

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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TODAY: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28

Next Sun: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7:1-4, 6-7
1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22-23
Mark 1:29-39



FOOD DRIVE – Catholic Charities of New York has asked that we have a food drive in support of the food pantry at St. Mary of the Assumption. They are most in need of rice, Parmalat milk, pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned tomatoes, dried beans, peanut butter and jelly (please bring both!), dry mashed potatoes. Please bring your donations to the church on Sunday or to the rectory during the week. Thank you!

LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER to BE Re-SCHEDULED – Our planned Lenten Day of Prayer has to be re-scheduled because our presenter had a conflict with the original date of February 21. We will let you know when the program will be offered. We apologize for the delay in scheduling this event!

GRAMMAR SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE – On Tuesday, February 3rd, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., you can visit Our Lady of Mount Carmel + St. Benedicta grammar school in order to learn more about the school and what scholarships are available. Please consider the possibility of providing your child with an excellent education that is rooted in faith.

2015 MEN'S CONFERENCE – The Archdiocese of New York Men's Commission is hosting the First Annual Men's Conference on Saturday, March 21, 2015, at the Fordham Rose Hill campus. With over 500 expected to attend, this daylong event will provide a unique opportunity for men throughout the Archdiocese to recommit themselves to their spiritual lives. The speakers will include His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, Damon Owens, a renowned public speaker and strong proponent of the Catholic faith, and Joe Klecko, former all-star New York Jets lineman. Admission is \$45 and includes breakfast, lunch and a t-shirt. To register, or for more information, visit www.nymensconference.com, or call Kim Quatela at 646-794-3198.

LENT BEGINS on ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 18

Ash Wednesday – February 18 – Masses in English at 8:00 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Ashes will only be distributed during Mass. There will be a 7:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish and again ashes will be distributed during Mass.

Stations of the Cross – Every Friday after the 12:05 p.m. Mass.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence from meat. Fasting is required of those between the ages of 18 and 59. Abstinence is required of those 14 years and older.

Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat.

Remember that during Lent there are many good ways to practice abstinence in addition to not eating meat on Fridays. You can abstain from gossip, using curse words, judging other persons, and lying among other things. What do you most need to abstain from this Lent in order to bring your life into greater conformity with the Christian Gospel?

PRAYER OF THANKFULNESS TO GOD:

We thank you for this day:

for life and one more day to love,

for opportunity and one more day to work for justice and peace,

for neighbors and one more person to love and by whom be loved,

for your grace and one more experience of your presence,

for your promise: to be with us, to be our God, and to give us your salvation.

For these, and all your blessings, we give you thanks, eternal, loving God, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Vienna Cobb Anderson

SEA VIEW ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE PROGRAM – Sea View Hospital Rehabilitation Center and Home offers an adult health care program for chronically ill or disabled persons twenty-one years of age and older living in the community. There is a separate component addressing the needs of individuals affected by Alzheimer's, dementia and other related disorders. The program is open Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Transportation is provided to and from the program. Sea View is located on Brielle Avenue. The program provides the family member or caregiver with a much needed respite. For further information, call 1-718-317-3249. A variety of payment options are available.

Weekly Offering: January 25 -\$2829; Budget: \$2100. Thank you for your generosity!

Treasures From Our Tradition - The Oil of the Sick, usually labeled OI (for *Oleum Infirmarum*), is often reserved with chrism and the oil of catechumens in an ambry. An ambry is a cabinet, often beautifully ornamented and kept near the baptistery in the church. Olive oil, with no fragrance added, is blessed at the Chrism Mass in Holy Week by the bishop, although there is now a provision for a priest to bless oil if none is available. This restores to our Latin Rite practice a tradition never lost in the Eastern tradition, in which priests consecrate the oil of the sick, even at the sick person's home. Many priests keep a small supply of oil close at hand in a small metal tube called a "stock." In the former rite, every sense of the body was anointed, accompanied by a prayer for forgiveness of sin. So, the eyes, ears, nostrils, mouth, hands, and feet were all touched. Today, this is simplified to an anointing of the forehead and the hands, but generally today the oil is used more lavishly, and the symbolism of touch so central to the rite is enhanced. Often, a priest will invite everyone present to join in the "laying on of hands." Sick persons are often pushed aside or feared in our culture, and to be reverently touched in love can be a profound experience of God's healing, forgiving, accepting presence through the ministry of the Church. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 1, 2015

