

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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TODAY: April 19

Acts 3:13-15,17-19
1 John 2:1-5
Lk.24:35-48

Next Sun: April 26

Acts 4:8-12
1 John 3:1-2
John 10:11-18



WE ARE CLOSE TO OUR GOAL FOR THE CARDINAL'S CAMPAIGN!- Last year, you raised almost \$5,000 through your support of the Cardinal's Campaign. Our parish receives a portion of the funds raised beyond our goal. Our goal this year is \$18,500 and we have gifts and pledges totaling \$17,000. 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!

CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL – On Sunday, July 12, at 1 p.m. there will be a celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in the gym. We need your help! Persons interested in contributing to the food for this event, and/or organizing efforts to have parishioners bring mementos of their time in this parish, are invited to attend a **meeting on Saturday, April 25th, at 10 a.m.** in the parish meeting room. This festival will mark the beginning of the consolidation of our parish with St. Mary of the Assumption. Parishioners from both parishes will be invited to this feast. The festival will be a collaborative effort of the Spanish and English speaking communities. If you are interested in working on this event but cannot attend the meeting on the 20th, please leave a message for Fr. Hallinan in the parish office. Thank you!

PASTOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – Next Meeting is Monday, 27 April, at 5 p.m. All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE! – May 2nd, Saturday, at 10 a.m. – Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick.

ADVOCATING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING – The Pastor's Message for today reminds us that advocacy for affordable housing is part of our Catholic Christian commitment to social justice. The SI Advance recently reported that rents are on the rise in Staten Island. The median rent on Staten Island is now \$1,817 per month. While that is lower than the citywide median of \$2,690, a rent of \$1,817 would be a significant challenge for many residents of the Island. According to a federal government standard, persons should only pay 30% of their income on rent. In order to afford a rent of \$1,817, you would need an income of \$72,680. This is almost four times the salary of someone working 40 hours per week at New York State's minimum wage. Please watch for opportunities to advocate for more affordable housing in our City. If you want to be part of this effort, please leave your contact information in the rectory for Fr. Hallinan.

ALUMNI/ALUMNA of St. TERESA SCHOOL – St. Teresa School is celebrating its 60th Anniversary this year. A number of events are being planned. If you want to receive notification of these events, please send an e-mail message to saintteresalumni@gmail.com or call Brian Lyons at 917-921-1517.

Happy Easter! Alleluia!
Jesus Christ, He lives!
Serve Him to receive salvation;
Eternal life he gives!

WEEKLY OFFERING: April 12th: \$3990. Thank you for your generosity!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION - With the Easter season well under way, we now resume our survey of the sacrament of the sick. The pastoral care of the sick will be misunderstood if we start from the vantage point of the sickroom. Begin with the Sunday assembly, from which the sick person has been separated by the crisis of illness, and whose absence is given expression in prayer and service. The goal is to extend the consolation of the Lord's presence at the table to those who are apart from it, and for the assembly to enfold them in prayer. Secondly, the goal is to teach people what the Church desires for all those who are sick. Seeing ministers dispatched to the sick from Mass every Sunday might help a caregiver realize that their dear one can also receive Communion. Witnessing the anointing of a woman facing surgery might help another person to overcome hesitation and ask for the sacrament's healing and strength. Society's impulse may be to marginalize the sick, but the tradition of our community is to see them at the center of our life. When Roman persecutors ordered St. Lawrence the Deacon to hand over the jewels of the church, he assembled a motley crew of the sick and the infirm and announced with all humility, "Behold, my lord, the treasures of the church of Christ." —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Third Sunday of Easter ~ April 19, 2015

You alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling. ~Psalm 4:9



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday April 18

8:00am- †

5:00pm- † William M. Frickenstein

Sunday April 19

8:30am- † Isabel Maria Quiñones

10:00am- † Carmela Nacchio

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday April 20

8:00am- †

12:05pm- †

Tuesday April 21

8:00am- †

12:05pm- †

Wednesday April 22

8:00am- †

12:05pm- †

Thursday April 23

8:00am- †

12:05pm- † Marie & Saverio Micillo

Friday April 24

8:00am - †

12:05pm - † Deborah Socci

Saturday April 25

8:00am- †

5:00pm- † Dolores Elizabeth Margaret Zukowski *Offered By: Zukowski Family*

Sunday April 26

8:30am- † Maria Jesus Pagan

10:00am- † Gregory Benavides & Jose Maria Posada

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions



Mass Intentions

Offered By:

Offered By: Family

Offered By: daughter, Martha

By: Jean & Richard Nacchio

Offered by:

Offered By: daughter, Theresa

Offered By:

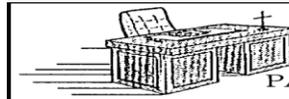
Offered By: Family

Offered By:

Offered By: Zukowski Family

Offered By: Brown Family

Offered By: Family



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Our Catholic faith requires us to work for a more just social order one in which all persons have what they need to live in dignity. Affordable housing is essential to human dignity and so advocacy for affordable housing is an appropriate expression of our Catholic faith.

Affordable housing that is in good condition is essential to human dignity because so many other basic human needs depend on it. There is the beginning of scientific data linking poor housing conditions - peeling paint, cockroaches, falling plaster - to a number of health issues, particularly the plague of childhood asthma. It is difficult to sustain a job without a steady home. Every night in this City there are persons who are working who depend on the City shelter system because their income is insufficient to meet the cost of housing. When individuals and families pay too much for housing, they are unable to meet other basic needs such as food, clothing, and medicine. Clearly, affordable, decent housing is a fundamental human right.

We have a crisis in affordable housing in this City. A recent survey taken by the NYC Office of Housing Preservation and Development found that 56% of New Yorkers are paying more than 30% of their income for rent and utilities (which the federal government classifies as "rent burdened.") Three in ten renter households are severely rent burdened, that is, they are paying more than 50% of their income on rent. The DeBlasio administration is committed to an aggressive campaign to create more affordable housing in this City. Staten Island, of course, is included in the Mayor's plan. We have an obligation to insure that this housing is affordable to those most in need of such housing - low-wage workers and their families. We don't want to exclude anyone but we want to be certain that this plan serves those with the greatest need.

If you are interested in advocating for more affordable housing, pay attention to future bulletin announcements or contact me at the rectory. Together we can secure the right to affordable, decent housing for all New Yorkers.

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle
Memorial Candle



Liturgical Minsters Schedule for APRIL 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:* Angelo Sabella

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lectors: Maria Oliveras & Samuel Torres (*carry Gospel Book*) *Substitute:* Linda Torres
Eucharistic Ministers: Theresa Contardo, Maria Oliveras & Samuel Torres
Substitute: Delmeter Carey

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Alexis Crowdell (*carry Gospel Book*) *Substitute.:* Valeria Cappucci
Eucharistic Ministers: Emmanuel Fode, Crescencia (Chris) Pascua & Thelma Washington
Substitute: Beverly Marryshow