

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**TODAY: Fifth Sunday of Lent A**

Ezekiel 37:12-14  
Romans 8:8-11  
John 11:1-45

**Next Sun: Palm Sunday**

Isaiah 50:4-7  
Philippians 2:6-11  
Mark 14:1-15:47



**WE CONTINUE TO NEED YOUR SUPPORT OF THE CARDINAL'S CAMPAIGN!**- If you have not had the opportunity to make a gift to the Cardinal's Campaign, there are envelopes available in the vestibule. You can send your donation directly to the Archdiocese or place it in the collection on Sunday and we will mail it for you. If you want to make a gift in cash, simply put it in the envelope and bring it to the office, or place it in the collection next week. We will write a check for you. Thank you for your support!

**PASTOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING** – Monday, March 23rd, at 5 p.m. in the Chapel. All are welcome!

**SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION on STATEN ISLAND** – The Catholic School Region of Staten Island Inaugural Gala will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Hilton Garden Inn at 6 p.m. The honoree for the evening will be His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan and the guest speaker will be Bishop John J. O'Hara. Enjoy an elegant evening with the friends of Catholic education on Staten Island! For tickets and information: <http://catholicschoolsgala.eventbrite.com> or contact Diana Gotto at [Diana.Gatto@archny.org](mailto:Diana.Gatto@archny.org). Or, you can call 718-667-5350 ext. 1007 and leave a message with your name, telephone number and address. Our grammar school, of course, is part of the Region. Thank you!

**HELP FULFILL A DREAM** – Over 3,600 undocumented students graduate from New York State high schools every year, but only a small percentage of them go on to college because of financial obstacles. Some of those students are members of our parish. The New York Dream Act would help thousands of students qualify for state financial assistance. Governor Cuomo has included the Dream Act in his executive budget and the New York State Assembly has passed the bill for a second time. Victory is close but we need you to contact the Governor, legislative leaders and your representatives in Albany to urge them to pass this Dream Act as part of the budget this year. Please go to: <http://bit.ly/1w2TFan> - to send a message of support. Thank you!

**ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING MASS CELEBRATION** – Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 21 – both at 2 p.m. in St. Patrick's Cathedral with Cardinal Dolan presiding. The Mass will honor those who are celebrating 50 years of marriage. Tickets are limited for each Mass. **If you are interested in attending, please contact the parish office by 4 p.m. on April 17<sup>th</sup>.** If you would simply like a certificate from the Archdiocese to celebrate your fifty years of marriage, you should also contact the parish office by 4 p.m. on April 1<sup>st</sup>. This event is sponsored by the Family Life + Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese (another work supported by the Cardinal's Campaign!).

**A MUSICAL JOURNEY THROUGH THE PASSION and DEATH of JESUS CHRIST** – The choir of St. Mary's Church on Bay Street will offer a Lenten Choral Concert this Tuesday evening, March 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. The event is free!

**HELPING YOUR NEIGHBOR IN THE DIGITAL AGE** – Tired of that pothole on your street? Concerned about the streetlight that is not working? Borough President James Oddo and his team have launched an app "BPAssist" that is available for both iPhones and Android systems. With this app loaded on your smartphone, you can report problems directly to the Borough President's office. You can also receive a wealth of useful information. The app is free. Visit the website – [www.statenislandusa.com/bpassist](http://www.statenislandusa.com/bpassist) -for more information.

**WAY OF THE CROSS OVER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE** – On Good Friday, April 3, 2015, Communion and Liberation will sponsor the Way of the Cross over the Brooklyn Bridge. Participants will congregate for the first station at St. James Cathedral, Brooklyn at 10 a.m. After a station on the Brooklyn Bridge, the procession will follow the cross to a third station at City Hall Park in Manhattan, and a fourth station near Ground Zero. The final station will be at St. Peter's Church, on Barclay Street, concluding at 1:30 p.m. At each station, there will be readings from the Passion, a meditation, a reflection and hymns. All are invited. For more information, please call 212-337-3580.

**PLEASE REMEMBER a DECEASED LOVED ONE DURING THE EASTER SEASON with a CONTRIBUTION FOR EASTER FLOWERS.** Envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church.

**Weekly Offering:** March 15: \$3212. CRS: \$703. Budget: \$2100. Thank you for your generosity!

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**Treasures From Our Tradition** - as we approach Holy Week, the creative juices of the ancient church of Jerusalem begin to shape our journey. In old Jerusalem at this season of the year, the attempt was made to recall the events leading up to Christ's passion. Those attempts were based not only on time, with celebrations of events as close to the day and hour as possible, but also on people's best guesses as to the actual place of these events. Vast numbers of pilgrims flooded the city during the forty days of Lent, many of them catechumens in their last stages of preparation for initiation. The fourth-century Spanish nun Egeria wrote a delightfully detailed diary of her experience of this lively and aerobic liturgy, which involved hearty singing, strong preaching, and nimble processions across vast and arduous terrain. Much of this energy was lost over the centuries, with the procession of palms a noteworthy exception. Northern climates had to reinterpret this Jerusalem liturgy, using forsythia, willow, or olive branches, but to this day the entry into Holy Week by a community on the move accompanied by joyful song hearkens back to a venerable tradition. Egeria's letters were rediscovered a little more than a hundred years ago, but they reveal a pattern of prayer: full, conscious, active participation, to which we have a right and a duty.



# Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ March 22, 2015



I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts: I will be their God and they shall be my people. -Jeremiah 31:33

## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Saturday March 21

8:00am- †  
5:00pm- † William M. Frickenstein

### Sunday March 22

8:30am- † Msgr. Augustine J. DiBlasi & Mom  
10:00am- † Frank Nacchio  
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions  
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Monday March 23

8:00am- † Janet Scott  
12:05pm- † Saverio Micillo ~3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary~

### Tuesday March 24

8:00am- † Michael Steele  
12:05pm- ~Living~ Special Intentions Fran Lagotta

### Wednesday March 25

8:00am- † Joseph DeSimone  
12:05pm- †

### Thursday March 26

8:00am- †  
12:05pm- †

### Friday March 27

8:00am- †  
12:05pm- †

### Saturday March 28

8:00am- †  
5:00pm- † Domenic & Catherine Dianora

### Sunday March 29 ~Palm Sunday~

8:30am- † Cosme & Serafin Oliveras  
10:00am- † Mrs. Helen Valentine  
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions  
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions



## Mass Intentions

Offered By:  
Offered By: Family

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By: Jean & Richard Nacchio

Offered by: Linford Smith  
Offered by: daughter, Theresa

Offered by: Linford Smith  
Offered By: Joann Scamardella

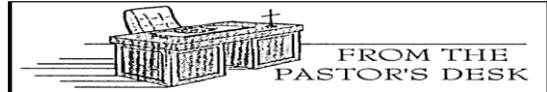
Offered by: Annette Esposito  
Offered By:

Offered By:  
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Offered By:  
Offered By:

Offered By:  
By: daughters, Ann & Yolanda

Offered By: Jose Oliveras  
By: son, Thomas Valentine



**This is the final week of Lent.** Has the season of Lent made a difference in your life? If not, there is still time to embrace the call to conversion that is the heart of the Lenten message.

For all of us, life is very hectic. We all deal with many distractions. We consider it a personal triumph if in the midst of all the competing demands on our time, we make it to Church on Sundays. And attending Mass on Sundays is a good thing! But for our faith to be real, to have an impact on us and through us on our world, it has to be more than simply attending Mass on Sunday. There has to be a conscious effort to live our faith in the ordinary interactions of our daily lives. At the end of every Mass, we are sent forth to be disciples of Christ in our world.

Have we been living in a way that proclaims to the world that we are disciples of Christ? As husbands and wives, do you treat each other with respect, and are you faithful to each other in thought and action? As parents, do you give your children the attention that they need, the love they seek, and the discipline they require? For all of us, have we tried to be persons who forgive others? Do we show the same mercy to others that we expect God to show us? Have we been compassionate toward others, particularly those for whom it is difficult for us to feel compassion – the homeless, the immigrant, those whose race or religion is different from ours?

In this final week of Lent, if we have not used this season in a way that has deepened our faith and strengthened our discipleship in Christ, there is no point in chastising ourselves for this. Instead, now is the time to open yourselves to the wonderful grace of conversion – of a change in heart so that you become the disciple that you are called to be. Now is the time to seek a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ in prayer and in the sacraments so that you can be the disciple you want to be. Don't lose this opportunity to embrace the call to conversion! There is still time for Lent to be a grace-filled season for you. If you embrace the call to conversion even now, this week, then the following week will truly be a Holy Week for you!

**Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.**

## Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine  
Tabernacle Candle  
Memorial Candle  
Memorial Candle



## ~Liturgical Ministers Schedule for HOLY WEEK 2015~

### Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 p.m.

Passion of Christ: Linda Graves (Narrator) & Bill Hinton (2<sup>nd</sup> Reader)

### Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 a.m.

Passion of Christ: Maria Oliveras (Narrator) & Delmeter Carey (2<sup>nd</sup> Reader)

### Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 a.m.

Passion of Christ: Alexis Crowdell (Narrator) & Victoria Garay (2<sup>nd</sup> Reader)

### Holy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7:30pm

Lector: Linda Torres E.M.: Diane Carbonaro, Maria Oliveras & Thelma Washington

### Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 3:00pm

Passion of Christ: Alexis Crowdell (Narrator) & Linda Torres (Reader)

### Holy Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> - 8:00pm

Lector: Linda Torres E.M.: Angelo Sabella, Linford Smith & Samuel Torres