

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

MASS INTENTIONS

MON., 7:00	Mar 16th A.M.	Lenten Weekday Helen & Edward Feeney r/o Daughter
TUES., 12:00	Mar 17th P.M.	Lenten Weekday Byer & Wahler Family r/o Simons Family
WED., 7:00	Mar 18th A.M.	Lenten Weekday Florence Kura r/o Son, Ed
THURS., 12:00	Mar 19th P.M.	St Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary Joseph Zuccarelli r/o Tony & Monique Sasso
FRI., 7:00	Mar 20th A.M.	Lenten Weekday Parishioners
SAT., 8:00	Mar 21st A.M.	Lenten Weekday Edward Wobensmith r/o Beverly Schley
11:00	A.M.	Mass of Anointing
5:00	P.M.	Ellen Micca r/o Alison & Rachel Maggio
SUN., 8:00	Mar 22nd A.M.	Fifth Sunday of Lent Hank & Ann Genter r/o Rick Genter
10:00	A.M.	Eleanor Loprete r/o Natalie Guibleo
11:30	A.M.	John McKinney r/o Veronica, Jennifer, Albina, Matthew & Martin
1:30	P.M.	Por Sacerdotes y Obispos

Memorials

Week of March 15-21



Altar Candles

Engelman & Mentuch Families r/o Patricia

Tabernacle Candles

Jennie Moyer r/o Frank & Barbara Suchak

Altar Bread & Wine

Martin & Anne Lacey r/o Marie Lacey

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: James Capps, Msgr. James Cafone and Thomas Kuhn.

TODAY'S READING'S:

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the Lord rushed upon David (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a)

Psalms — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23)

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord (Ephesians 5:8-14)

Gospel — The man who had been blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF MARCH 21-22

5:00 pm—	Haley Logue Madison Logue Hunter Logue
8:00 am—	Isabel Martinez Jonathon Massarelli
10:00 am—	Jordan McEvoy Katelyn Carmona Connor Fitzgerald
11:30 am—	Katie Schilp Mary Schilp Sheridan Hoyt



Support "Operation Rice Bowl"! Containers may be found in front of the ambo. **Operation Rice Bowl offerings** help us during the Lenten Season to be more aware of the poverty of so many of our brothers and sisters in the world. Operation Rice Bowl also provides us with the opportunity, each day, to contribute just a small amount into our own "Rice Bowl."

The containers can be placed in the collection or dropped off at the church on Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

Other opportunities for Alms-giving during Lent:

- Gift of food to FISH, Participate in our yearly "Baby Shower"
- Donation to Saint Joseph's Basket
- Donations to Saint Vincent DePaul Society
- Donations to OLMV poor box



"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..."
- John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we be generous in making some sacrifices for Him.

March 7-8.....	\$9,343.00
Hispanic Mass.....	\$450.00
Major Renovations.....	\$1,245.00
Catholic Relief.....	\$2,600.00
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 30th

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 TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE
Sunday, March 22 at 7:00 P.M.

FOUNDATION of THE SISTERS of ST. JOSEPH

We are a community of women religious. Originally founded in 1650 in LePuy, France, the Sisters of St. Joseph came to Philadelphia in 1847. Through our many ministries, including education, social services and parish ministries, *"we live and work so that all people may be united with God and with one another."* Our spirituality is rooted in the Ignatian charism of being "contemplatives in action" and "finding God in all things." You are always welcome to visit our Motherhouse which is located at Mount Saint Joseph Convent, 9701 Germantown Avenue in Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, PA 19118 (on the same grounds as Chestnut Hill College). You may arrange a tour of our Heritage Room and Chapel to learn more about us and make our SSJ spirit and history come alive for you!

***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 honored. Please contact Steve for tickets and table reservations at 973-390-5532.



A NOTE FROM FATHER PAT My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Isn't it somewhat of a surprise that we find ourselves already half way through Lent? Spring weather seems to have finally arrived and most of us look back on the month of February as a memory best forgotten.

As we think of spring, we also turn our heart and head toward Easter. We look not only to warm weather, the birthing of flowers and leaves on trees; but we also look to the Risen Lord. We walk in a renewed hope that we are one with Christ as we try to live our faith each and every day.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent must be for us a "turning point" that gives us the opportunity to look into our hearts and souls and to assess where we are now in our journey to become open to the love of Christ, to re-connect to the power of God in our everyday lives. Now is the opportunity to examine where we have been in our past and where we hope to move spiritually in the future. Now is that time when we are invited to return to Ash Wednesday and remember the promises we made to the Lord as we came forward to receive the ashes on our foreheads. It is easy to make sincere promises to God, and this is particularly so when we are powerfully moved by prayer on days such as Ash Wednesday. We all know, all too well, that living out our Lenten promises each and every day is a true challenge. And, when we do falter in remaining faithful to a Lenten promise, it is so easy just to forget about this promise altogether!

Today we have a wonderful opportunity to look ahead to Easter and to renew our commitment to Christ as we continue our Lenten journey. Maybe we have been lax in keeping our Lenten promises; maybe we forgot to even make any promises to live more closely to Christ during this special season. I think Jesus would remind us that we must take responsibility for our past, but we must also act toward the future. In other words, it is how we live and act before the Lord in the remaining days of Lent that matter most.

Today is a powerful invitation to enter seriously into our Lenten journey and to honestly open our hearts and souls to the Lord.

There is a saying that we "can't cry over spilled milk." Well we also can't cry over missed opportunities to enter into life with the Lord. What we can do is to make sure that we use the remaining days of Lent to actively "live in the Lord!" It is not too late to attend Mass once or twice during the week, to make a good confession before Easter, to attend Taize prayer, to pray the Stations of the Cross, to fill a CRS rice bowl with loose change, to buy some food for the FISH program. The possibilities are endless. It only takes an open heart---an open soul. Your heart and soul, my heart and soul!

**In peace and prayer,
Father Pat**

Mass of Anointing:

Our Lenten Mass of Anointing will take place on Saturday, March 21 at 11:00am in the church. Members of our parish who are ill or elderly are invited to participate in the Mass and to receive the beautiful sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. All are welcome to attend this Mass.



**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.

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 Program** and young parishioners in grades 9 – 12 are invited to become part of our **High School Youth Program**. 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 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

It's been said that it takes a village to raise a child. The staff of the **Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry** believes it takes a parish to raise a Catholic. That's why it offers the Youth Ministry Certificate Program for the parish leaders involved in this vital ministry.

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to integrate our young people into the life of the parish and empowers them to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Please give generously.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

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

Chrism Mass: March 30, 7:30 pm Cathedral of St Francis Assisi

Knight of Comedy: April 17

Altar Rosary Retreat at Shrine of St. Joseph:
April 23

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**.

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.

Food Collection – This weekend!



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.

Ministry to Veterans and Military Families:

Save the Date – On Monday, March 23 at 7:00pm at the Parish Center there will be a presentation sponsored by the Veterans Administration on current and new benefits available to veterans and to military personnel and their families. Refreshments will be served and there will be an opportunity to have any and all questions about benefits answered. Place the date on your calendar. This presentation is open to **all** veterans and military personnel and their families.

A Nice Thought:

"Don't miss out on God's blessings today because they aren't packaged the way you expect!"