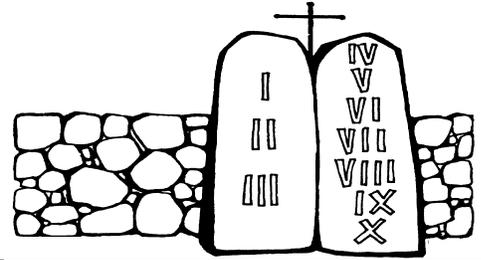


Third Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2015

I, the Lord, am your God . . .
 You shall not have other gods besides me.

Exodus 20:2a, 3



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Vigil Mass for 3rd Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. = Nancy Kalecki

Sunday, March 8– 3rd Sunday of Lent;

Daylight Saving Time begins

7:30 a.m. = _____

9:00 a.m. = deceased members of the Holy Name Society

10:30 a.m. = Giuseppe Impeduglia

12:00 Noon = Patricia Conroy

Monday, March 9 – Lenten Weekday;

St. Frances of Rome, Religious

8:30 a.m. = _____

12:00 noon = Raymond Portu (*happy birthday in heaven*)

Tuesday, March 10 – Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. = _____

12:00 noon = Mary Battipaglia

Wednesday, March 11 – Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. = _____

12:00 noon = Thomas Tierney

Thursday, March 12 – Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. = Marion and Angelo Martorano

12:00 noon = _____

Friday, March 13 – Lenten Weekday; Day of Abstinence

8:30 a.m. = _____

12:00 noon = _____

12:30 p.m. = *Stations of the Cross & Eucharistic Adoration*

7:00 p.m. = *Stations of the Cross*

Saturday, March 14 – Lenten Weekday

9:00 a.m. = _____

Vigil Mass for 4th Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. = Frances Turner

Sunday, March 8– 4th Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. = Irene Greene Brennan

9:00 a.m. = _____

10:30 a.m. = John and Mary McGuire

12:00 Noon = Bernard Jennings

**our Parish Family's
 support on
 March 1, 2015**



First Collection - \$5,006.00

Reserve Fund - \$1,245.00



*May the souls of our dearly departed
 rest in the peace of God, and may their
 loved ones find comfort and reassurance
 in God, our Father.*

**Muriel Hassel Rose Occhiogrosso
 Miguel Semilla**



*This week the **Sanctuary Lamp** burning
 before the tabernacle is given in memory of*

Muriel Hassel

*as requested by
 The De Respino family*

**Keep our troops—and the families at home
 who support them—in your prayers:**



SR Francis S. Cummings - USN

SR Michael J. Cummings - USN

Col. Jeffrey N. Davila, MD - USAF

Francesca DiSimone-Reich - U.S. Army

Michael Di Simone Biggins - U.S. Army

Ryan Foley - USMC

Lt. Col. Jay La Pore - U. S. Air Force in Japan

Col. Patrick J. Mahaney - U.S. Army

Prescod Montgomery - U. S. Army in Iraq

Ensign II Steven Passignajen-Trimble—U.S. Navy in the Persian Gulf

Darrin Sack

Major Michael Volpe - U.S. Army

“Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of NY 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 reach via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website— 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.”



**PRAYER for the good of the soul,
 FASTING for the good of the body,
 ALMSGIVING for the good of our neighbor**



Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

This 3rd Sunday of Lent is a good time to ask ourselves how the holy season is going for us. What have we learned so far about ourselves and about our God? How is our focus on turning our hearts and minds back toward God? In what areas do we need to allow Jesus to pick us up if we failed in our Lenten commitments?

The 3rd Sunday of Lent also provides an opportunity for us if we haven't seriously gotten into the discipline of the season. We still have a month left! The Holy Spirit is holding out rich graces to us. We simply need to accept them. We can still engage in efforts to be people of deeper prayer, stronger self discipline and greater outreach to others' needs.

If you haven't chosen a way of positively turning your life back towards what God wants for you, consider . . .

- Being reconciled with a person you dislike or avoid, or someone you have hurt.
- Perform acts of kindness for people—for no reward.
- Refrain from listening to gossip—or passing it on.
- Sick? Housebound? Commuting? Pray for others.
- Contribute groceries to a food pantry.
- Go to weekday Mass or Lenten prayer service.
- Save the cost of a daily meal; donate that cash to charity at Easter.
- While doing daily tasks think about God; talk to Him; tell Him about what you are thankful for.
- Keep a crucifix near you. Remember Jesus' death and why it was for you.
- Turn your cell phone off for a few hours each day and don't let it distract you from the loved ones you are with in 'real' time.

Find something that works for you, and whatever it is, may it help you to turn towards God in this holy season of Lent.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob

Cross Road Foundation

Cross Road's Community Day
Saturday, March 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
2 Teleport Drive ~ off South Avenue

Come out and celebrate the 1st day of spring with family & friends—have a delicious lunch from the Commons Café & 100% of the profits will be donated back to Cross Road by the Nicotra Group. Also enjoy **11 AM - Arts and Crafts; 1 PM - Volunteer Recognition Ceremony** — for more info.-718-556-3474

Congratulations

DANIEL GONZALEZ

February 50/50 Winner of \$320!

and

MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH DECORATO

Valentine 50/50 Winners of \$325!

"School Debt" (a.k.a. "The Red Bill") pay-down update:

\$36,693.00 debt as of 12/31/14
- \$ 910.00 total paid in Jan.-Feb. 2015
\$35,783.00 debt as of 3/01/15

Let's keep up the "pay-down"!



\$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 your faith and parish community and make your gift to the **2015 Cardinal's Appeal.**

St. Rita's Church presents: *For 4 Fridays in Lent*

@ 7:30 PM. — **Meeting Christ in Everyday Life**

*A Lenten retreat offered by the Jesuit Collaborative
Manresa Companions in Ignatian Spirituality*

Fri., March 13 – "Who do you say that I am?"

The Examen Prayer



Next weekend we have the opportunity to help a hungry child eat, a war-torn nation build peace, and a refugee make a new life.

Just read your envelope for the **American Bishops Overseas Appeal**; put your sacrificial offering inside, and put it into the offertory collection basket at Mass—it's that simple!

Don't forget!



Prayer for the sick is so important—those anticipating a hospital stay, the homebound in our parish, and in our families. Please keep this list of the sick near the place where you pray each day so that you remember them throughout the week.

Victor Andrea, Carol Barbaro, Mary Bhatia, Stephen Cucci, Charles D'Arrigo, Jr., Charles Didonato, Joseph Di Maria, Connie Gorrasi, Frank Labano, Rose Marchese, Louis Matos, Delia Murguia, Joseph Murguia, Wayne Norman, Amy O'Donnell, Joseph Palumbo, Carmela Rogan, Emil Sentfleben, Louise Stanley