

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

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

### **TODAY: Fourth Sunday of Lent A**

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

### **Next Sun: Fifth Sunday of Lent A**

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



**WE CONTINUE TO NEED YOUR SUPPORT OF THE CARDINAL'S CAMPAIGN!**- We are grateful to those of you who were able to make a gift or pledge to the Cardinal's Campaign this past weekend. If you missed this opportunity, please use the attached envelope to make a gift or pledge. 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!

**KEYS to CELEBRATE LIFE** – A concert of piano classics by Augustinian Father, Denis G Wilde, OSA, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church (Victory Blvd. and Austin Place) at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Free will offering requested. Part of the proceeds will benefit Good Counsel Homes. Fr. Wilde taught music at Villanova University for more than 20 years and offers this concert to celebrate the beauty of human life.

**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 on 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.

**2015 MEN'S CONFERENCE** - The Archdiocese of New York Men's Commission and Fordham University Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education are co-sponsoring the First Annual Men's Conference on Saturday, March 21, 2015 on the Bronx Campus of Fordham. With over 500 men expected to attend, this day-long 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 defensive lineman. Admission is \$45 and includes breakfast, lunch, and a t-shirt. To register, visit [www.nymensconference.com](http://www.nymensconference.com) or call Kim Quatela at 646-794-3198.

**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.

**LENT** – "Lent offers us the providential opportunity of deepening our awareness and appreciation of being a Christian and inspires us to discover anew the mercy of God so that we can become more merciful with our brothers and sisters." Pope Benedict XVI

**Weekly Offering:** March 8: \$2900. Budget: \$2100. Thank you for your generosity!

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION-** with the dissipation of the catechumenate's energy since almost everyone was born into the Church, Lent began to be seen more as a preparation to follow the Passion of Christ with devotion. In the city of Rome, creative spirits settled on "stationed churches" as a way of keeping the energy flowing. Everyone would be directed to a certain "station" each day, and the name of that church provided a theme for the liturgy. So, for example, on certain Saturdays in Lent, everything centered on the church of St. Vitale. Now, this poor fellow had been thrown into a hole and covered in stones at his martyrdom, so the readings recalled Joseph thrown down the well by his brothers, and the wicked servants killing the son of the owner of the vineyard. Gradually, travelers to Rome noted the celebration and worked it into liturgical schedules back home. Eventually, calendars everywhere bore the curious footnote on a Lenten Saturday: "Station S. Vitale." This served the priority of getting ready to hear the Passion fairly well, but was hardly satisfactory for Lent's baptismal character. Now, at last, our liturgy is reorganized to serve the deepest level of our tradition exceedingly well. Lent, once again, is all about baptism.



# Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ March 15, 2015



God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. -John 3:17

## Weekly Mass Intentions



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### Saturday March 14

8:00am-*Living*- Special Intentions Sean Gillespie

5:00pm-*Living*- Special Intentions Dorothy Keenan

By: Delmeter & Louis Carey & Family

### Sunday March 15

8:30am- † Rocco Santangelo

Offered By: Sister & Family

10:00am- † Michael Vitaliano ~*Iy. Anniversary*~

Offered By: James Smith

11:30am-*Living*- Special Intentions Sean Gillespie

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Monday March 16

8:00am-*Living*- Special Intentions Sean Gillespie

12:05pm- † Michael Contardo

Offered by: wife, Theresa

### Tuesday March 17

8:00am-*Living*- Special Intentions Sean Gillespie

12:05pm-*Living*- Special Intentions Fran Lagotta

Offered By: Joann Scamardella

### Wednesday March 18

8:00am- †

Offered By:

12:05pm- † Mrs. Helen Valentine

By: Son, Thomas Valentine

### Thursday March 19

8:00am- † Daniel Fode

By: brother, Emmanuel Fode

12:05pm- †

Offered By:

### Friday March 20

8:00am- †

Offered By:

12:05pm- †

Offered By:

### Saturday March 21

8:00am- †

Offered By:

5:00pm- † William M. Frickenstein

Offered By: Family

### Sunday March 22

8:30am- † Msgr. Augustine J. DiBlasi & Mom

Offered By: Family

10:00am- † Frank Nacchio

By: Jean & Richard Nacchio

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

## Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle



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## Lectors & E.M. ~ Schedule for MARCH 2015~

### Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Lectors: Linda Graves & Angelo Sabella (carry Gospel Book) Substitute: Bill Hinton

Eucharistic Ministers: Bill Hinton, Angelo Sabella & Linford Smith

Substitute: Bill Hinton

### Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lectors: Jonathan Codipilly & Delmeter Carey (carry Gospel Book)

Substitute: Linda Torres

Eucharistic Ministers: Delmeter Carey, Diane Carbonaro & MaryAnn Ugbo

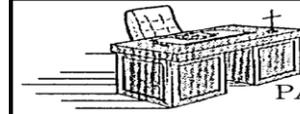
Substitute: Samuel Torres

### Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Victoria Garay (carry Gospel Book) Substitute: Alexis Crowdell

Eucharistic Ministers: Valerie Cappucci, Lydia Mora & Dianne Murphy

Substitute: Thelma Washington



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*You are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.*

What a wonderful admonition for our Lenten journey!

You are light in the Lord. St. Paul reminds us that in our baptism, we were united to Christ. The life of Christ flows in us and if we are true to his life within us then his life will shine forth from within us to illuminate our world. This is the challenge of Lent. We have to look honestly at our lives to see what sinful attitudes or behaviors are darkening the light of Christ within us and thus preventing his light from shining forth brightly in our words and in our deeds. Is it prejudice or racism? Is it a tendency to demean others? Is it our own selfishness and self-centeredness? Is it a lack of patience with others? Is it quickness to anger? Is it the inability to forgive others? What is it within us that diminishes the light of Jesus Christ from shining forth from within us in order to illuminate our world – to give healing, hope and love to our world?

Until recently, some students attending public school outside of Houston found lunchtime to be a daily source of humiliation. Students whose parents could not afford a hot lunch had to join another line where they received a cold cheese sandwich and with it the stigma of being poor. When school volunteer Kenny Thompson saw that the students with whom he was working avoided lunch to avoid the embarrassment of being on the 'poor line', he paid close to \$500 in order to insure that all 66 students who could not buy hot meals regularly could. He then started an organization to create a reserve fund in order to insure that no student would be denied a hot meal. Finally, the school district changed its policies so that every student received the same meal regardless of their ability to pay. Kenny was a real light of hope and change for the students in this Houston school district.

What are you doing to be the light of Christ you are called to be? How is the light of Christ within you shining forth more brightly this Lenten season?

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