

First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2018

Mass Intentions



Scheduled Masses for the week of Feb. 18, 2018

Sat. 5:00pm Marie C. DeIorio
Sun. 7:30am Anne Colucci
9:00am Jennie Buonsante
10:30am Robert E. Whitaker
12:00pm Larry Haggarty
No 5:00pm Mass

Mon. 8:00am Edward J. Conroy (40th Anniv.)
9:00am Pietro & Francesca Galeano

Tues. 8:00am Anne Colucci
9:00am Antonio Magnarelli

Wed. 8:00am Josephina Tucci
9:00am Kevin Kehoe

Thurs 8:00am Joseph Mellea
9:00am William Connors

Fri. 8:00am Femand Duval
9:00am Anthony Marangi

Sat. 9:00am Fr. Matthew Valloor

Scheduled Masses for Sunday, February 25, 2018

Sat. 5:00pm Regina Stapleton Smith
Sun. 7:30am Anne Colucci
9:00am Cynthia Forsy
10:30am Eleanor McCarthy
12:00pm Clelia LaMela
5:00pm Joseph Glatthaar

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

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Statements for your 2017 contributions to O.L.S. are available. Please contact Shannon at the rectory office (914-949-9819) or via email at [olscc@optonline.net](mailto:olscc@optonline.net) with your request.

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### A Note from Fr. Quealy

As Lent is upon us, we all wish to do extra acts of kindness and be generous to those who are less fortunate than we are. May I remind all of you to please be very careful of scams. Some points to consider: Never make a pledge or donation to any organization that you have not investigated and know for sure they are reputable. Never give personal information to anyone over the telephone. Beware of the internet, make sure the donations you set up are on secure websites. One way to check on this is that the heading of website address reads: https:

God Bless.  
Fr. Quealy

### Lenten Regulations

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence (no meat)  
One's health or age should always be taken into consideration.

### What is the meaning of fast and abstinence?

All those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays in Lent. All those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, that is, only one full meal; one may have two additional lesser meals, but may not eat in-between meals.

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Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing throughout Lent, we will place a donation box near the Blessed Mother's shrine in the church. Your financial donations go to a specific charity that needs your help. This year we have chosen Our Shepherd's Flock. Sr. Alice Conrad, R.D.C. manages this organization which helps poor working families who fall into the category often referred to as a "GAP". They are not able to get public assistance due to their earnings, and yet do not earn enough to provide for themselves.



Pray for the Sick and Deceased

Lord our God, you give us strength and support in our frailty; turn with kindness toward:

Pamela Ann Stackpole, Ann Grazioli, Paul Dunning, Joy Stingone, Larry Corum, Yolanda Perez, Jacqueline Gallagher, Sophia Napoli, James Cody, Roselle Williams, Lorraine Collins, Robert Robine, Michelle Delamonico, Jane Cotone, Lt. Col. Beau Riely, Robert M. Woods, Patricia Gallagher, Nick Bilangino, Vincent Soccodato, Damon Amadio, Daren Letterman, Anna Coppola, Americo Coppola, Frankie Delosso, Joseph Goldman, Maria R. Leite, Isabella Braga, Elaine Calcagni, Gianna Colao, Marie Robine, Dean Otto, Richard A. Grace, Mary Barile, Alex Jones, Betsy Myers, Ann Baker, Frank Tarone, Tony Cestone, Nancy DeCrescenzo, Rachel Coffey, Diane Kitson, Jon Podell, Anna Arias, Jane Peyton, Don Short, Norbeth York, Joan O'Grady and Stephanie Sacurato. We pray for all who have died, especially Robert E. Whitaker, may they rest in peace.

Pray for our Military

Please fill out this form for anyone in your family presently serving in the armed forces and return it to the rectory.

Name/Rank _____

Lord, protect: *Spec. Shayne Cipolla, Lt. Nicholas Selk, USN, SSG Anthony DiStefano, Lt. Col. James F. Corrigan, Jr., Lt. Col. Isaac Rademacher, Lt. Scott Childers, Col. James Frawley, LTC. Jim Riely, LTC. Beau Riely, PFC Zachery Basso, USMC, Col. Joseph A. Tirone, Cpt. Matt Woods, Pvt. Barry Marquez, Sgt. Travis Cipolla, Lt. Patrick Casey, Brian D. Martinez, USMC, Cpt. Daniel Wallet, Petty Officer 2nd Class David Aponte, Lt. Col. C. Brian Valentino, Pvt. Woody Stogel, Cpl. Christian Magnacca, Major David J. Zallo, Capt. Frank A. Rhodes, USN, AR Robert M. Martinez, Specialist Mark R. Martino, 2nd Lt. Michael Racicot, USMC, SSG Derrick Castleberry, Pvt. Victoria Janaskie, Lt. Kevin J. Barry, Jr. & Lt. Austin M. Rivera, ANG*

Please notify the rectory when any of the above names should be removed from this list.

SAVE THE DATES:

- ✓ **Sunday, February 25:** O.L.S. Movie Night after the 5pm Mass in the community room
- ✓ **Sunday, March 18:** The RDC Center for Counseling & Human Development cordially invites you to the Annual **Friendly Gathering** at 5pm at Congregation Kol Ami in White Plains. RSVP by March 9, 2018 -- call 914-798-1103 for information.

This Week's Events:

- ▲ **Monday, 2/19:** The rectory & office are closed in observance of President's Day
- ▲ **Wednesday, 2/21:**
 - Centering Prayer meets in the cry room after the 9am Mass
- ▲ **Thursday, 2/12:**
 - Knitters meet in the community room at 9:30am
Hat count: 6,842
 - Centering Prayer meets in the cry room at 3pm
 - No children's choir rehearsal
 - Adult choir rehearses at 7pm in the community room
- ▲ **Friday, 2/23:** Stations of the Cross at 7:15pm

The first collection on Sunday, February 11, 2018 was \$10,253. Thank you for your support of our parish.

