

# Fifth Sunday of Lent

## March 18, 2018

### Mass Intentions



#### Scheduled Masses for the week of March 18, 2018

Sat.	5:00pm	Ludovit Sevcik
Sun.	7:30am	Marie Northcutt
	9:00am	Cornelius Barry
	10:30am	Jim & Eleanor McCarthy
	12:00pm	Special Intention
	5:00pm	Deceased of the Rhodes Family
Mon.	8:00am	Madelyn & Vito Luceno
	9:00am	Margherita & Vincenzo Faiglia
Tues.	8:00am	Alessandro Caso
	9:00am	Rose & Bartholomew Maggiore
Wed.	8:00am	Antonina Delasandro
	9:00am	Edwin & Agnes Lyon
Thurs	8:00am	Alexander Delic
	9:00am	Lillian Heinzinger
Fri.	8:00am	Dr. Vincent D'Anico
	9:00am	Annunziata DiPietrantonio
Sat.	9:00am	Marcello Borromeo

#### Scheduled Masses for Sunday, March 25, 2018

Sat.	5:00pm	William & Mary Krench
Sun.	7:30am	Thomas Vincent Kaicher
	9:00am	Phil Giangrande
	10:30am	Carol Justic
	12:00pm	Tom Eaton
	5:00pm	Carolyn Marrero Tonner



The **FRIENDLY GATHERING**, the annual fundraising event for the RDC Center for Counseling & Human Development will be held this Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm at Congregation Kol Ami in White Plains. Please call 914-798-1103 for reservations & information or go to [www.rdccenter.org](http://www.rdccenter.org) Tickets are \$55 for adults, \$50 for Seniors, \$15 for children under 12.

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

We have many duties as a Catholic. These duties are also called precepts of the Church. The following explains one more duty:

*To receive Holy Communion frequently;  
at least once a year during the Easter Season.*

This duty is also tied to the duty that was mentioned previously: "to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly." We need to be in a state of grace and free from sin, especially mortal sin, before we can receive Our Lord. (NB: a person in a state of *mortal sin* is never allowed to receive communion, until they are forgiven in confession.)

The penitential rite at the beginning of Mass does not "forgive sins", it however allows the (venial) minor sins which we may have committed since our last confession, to be set aside, allowing us to receive Communion, but only with the understanding that we will go to confession as soon as we are able to.

Remember, that ever since the Last Supper when our Lord Jesus gave us His very self, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is a precious gift which we must devotedly love and respect.

Included in this Bulletin is an excellent explanation of "Who can go to Communion." Please take the time to read this insert and keep it available for future reference.

*God Bless.  
Fr. Quealy*

#### **Our Lady's Guild News:**

Our Lady's Guild would like to keep our parishioners petitions in their prayers this Lenten season. If you would like to include a petition, please fill out a prayer request form and place it in the boxes labeled "prayer requests."



**The Easter Egg Hunt** sponsored by **Our Lady's Guild** will take place **next Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**. Donations to help offset the cost of the event are requested; specifically, individually wrapped candies to fill the eggs would be appreciated. If you can donate, place items in the boxes labeled Easter Egg Hunt in the church lobby. There will also be a bake sale during the Egg Hunt if you would like to bring a baked item as well as a Ladies Easter Bonnet contest, contact Margaret Kamna at [mkamna1210@gmail.com](mailto:mkamna1210@gmail.com) or (914) 826-5890.

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, 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 Saccurato.*

We pray for all who have died, especially Anthony Milea & Carol Justic, 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. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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The **Cardinal's Appeal** supports our parishes, the lifeblood of our Archdiocese. The **Cardinal's Appeal** supports our spiritual homes during times when they cannot support themselves. Funds raised by the **Cardinal's Appeal** contributed to almost 50% of all money allocated for parishes in need last year. The Archdiocese has set our parish goal at \$144,000. Pledge envelopes may be found at the doors of the Church. Special thanks to those who have already participated this year. If you have not yet made a gift please prayerfully consider doing so. Thank you.

This Week's Events:

- ▲ **Sunday, 3/18:** Men's Club selling tickets for their NCAA basketball raffle after all Masses
- ▲ **Monday, 3/19: Feast of St. Joseph**  
Blessing of Stoles for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation candidates in the school gym from 7-9pm (light dinner provided)
- ▲ **Wednesday, 3/21:**
  - Centering Prayer meets in the cry room after the 9am Mass
  - Baptismal Preparation meeting at 7:30pm in the community room. Advance registration required - please call the rectory office (949-9819) to register
- ▲ **Thursday, 3/22:**
  - Knitters meet in the community room at 9:30am  
Hat count: 6,892
  - Centering Prayer meets in the cry room at 3pm
  - Children's choir rehearsal at 4pm in community room
  - Adult choir rehearsal at 7pm in community room
- ▲ **Friday, 3/23:**
  - Stations of the Cross at 7:15pm
- ▲ **Saturday, 3/24: Parish Easter Egg Hunt** at the school beginning at 1pm

The first collection on Sunday, March 11, 2018 was \$9,869. Thank you for your support of our parish.

