



Third Sunday of Lent – March 19, 2017



While we were still sinners Christ died for us. ~ Romans 5:8

Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – March 18

8:00am- ~ Healing for Rose Frulio
5:00pm- † Joe Fortunato
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Frulio Family
Offered by: Fortunato Family

Sunday – March 19

8:30am- † Isabel Maria Quiñones
10:00am- † Daniel Fode
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: daughter, Marta
By: brother, Emmanuel Fode

Monday – March 20

8:00am- † Nonso Christian Ugbo
12:05pm- †

Offered by: mom, Maryanne
Offered by:

Tuesday – March 21

8:00am- †
12:05pm- †

Offered by:
Offered by:

Wednesday – March 22

8:00am - †
12:05pm-†

Offered by:
Offered by:

Thursday – March 23

8:00am- †
12:05pm- † Saverio Micillo

By: daughter, Theresa Contardo

Friday – March 24

8:00am- †
12:05pm- †

Offered by:
Offered by:

Saturday – March 25

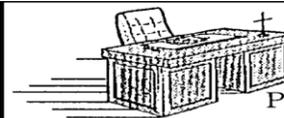
8:00am- ~ Unborn babies in wombs & their families
5:00pm- †

By: Deacon James Stahlnecker
Offered by:

Sunday – March 26

8:30am- † Msgr. Augustin J. DiBlasi & Mom
10:00am- † Domenico Mezzacappa

Offered by: Family
Offered by: Lena Mezzacappa



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Lent is passing quickly! What changes have you made in your life that reflects your desire to receive the gift of salvation won for us by Jesus Christ?

In your relationship with God, do you have a regular habit of prayer? It does not have to be long or elaborate. It can be very simple. Do you start each day with a simple prayer in which you thank God for the gift of this new day and express your desire to be faithful to God during the day? Do you end each day with a simple prayer in which you give thanks to God for the blessings of this day, to acknowledge the ways that your faith was tested during the day, and to acknowledge your need for God's grace and mercy? Is Sunday Mass a priority for you as is evident in the fact that you arrive on time for Mass and participate fully in the prayers and songs of the Mass? Do you allow your attitudes and actions to be shaped by the teaching of Jesus Christ or do your attitudes and actions reflect popular opinion? If you have not strengthened your relationship with God thus far in Lent, there is still time to take these simple steps – daily prayer, making the Sunday Mass a priority in your life, and always assessing your attitudes and actions to see whether they conform to the teaching of Jesus Christ as interpreted for us by the Church.

How is your relationship with your neighbor? Do you see all persons as your neighbor? There is only one God who created all of us equal in dignity and thus we are all really brother and sister to each other. The color of our skin, the way we pray to God, and our position in society should not divide us. We are all one family in God. Do you treat all persons with respect? Do you provide help to others when it is possible for you to do so? Do you pray for other persons – those who are sick, those who are suffering, those who have lost hope? Do you give your spouse and your children the time they deserve and require? Do you refrain from language that is abusive or disrespectful? Do you have patience with yourself and with other persons? There is still time for Lent to be the opportunity for grace that this season should be!

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle
Memorial Candle



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~ † **Jenelle Williams**
Offered by: **Nina & Joe Lopez**
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Liturgical Minster's Schedule MARCH 2017

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Linda Graves & Lindford Smith (carry Gospel Book)
E. M.: Lindford Smith & Peg & Tom Ventruado Sub: Cinderella Wonszewitz

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lector: Johnathan Codipilly & Samuel Torres (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Ceferino Albarracin
E.M.: Delmeter Carey & Joan Fortunato & Samuel Torres Sub: Diane Carbonaro

Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Thelma Washington (carry Gospel Book)
E.M.: Alexis Crowdell & Emmanuel Fode & Dianne Murphy Sub: Cresencia Pascua

SCRIPTURE READINGS

These readings are found complete on our parish web page (www.olmcsi.org). Click on "USCCB Daily Readings."

March 19: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 5:5-42

March 26: 4th Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41



REVIVE YOUR FAITH! - The Archdiocese is offering our parish cluster the opportunity to renew our faith in this sacred season with a Mission under the leadership of Fr. Kenan Peters, of the Passionist Fathers. The Mission will be held in our church at 7 p.m. on April 3, 4, and 5 (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday). We are only asking for an hour of your time each evening. This will be a precious hour for you to renew and reinvigorate your faith! Child-care will be provided. Registration is required, so please call the parish office. We look forward to seeing you on April 3!