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. - *Salm 95:6*



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday January 31

8:00am ~Living~ Special Intentions Sylvianne Mauriol

5:00pm- † Mary Louise Brown



Mass Intentions

Offered By: Mom

Offered By: Rosalia Patterson

Sunday February 1

8:30am- † Marie Micillo

10:00am- † Antonio & Lena Mezzacappa

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered By: Alexis Crowdell

By: Lena & Jerry Mezzacappa

Monday February 2

8:00am ~Living~ Special Intentions Suzanne Mauriol

Offered By: Mom

12:05pm- † Paul Pellecchia

By: mother, Anna Pellecchia

Tuesday February 3

8:00am- †

12:05pm- † Zappone, Iannucci, Gagliardi, Zarelli

& Sann Families

Offered By:

Offered By: Pat, Sue, Maria

& Dominic

Wednesday February 4

8:00am- †

12:05pm- † Vincenzo Palumbo

Offered By:

By: Margaret & Rosa Palumbo

Thursday February 5

8:00am ~Living~ Special Intentions Guy Scarangelo

12:05pm- † Marie Micillo

Offered By: Fr. Gil

By: daughter, Theresa Contardo

Friday February 6

8:00am- †

12:05pm- †

Offered By:

Offered By:

Saturday February 7

8:00am- † Isabel Maria Quiñones

Offered By: daughter, Martha

5:00pm- † William M. Frickenstein

Offered By: Family

Sunday February 8

8:30am- † Helene Molnar

10:00am- † Frank & Mary Socci

11:30am ~Living~ Special Intentions Kevin Gillespie

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered By: Anna Nieves

By: Lena & Jerry Mezzacappa

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine



John, Jim & Gene Obermayer

Offered by: The Family

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Lectors & E.M. ~ Schedule for February 2015~

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Lectors: Linda Graves & Tom Ventrudo (*carry Gospel Book*) Substitute: Bill

Hinton

Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy Velez, Peg & Tom Ventrudo Substitute: Linford

Smith

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lectors: Linda Torres & Delmeter Carey (*carry Gospel Book*) Substitute: Joan

Fortunato

Eucharistic Ministers: Theresa Contardo, Maria Oliveras & Samuel Torres

Substitute: Joseph (Joe)

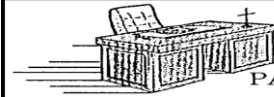
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Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Thelma Washington (*carry Gospel Book*) Substitute.: Alexis Crowdell

Eucharistic Ministers: Emmanuel Fode, Beneverly Marryshow & Crescencia (Chris) Pa

Substitute: Dianne Murphy



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

In today's reading from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, why does Paul seem to discourage persons from getting married?

In the time of St. Paul, there was a strong current of asceticism - a strong sense of self-discipline in which one sought to focus all of one's energy and attention on one's relationship with God. There were those who thought that marriage was an impediment to a deep, strong relationship with God because the responsibilities of marriage, and the carnal pleasures of marriage, were thought to be a distraction from one's relationship with God. In fact, there was a strong strand within the Church (that lasted for centuries) in which marriage was thought to be no more than a 'necessary evil.' Marriage provided an appropriate outlet for sexual desires and provided the structure necessary for the procreation of children which, in turn, was necessary for the continuation of the Church and of civil society. Rather than portraying marriage as something beautiful, sacred, and ennobling, it was seen as simply something we couldn't do without.

Given that the Church today has a much more healthy understanding of the beauty and sacred character of marriage, is there any value to that passage from Paul's letter to the Corinthians? Yes. The issue for all of us today, married, single, priest or religious, is whether there is anything in our lives that is proving to be a significant distraction from our faithfulness to God and to what God expects of us in our state in life. If you are married, are you distracted by the temptation of infidelity and do you feed that distraction by thought or action? If you are a priest or religious, are you distracted by attractions to the life that you surrendered to devote yourself to God and the people of God? If you are single, are you distracted by your independence such that you are too self-centered and not sufficiently attentive to the help that you can give to others? What distracts you from your relationship with God and how can you diminish those distractions so as to strengthen your faithfulness to God?

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.