At least six months notice

### BAPTISMS

#### **3rd Sunday of the month**

- after 9:00 am Mass OLMC

#### **4th Sunday of the month**

- 10:15 am (*English*) SJE, Mass to follow

- after 12:30 pm Mass (*Spanish*) SJE

Baptism instruction

(*2nd Tuesday of the month*)

is required for parents and godparents.

Parents should register in  
advance to make arrangements.

### NEW TO THE PARISH?

We invite you to register with the  
parish by filling out the envelopes  
found in the church, or by calling  
the rectory office at 914-949-0439

### DEVOTIONS

#### **Miraculous Medal -**

Monday after 12:10 pm Mass OLMC

#### **St. Anthony Mary Claret**

**& St. Anthony Padua -**

Tuesday after 12:10 pm Mass OLMC

#### **Five Wounds of Our Lord**

**& St. Gaspar Bertoni -**

Friday after 12:10 pm Mass OLMC

#### **First Friday - Mass 12:10 pm SJE**

Adoration after Mass until 5:30 pm SJE

Mass 12:10 pm OLMC

Followed by Holy Hour OLMC

#### **Our Lady of Fatima -**

First Saturday after 12:10 pm Mass SJE

#### **Pro-Life Rosary -**

Saturday at 5:00 pm OLMC

## ~ *Pastor's Column* ~

The readings of the third Sunday of Lent speak of God's mercy and compassion in disciplining His children by occasional punishment and giving them a second chance in spite of their repeated sins. Although God's love for us is constant and consistent, He will not save us without our co-operation. That is why He invites us during Lent to repent of our sins and to renew our lives by producing fruits of love, compassion, forgiveness, and faithful service.

The first reading tells us how God shows His mercy to His chosen people by choosing Moses as their leader and liberator. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (v. 6) reveals Himself to Moses from the burning bush and assures Moses of His Divine presence with His people and of His awareness of their sufferings in Egypt. The second reading warns us that our merciful God is also a disciplining God. Paul reminds the Christians of Corinth that they must learn from the sad experience of the Israelites who were punished for their sins by a merciful but just God.

The Gospel explains how God disciplines His people, invites them to repent of their sins, to renew their lives and to produce the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Citing two tragic events, Jesus exhorts the Jews to repent and reform their lives. With the parable of the barren fig tree, he also warns them that the merciful God will not put up with them indefinitely. Although God patiently waits for sinners to repent, giving them grace to do so, He will not wait forever. Time may run out; therefore, timely repentance is necessary. Hence, a Lent missed is a year lost from the spiritual life. We need to live lives of repentance, because (a) we never know when we will meet a tragedy of our own. We need to be fruitful trees in God's orchard. Lent is an ideal time "to dig around and manure" the tree of our life so that it may bring forth fruits of repentance, reconciliation, forgiveness and sensitivity to the feelings of others.

## *Church Support*

Thank you very much for your continued love & support for the parish. We are especially grateful to those who "make up" for their Sundays away from the parish.

### **Offering Collection 2-21-16**

**SJE** \$ 7,813

**OLMC** \$ 3,875

### **Catholic New York Collection 2-21-16**

**OLMC** \$ 683

*There will be a second collection next weekend for the Catholic Relief Services. Please be generous!*

**BINGO** - is held Monday nights at 7:20 pm in the Church hall at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. All are welcome!

**Purgatory Society** - The 11:00 am Mass at SJE this Sunday is offered for all our deceased who are enrolled in our Purgatorial Society. Once a month on the last Sunday of the month, the Mass is offered for them.

**50/50 SJE Monthly Raffle Winner** - Congratulations to Maria Shad. She is the winner of this month's 50/50 Club raffle. she won \$ 85! A sincere thank you to all our buyers, and to all our volunteer sellers

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** - (*1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month*). Friday March, 4th - Mass 12:10 pm SJE, adoration after Mass until 5:30 pm SJE and Mass 12:10 pm OLMC followed by Holy Hour. Come and join us in prayer.

**Youth Group Updates** - During their recent "mid winter vacation," the teenagers of our Youth Group volunteered at the "Ecumenical Food Pantry of White Plains" to help distribute and to serve pastries, coffee and tea to the families of our community who went to pick up food and clothing. Their volunteer work was very well received and helped to lift the spirits of some of our neighbors in need. Bravo! ... to the Youth Group. Keep up the good work!

**Youth Group Palm Cross Fundraiser** - perfect for the cemetery! The Palm Crosses will be available for \$10 each at the entrance of OLMC and SJE following each Mass on Saturday March 12th and Sunday March 13th (while supplies last). Please support our teenagers.

**Lenten Sacrifice** - The season of Lent is an invitation to help us prepare for Easter. God, our Father, has shown His love by offering His own Son's life for us. Let us offer Him something of ourselves in return. Some daily act of self-denial is strongly urged. **You can also find Lenten Sacrifice envelopes in the church.**

**40 Days for Life** - From February 10 through March 20, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the Planned Parenthood Center at 175 Tarrytown Road in Greenburgh, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact Gerald Yeung at (914) 837-7008.

