

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2017

MASSES FOR the WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH

8:30 A.M. John Ulianiello
10:30A.M. People of the Parish
12:00P.M. Michael Scalera

MONDAY, MARCH 27TH

8:00 A.M. Thelma Reck

TUESDAY, MARCH 28TH

8:00 A.M. Dennis Lenihan

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29TH

8:00 A.M. Fr. Fursy O'Toole
7:30 P.M. Lyn Schoonover

THURSDAY, MARCH 30TH

8:00 A.M. Gregorio Sancho

FRIDAY, MARCH 31ST

8:00 A.M. Frank Hernandez

7:15 P.M. Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST

9:00 A.M. Jimmy Giannone
5:00 P.M. Patrick Connolly (3rd Anniv)

SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND

8:30 A.M. Vito Spagnolo
10:30A.M. Vito Paonessa
12:00P.M. People of the Parish

SCRIPTURES

April 2, 2017- 5th Sunday of Lent

First Reading: This reading is a loving promise that the Lord will put His Spirit into His people and will let them live. (EZEKIEL 37: 12-14)

SECOND READING: PAUL REMINDS THE ROMANS THAT THEY ARE NOT PEOPLE OF THE FLESH, BUT PEOPLE OF THE SPIRIT BECAUSE THE SPIRIT OF GOD DWELLS IN THEM. (ROMANS 8: 8-11)

GOSPEL: IN GREAT DETAIL, JOHN TELLS THE STORY OF THE RAISING OF LAZARUS TO LIFE. UPON LEARNING OF THE DEATH OF LAZARUS, HIS DEAR FRIEND, JESUS, GOES TO COMFORT MARTHA AND MARY. AFTER PROCLAIMING, "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE," JESUS GOES TO THE TOMB OF LAZARUS AND RESTORES HIM TO LIFE. (JOHN 11: 1-45)

STEWARDSHIP by the BOOK-March 26, 2017

The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy trying to disprove the miracle. Am I more like the man born blind or the Pharisees?

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. Please note- offering is \$15.



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

RCIA next meeting is on Tuesday, March 28th at 7:30pm at the Rectory.

BAPTISMS The next Baptism prep will be held Monday, March 27th at 7:15pm in the Parish Center for Baptisms to be performed on Sunday, April 2nd, at 1:00PM.



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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -PRE-K-Grade 5

Sunday, March 26th -8:45-10:15AM A-Wk classes
10:30AM - CLOW

Sunday, April 2nd -8:45-10:15AM B-Wk classes +(Pre-K)
10:30AM - Class Mass Grade 1B

MIDDLE SCHOOL -GRADES 6-8

Sunday, March 26th -6:30-8:00PM A-Wk classes
Sunday, April 2nd -6:30-8:00PM B-Wk classes

HIGH SCHOOL - GRADES 9-10

Sunday, March 26th -6:30-8pm classes

Please remember in prayer those who are sick:

SR. Kathleen Doyle, Msgr. Leo Carey, Msgr. Martin Rauscher, Fr. Luciano Cruz, Barbara Luckhardt, Veronica LaFranca, Tommy Vacca, Doris O'Rorke, Patrick William, James Pitts, Shirley Ryan Jordan, Mary & Michael D'Alessio, Nancy Snolis, Carol Aulbach, Diana Meunier, Maureen McDermott, Gary Leaver, Christine Profaca & all who are ill at this time.



NEW ALTAR SERVERS FOR 2017:

Instructions on Saturday morning April 1st from 10AM to 11AM. **Our new altar servers will be commissioned at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, April 30th.**

LENTEN MASS PROGRAM-This **Wednesday, March 29th** at 7:30pm **Rev. Marc Mancini**, from St. Therese in Succasunna will be our guest celebrant for the fourth of our Wednesday evening Lenten Masses which is our annual **HEALING MASS**. Please join us and bring a friend.



NEW TO THE PARISH WELCOME! Please call 973-663-0211 Mon-Fri to become a registered member of our active parish.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: As part of our observance of Lent, we ask all families to participate in **Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, a program of prayer, fasting, learning and giving**. Please 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 the church pews.

SICK OR SHUT IN-or know someone who is- unable to get to church to receive Communion? Please call the rectory at 663-0211 to set up a time for a Communion call.



ParishPay *Making it Easier to Give* **Available:** If you would like to make your offerings automatically **by check or credit card**, please go to www.olsoslh.org & **click the "Parish Pay" icon (seen here)** to follow instructions.

DISCOVERING THE TOMB OF JESUS

There is still a fascination with anything to do with Jesus, the Apostles, Mary & Joseph, & the world of the New Testament. Archaeologists continue to dig in Jerusalem, in opposition to wishes of the Islamic community, and in areas associated with Jesus. Because we believe so strongly in the Resurrection of Jesus – it is after all the center of our faith – if an archaeologist found the bones of Jesus & presented strong proof of this find, what would it do to our faith? Would we still go on believing in Jesus and His Resurrection? If a tomb were found marked Jesus, son of Joseph,” along with inscriptions indicating the final resting place of Mary, family members, and Mary Magdalene, would the underpinnings of our faith be whisked away? Would this usher in a time of confusion?