The second collection this weekend is for Peter's Pence.

Recently Parish Pay (electronic giving) was purchased by WeShare. All Parish Pay donors must verify their account in order to make changes to their donations. Please call Shannon at the rectory office (949-9819).

Our Lady's Guild will hold a Philanthropy Happy Hour to benefit "My Sisters' Place on Wednesday, February 28th at Hudson Grille (169 Mamaroneck Ave. in White Plains) from 7-10pm. The cost is \$40 per person and includes raffles and light appetizers. Call 914-469-8959 or email trisha99@aol.com No RSVP necessary - you may pay at the door or mail your donation payable to Our Lady's Guild to Trish Dadario, 42 View Drive, Mahopac, NY 10541. My Sisters' Place provides comprehensive services for victims of domestic violence and their children in Westchester County. For more information visit: www.mysistersplaceny.org

Liturgical Assignments for February 24/25

Sat. 5:00pm	L: N. Strada
	EM: H. Strada, J. Tomechko
Sun. 7:30am	L: R. Mora
	EM: M. Hughes, M. Martin
9:00am	L: L. Shortall
	EM: B. Flooks, F. Rose
10:30am	L: M. Devine
	EM: M. Fitzgerald, M. Jordan, J. Reilly
12:00pm	L: P. Kappil
	EM: C. Ryan, J. Ryan
5:00pm	L: Jim Noonan
	EM: R. Connolly, E. Johnson

"If God can work through me, he can work through anyone." ~St. Francis of Assisi

Next week is **February's Brown Bag Sunday**. Today for your convenience we are again providing brown paper bags, available at all three entrances to the church. Each bag will have a suggested shopping list attached. All food donations should be non-perishable, nothing should be in glass containers and no expired items should be included. For those wishing to make a cash donation, checks should be made out to **Food Bank for Westchester** and placed in the basket at the altar next week or given to the volunteer in the community room. Last month you donated 570 pounds of food and \$1,390. Every \$1.00 collected buys \$4 to \$7 worth of food. The need is great but so is the generosity of our parishioners. May God Bless You.

**HUNGER CAN
HAPPEN TO ANYONE.**

Cardinals Appeal 2018

Recently our parish participated and concluded the *Renew + Rebuild* campaign. It was an Archdiocesan incentive to help all 292 parishes of the Archdiocese raise funds for necessary capital needs. Our campaign was a tremendous success and, as you know, the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal 2017* was a part of that campaign.

This year, the ongoing work of our Archdiocese calls us to help sustain a variety of programs that reach out to more than 2.8 million Catholics in our Archdiocese, addressing practical, spiritual, and intellectual needs. Please go to www.cardinalsappeal.org to find out more.

Men's Retreat March 9-11

The **Annual Men's Retreat will be held at the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford, CT on the weekend of March 9-11, 2018**. The retreat offers the opportunity for peaceful reflection and prayer in a relaxed atmosphere, guided meditations, opportunity for one-on-one counseling with members of the retreat team, talks and discussion groups on topical issues and inspirational liturgies. The suggested offering for the full weekend retreat is \$295, including a \$100 deposit to reserve a room. If you wish additional information, please contact O.L.S. Retreat Coordinator, Russell Smith at 914-948-8432 or via email at rmsesquire@aol.com. You may also contact the Retreat Center Administrator (Ted Jastrzebski) at 860-760-9705 or register online by visiting www.holyfamilyretreat.org

First Sunday of Lent - February 18, 2018 **A PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS** **HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly**

"Beloved, Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit... This prefigured baptism, which saves you now.... "The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel."

Lent, often described as a journey, is the opportunity for all to come closer to the Lord. In a baptismal sermon Peter tells us that the suffering of Christ, which we recall during these days of prayer, has but one purpose to lead us to God. It is not what I do, but the work of the Lord, bringing me on my desert journey. The gospel tells us Jesus was led by the Spirit for His desert experience to announce that the kingdom is at hand.

God's word spoke of a special moment in time, a moment which speaks to me today. Lent is that special time for me to meet the Lord in a new and different way. Through the threefold steps of prayer, sacrifice and good works, the kingdom becomes more present for me. My journey began on Wednesday. Be honest, where is the Spirit leading you?

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### **Renew & Rebuild Contact Information**

The Data Center/Gift Processing department of the Archdiocese of NY will be sending out tax letters to O.L.S. parishioners who donated to the recent "Renew & Rebuild" Capital Campaign. If you have questions, wish to update payment methods or make a new gift, call the the Renew & Rebuild campaign office at 646-794-2008

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A Lenten Retreat will be held at Mt. St. Francis in Peekskill on Monday, February 19th from 9:30am-3pm. For reservation call 914-737-3373. Your \$20 donation includes the retreat and lunch. Note: Sr. Laura Morgan, F.M.S.C., former Pastoral Associate at O.L.S., is the provincial of the religious sisters at Mt. St. Francis.

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**The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents** of the Family Life office of the Archdiocese of NY holds retreats for parents whose child has died from any cause, at any age, no matter how long ago. The next retreat is **February 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-7:30pm** at the **Church of the Magdalene** (525 Bedford Road, Pocantico Hills, **Tarrytown, NY 10591**). Cost is \$25 per person, \$40 per couple. Scholarships available. Pre-registration is required. Fee includes breakfast, lunch, dinner and all retreat materials. Contact Sue DiSisto: [susan.disisto@archny.org](mailto:susan.disisto@archny.org) or call 646-794-3191