

Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2018

MASSES FOR the WEEK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH
 8:30 A.M. Danny McLean
 10:30A.M. Helen Spanton
 12:00P.M. Esther Punturieri

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH
 8:00 A.M. William Gray

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH
 8:00 A.M. Beatrice Kennedy

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH
 8:00 A.M. Catherine Koloski
 7:30 P.M. Gerard Campbell

THURSDAY, MARCH 1ST
 8:00 A.M. John Ulianiello

FRIDAY, MARCH 2ND
 8:00 A.M. Barbara Maran
 7:15 P.M. Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD
 9:00 A.M. Benedict Holgado
 5:00 P.M. Nicholas Pazzaglia

SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH
 8:30 A.M. People of the Parish
 10:30A.M. Allen Gebhardt
 12:00P.M. William Spanton

SCRIPTURES:

March 4, 2018 – Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading: THROUGH MOSES, GOD PASSED ON THE COMMANDMENTS HE WISHED ALL PEOPLE TO FOLLOW. HE TELLS US NOT TO WORSHIP IDOLS OR TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD IN VAIN. ALL THE LAWS GOD GAVE TO US, IF FOLLOWED, WOULD ENSURE THAT WE COULD LIVE IN PEACE AND HARMONY, WITH ONE ANOTHER AS HE HAD PLANNED. (EXODUS 20:1-17)

SECOND READING PAUL TELLS THE CORINTHIANS THAT CHRIST IS THE POWER AND THE WISDOM OF GOD. ALTHOUGH THEY CLAIMED TO POSSESS WISDOM, "GOD'S FOLLY IS WISER THAN MEN, AND HIS WEAKNESS IS MORE POWERFUL THAN MEN." (1 CORINTHIANS 8:22-25)

GOSPEL: JESUS WENT TO THE TEMPLE OF JERUSALEM TO FIND MERCHANTS THERE SELLING SHEEP AND DOVES. HE KNOCKED OVER THEIR TABLES AND DROVE THE ANIMALS AWAY. THE MERCHANTS ASKED HIM FOR A SIGN THAT HE WAS AUTHORIZED TO DO THIS. HE TOLD THEM TO "DESTROY THIS TEMPLE (REFERRING TO HIS BODY) AND IN THREE DAYS I WILL RAISE IT UP." THE MERCHANTS MISUNDERSTOOD, AND DID NOT BELIEVE HE COULD REBUILD IN THREE DAYS WHAT HAD TAKEN NEARLY 50 YEARS TO BUILD. STILL MANY BELIEVED IN HIM, AFTER SEEING THE MIRACLES HE HAD PERFORMED. (JOHN 2: 13-25)

STEWARDSHIP by the BOOK-February 25, 2018

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare his own Son." Are my gifts to the Lord—of my resources, of my time, of myself—also sacrificial?

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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. **Please note-** offering is \$15.

RCIA -- next meeting Tuesday, **February 27th** at 7:30pm at the Rectory.

BAPTISMS are regularly performed on the First Sunday of each month at 1pm. To arrange for a Baptism please call the rectory M-F - 973-663-0211.



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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -PRE-K-Grade 5
 Sunday, February 25, 2018– 8:45 AM **A** Week classes
 Sunday, March 4, 2018– 8:45 AM **B** Week (Pre-K) classes

MIDDLE SCHOOL -GRADES 6-8
 Sunday, February 25th-6:30-8:00 PM – classes
 Sunday, March 11, 2018 6:30-8:00PM – classes

HIGH SCHOOL – GRADES 9-10
 Sunday, March 11, 2018 6:30-8:00PM – classes
Sophomore Interviews

Sunday, February 25th – Soup Supper 5:45pm
Grades 6 thru 10 "How Do We Move from Crib to Cross?"

Please remember in prayer those who are sick:
 Maureen Crowley, Patricia Kautter, Al Snolis, Michael Christopher Dalessio, Tara Tighe Burnham, John Babbitt, Tyler Mueller, Larry Stimpfel, Dolores Yagozinski, Vito Polera, Cathy Collins, Ben Gonzales, Strut Hurley, Julie Hildebran, Maverick Carpenter, Cindy Telmosse, Carol Aulbach, & all who are ill at this time.



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS
Sun., Feb. 25–SOUP SUPPER–5:45pm Grades 6- 10-- A & B Wks
Saturday, March 24 – Craft Fair/Flea Market 9am-3pm

LENTEN MASS PROGRAM–This Wednesday, February 28th, at 7:30pm **Fr. John Andrew Connell**, retired priest of the Paterson Diocese, will be our guest celebrant for the second of our Wednesday evening Lenten Masses. Please join us and bring a friend.



SATURDAY, MARCH 24th 9am-3pm Annual OLSOS INDOOR FLEA MARKET & CRAFT EVENT – Vendors wanted! Reserve a table by March 8th. Applications will be in the vestibule in the coming weeks or [e-mail GRACESILL@optonline.net](mailto:GRACESILL@optonline.net) and ask for one. **\$35 Gym table, \$30 Church Hall.** Vendor set up is at 7AM. Snow Date Saturday, 4/7.



