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MARCH 12, 2023 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday:

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Friday:

8:30 am - 1:00 pm

First Sunday of the month:

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturdays:

8:00 am & 5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil Mass)

Sundays:

8:00, 10:00 & 11:30 am
1:30 pm (Misa en Español)

Weekdays:

7:00 am (M, W, F);
12:00 Noon (Tue, Thu)

Holy Days: See the Bulletin

ADORATION:

1st, 3rd & 5th Fridays:

7:30 am - 12:00 Noon

2nd & 4th Thursdays:

7:00 - 8:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays:

3:30 - 4:15 pm

Sundays:

1:00 - 1:25 pm (in Spanish)

MARRIAGES:

Couples are encouraged to contact the parish office to begin the Marriage Preparation Program. It is recommended that engaged couples begin this process a year in advance of the wedding. Please contact the parish office for additional information.

INFANT BAPTISMS:

Celebrated the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month (English) and the last Sunday of each month (Spanish) after the 11:30 am Mass (except during Lent). Families must be registered in the parish and attend a Baptism Preparation Class. Please contact the parish office for additional information.

VISITS TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND:

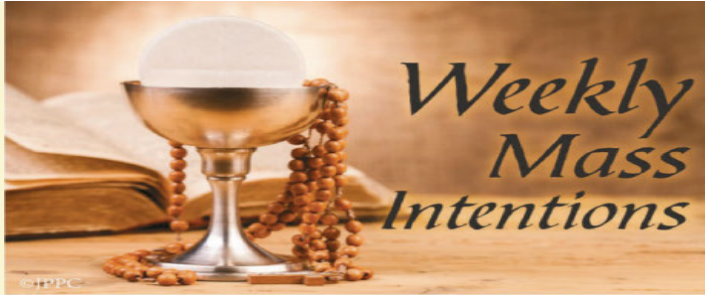
Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring the Blessed Sacrament to members of the parish who are homebound. Please contact the parish office to have Holy Communion brought to those who cannot attend Mass or to request the Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Confession.

MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to Mass intentions for your loved ones you may also remember them through the following memorial opportunities:

- Altar Candles or Tabernacle Candles
- Sanctuary Lamp
- Memorial contribution
- Prayer Garden Remembrance Bricks
- A gift of cash, securities, or other assets
- Please remember OLMV in your estate planning

Please contact the parish office to obtain more details.



SUN. Mar. 12 Third Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 A.M. + Sal Failla r/o Ann Butera & Family
10:00 A.M. + Tony Gladwell r/o Alexandria & Family
11:30 A.M. + Peter Alessandro r/o Kathleen Cerebe
1:30 P.M. + Barbara Rodriquez r/o Sus hijos Maria Nelly & Claudia Gutierrez

MON. Mar. 13 Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 A.M. * People of the Parish

TUES. Mar. 14 Lenten Weekday

- 12:00 P.M. + Eileen Slater Head r/o Slater Family

WED. Mar. 15 Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 A.M. + Linda Ferrer r/o Felipe Ferrer Bernier

THURS. Mar. 16 Lenten Weekday

- 12:00 P.M. + Audrey Sardella r/o Kris & Bolo Vignoli

FRI. Mar. 17 Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 A.M. + Nicholas Scutari r/o Ann & Paul Butero

SAT. Mar. 18 Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 A.M. + Josephine Fitzsimmons r/o Rita Dancsecs
5:00 P.M. + Mary Rossiter r/o Louise Crede

SUN. Mar. 19 Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 A.M. + Kathleen Haedrich r/o Rich & Linda Miller
10:00 A.M. + Kevin Brett r/o Deborah Arlotta
11:30 A.M. + Michael McGinley r/o Dorothy Zmigrodski
1:30 P.M. + Olegario Gutierrez r/o Maria Nelly & Claudia Guterrez & Family