The Archdiocese of NY has requested that our second collection this weekend be for Catholic Relief Services.

**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)**

Liturgical Assignments for March 24/25

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| Sat. 5:00pm | L: H. & N. Strada                             |
|             | EM: M. & R. Ritacco, P. Pascale               |
| Sun. 7:30am | L: H. Stanghellini & J. Coppola               |
|             | EM: M. Martin, M. Panzarella, D. Stanghellini |
| 9:00am      | L: D. Vaccaro & L. Shortall                   |
|             | EM: H. & M. Punzalan, F. Rose                 |
| 10:30am     | L: M. Bellantoni & A. Jordan-Duffy            |
|             | EM: B. Flooks, M. Jordan, G. Schwartz         |
| 12:00pm     | L: R. Amadio & P. Kappil                      |
|             | EM: A. Falcetta, M. Fitzgerald, R. Stackpole  |
| 5:00pm      | L: Jim Noonan & John Noonan                   |
|             | EM: R. Connolly, N. DeMasi, T. Lane           |

**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 Renew & Rebuild campaign office at 646-794-2008

**Next week is March'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 monetary 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 474 pounds of food and \$1,290. Brown Bag Sunday started at O.L.S. in April of 2011 and you have donated over 38,000 pounds of food and \$90,000. Every \$1 collected buys \$4 to \$7 worth of food. The need is great - but so is the generosity of our parishioners.

May God Bless You.

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**Our Lady of Good Counsel Guild will hold their annual Day of Recollection on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** at the Burke Rehabilitation Hospital, in the Clock-Tower Building, Rosedale Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. The guest speaker is Father John Mellitt, OFM.Cap. The Program will run from 9:30am until 2pm and will include Mass, Conferences and the Sacrament of Penance.\*

A light breakfast and full lunch will be provided. The cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members.

Please make reservation and mail check **by March 19<sup>th</sup>** to Mrs. Laura Amadio, 130 Miles Ave., White Plains, NY 10605. Call 914-328-7095 with questions. Please note (1) no money will be accepted at the door and (2) parking is limited, please carpool if possible.

\* Due to the shortness of time for confession, please consider taking advantage of **Reconciliation Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** at O.L.S. where confessions will be heard from 4-8pm or at any neighboring church that day.

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**The O.L.S. Men's Club will hold their annual NCAA Basketball raffle on Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30pm in the school gym.** 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: 55" Smart TV or \$400, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: 50" TV or \$250. Cost is \$20 per ticket which includes food and drink the night of the event. All proceeds benefit O.L.S. sports programs. Members of the **Men's Club will be selling raffle tickets this weekend and next weekend (3/24 & 3/25)** after Sunday Masses as well as on Saturdays at 5pm Mass.

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### **Scripture Readings for the Week**

**Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

**Monday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

### **A PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS**

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 18, 2018**

"Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip who was from Bethsaida in Galilee and asked him 'Sir we would like to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew, then Philip and Andrew went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them 'the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it produces much fruit.'"

It is not rare for someone to use another to get help to get a job, admission to school, or even just to meet someone of importance. In the political field we call them lobbyists. Today we find some Gentiles using Philip, and he and another apostle to gain access to Jesus. The same Andrew is the one who told Peter he had met Jesus and we know how important that meeting was.

How many other persons are seeking Jesus, today without knowing it or Him. They have need for access to the Lord. Our restless world turns, but people do not know to whom to turn. Each one of us can assume the role of Philip or Andrew, to bring them to Jesus or Jesus to them. The grain of wheat will then produce much fruit.



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.

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Join the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Gift of Life walk "**A March for Life**" in the heart of NYC on **Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**.

Walkers from Westchester will be traveling together in a charter bus from Greenburgh. The cost is \$15 per person/ \$10 for students and children. They will depart from the Greenburgh Town Court parking lot at 188 Tarrytown Rd at 7:15am. In witness to the sanctity of human life, the walk will begin at 9am in Manhattan's Foley Square and proceed through the Canyon of Heroes and past the "Charging of the Bull." To reserve your seat on the bus and/or sponsor a walker, please contact Gerald Yeung at 914-837-7008 or broger8@gmail.com

**"What would happen to us if God did not always give us the chance to start over again?"** ~Pope Francis