**Learn to Make Rosary** -The Decades Group will be having its monthly meeting Thurs., on March 3, 7:00pm at St. John's School Bldg. 1st floor. We make Rosaries in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary's request to pray the Rosary. Please join us in making Rosaries. All are welcome. For more info please call Romana 318-6122.

**HELP  
Jesus  
IN DISGUISE**

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

This collection supports six Catholic agencies that

touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. Next week, please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and **help Jesus in disguise.**

La próxima semana nuestra parroquia realizará *The Catholic Relief Services Collection*. Esta colecta da fondos a seis agencias católicas que tocan la vida de más de 100 millones de personas en el mundo. Los fondos de esta colecta ayudan a proporcionar alimentos a los que pasan hambre, apoyo a los refugiados desplazados y el respeto y el amor de Cristo a todas las personas. Por favor, contribuya generosamente a *The Catholic Relief Services Collection* de la próxima semana y ayuda a **Jesús con otro rostro, ¿le ayudarás?**

## ~ 2016 Lenten Schedule ~

### Stations of the Cross – Fridays During Lent

12:10 pm Mass OLMC

followed by Stations of the Cross - English

6:30 pm Mass SJE

followed by Stations of the Cross - English

7:30 pm Stations of the Cross - Spanish

### Confessions During Lent

Mondays 11:30 am – 12:00 pm OLMC - English

Saturdays 4:30 pm – 5:15 pm OLMC - English

Saturdays 6:00 – 6:45 SJE pm - Bilingual

Priests will be available for confession anytime. Please make an appointment at the rectory.

### Lenten Reflection Series at SJE

Every Lenten Wednesday

6:30 - 8:00 pm

6:30 pm Talk by a renowned speaker

7:15-8:00 pm Adoration and an opportunity for Confession, All are Welcome.

### *Lent: A Journey of Renewal in God's Mercy*

In Lent, we are introduced to a holy season of preparation, preparing for the new life of Easter.

Traditionally, this preparation has been focused on giving up something, on sacrificing pleasure. In recent years, there's been a move to see Lent as a call to renew our spiritual practices. These are indeed ways some people have found helpful in preparing for the new life of Easter. But, what if we look at Lent as not just a season, but a journey? And not just any journey, but a journey of renewal? And, what if, on this journey of renewal, we not only ask, but encourage, love, nurture, the questions that are begging to be brought to life in us?

#### **Questions such as:**

*How do I live into God's mission? For me?*

*For my community? For the world?*

*Does life have to seem so hard?*

*Is it okay if that gets me down? How can I find hope?*

*Will we ever know why bad things happen?*

*How can we respond faithfully when they do?*

*What does it mean to belong? For me? For others?*

*For our community? In the face of all our challenges,*

*how can we find faith to face the future in God?*

*Where is God? How does God move and work in the world?*

Wed. March 2 Fr. John Moran, M.M.

Wed. March 9 Fr. Kevin Hanlon, M.M.

Wed. March 16 Br. Wayne Fritzpatrick, M.M.

### Holy Week (March 20 – 27)

Schedule will be announced soon.

## TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA



*su vida y su corazón,  
porque está cerca el Reino de los cielos”*

En la primera lectura vemos el relato del llamado de Dios a Moisés para preparar la salida de Egipto del pueblo de Israel y guiarlo a través del desierto a la tierra prometida. Y Dios se identifica como **“Yo-soy”**.

Esta revelación de Dios a Moisés nos informa sobre la naturaleza y la esencia misma de Dios. Nos dice que Dios existe por Sí mismo y existe desde toda la eternidad. Dios siempre fue, Dios es y Dios siempre será.

Así como San Pablo cataloga de “advertencias” las cosas que sucedieron en el desierto con el pueblo de Israel, el Señor nos trae otras “advertencias” en el Evangelio de hoy. Nos llama a la conversión, y de muchas maneras. Una de ellas es en forma de contrariedades, obstáculos o desgracias que pueden ocurrirnos.

Sin embargo, tenemos la tendencia a catalogar estos como castigos de Dios. Pero no es así. Los que llamamos “castigos”, vistos desde la perspectiva de Dios, pueden más bien ser “regalos” o “gracias” de Dios.

Jesús mismo nos aclaró esto al menos en una oportunidad. A Jesús le informan acerca de una masacre *“cuando Pilato había dado muerte en el Templo a unos galileos, mientras estaban ofreciendo sus sacrificios”*.

Pero Jesús aprovecha la ocasión para mostrar que ese sufrimiento no tiene nada que ver con la condición de los fallecidos. Y lo más importante hace un dramático llamado al arrepentimiento, advirtiendo del riesgo que corremos si no nos convertimos.

*¿Piensan ustedes que aquellos galileos, porque les sucedió esto, eran más pecadores que los demás galileos?*, les pregunta. Y El mismo contesta: *“Ciertamente que no”*.