*Living +Deceased

Week of Mar. 12 - Mar. 18

Altar Bread & Wine

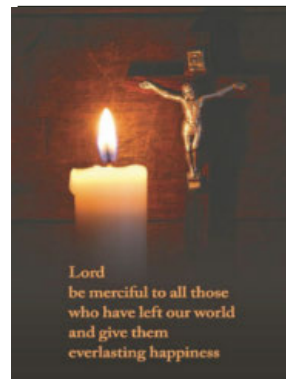
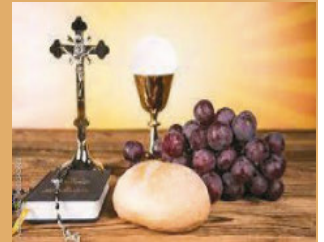
Linda Ferrer r/o Felipe Ferrer Bernier

Tabernacle Candles

Linda Ferrer r/o Felipe Ferrer Bernier

Altar Candles

Suzanne Ridge, in thanksgiving r/o Mom & Dad



In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Marie Paulino



FR. LOU WILL BE AWAY FOR MILITARY SERVICE MARCH 31 - April 3

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DAVID



In Yiddish they have a word for him. They call him a kvetch. Kvetch means a complainer; a whiner. Nobody likes a kvetch. There is a big difference between complaining and expressing concern. A complainer is looking to the past – to what has already happened. Frequently there is nothing that can be done about it. What’s done is done. Complaints are usually self-focused. It’s all about the complainer. He’s been inconvenienced or feels disrespected; his advice has not been taken; he disagrees with a decision that has been taken; or things just haven’t gone the way he would like them to go. Complainers frequently have lurking within themselves a passive-aggressive inclination, indirectly expressing their negative feelings instead of addressing them. They often wish to remain anonymous.

But Jesus tells us what someone with such a complaint should do. “If your brother sins, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.” (Mt. 18:15) Jesus goes on to say if he does not listen, only then approach him again with one or two others. Only then can one legitimately escalate the matter. Complainers like to kick things upstairs as soon as possible. Frequently they are reactive rather than responsive, and their reaction is often disproportionate to the situation.

In contrast to the complainer, someone who is legitimately concerned about a particular situation is looking to the future. How can this fault be remedied in the future? It’s not personal. It’s not about him. Rather than being self-focused, it is focused beyond himself. It’s about the situation – which may or may not have an impact on others. A person who is truly concerned will be the first one to ask, “What can be done, and how can I help?”

Implicit within a complaint is a protest or outcry; annoyance and dissatisfaction. In contrast, someone who is concerned is someone who cares. Complaints are usually communicated with a negative tone and attitude. They frequently center on assigning blame and often sound angry. In contrast, concerns are usually communicated in a more controlled way – more calmly – although there may be overtones of anxiety.

Complainers often have made up their minds before hearing or even asking to hear the other side of the story. They’ve already concluded, “This is wrong!” They are not looking for a discussion or an explanation. Nowadays, one of the tactics of the complainer is a rush to social media, publicly exposing their targets to unnecessary and unconstructive ridicule. Those with a concern are more likely to be open to better understanding the situation before making up their minds.

Those expressing concerns directly to the person responsible are generally more interested in making things better for the future, rather than punishing people for the past. They are generally more likely to encounter people who are willing to be cooperative and willing to work towards a solution. Complainers are more likely to get a defensive response, making complaining counter productive if what you really are looking for is constructive improvement.

Let’s admit it, we all complain from time to time. It’s not pretty. And it is certainly unbecoming for a Christian to be a complainer. We need to honestly examine ourselves to see if our communications tend to be complaining or a genuine sharing of honest concerns. Do we tend to go to the person in the best position to make constructive changes at the lowest level, or do we jump at the first opportunity to escalate, breaking the “chain of command,” as it were? Have we let our concerns become the matter of gossip?

Jesus calls us to love our enemies, let along those who merely annoy or disagree with us. We are called to be kind and patient with one another; to respond rather than to react; to be respectful of other people; and to leave our anger behind us before bringing our gifts to the altar.

