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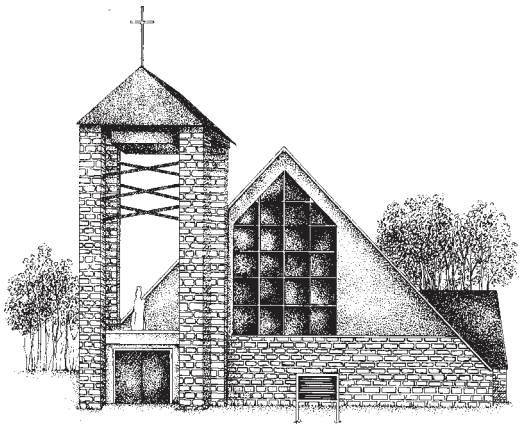
March 20, 2022
Third Sunday of Lent



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SUNDAY MASSES:
Saturday Evening 5:00 PM
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8:00 AM

SATURDAY MASS
9:00 AM

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8:00 and 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM

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Call the rectory and arrange to register in our active parish.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:
Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 12 PM
and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

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Tue., Wed., Thu. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
and 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

CONFESSION:
Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 PM

BAPTISMS:
Parents must register with the parish. Both parents must also participate in the Baptismal Training Program. Baptisms arranged by appointment.

MARRIAGE:
Please arrange 1 year in advance.

RCIA:
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. For adults who wish to become Catholic or Catholics who wish to be Confirmed.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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MASSES FOR the WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH
8:30 A.M. Rose Rech
10:30A.M. Maria Lentini
12:00P.M. People of the Parish
MONDAY, MARCH 21ST
8:00 A.M. Henry Milkewicz
TUESDAY, MARCH 22ND
8:00 A.M. Michael Giampino
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23RD
8:00 A.M. Stanley Zadrozny
7:15 P.M. Brian Connolly & Brighid McDonald
THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH
8:00 A.M. Communion Service
FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH
8:00A.M Jacqueline Fetzner
7:15 P.M. ***Stations of the Cross***
SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH
9:00 A.M. Judith O'Connor
5:00 P.M. William Hymen & People of the Parish
SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH
8:30 A.M. Martin Sior
10:30A.M. Dennis Hurt
12:00P.M. Kevin L. Pattky

Scripture

March 27, 2022– Fourth Sunday of Lent

FIRST READING: JOSHUA AND THE ISRAELITES CELEBRATED PASSOVER IN JERICHO. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THEY HAD EATEN THE PRODUCE OF THE PROMISED LAND. AFTER THIS, THERE WAS NO MORE BREAD SENT FROM HEAVEN BECAUSE THEY WERE ABLE TO EAT THE YIELD OF THE LAND. **(JOSHUA 5: 9A, 10-12)**

SECOND READING: PAUL TELLS US THAT ANYONE LIVING IN JESUS IS A NEW CREATION BECAUSE GOD HAS RECONCILED WITH US THROUGH CHRIST. AS AN AMBASSADOR FOR JESUS, PAUL IMPLORES THAT THE CORINTHIANS BE RECONCILED TO GOD THROUGH JESUS. **(2 CORINTHIANS 5: 17-21)**

GOSPEL: THE PHARISEES GREW DISGUSTED WITH JESUS BECAUSE OF HIS COMPASSION TOWARD SINNERS. SO JESUS TOLD THEM A STORY OF A SON WHO SQUANDERED HIS INHERITANCE. WHEN A FAMINE BROKE OUT, HE RETURNED HOME AND ASKED HIS FATHER TO BECOME A HIRED HAND. HIS FATHER INSTEAD WELCOMED HIM WITH A JOYFUL CELEBRATION, JUST AS GOD IS OVERJOYED WHEN A SINNER RETURNS TO HIM. **(LUKE 15: 1-3, 11-32)**

STEWARDSHIP by the BOOK- March 20, 2022

The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!

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MASS CARDS We are asked to pray for the dead. The best way to do this is to have a mass celebrated in memory of a loved one. Call the rectory 973-663-0211. Offering is ***$15.*** We also have Intentions for the Living & Healing Mass Cards available for celebration of weekday Masses**.**

RCIA meets Monday, **March 21st,** 6 pm in Church Hall.

