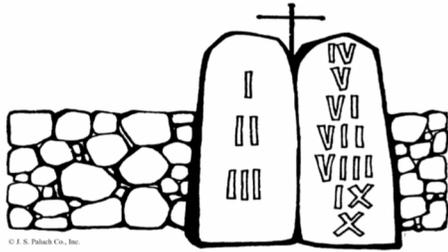


# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 8, 2015



I, the LORD, am your God... You shall not have other gods besides me.

-Exodus 20:2a, 3

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>MON.,</b> 7:00	<b>Mar 9<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Pastor Pastores r/o Goco Family
<b>TUES.,</b> 12:00	<b>Mar 10<sup>th</sup></b> P.M.	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Rachela Anzauta r/o Enrica & Ignazio & Tripoli Family
<b>WED.,</b> 7:00	<b>Mar 11<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Diana Carolina Car,mona r/o Mom & Dad & Family
<b>THURS.,</b> 12:00	<b>Mar 12<sup>th</sup></b> P.M.	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Pietrangelo DelBusso r/o Daughter, Clara Perone, Dolores & Barile & Family
<b>FRI.,</b> 7:00	<b>Mar 13<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Michael Adamezyk r/o Mother
<b>SAT.,</b> 8:00	<b>Mar 14<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Rosario Mazze r/o Mrs. John B. Maggio & Family
5:00	P.M.	Gary Gladwell r/o Lynn Heinrich
<b>SUN.,</b> 8:00	<b>Mar 15<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> Mary & Joseph Lynch r/o Children & Grandchildren
10:00	A.M.	Martin & Anne Lacey r/o Marie Lacey
11:30	A.M.	Dominic Franzoso r/o Frances & Dominic Franzoso & Family
1:30	P.M.	Por Sacerdotes y Obispos

**OPERATION RICE BOWL:** Support Catholic Relief Services "Rice Bowl" Program and help feed the poor around the world. "Rice bowls" can be found in front of the ambo.

**Fish, Inc. Food Collection. Thank you!** Response to our monthly food collection was heartwarming! God bless you for your kindness and generosity to the needy in our area.

**Next Food Collection – March 21-22.**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK...**In your charity please pray for the sick of our parish, the sick who remain in our intentions and those whose names are kept on our prayer list in the sacristy. Prayers are requested for the recently deceased: Rose Mazzuco, Thomas Kuhn, Pasqualina Memolo. Please remember also Rev. Joseph R. Fibner and Most Rev. Vincent DePaul Breen.

## TODAY'S READING'S:

**First Reading** — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the dessert, the Lord heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7)

**Psalms** — If today your heart hears his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95)

**Second Reading** — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8)

**Gospel** — Ask, and you will be giving living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42)

## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF MARCH 14-15

5:00 pm—	Amelia Casale Taylor Vincent Vincent Miller
8:00 am—	Richie McNulty Tommy McNulty
10:00 am—	Lorenzo Troia Jackie Mai Christina Mai
11:30 am—	Michaela Pineda Rhiana Pineda



## SAINT PATRICK'S DAY BAKE SALE:

The OLMV Cultural Diversity Ministry will sponsor our **Annual International Night** this year on **Saturday, May 30, 2015**. In anticipation of this special yearly parish event, the Ministry will sponsor its annual "Saint Patrick's Day Bake Sale" after all Masses on **Saturday, March 14 and Sunday, March 15**. The members of the Cultural Diversity Ministry thank you in advance for supporting this event that raises funds in support of *International Night*.

## NEXT CHILDRENS LITURGY SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 10:00 A.M. MASS SAVE THE DATE!!



"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." — Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot - pride, power, ego, comfort or health.

<b>Feb. 28—March 1.....</b>	<b>\$12,464.50</b>
Hispanic Mass.....	\$642.00
Major Renovations.....	\$2,354.00
ACH Banking for February.....	\$2,012.50
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00



As we continue our Lenten journey  
Let us Pray! Fast! Give Alms!

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
during Lent will be celebrated at  
7:00 A.M. (Monday, Wednesday & Friday)  
12:00 noon (Tuesday & Thursday)

**LENTEN NOVENA**  
will continue Mondays at 7:00 P.M. through March 30<sup>th</sup>

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
First Friday- 7:00 A.M.-12:00 noon  
Third Friday- 7:00 A.M.-12:00 noon

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Friday at 7:00 P.M.  
*Living Stations Friday, April 3 at 7:00 P.M.*

Opportunities for the  
Sacrament of Penance during Lent  
each Saturday: 3:30-4:15 P.M.

