

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Sunday	March 5th		
8:00 AM	Edward Fava		
	requested by Mr. & Mrs. John Fava		
9:00 AM	Marianna Konopka (Living)	POLISH	
	requested by her Family		
10:30 AM	Paul Nowakowski	CHOIR	
	requested by Lucy Nowakowski		
12:00 PM	Cub Scout Pack #159 (Living)	CANTOR	
	requested by OLQP Food Pantry Volunteers		
Monday	March 6th		
6:30 PM	Fred Tatro		
	requested by Janie Marazo		
Tuesday	March 7th		
8:30 AM	Antonia Catalano		
	requested by Jill and Mike Kane		
Wednesday	March 8th		
8:30 AM	People of the Parish		
Thursday	March 9th		
8:30 AM	For a Special Intention (Living)		
	requested by Dorothy Oppel		
Friday	March 10th		
8:30 AM	Michael Harris		
	requested by Ken Gormley		
Saturday	March 11th		
8:30 AM	Mary Catherine Dean Quinn		
	requested by the Coar Family		
5:00 PM	Vito Paratore		
	requested by Sr. Mary Rita Paratore		
Sunday	March 12th		
8:00 AM	Anthony Galaso		
	requested by Craig Jorgensen		
9:00 AM	Mark Krol (Living)	POLISH	
	requested by his Family		
10:30 AM	Msgr. Patrick G. Panos	CHOIR	
	requested by OLQP Parish		
12:00 PM	The Nick Salleroli Family (Living)	CANTOR	
	requested by OLQP Food Pantry Volunteers		

READINGS FOR March 12, 2017



Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a
Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

ALTAR CLEANING



Week of March 5, 2017
Team 2 – Sr. Barbara Kowalik and Alice Lyko

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MICHAEL MAKE THIS THE MOST SPIRITUAL LENT IN YOUR LIFE!

Lent is here and it's time to ask yourself: How do I get closer to Jesus this Lent? There are the traditional practices of fasting, abstaining, and almsgiving, but there is more to it.

Ultimately, at the end of Lent, you want to say that you have achieved the goal of a substantive and substantial relationship with Christ. To achieve this, we need to set a game plan and have a heartfelt desire.

First, we must recall that for forty days, Moses, Elijah, and Jesus fasted and prayed to prepare them for their mission to serve God's people. Thus, prayer needs to be a major component of this inner transformation of oneself. The Bible says: "Go to your room, close your door, and pray to your Father in private." In prayer we shut the outside world off and enter into a personal dialogue with God. We offer thanksgiving for the gifts He has given us, and we offer petitions for our concerns. Most importantly, we should offer total awe for His love for all of us, and for the goodness of creation. God's love was magnified through Jesus and thus we offer our prayers to and through Him.

Fasting, though obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, can be a practice that one does throughout the year for a particular intention. Fasting should never be vain glory or misinterpreted through some political action. Fasting was meant for a special gift to God. It is a great practice, for it stands for reverence before God, acknowledgment of one's sins, resistance to the desires of society and flesh, and a concern for our fellow brothers and sisters. Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI writes: "fasting is an aid to open our eyes to the situation in which so many of our brothers and sisters live...voluntary fasting enables us to grow in the spirit of the Good Samaritan, who bends low and helps his suffering brother." Fasting helps us to become more self-controlled as we grow in this special relationship with God.

Of course, the freedom *from* sin must be part of our inner transformation. To desire God fully and truly love Him, don't you want to make up and have a relationship restored? Every relationship means that we must give and not just take the gifts of this relationship. For all the love God has for us, we ought to desire to mend our relationship and offer our love back to Him. Holy Confession is that opportunity to mend our own brokenness and hurts and restore our loving capacity with God.

Lastly, God is waiting for us and desires us to come home this Lent. He seeks the relationship that can blossom if we only come with the desire. Prayer, Fasting, and Holy Confession can be the necessary ingredients to that closer relationship. Like every relationship it depends on what you put into it. If we are ready to put ourselves into this Lent fully, it will be the greatest Lent ever and forever.

Father Michael

PASTOR NOTES



Saints Chapel

As a reminder, the Saints Chapel is open for prayerful meditation. We also have *real* candles as votive lights that you can use. Though the side entrance is closed, you may use the door to depart *after* an *extended* prayerful meditation. Please seek out the saints in your prayers.

Thank You

I wish to once again say a big Thank You to all those involved with this great day when Bishop Serratteli blessed our front doors and chapel. Special thanks to Barbara Tierney, Dara Hopkins and Julie Navarro for all the preparations. Also thanks to The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Color Guard, liturgical ministers, combined choirs, altar servers, and all of those who assisted with making the day so grand.

