

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 10, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 9 ~ **Vigil/4th Sunday in Lent**
5:30 PM George Tang Choon
Sunday, March 10 ~ **4th Sunday in Lent**
9:30 AM Janet M. Murphy, Walter Klimczek, Jr.
Monday, March 11
9:00 AM
Wednesday, March 13
9:00 AM
Friday, March 15
9:00 AM The People of the Parish
Saturday, March 16 ~ **Vigil/5th Sunday in Lent**
5:30 PM August D. Barbuti, Jr.
Sunday, March 17 ~ **5th Sunday in Lent**
9:30 AM Sr. Kevin John Shields, OP

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, March 16 ~ **Vigil/5th Sunday in Lent**
5:30 PM Al Ceriale
Sunday, March 17 ~ **5th Sunday in Lent**
9:30 AM Sam Osborne

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, March 16 ~ **Vigil/5th Sunday in Lent**
5:30 PM Mary Morse (a), Joe Herschel (c)
Sunday, March 17 ~ **5th Sunday in Lent**
9:30 AM Denise Turner (a), Colleen Wall (c)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

Alexandria Baker-Bonitz (Navy) Dylan Bonitz (Navy)
Sarah Bowen (Navy) Juan Gonzalez (Navy)
Kaila McGowan (Marines) Joseph Ruize (Navy)
Robert Pape-Laucella (Marines)
Pashko Shkreli (Army) Carissa Tironi (Army)
Nicholas Turner (Army) Elliott Weidel (Marines)

PRAY FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Barbara Ceriale, Gina Lempka,
Rosemary Osborn, Regina Parthesius, Elissa Zahn

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Marion Andersen, Pat Arlotta, Bridget Auer, Joanne Bach,
Rob Brosnan, Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, Barbara Ceriale,
Brad Ceriale, Lois Chanofsky, Brian Cross, Nicole Dawson,
John & Lorraine DiCicco, Anna DiMare, Marie DiMare,
Agnes Ferrone, Anna Gallo, Joe Gallo, Margaret Hale, Mike Hurd,
Julie Oparski, Marianna Oparski, Carol Orlando, Frank Orlando
Kerry Roberson, Helen Ryan, Frances Salewski, Sue Schmaus,
Chris Strobl, Joanne Trumball, Terry Waterson

LOOKING AHEAD

Helping Hands Food Pantry
Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday by Appointment.
Call 845-733-1477

AA Meetings
Sundays 3:00 PM ~ Thursdays 6:30 PM

Monday, March 11
Parish Council Meeting ~ 7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 12
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday & Thursday ~ March 13 & 14
Jonah: A Bible Study
2:00-3:15 PM **or** 7:00-8:15 PM (choose one)

Friday, March 15
Stations of the Cross ~ 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 17
Youth Mass at 9:30 AM
then Immediately following in the Parish Center
Faith, Food & Fun ~ 10:30AM-12:30 PM

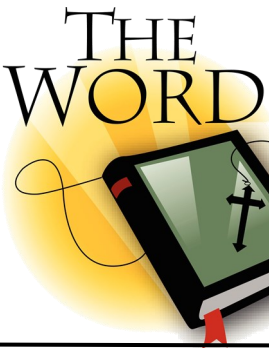
Tuesday, March 19
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, March 20
Ladies' Guild Meeting ~ 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Friday, March 22
Simple Soup ~ 5:30-6:30 PM
Tenebrae ~ 7:00 PM in the Church

Sunday, March 24 ~ Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 28 ~ Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Last Supper with
Washing of Disciples' Feet ~ 7:00 PM



Today's Scripture
4th Sunday
in Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
Ephesians 2:4-10
John 3:14-21



ABOUT THE LITURGY:
Light & Darkness

In today's gospel reading, we read that although the light came into the world, people prefer darkness. The gospel goes on to say that the one who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light. Saint John of the Cross wrote that in order to come to the light, we must be willing to go through darkness, primarily the Dark Night of the Soul by which we are purged of all attachments. In this case, darkness can be the path to the saving light of God. Yet, this Gospel speaks of a more sinister attitude among humans: a desire born of shame, that seeks to hide from the healing light. In Rule 13 of *The Spiritual Exercises*, Saint Ignatius of Loyola develops on this piece of wisdom. He says that when "the enemy of human nature brings his wiles and persuasions to the just soul," he wants them to remain a secret. We all have some things on our consciences that we dread to face, let alone bring to the light.

In the end, it is the Light of Christ that heals and saves us. When we bring these issues that we might feel ashamed about "to the light" by sharing them with our spiritual friend, they begin to lose their power over us, and we have more freedom to choose the path that brings about God's greater glory. Jesus has come in order to extend this invitation to us: "Come to the light, so that your works may be clearly seen as done in God."

Even though God is light, God does not abandon us to the darkness. Can you remember a time when you felt God's presence through the darkness?

Recall a time when you were unfaithful to God. How were mercy and reconciliation revealed to you? How might you show that mercy and reconciliation to others?



Welcome to the Catholic Church

Dani Rae Halahan

Infant Daughter of
Kelly Heater Halahan & Eric Halahan
Baptized March 10, 2024

*The Parish Family at Our Lady
of the Assumption will hold Dani Rae
in our prayers for a blessed life.*

Mass Attendance/Collection

At Mass on March 2 & 3: **117**
Weekend Collection: **1,402**

FAITH, FOOD & FUN



ST. PATRICK'S
DAY

SUNDAY
MARCH 17

Immediately
Following the
9:30 AM
Youth Mass



ENJOY REFRESHMENTS
MAKE A CLOTHESPIN CROSS
LEARN ABOUT ST. PATRICK
AND ST. JOSEPH

Entire Families Are Welcome!

Sign Up on the Clipboard in the Gathering Area.
Questions? Call Chris Herschel @ 845-733-1518



*Women's
Retreat*

OLMC PARISH CENTER

Saturday,
March 23rd
8:00am- 2:30pm.
\$15 per Person
Lunch will be provided

OPTIONAL ADORATION
8:00AM- 8:45AM
IN THE CHURCH

RETREAT BEGINS AT 9AM
IN THE PARISH CENTER

Payment can be dropped off the at Parish Priory.
Please Ensure Women's Retreat is written on outside of envelope.
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
90 Euclid Avenue, Middletown, NY 10940
Call 845-343-4121 for any questions.

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