



Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 2, 2017

of the depths I call to you, O Lord: Lord hear my cry: ~Psalm 130:1



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – April 1

8:00am- †
5:00pm- † Irma E. Perez & Yolanda Manguel
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by:
Offered by: Cabot Family

Sunday – April 2

8:30am- † Msgr. Augustin J. DiBlasi & Pop
10:00am- † Agnes Lattanzio
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Family
By: granddaughters, Fran & Susan

Monday – April 3

8:00am- ~ Birthday Blessings for Joan Knighton
12:05pm- † Theresa Conaty

By: OLMC Parish Ministry
By: Patricia Vasquez & Family

Tuesday – April 4

8:00am- ~ Birthday Blessings for Joan Fortunato
12:05pm- † Elizabeth Mooney

By: OLMC Parish Ministry
Offered by: Linda Graves

Wednesday – April 5

8:00am - † John DeSimone
12:05pm- † Marie Micillo

Offered by: Annette Esposito
By: daughter, Theresa Contardo

Thursday – April 6

8:00am- †
12:05pm- †

Offered by:
Offered by:

Friday – April 7

8:00am- †
12:05pm- †

Offered by:
Offered by:

Saturday – April 8

8:00am- † Thomas Romano
5:00pm- † Margaret Lattanzio

Offered by: Family
By: Peg & Tom Ventruo

Sunday – April 9

8:30am- † Nancy Pommerenck
10:00am- † Giovanna Mezzacapapa

Offered by: Family
Offered by: Lena Mezzacappa

Weekly Memorials

**Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle**



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~ † **Birthday Blessings for
Joan Knighton & Joan Fortunato**
Offered by: **Angie McLaren**

Memorial Candle

~ † **MaryAnn Fair**
Offered by: **grandson, Stefan Williams**

Liturgical Minister's Schedule APRIL 2017

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Linda Graves & Lindford Smith (carry Gospel Book)
E. M.: Lindford Smith, Cinderella Wonsewitz & Nancy Velez Sub: Peg & Tom Ventruo

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lector: Ceferino Albarracin & Maria Oliveras (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Joan Fortunato
E.M.: Maria Oliveras, Linda Torres & MaryAnn Ugboe Sub: Delmeter Carey

Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Alexis Crowdell (carry Gospel Book)
E.M.: Theresa Contardo, Beverley Marryshow & Cresencia Pascua Sub: Emmanuel Fode



Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you... Do our lives testify to the truth of what St. Paul proclaims?

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. The Spanish translation is actually more helpful in understanding what St. Paul means. "Those who live disordered and selfish lives cannot please God." Our lives are disordered when we focus our energy on the satisfaction of our material desires to the point that we neglect the needs of others. We live selfish lives when we think that the satisfaction of our desires should take priority over the needs of other persons. We live selfish lives when we are refuse to share the gifts with which God has blessed us with those in need – whether it is the gift of our time, the gift of our talents, or the gift of our resources. In Lent, we look honestly at our lives in order to see where there is a measure of disorder, where there is a measure of selfishness. We then seek the grace of God that we need to diminish that disorder, diminish that selfishness so that our lives are more pleasing to God.

All of us received the Spirit of God in baptism. The Spirit of God dwells in every one of us. When we receive the sacrament of confirmation, this gift of the Spirit is renewed within us. The challenge for us is to allow the Spirit to direct our lives. We can only do this through an active life of prayer in which we choose, with the help of God's grace, to surrender more and more of ourselves to the power of God's Spirit. The Spirit directs our lives when our attitudes reflect the values of the Gospel and not the values of popular pundits. The Spirit directs our lives when we recognize that all persons are brothers and sisters to us so that we have a responsibility for the well-being of all. The Spirit directs our lives when we respond with generosity to the needs of others. The Spirit dwells in all of us, but not all of us allow the Spirit to direct our lives.

Lent is almost over. Pray today for the grace to dwell in the Spirit of God!

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

April 2: 5th Sunday of Lent

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

April 9: Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Passion - Matthew



THREE SIMPLE STEPS TO IMPROVE OUR SUNDAY MASS – Arrive on time. Help your child to participate in the Mass. Participate in the prayers and songs. We are the Body of Christ and it is important for us to worship as one with one voice!

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!*

THERE IS STILL TIME TO MAKE A DONATION TO 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!*

A LENTEN CHORAL MEDITATION – The Choir of Communion and Liberation will offer a choral concert on Friday, April 7th, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Rita's Church (281 Bradley Avenue). Their repertoire extends from Gregorian Chant to the 20th Century. *This will be a beautiful way to enter into Holy Week!*

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.

MUSICAL "9 to 5" at St. JOHN VILLA ACADEMY – April 6, 7, and 8 at 7 p.m. in the school gymnasium (8 Narrows Road South) at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Tickets and information: Irma Cruz at 718-442-6240, ext. 170 or icruz@sjva.org.

WAY of the CROSS OVER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE – On Good Friday, April 14th, 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 10:00 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 the 9/11 Memorial. The final station will be at St. Peter's Church, on Barclay Street, concluding at 1:30 p.m. There will be scripture readings, prayers and hymns. For more information, please call: 212-337-3580 or go on-line to: www.wocbrooklynbridge.org.

SISTERS of CHARITY 200th ANNIVERSARY – Celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Sisters of Charity at a luncheon at the Staaten on Saturday, April 29th, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For reservations or information, please call: 718-549-9200, ext. 239. Or, go on-line at www.scny.org.

WEST BRIGHTON SENIOR CENTER/CATHOLIC CHARITIES – The West Brighton Senior Center at 230 Broadway offers a full array of opportunities for persons 60 years and older – technology classes, aerobics, bingo, and more. Transportation is offered. Breakfast and lunch are available. To learn more, call: 718-727-9763. The Center is sponsored by Catholic Charities of Staten Island with funding from the NYC Department of Aging.

LENTEN PRAYER: Today Lord, I choose life, I choose your love and the challenge to live it and share it, I choose hope, even in moments of darkness, I choose faith, accepting you as Lord and God, I choose to let go of some part of my burdens, day by day handing them over to you, I choose to take hold of your strength and power ever more deeply in my life. May this truly be for me a time of new life, of change, challenge and growth. May I come to Easter with a heart open to dying with you and rising to your new life, day by day.

WEEKLY OFFERING: March 26: \$4,931. Catholic Relief Services: \$600. *Thank you for your generosity!*



*Easter Memorial
Flowers*

EASTER FLOWERS – If you would like to remember a deceased loved one with a donation for the Easter flowers, envelopes are available at the entrance of the church. If we receive your envelope by April 12th, we will include the name of your loved one in our Easter bulletin. You can return the envelopes in the collection or at the office.