Something like this, in fact, has happened. The news of a book “The Jesus Family Tomb”, and a related Discovery Channel documentary produced by James Cameron (who brought us Titanic) should indicate that our beliefs may be in jeopardy. *Not so fast!* When we take a closer look things can look quite different. Certain things have been found including an OSSUARY – a box containing human bones – marked “Jesus, son of Joseph” and others marked with other names from the family of Jesus.

Scripture scholars tell us that the names, Joseph, Mary and Jesus were not just common names in 1st Century Palestine, but the *most common*. When I was growing up in Ireland, Paddy, Patrick & Mary were the most common names. Many of the Paddys had second names-Joe, Tom...to distinguish them, especially if their surnames, Walsh, Hughes, were common. It so happens that an ossuary marked “Jesus, son of Joseph” was found in 1931. Some scholars believe that the name Jesus in Aramaic on this ossuary is so difficult to identify with certainty that it could refer to a person with a different name. These New Testament names, Joseph, Mary & Jesus were not unique. If you visit cemeteries that date to the 1830’s or 1840’s certain names will frequently recur, Isaac, Nathan, Abraham. To conclude that an ossuary marked “Jesus, son of Joseph” contains the bones of Jesus of Nazareth is not warranted.

Then there is the question about the location of the tomb in Jerusalem. Why would a family from Nazareth in Galilee in the north of the country have a family tomb in Jerusalem? According to Israeli archaeologist Amos Kloner – who was in charge of the excavation of this site in 1980 – it is almost impossible that a family from Nazareth would have a family tomb in Jerusalem. He maintains that a Galilee family with no ties to Jerusalem would not have a tomb in that area.

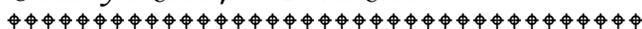
There are further complications with regard to a tomb in Jerusalem. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher is located in the heart of old Jerusalem and this is the traditional site for the tomb of Jesus. This location is nowhere near the site of the newly discovered tomb which claims to possess the bones of Jesus. Local traditions which indicate the Church of the Holy Sepulcher as the site are usually more reliable than the information that has come to hand through this new tomb.

Another question arises. How likely is it that the Apostles didn’t know where Jesus was buried or that they didn’t pass on this information to the early Christians? The site of the tomb where Jesus was laid was an important location for the early Christians.

The really compelling proof of the Resurrection is not an empty tomb- something almost impossible to verify today with precision- but the transformation in the lives of the disciples. They went from being terrified followers of Jesus, members of a failed cult, to being on fire with a New Faith, ready to preach about Jesus and ready to die for this cause. Many gave their lives. It was only because they’d encountered the Risen Christ that could account for such a transformation.

(Based on article by James Martin, S.J. Star Ledger, 3/2/07)

Sincerely in Christ, Father Chris



FOOD PANTRY
Open Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:45-11:45Am & 1:30-3PM. Please call 973-663-0211 to make appointment one day prior. Coordinator: Toni Tarighi.
 Items needed: **JUICE, TUNA, PASTA, carrots, spinach, beets, SAUCE, canned meats, stew,** applesauce, fruit, Spam, dish & laundry detergents, deodorant, paper towels, **2-in-1 shampoo**, TP, tissues.
Refrigerated: EGGS, Milk, yogurt, bread & frozen foods
NOTE: ShopRite gift card donations are also appreciated.



 **The Rosary is recited Mon-Fri after 8AM Mass, and after 9AM Mass on Saturday. All are welcome to participate, especially during LENT.**

COME HOME TO HEALING --THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE IN ALL Paterson diocese parishes on the Mondays of Lent- March 27, and April 3rd 7pm to 8:30pm.



 **CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Please support Catholic Charities local programs by donating clothes, shoes and household items to the donation bin located at the back of our parking lot.. For large quantities of clothes, household items, or furniture to donate, please call 1-877-343-3651 (# on collection bin).**

 **OLSOS VACATION BIBLE CAMP – August 21-25, 2017 9am-3pm This year OLSOS will be hosting one week of Day Camp for our Kindergarten through 5th grade children.** 5 days filled with creative activities geared to all ages. Fees: \$175 per child-deadline 5/21; \$150 per child **early Registration deadline April 30th**; Special multi child discount \$10 per additional child. **Special and optional prices:** Volunteer pricing – any parent who volunteers for the entire week, child attends for ½ price.
BEFORE CARE- 7-9AM- \$25 per child per week.
AFTER CARE – 3-6 PM- \$37.50 per child per week.
LUNCH - \$5 per child per DAY.
For more information and registration forms contact OLSOS Religious Ed Office 973-663-0124.

Why become a Knight? If you are interested in helping those in need, serving your parish and community, growing in your faith then the Knights of Columbus Organization is for you. By donating a few hours a month to as little as a few hours a year you can make a difference in your parish and community. **Join today! See our representatives after Mass this weekend, March 25 and 26 or call 973-663-2831.**



 **FISH & CHIPS DINNER GOOD FRIDAY, April 14th, at THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #245, Espanong Rd., 5-7pm. \$15 per person. Call 973-663-3403 or 973-663-2090.**

Bus Trip to see “CATS” Thursday, June 1st 7PM Show. \$107 per ticket includes orchestra seats + bus fee. Join us for one of the most memorable shows ever on Broadway.
Bus leaves 3:45pm. Call the rectory 973-663-0211 to reserve seats. One bus.




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