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE**  
Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00 P.M.

### **FOUNDATION of THE SISTERS of ST. JOSEPH**

The mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Philadelphia is based on the prayer of Jesus:

“that all may be one as You, Father are in Me, and I in You. I pray that they may be one in Us.” (John 17:21). Our mission was formed by the vision of our first sisters and their spiritual mentor, Jean-Pierre Medaille, SJ. In contemporary time, that vision is the purpose for which our Congregation exists: *We live and work so that all people may be united to God and with one another.* Our mission calls us to collaborate with the people whom we serve, with one another, with our SSJ Associates and Partners in Mission, and with co-workers and Church leaders. (Read more about the SSJ’S next week)

*Join the Sisters for a special Mass in honor of St Joseph on  
March 19 at 7:00 P.M.*



### **The Knights of Columbus Council 12700**

*Will be holding their 6th Annual Knight of Comedy on Friday, April 17th at the Parish Center. All tickets are \$25.00 and will go on sale March 7th after all masses and will also be available Monday thru Friday at the Parish office. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served at 7:30 pm with two comedians to follow at 8:00 pm. Vinnie Brand, owner and comedian of the "Stress Factory" will headline the show. There will be door prizes and a 50/50 and attendees are encouraged to BYOB. This has been one of our most popular events at OLMV and came close to selling out last year so get your tickets early. Reserved tables for parties of 8 or more will be on a honored. Please contact Steve for tickets and table reservations at 973-390-5532.*



### **My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

How blessed we are here at OLMV to have Catechumens in our RCIA program who will be stepping forward during the Great Easter Vigil to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. We offer them and our entire RCIA team both the support of the parish community and our prayers as they continue their faith journey.

Because Nestor and Shannon will enter our faith this Easter, we proclaim special Gospels for this Sunday and the next two Sundays. These Gospels invite the Catechumens and all of us to consider the call to faith more deeply and seriously. These Gospel stories invite the listener to participate in a true conversion of the heart resulting from a profound encounter with the Lord.

Today, Jesus stops for some rest and refreshment at “Jacob’s Well” in the town of Sychar which is in Samaria. He encounters a Samaritan woman who has come to draw water from the well. Surprisingly, Jesus a male Jew asks this woman for a drink. This is unexpected on a number of accounts. A man in that area generally would never engage in conversation with a female who was not part of his own clan. A devout Jew would see an encounter with a Samaritan as “unclean.” Witnessing the woman coming at the noon hour would have raised suspicions about her character, as she waited until the other women of her town had already come and gone.

Jesus, who so often does the unexpected, engages her in conversation. We notice that the disciples have gone off to the shops so Jesus is alone with the woman. Had they been around, I’m sure they would have prevented her from ever getting near Jesus!

Jesus uses this encounter to open her heart to faith---to invite her to a true conversion of heart and soul. And as the story unfolds, don’t we come to see a woman with a difficult past---but one who is ready to encounter the incredible love of Jesus. She comes to believe in Jesus And thinks that he might be the Messiah---and in answer to her question, Jesus does reveal himself to her.

The story continues and we are invited to share in God’s goodness in the world through the love of the Son.

The story of the encounter between Jesus and the woman of Samaria is an invitation to each of us to be open to the Lord and to look into areas of our hearts and souls that have been dulled to the love of Jesus by the effects of sin, of hurt, of disappointment, of shame. It is a reminder that just as Jesus invites the woman to turn away from her sinful past, so Jesus invites each of us to turn away from sin and to turn to him with hope and love. Like he did with the woman, Jesus invites us to drink from the spring of “living water;” that is, the spring that leads to everlasting life.

Jesus invited the Samaritan woman to conversion of heart and soul. Jesus invites us, as we continue our Lenten journey, to also “turn to him.” Now is the time to open our hearts to the Lord!

**Father Pat**

### **A Special Thank You:**

Thank you to the anonymous parishioner who entered OLMV into the Elizabethtown College Baseball Raffle. OLMV received a check for \$200.00!! Now, isn’t that nice!!