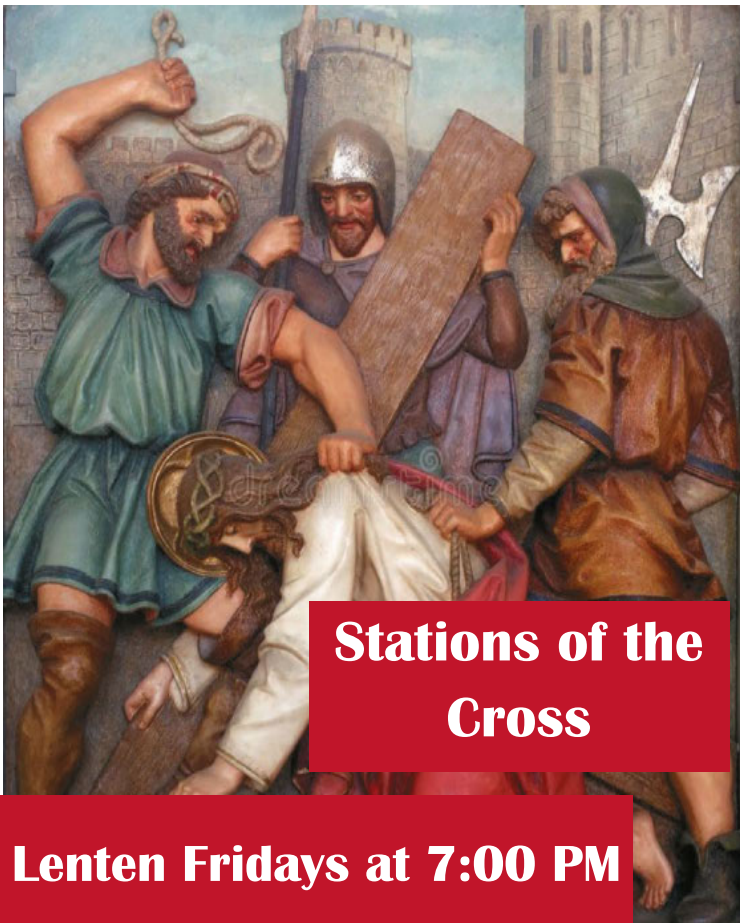


WEEKLY OFFERING March 4/5

Weekend in-pew offertory.....	\$ 9,907
On-line giving.....	\$ 3,428
Total offertory.....	\$13,335
Weekly ordinary expenses.....	\$ 12,500
Major Renovations.....	\$ 1,117
Easter Flowers.....	\$ 983
Catholic Spirit.....	\$ 361

Bishop's Appeal 2023

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling **\$35,249.00** towards our goal of **\$74,000.00**.



Lenten Abstinence on March 17

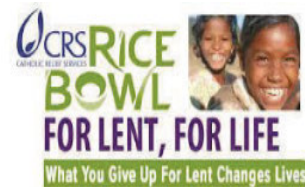
This year the Memorial of St. Patrick falls on a Friday. For members of the faithful celebrating this Memorial and who desire it, Bishop Checchio has commuted the penitential obligation on March 17 to an obligation to abstain from meat on another day that same week.

ELIGIBILITY LETTERS FOR GODPARENTS AND SPONSORS

A person seeking a “sponsor letter” from OLMV to serve as a godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism or a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation must be an active registered parishioner of OLMV for at least 6 months and must have received all three Sacraments of Initiation, be active in the parish and, if married, be in a valid, Catholic marriage. An “active” Catholic is understood to be a person who attends Mass regularly and whose lifestyle is in keeping with the Catholic faith. He or she should ensure that his or her own school age children are attending Mass, are enrolled in religious education, and have received their sacraments.

Parish Registration

In order to be considered a registered parishioner, an adult (persons 21 years of age or older) must submit a completed registration form. These forms can be picked up at the parish office. Completed forms must be brought to the parish in person. Please remind young adults (21 and older) who live with their parents, that they must be registered separately with the parish. Ordinarily, for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation or Matrimony, or to receive a sponsorship eligibility certificate from this parish, a person must be a registered and active member of OLMV.



Rice Bowls—Catholic Relief Services Lenten Project are available on the tables around the church. Rice Bowls are a powerful way to remember and to support our starving brothers and sisters around the world.



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Many thanks to Patty Marshall, The Altar Rosary Society, the Knights of Columbus, Parish Staff, Religious Ed. Students and Parishioner Volunteers for their outstanding assistance with the Fish Fry. It was a very well received and successful event. We sold out, selling 150 meals. Special thanks to Ann Butera for donating lovely tricky tray baskets. All raffle winners donated their winnings back to the parish, and we thank them for their generosity.