Fr. Michael at Pilgrimage Conference

Fr. Michael is in Washington this week for the National Pilgrimage Directors Conference at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This year Fr. Michael will lead the diocesan pilgrimage in October in Washington. Three years ago, over 2300 people attended the one day event.

Great Financial Response

We did it! I received good news from the Diocesan Development Office that we had reached our goal in the Bishops Annual Appeal. Our goal of \$23,100 was surpassed as we have received pledges of \$24,616. We actually did very well with our in-pew campaign raising \$4,000 more than last year. As we ask you to fulfill your pledge, I wish to thank you on behalf of all the charities, and those in need who will benefit from your kindness.

Academy Job Opening!

The OLQP Early Childhood Academy is currently hiring. Candidate will be required to open the center at 6:30am and then aide in a preschool setting. Training provided, extensive background checks required (free of charge), must work approx. 20 hours per week. Anyone interested should contact the center director at mdebrecki@olqpnj.org with resume.

**JOB
OPENING**

OLQP Academy – OPEN ENROLLMENT



OLQP Early Childhood Academy offers a warm and caring environment where children from ages 2 ½ years and up can explore and grow as unique individuals. Each child is provided multiple opportunities to pursue individual curiosity and engage in creative self-expression. It is our goal to create a learning environment where each child's diverse and unique gifts are uncovered, nurtured and celebrated. We are inspired by the children's passion, natural curiosity and interpretation of the world around them! We provide a structured curriculum, developing large and small motor skills, cognitive, self-help, language and social skills. Our program includes specials such as: Religious Ed, Spanish, American Sign Language, Music & Movement, Art, Phys Ed, Science/Health & MORE! Schedules are flexible with full or half day options; before and after care provided at additional cost.

We are happy to be able to provide a safe and nurturing environment for your school age children! Our KidZone is equipped with computers, rec space, homework areas, reading nook...and more! Children are given plenty of time to play both indoor and out. Homework assistance is provided to those in need! The WMBOE provides transportation to and from the following schools: Marshall Hill, Upper Greenwood Lake, Westbrook & St. Catherine's (Ringwood). The WM Developmental Preschools also provided transportation to the Academy.

For more information or to schedule a tour of our facility, please call us at 973-506-7533. Visit our website at www.OLQPAcademy.webs.com.

Dance Away St. Patrick's Day

Our Lady Queen of Peace

School Gym

3/11/2017 @ 6:00PM

1911 Union Valley Road
Hewitt, NJ 07421

For tickets contact Dan:
(973) 907-6833



Live Music by:

Ortz Keltic

Dinner Included



Tickets Only **\$25**

\$30 at the Door



Presented by:

Knights of Columbus



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, March 5th

CCD Classes grade K-4 – 9:00 AM-Education Center
RCIA – 11:30 AM - Library
Confirmation I&II Mass – 12:00 PM – Church
Confirmation II Class – 1:00 PM – Education Center
AA – 7:30 PM – Cafeteria
Al Anon – 7:30 PM – Gathering Space

Monday, March 6th

Evening Mass – 6:30 PM – Church
Confessions – 7-8:30 PM – Church
Eucharistic Adoration – 7-8:30 PM – Church
Patrol Leaders – 7:00 PM - Library

Tuesday, March 7th

Lenten Bible Study – 1:00 PM – Convent
CCD Classes grade 1-4 – 4:30 PM-Education Center
Children's Choir – 5:45 PM – Church
Adult Choir – 7:00 PM – Church
CCD Classes grade 5-8 – 7:00 PM-Education Center

Wednesday, March 8th

Lenten Bible Study – 10:00 AM – Library
Lenten Soup Supper – 6:30 PM – Gathering Space
Women's Cornerstone – 7:15 PM - Annex
Boy Scout Troop – 7:00 PM – Gym

Thursday, March 9th

Lenten Bible Study – 9:15 AM – Library
Bible Study – 7:00 PM – Library

Friday, March 10th

Stations of the Cross in English – 7:00 PM
Stations of the Cross in Polish – 7:30 PM

Saturday, March 11th

Legion of Mary – 9:00 AM –Library
AA – 2:00 PM – Library
Confessions – 4:00 PM – Church
St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance – 6:00 PM - Gym

Sunday, March 12th

CCD Classes grade K-4 – 9:00 AM-Education Center
RCIA – 11:30 AM - Library
Confirmation I&II Mass – 12:00 PM – Church
Confirmation I Class – 1:00 PM – Education Center
AA – 7:30 PM – Cafeteria
Al Anon – 7:30 PM – Gathering Space

PRAYERS REQUESTED



Please remember in your prayers the following: Tom Baron, Julie Baron-Kidder, Gail Burr, Wilma Caldwell, Mary Lou Canino, Jeanne Chacon, Doris Colborn, Anthony DiGirolamo Sr., Joan Dunderf, Nancy Ann Gallo, Ann Fitzpatrick, Pat Hajek, Suzanne Kahaly, Infant Gabriella Mann, Evelyn McCabe, Dave McClellan, Mac McCormick, Sissy Aho, Babies Ryne Onarato and Mia Onarato, Frank Pellegrino, Gemma Felice Podwol, Genevieve Puso, Cynthia Reinauer, Nicholas Salleroli Sr., Joann Somma, John Tenhula, Ursula Torella, Eileen Trahan, Ruth Wiedemann, Joe Verboys, Ann Vogel, Ann Weinschenk, Barbara Zaccaro.