**THE DEANERY SCHOOL:  
HOLY SAVIOR ACADEMY**

Holy Savior Academy, 149 South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield. Come tour the pre-kindergarten-through-eighth-grade school and ask about plans for the upcoming school year, including our Academic Power Hour and the year-round pre-kindergarten program for 3- and 4-year-olds. Visit with our faculty and staff as well as with school parents and students. For more information, call 908-822-5890 or visit [www.holysavioracademy.com](http://www.holysavioracademy.com).

**Join the Youth Groups at OLMV:**

Come and join the excitement as OLMV re-establishes Youth ministries and organizes Youth Groups once again!!!

Young people in grades 5 – 8 are invited to be part of our **Middle School Youth Group** and young parishioners in grades 9 – 12 are invited to become part of our **High School Youth Group**. We are planning a variety of activities for both groups, including open-gym nights, movie nights, field trips, service projects and spiritual events. Youth and their parents who are interested in finding out more about our Youth Ministry are invited to contact Kelly Rooney at [krooney@olmv.net](mailto:krooney@olmv.net) or 732-356-2149 x 1108. Parents and other adult members of our parish who might be interested in assisting with either group are invited also to contact Kelly.

A Youth Ministry table will be set up at our Parish Ministry Fair which will be held in the Parish Center after all the Masses on April 18 and 19, 2015. Please stop by to find out more information or to ask questions.

**EVENING PRAYER IN THE TRADITION OF TAIZÉ**  
Rescheduled to

**Sunday, March 22, at 7:00 P.M.**, we will celebrate an evening prayer service in the tradition of the ecumenical community in Taizé, France. Set in the soft radiance created by many glowing candles, quiet, meditative chants will be interspersed between readings of sacred scripture chronicling the life of Jesus from the crèche to the cross. Silence will provide time for personal meditation and reflection. This special Lenten prayer service will help you leave the stress of everyday life at the door and feel the calming influence of contemplative communal prayer.

*Come and pray with us through song, scripture, and silence in the soft glow of candlelight.*

**Our Parish Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society**

is joining with other Conferences in the Diocese of Metuchen to provide First Communion dresses and suits to those families who cannot afford to purchase them. If you have a gently used dress or suit that you would like to donate, please contact the parish office or bring your donation by **March 15**.

Monetary donations are also acceptable. Thank you!



**OLMV ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**  
**"HELP LINE"**  
732-356-2149 option 6

All calls for assistance are confidential  
**VEHICLE DONATION PROGRAM:**

donate a running or non-running vehicle to help the less fortunate.  
To do so please call the help line at 732-356-2149 option 6

**2014 Bishop's Annual Appeal**  
*Life-Changing Faith*

The *Office of RCIA* supplies resources, support, leadership formation, and consultation services to parishes implementing a Catechumenate process in accord with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

*This is just one of more than 25 ministries supported by your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Lenten Penance Service: March 10  
Cultural Diversity Ministry Bake Sale:  
March 14—15

Sisters of St Joseph Mass & Celebration: March 19  
Lenten Mass of Anointing of the Sick: March 21  
Baby Shower Collection: March 21—22  
Knight of Comedy: April 17  
Altar Rosary Retreat at Shrine of St. Joseph:  
April 23



**IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL  
LENTEN BABY SHOWER**

*The baby shower is to benefit the Pregnancy Aid Center. Volunteers at the Center stress the need for basic items such as undies, receiving blankets, diaper bags, sleepers and other practical items. With all the sales in the stores now this is a good time to pick up baby items at a good price. Please bring your unwrapped gifts to the Blessed Mother Chapel the weekend of March 21 - 22. Delivery will be Monday March 23rd.*

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENT:** Retreat at the Shrine of St. Joseph, Sterling NJ, **Thursday, April 23, 9:30 am—3:00 pm (\$35.00)**. Includes hot lunch. We will car pool from OLMV. Open to all parishioners. For more information, call **Jane DeNardo 732-469-2468**.



**Confirmation Practice: Monday, April 13, 2015 at 7:00PM in the church.**

**Confirmation Mass: Sunday, April 19, 2015 at 5:00PM in the church.**

**First Communion: Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 9:30AM and 11:30AM in the church.**

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual FISH Hospitality**  
**Silent Auction and Benefit Concert**

Sunday, *March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

At Christ United Methodist Church  
485 Hoes Lane  
Piscataway, NJ 08854

Doors open at 8:00 am, bidding available all day;  
Concert at 3:00 pm  
Bid awards at 4:30 pm  
Light Refreshments served  
Tickets: \$15