Blessed Palms

We are continuing to collect blessed palms from last year (or earlier years) for reverent disposal by burning.

Lenten Obligations

So that the Church of Metuchen may be spiritually one in a common observance of Lent, the following days of fast and abstinence are to be observed by all Catholics of the Diocese who enjoy the blessings of good health:

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
3. From the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday until the celebration of the Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday, the Easter fast should be observed so that, with uplifted and welcoming hearts, we may be ready to celebrate the joys of the Resurrection. This ancient tradition, intimately connected with the Rites of Holy Week and the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, is encouraged, especially in those places baptizing catechumens at the Easter Vigil.

The obligation to fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. To fast in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal during the day so as to experience hunger.

The obligation of abstinence affects all Catholics who have reached the age of 14. Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.

The obligation of fast and abstinence, as a whole, is a serious obligation. While failure to observe any penitential day in itself may not be considered serious, the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of them without good cause, would be considered a grave matter. Those unable to abstain for a valid reason on any given Friday of Lent are asked to perform some other penitential act, or to abstain on another day.



2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Renewed and Sent on Mission by the Eucharist

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, please prayerfully consider a gift at this time to help our parish reach its goal of \$74,000.00. If we exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching **100% participation**. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Boletín en Español

12 de marzo de 2023

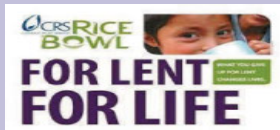
III DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Actividades y Anuncios

- **Confesiones:** Domingos antes de la Misa a la 1:00 a 1:25 pm, o llamando a la oficina parroquial para solicitar una cita
- **El Padre Lou estará en servicio militar del viernes hasta el lunes, marzo 31- 3 abril**
- **Misas:** Todo parroquiano que desee pedir la Intención de la Misa para cualquier domingo deberá venir a la oficina parroquial de lunes a jueves de 8:30 am a 4:00 pm. Si usted habla inglés puede venir durante el siguiente horario de lunes a jueves de 8:30 a 4:00 pm y viernes de 8:30 am a 1:00 pm. Las Misas se pueden reservar solo personalmente. No podemos reservar Misas por teléfono. La donación para una Misa es \$10.00.

MINISTERIO DE PAREJAS

La próxima reunión del ministerio de parejas será el sábado 18 de marzo, de 6:30 a 8:30pm en el centro parroquial. Todos son bienvenidos.



Platos de Arroz—Proyecto de Cuaresma de **Servicios de Ayuda Católica** disponibles en las mesas alrededor de la Iglesia. Los Platos de Arroz son una forma poderosa de recordar y apoyar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas hambrientos en todo el mundo.



VIA CRUCIS

Comienza a las 7:00 pm en inglés cada viernes durante la Cuaresma y **todos los domingos a las 12:45 PM en español.**

INSTRUCCIONES DE CUARESMA

Los días de ayuno y abstinencia son el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo.

Todos los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia. **AYUNO:** limitarse a una comida completa durante el día para experimentar hambre se aplica a los católicos entre las edades de 18 y 59 años.

ABSTINENCIA: para abstenerse de la carne todos los productos cárnicos se aplica a todos Católicos las mayores de 14 años.



Bishop James F. Checchio

2023 Obligaciones de Cuaresma: este año, el memorial de San Patricio cae un viernes. Para los miembros de los fieles que celebran este memorial y que lo deseen, el obispo Checchio ha conmutado la obligación penitencial el 17 de marzo de ser la obligación de abstenerse de la carne en otro día esa misma semana.



Campaña Anual del Obispo 2023

Renovados y Enviados en Misión por la Eucaristía

Si aún no ha hecho su compromiso con la Campaña Anual del Obispo de este año, considere en oración una donación a la Campaña Anual del Obispo para ayudar a nuestra parroquia a alcanzar su meta de \$74,000.00. Si superamos nuestra meta, se nos devolverá el 50% de la cantidad recaudada por encima de la meta en forma de reembolso parroquial. Tan importante como nuestra meta financiera es nuestra meta de alcanzar el 100% de participación. Cada regalo, sin importar el tamaño, es

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