BAPTISMS are performed the first Sunday of each month at 1PM. To arrange for a Baptism, please call the rectory M-F 9:30-3:30 at 973-663-0211.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are being held in Church on Fridays during Lent at 7:15 PM. Please join us for this wonderful devotion.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/olsoslh

Social distancing protocols including touchless temperature scanning of all who come to the Parish Center- being observed.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -PRE-K-Grade 5
Sunday, March 20th –8:45 10:15AM
Sunday, March 27th –8:45 10:15AM
MIDDLE SCHOOL -GRADES 6-8
Sunday, March 20th –6:30– 8:00 PM – classes
Sunday, March 27th –6:30– 8:00 PM – classes
HIGH SCHOOL – GRADES 9-10
Sunday, March 20th –6:30– 8:00 PM – classes
PANCAKE BREAKFAST (Freshman Service) 9am-12pm
Sunday, March 27th –6:30– 8:00 PM – classes
ANTIOCH rescheduled for Saturday, April 2nd-10:30 AM start.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST *Sunday, March 20th* hosted by the Freshman Class *in the Church Hall.* Cost : $***7.00 adults and $4.00 children***. Please support our High School Program by enjoying a delicious pancake & sausage breakfast with your family—***TAKE OUT ORDERS are RECOMMENDED***, **but there will be seating available after 8:30 and 10:30 Masses.**

Please remember in prayer those who are ill:

Msgr. Herbert Tillyer, Donald Campbell, Mike Dour, Rebecca Hutchins, Finn Davis, Pat & Jack Gebhardt, Jr., Michael LaFranca, James Gillis, Frank Abrusia, Brandon Houser, Anne Nichols, Ed Lawler, Gerry Lopato, Agnes Paulovitz, Jo Ellen Jacek, & all who are ill at this time. ***We pray for the deceased:*** John Stemkowski, Greg Raftery, John Donnellan, Frank Fasulo, Leonard Colello, Alex LaRosa, Robert Waegelain, William Hymen, Annabel Davison, Kevin Glass, & all who have died from COVID-19.

LENTEN MASS PROGRAM–This ***Wednesday, March 23rd***, at ***7:15pm*** ***Fr. Chris,*** will be our celebrant for the third of our Wednesday evening Lenten Masses. Please join us and bring a friend.

PARISH DIRECTORY we are gathering parishioner data for a new directory. There are sheets in a basket in the church vestibule to take, fill out and return. CCD has also e-mailed these forms to parents who have children in the program. ***Deadline to return information is Sunday, April 3rd.*** This will allow us the needed time to get everything in order for the printer. Your cooperation is needed to have the directories available this summer.

The Ascension Lenten Companion program continues **Wed., March 23rd (after evening mass)- at 7:45pm in the Church Hall.**

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE **IN ALL** Paterson diocese parishes on the Mondays of Lent . Our parish will have confessions available from 7:45pm to 8:30pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

K of C sponsoring another Blood Drive on Wednesday, March 30th from 3-8pm in the gym. You can make an appointment through Vitalant at vitalant.org or call 1-877-258-4825. https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/54993
All donors are to wear a mask, weigh at least 110lbs., bring ID, eat a meal before donation, drink lots of water before & after donation.

Knights of Columbus are also hosting a Food Drive after all masses 4/2 & 4/3. Items requested: pasta, sauce, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruits, soup. Drop off- Church Side door. Proceeds benefit our pantry & New Hope pantry, Oak Ridge.

TRY A LITTLE KINDNESS

This Lent and indeed every Lent, we Christians profess that "the kindness and generous love of God our savior has appeared'. (Epistle to Titus 3:4). We often use words like love, power, light, truth and justice to describe the coming of God but this letter uses the word kindness. Maybe this can be a special challenge this Lent: to show more of the kindness of God. In Catholic teaching, kindness is the virtue opposite that of envy. An envious person is unappreciative, resentful, tries to tear down others and even takes satisfaction at the misfortune of others. When we are tempted to indulge in envy why not "try a little kindness instead". Kindness entails an ability to reach out beyond our own situation, good or bad, to show goodness and compassion to others. This may be difficult in the present climate, when the economy has placed so much stress on us all.