NEW ALTAR SERVERS FOR 2018: Our parish is now in need of a new class of altar servers for 2018. It is open to boys & girls in 4th grade and up. Altar servers assist the priest and deacon on the altar at Mass, help to serve at Christmas, Holy Week and Easter, and special celebrations such as Confirmation. **Instructions are being held Saturday mornings from 10AM to 11AM on March 3, 10, 17 & 24.**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held in Church Friday at 7:15 PM. Come join us for this wonderful devotion.



On-Line Giving - Please go to the website olsoslh.org and click on the icon "We Share" and follow instructions to use on-line giving instead of envelopes. It is a way to make sure your offering is made even when you are unable to come to weekend Mass.

COME HOME TO HEALING --THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE IN ALL Paterson Diocese parishes on the Mondays of Lent-- February 26 March 5, 12, & 19-- 7pm to 8:30pm.



NEW TO THE PARISH Welcome! Please call (973) 663-0211 & register to become a member of our active parish.



LENT IS A TIME FOR FEASTING

We rarely think of the word "feasting" in connection with Lent, but there is no word more appropriate to describe the works of the Holy Spirit in our hearts during this holy season. It is truly a time to feast on the goodness and mercy of God and a time to be lavish in sharing these gifts with ourselves and the world. It is a time to bask in the love of our God. "God so loved the world He gave His only Son," (John 3:16). These words are at the heart of Lent. We are led into the desert to renew the marriage covenant of our Lover-God- and ourselves. Our God lures us into the desert almost seducing us to believe and accept His passionate love and tenderness.

Lent can be somber as the color purple suggests, yet it is also a time of passion and renewal of our love affair with Love itself. It is as much a time to accept, to embrace, and to celebrate as it is to deny ourselves. We have broken our covenant with God and Lent is a time for us to renew that covenant. The feast of Lent is meant for us to celebrate and renew our love for our God, for ourselves, and for others. It grows into a feast of gratitude as our hearts praise the Lord for all the blessings in our lives. We feast on forgiveness as we forgive ourselves, and all who have hurt us through our lives. We believe in the total forgiveness won for us on the Cross.

Our feasting is full of compassion as we have a new heart for the suffering and pain of the human family. We see humanity on the cross with Jesus and we have a new heart to work for social justice and peace. Our feasting gives us a new hope as we believe in the goodness of our world and the goodness of the people in it. We feast on the hope that we can grow and change for the better.

Our feasting has generous portions of commitment as we say "yes" once again to the Lord and to the call He has given us. We want to be the best, husband, wife, parent, sister, brother or friend that we can be. Our feasting is a sharing in the truth of Jesus as we give our lives, as Jesus did, for what is just and right. We make our stands based on truth and conscience.

The great feast is a feast of patience. We know that growth in ourselves takes time, just as it does in others and in institutions. We do not excuse laziness or indifference in ourselves, but we challenge ourselves to grow.

We also feast on the Mercy of God. It is our hope for the present and the future. The God of Love calls us this Lent to bask in His love and to continue to model ourselves on Jesus. This is a special time!

*Sincerely in Christ,
Father Chris*



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.** If you have not yet done so, please take home a Rice Bowl packet and follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. **Visit orb.crs.org for more information.**



FOOD PANTRY

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 10:45-11:45AM 1:30-3:30PM call 973-663-0211 for appointment.

Coordinator is Toni Tarighi- Items needed:

SOUP, COFFEE, TEA, CEREAL, canned fruits, oatmeal, CANNED PASTA, canned meats & stews, hash, mac & cheese, Pancake mix & syrup, veggies, JELLY, peanut butter, cake mix, 2-in-1 shampoo, Dish/ Laundry detergents, deodorant, paper towels toilet tissue.
Refrigerator: milk, eggs, yogurt; frozen foods- all types.
 NOTE: Shoprite gift card donations also accepted. Thank you to everyone supporting our food pantry.

GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY – Flyers have been given to students in grades K--10. Please support this annual fundraiser for our Religious Education program. **Order deadline-March 11th.** Candy will be here in time for Easter.



The Journey Part 2: Encountering the Community of Jesus” continues. For those not participating in groups, please read bulletin inserts and pick up a copy of the daily devotional.

SHOPRITE CARDS Why purchase them? For every \$100 you spend on these cards our Church makes \$5 Cards used like cash. Unused amounts stay on cards & are safer than carrying cash. Please consider helping us by buying these cards. Thank you.



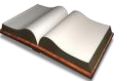
SICK OR SHUT IN-or know someone who is- unable to get to church to receive Communion? Please call the rectory at 663-0211 to set up time for a Communion call.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Please support Catholic Charities local programs by donating clothes, shoes and small household items to the donation bins located at the back of our parking lot.



2019 DAILY MASS BOOK RECORD is now available. Call Patricia at the rectory (973) 663-0211 to set up your memorial Masses for next year.



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



OLSOS VACATION BIBLE CAMP – August 20-24, 2017 9am-3pm OLSOS will again 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 5/20; \$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, AFTER CARE, LUNCH, and more. For more information and registration forms contact **OLSOS Religious Ed Office 973-663-0124.**

THANK YOU! I want to thank all who offered sympathy to me on the death of my aunt, Vera Donohue, on November 21, 2017. Special thanks to those who arranged for Masses in her memory. Many blessings to you, Fr. Chris.



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