Please also pray for those who have gone before us and are now at rest: Margaret Mateus, Clara Jozwiak, Bill Weinschenk, Thomas P. Ryan.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Sunday Donations

February 19, 2017	\$7,996
February 26, 2017	\$6,368
Needs of the Parish	\$1,618

Donation For Loved One

Sanctuary Candle for Week of March 4-10

In Memory of Tracey Van Vliet
Requested by Mom and Dad

Altar Bread and Wine for Week of March 4-10

In Memory of Dennis Daly
Requested by Patricia Daly

SHOP-RITE GIFT CARDS

Week Ending February 26, 2017

Sold – \$2,070.00

Profit – \$103.50

Total Profit since July 1 – \$4,850.00

FOOD PANTRY ITEM



Coffee

ENSURING OUR FUTURE With Your Help

You've got mail: This week you will see an important mailing from Father Michael about who we are as a parish, where we are going, and how you can help. Please take a moment to reflect on your gifts. Next weekend as a family of faith we will unite with our commitment to fulfill our parish mission.

In the mailing you will receive a brochure detailing the Increased Offertory Program our parish will be participating in over the next few weeks. This informative brochure is intended to communicate the financial needs of our parish and why we are having a dedicated focus on our parish offertory. Commitment Sunday for this Program is March 11 and 12. We encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the parish's needs and your current level of giving. We look forward to seeing all of our parishioners at Mass next weekend for this very important Commitment Sunday. If you have any questions regarding the Increased Offertory Program please feel free to contact the parish office.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

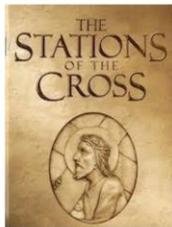


**FREE
LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS
WEDNESDAYS OF LENT**

Mar. 8, 15, 22 and 29, 6:30 PM
Homemade Soup and bread served
Mac and Cheese available 15 and 29

**In Gathering Space of Annex
followed by Scripture Reflection**

Bring the whole family!



Come Pray the Stations

with us

EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT

7:00 PM in English

7:30 PM in Polish

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™
Spring Campaign March 1 to April 9

40 Days for Life is a peaceful pro-life effort made up of more than 725,000 volunteers in 675 cities across 40 nations.

With God's help, 40 Days for Life has seen proven results: 10,331 babies spared from abortion, 118 abortion worker conversions, and 60 closed abortion centers.

We invite you to join OLQP parishioners during the Spring Campaign to pray at a high volume abortion clinic in Montclair.

For further information call Dennis at 845-477-3069.

**YOUR FAMILY CAN
TRAVEL THE WORLD THIS LENT
WITHOUT LEAVING YOUR
DINNER TABLE.**



Let CRS Rice Bowl be your ticket to global solidarity as you pray, fast, learn and give this Lent in order to change the lives of our brothers and sisters in need. All you need is a **CRS Rice Bowl and a Lenten Calendar!** Keep the CRS Rice Bowl near your family dinner table during Lent so that you can refer to it each night. **PRAY** using the Lenten Calendar and the CRS Rice Bowl app. What is the day's message? How does it connect to the life of your family? **FAST** together. How is your family's Lenten fast going? How will it affect your lives today, tomorrow and after Lent? **LEARN** about the people for whom this week's Lenten prayers are being offered. Read and discuss the Story of Hope. Who is your family helping this week? Where do they live? What do they do? **GIVE** the suggested donation to your CRS Rice Bowl from the Lenten Calendar. Why is it important to give to others? How can you continue giving back even after Lent?

Find videos and more resources at crsricebowl.org.

Pick up Rice Bowls at church exits today!



WELCOME HOME TO HEALING

**RECONCILIATION ON MONDAY NIGHTS
THROUGHOUT LENT**

**RECONCILIATION
DURING LENT**

Confessions

Mondays:

March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Saturdays:

March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1
4:00 PM – 4:45 PM

April 8

3:00 PM – 4:45 PM

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

with private confessions (4 priests):

Wednesday, April 5 7:00 PM