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP and FILM- Join us on Friday, March 31st at 7:00 p.m. to enjoy a simple Lenten meal of soup, bread, cheese and dessert while we watch the film, "The Huntress", a family film about a 13 year-old-girl who becomes the first female in 12 generations to become an expert eagle hunter. Stunningly beautiful and movingly told, the movie will surely warm your heart! **Reservations required. Please call the office before March 28. Donation of \$10 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under will be received at the door. Thank you!**

PASTOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE - This Monday, March 20th, at 5 p.m. in the Padre Miguel Room

LENTEN DEVOTION. There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday after the 12:05 p.m. Mass starting March 3rd. There is no Eucharistic adoration on the first Friday of April as we are offering Stations of the Cross. It will resume in May. **There is adoration on the last Monday of every month after the 12:05 pm Mass.**

STRENGTHENING OUR CELEBRATION OF THE SUNDAY EUCHARIST - In our celebration of the Sunday Mass, we give thanks to God for the rich blessings of God and we do this as a community of faith, the Body of Christ. All of us should be present from the start of the Mass to the end of the Mass as an expression of our unity in Christ. All of us should participate in the prayers and hymns so that we speak and sing with one voice. *Thank you for your active participation in the Mass each Sunday!*

MEET NEW PEOPLE and CONTRIBUTE to a PARISH FUND-RAISER - Our Spanish community will be completing the creation of palm crosses on Thursday, April 6th and Friday, April 7th, each day from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. They can always use more hands to help in the final assembly of the crosses. You can come when you can and leave when you have to! Please let the office know if you plan to help. *Thank you!*

MEN'S CONFERENCE: LIVING YOUR FAITH EVERY DAY - Saturday, April 1st, 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers. An opportunity for men to reflect on the importance of their faith in daily living. Presentations will be offered by Mr. Alfred Kelly, CEO of VISA and director of the 2015 papal visit to New York, Fr. Jonathan Morris, pastor and author, and Ryan Young, Director of Camp Veritas, a summer camp for teens. Registration: www.archnymensconference.eventbrite.com

WOMEN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION - Saturday, April 8th, from 10 a.m to 3 p.m. at Notre Dame Academy High School (134 Howard Ave. Arts and Humanities Building). *Into Thy Hands* - Entrusting all of our struggles and concerns into the hands of God. Talks, Music, Guided Meditation, Sharing and Fellowship. Presented by Catholic mental health professionals. RSVP: 347-273-1290 (Dr. Connie Salhany). Or contact info@cognitivetherapysi.com (Laura Parisi). \$25 fee for the day - checks should be made out to Notre Dame High School.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE CARDINAL'S APPEAL! - Thank you to all of our parishioners who have made a donation or made a pledge to this year's Cardinal's Appeal. Your support is truly a blessing for our church and the greater church of New York! If you would like to make a donation or pledge, there are envelopes in the entrance of the church and in the parish office. *Thank you!*

AN IGNATIAN JOURNEY to SPAIN - October 1 -11, 2017. Under the spiritual direction of Fr. George Witt, S.J. trip participants will explore the roots of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) and visit significant sites in the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola (founder of the Jesuits). Through the guidance of Fr. Witt, it is our hope that the trip will help you to understand and appreciate the spirituality of St. Ignatius. The trip begins with a tour and visit to the Shrine of Lourdes. Travel brochure: www.JesuitsEast.org/Spain2017. Or, you can contact Joe Naylor at jnaylor@jesuits.org.

WEEKLY OFFERING: March 12th: \$5,772. *Thank you for your generosity!*

ST. JOSEPH - MARCH 20 - According to the gospels, Joseph was a skilled craftsman (a builder or carpenter) and a descendant of King David. Matthew's infancy narrative in particular focuses on Joseph's dilemma. Embarrassed by Mary's pregnancy with a child he knew was not his, Joseph, as an upright man who followed the prescriptions of the Mosaic law, decided to quietly dissolve their marriage contract in accordance with social and legal customs. But he is told in a dream to take Mary as his wife and make her child his own, and so he became the earthly father of Jesus. His feast has been observed on this day since the 10th century. He is a patron of the universal Church and is also honored as the patron of the dying. *Living with Christ*