Abraham Lincoln once said: "as a drop of honey catches more flies than a gallon of gall, so with men (and women). If you would win a man to your cause, first convince him that you are his sincere friend". Lincoln was famous as President for putting his political rivals in his cabinet, even though one or two conspired against him. President George H.W. Bush once called for "a kinder and gentler nation." This kind of change begins with the individual and should be seen in interaction with our families and our children, with neighbors and strangers, on the highway and on our streets.

This can happen in the way we greet each other. Too often we greet people in a perfunctory way, anxious to make our purchase, get our fill up at the gas station, make our deposit at the bank, pick up our lunch at the deli, etc. Now that our weather has improved- a sure sign of spring-we should be a little more chipper in taking care of the everyday tasks of life. In conversation we often can't wait to get our response in, so much so that we rarely listen to what the other has really said. Fr. Nicolas, superior of the Jesuits, says that before speaking you should ask three questions about what you will say: "Is it true, is it kind and gentle, and is it good for others?" A nice little test we can set for ourselves.

Lent is the Christian's journey with Jesus to Jerusalem. The Gospel of Matthew says of Jesus that "a bruised reed he will not break, a smoldering wick he will not quench until he brings justice to victory" (12:20). Jesus is "meek and humble of heart" (11:29). This Lent let us try to put on the mind and heart of Jesus Christ. It is a wonderful time to show forth God's kindness, and at the very least to "try a little kindness". (from an article by Peter Schineller S.J. in America magazine, March 2, 2009).

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Chris

SATURDAY MEMORIAL MASS

Date	Service for	TIME
April 2	**Anthony Esposito**	10:30AM

Cleaning Woman for hire – *Joanna (who cleans the Rectory)* is looking for additional clients. For three hrs. of whole house cleaning her fee is $100. 20 yrs. experience. For more info please call Joanna at **201-727-3175,** leave message.
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FOOD PANTRY
TUES & THURS 11:15-11:45AM 1:30-3:30PM
call 973-663-0211 for appointment.
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Needed: SPAM, Progresso & Chunky Soups, Peanut butter, jelly, breakfast sausage, TP, Paper towels, mayo, **ketchup, yogurt,** deodorant, laundry detergent, **shampoo,** conditioner. NOTE: Monetary donations accepted. *Thank you to the Bolcars, T.Demasi,D. Johnson, & all supporting the pantry.*

NOTE: **Shoprite has $400 purchase for free ham, lasagna, or ziti. Our pantry can use these 3 items to help our neighbors for Easter.**

First meeting of Group 1 for the "Synod" is Sunday March 20th at 1:30pm in the Church Hall. We hope to have a fruitful and lively discussion.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: As part of our Lenten observance, we ask all families to participate in ***Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, a program of prayer, fasting, learning and giving***. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl packet and follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. **Visit orb.crs.org for more info & additional resources to use.**

EASTER FLOWERS ***Easter is our greatest feast-celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus. It is fitting that our sanctuary reflects this joy.*** You can help decorate our sanctuary by donating an ***Easter Lily,*** in memory of a loved one. A ***donation of $25.00*** is requested. Envelopes are available in church pews.

THE SYNOD-VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

In the spring of 2021, when the Covid Pandemic was still ruling our lives, Pope Francis believed that it was a good time to call a Synod. Pope Francis believed it was necessary for the Church to open up and listen to the voice of the people. The Synod is a consultative process in which people can voice their concerns about the Church.

Even though we are still dealing with the pandemic we still need to plan for the future and your voice should be acknowledged.

Some questions to be considered are these:
Is the Church responsive to the needs of it's people?
How has the Church touched your life over the years?
How well are we passing on the faith to the next generation?
Are our Sacramental Programs effective?
Do our children identify themselves as Catholic?
Does the Church have outreach to those who have fallen away from worship?
Does the Church remain steadfast in the promotion of life?

The Diocese of Paterson has opened up a website where you can learn more about the Synod process. You can also participate in a survey and express your opinions. Go to https://rcdop.org/synod-2023 There is a listening session today, March 20th in the Church Hall at 1:30 PM.
Your cooperation is appreciated.
Fr. Chris

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