Esta es parecida a tragedias que sufren los seres humanos en nuestros días: persecuciones, accidentes, enfermedades... Y ¿por qué suceden estas cosas? Lo contesta el mismo Jesús: lo importante no es el por qué, sino el “para qué”: *“para que se manifieste la obra de Dios”*.



the  
**CARDINAL'S**  
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

*Sharing God's Gifts*

\$4,500,000 of the funds raised through the *Appeal* helps needy parishes throughout the archdiocese. While continuing the great tradition of educating our youth and providing spiritual refuge and enlightenment, many of our parishes and schools need assistance to meet their day to day requirements. Invest in your faith and parish community and make your gift to the *2016 Cardinal's Appeal*.

**This weekend is the first Commitment Weekend. It will be held at all the Masses at Saint John the Evangelist Church.** You will have an opportunity to make your pledge to the *2016 Appeal*. As children of Christ, we are called to serve others out of gratitude to our most generous God. Please consider a sacrificial gift to the *2016 Appeal*. We will have a 2nd Commitment Weekend March 12-13 at the Masses at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Thank you.



La  
CAMPANA DE CORRESPONSABILIDAD  
del **CARDENAL**  
*Compartir las Bendiciones de Dios*

\$4,500,000 de los fondos recaudados a través de la *Campaña* ayudarán a las escuelas y parroquias necesitadas en toda la Arquidiócesis. Muchas de nuestras parroquias y escuelas necesitan ayuda para cumplir con sus necesidades diarias mientras ellas continúan la gran tradición de educar a nuestros jóvenes y proveer refugio e iluminación espiritual. Haga una inversión en su fe y en su comunidad parroquial con un regalo a la *Campaña de Corresponsabilidad del Cardenal 2016*.

**Este fin de semana es el Fin de Semana del Compromiso para la Campaña de Corresponsabilidad en la iglesia San Juan Evangelista .** Ustedes tendrán la oportunidad en todas las Misas de hacer su compromiso con la *Campaña del Cardenal del 2016*. Al ser hijos de Cristo, tenemos un llamado a servir a los demás en agradecimiento a nuestro Dios tan generoso. Por favor, consideren una promesa de sacrificio a la *Campaña del 2016*. Tendremos el segundo compromiso el fin de Semana de marzo 12-13 en todas la Misas En Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo Muchas gracias.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27 – MARCH 6

~ Saint John the Evangelist Church & Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church ~

### Saturday, 2/27

12:10 pm SJE Angelica, Louis and Aurora Bambace  
 5:30 pm Vigil OLMC Faye & Senghor Families  
 7:00 pm Vigil SJE For the intentions of Walter Ortega

### Sunday, 2/28 - *Third Sunday of Lent*

8:00 am SJE George Saponaro  
 9:00 am OLMC Ralph Ricci  
 11:00 am SJE Purgatorial society  
 12:30 pm SJE Rosa Calderon  
 5:00 pm OLMC Ann & Arthur Kelly  
 6:30 pm OLMC For the people of the Parish

### Monday, 2/29

7:30 am SJE Souls in Purgatory  
 12:10 pm OLMC Mary, Anthony and Thomas Morzello

### Tuesday, 3/1

7:30 am SJE In Thanksgiving to the Lord  
 12:10 pm OLMC No Intentions

### Wednesday, 3/2

7:30 am SJE Joseph & Valsamma Mundackal  
 12:10 pm OLMC No Intentions  
 6:30-8:00 pm SJE **Lenten Talk by Father John Moran, M. M.**  
 7:15-8:00 pm ***Adoration and an opportunity for Confession. All are welcome.***

### Thursday, 3/3

7:30 am SJE Hector Berril  
 12:10 pm OLMC No Intentions

### Friday, 3/4 - *Abstinence*

7:30 am SJE No Intentions  
 12:10 pm SJE (*First Friday*) Frances Russo  
 6:30 pm SJE No Intentions  
 12:10 pm OLMC Estrellita & Estrella Yolola

### Saturday, 3/5

12:10 pm SJE (*First Saturday*) Our Lady of Fatima  
 5:30 pm Vigil OLMC James McKeivitt & Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Alonge  
 7:00 pm Vigil SJE Dedicacion Antoisque

### Sunday, 3/6 - *Forth Sunday of Lent*

8:00 am SJE Barbara Schickler  
 9:00 am OLMC Giovanni & Riccardina Roselli  
 11:00 am SJE In Thanksgiving to the Lord  
 12:30 pm SJE For the intentions of the Brotherhood of the Lord of the Miracles  
 5:00 pm OLMC For the People of the Parish  
 6:30 pm OLMC No Intentions



**MAKE  
THESE  
40 DAYS  
HOLY**



**Rest in Peace** - Please pray for the soul of Lisa Gisondi who died this past week.

**Sanctuary Lamp OLMC** - James McKeivitt