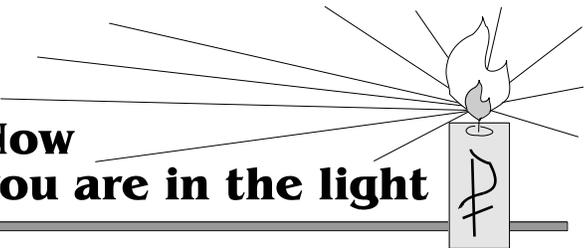

The Fourth Sunday of Lent



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Sharing God's Gifts



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March 26, 2017

Sat. March 25, 2017

5:00 pm – Margaret Torruella, William Garry,
Anne Tracey

Sun. March 26, 2017

9:00 am – Tina Sanabria, Gaye Collins, Mary Maimone

9:00 & 11:00 am – CTW, 3, 4, 5 year olds

10:00 am – Grade 1

10:00 am – Grade 2 and Parent Workshop

11:00 am – Peter Savastano, Arthur Harmon,
Deceased Members Reynolds and Rooney Family

Mon. March 27, 2017

6:30-8:00 p.m. - Religious Education

Tues. March 28, 2017

9:30 am & 6:30 pm – Lenten Bible Study

6:30-8:00 p.m. - Religious Education

Wed. March 29, 2017

10:00 – Sunday Scripture

6:30-8:00 p.m. - Religious Education

Thurs. March 30, 2017

7:00 pm - RCIA

7:00 pm. – AA

7:15 pm – Choir Practice

Fri. March 31, 2017

Sat. April 1, 2017

9:00 am – Lenten Retreat

5:00 pm – Bruno Andidero, Kathleen Maher,
Rosemary Quinn

Sun. April 2, 2017

9:00 am –Gaye Collins, Margaret Meenaugh,
Grace Maruszewski

9:00 & 11:00 am – CTW, 3, 4, 5 year olds

10:00 am – Grade 1 and Parent Workshop

11:00 am – George McCloud, Bonnie Lewis, Tracy Cuevas

1:00 pm – Confirmation Practice

Thank you to all those who have already made a gift to the **2017 Appeal**. For those who are considering a gift, remember no gift is too small. For your convenience, there are envelopes in the pews and at the doors of the church. Please make your pledge today.

FORGIVENESS-A LENTEN RETREAT

The Adult Faith Formation Committee invites you to join them on **Saturday, April 1st** as **Fr. Jim Hess, O. Carm.** presents a time of reflection, discussion and prayer. **Doors open at 9:00 am with coffee and refreshments and the program begins promptly at 9:30.** Please bring a brown bag lunch. **Sign up after all the Masses this weekend, March 25th & 26th in DJH.** A free will offering will be accepted.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Faith Formation Committee Lenten Bible study program meets every Tuesday at **9:30 am and 6:30 pm in Deacon John Hall.** Join us as we discuss the Book of Exodus. Can't make every meeting, no problem, drop-ins are always welcome.

HEALING MASS

A Healing Mass will be held on **Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 7:00pm** at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown, NY. Anyone who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for a physical, spiritual or emotional illness in their lives is welcomed to attend. **Contact Carol Bezak, Shrine Director at 845-343-1879** for further information.

EASTER FLOWERS

Parishioners are invited to remember deceased relatives and friends by making a donation toward the Easter plants used to decorate our Church. Please submit the names you want to remember by placing your "Easter Flowers" envelope in the collection basket. The usual donation is **\$10.00 per name.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

**March 18th & 19th – Totaled - \$6,971.88
Collection \$5,520.70– Online \$1,451.18**

Thank you!



LENTEN SUGGESTIONS

It's about half way through Lent. Here are 10 suggestions of things to do if you're still wondering what to do:

1. Don't buy anything that you don't NEED.
- 2- Throw Away 40 things you're not using for 40 days
- 3- No gossiping
- 4- No eating after dinner. Estimate money saved and give it to the poor.
- 5- If your health allows, Fast one day a week (one regular meal, 2 small meals)
- 6- No cell phone in the room where you eat.
- 7- Say 3 nice things to your spouse and kids every day.
- 8- Don't eat out
- 9- Replace 30 minutes of TV time with 30 extra minutes of devotion/prayer time.
- 10- Do not complain or whine.

OPERATION ARCHANGEL **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

As mentioned last weekend in the Announcements, at the request of Cardinal Dolan, the Orange County Sheriff's Office has developed what they call "Operation Archangel" to help parishioners of every church develop safety procedures for any emergency. We need to set up a Safety Team for St. Paul's Church.

We had a good response to our request for Volunteers, but we really need more. So again we ask today that Active (off duty) and/or Retired Police Officers, other Law Enforcement (Probation Officers/ Parole Officers, Correction Officers), Safety Professionals, EMS, Firefighters, Doctors, Nurses and Military help us to assist in securing parishioners when attending Mass by becoming a part of our Safety Team. You will receive training. **Step One** to implementing Operation Archangel will be for our Safety Team to attend the **Operation Archangel Presentation on Saturday April 22, 2017 at 10:30 am** in the Classroom of the **Orange County Sheriff's Office located at 110 Wells Farm Road, Goshen.** Sign-ups for the Safety Team will be in the back of the church today! Please, all who qualify, please sign-up to help us.

INFANT SAVIOUR MISSION

The church of the Infant Saviour in Pine Bush invites all to join them for a **Lenten Mission Retreat** with **Fr. Francis Amodio, O.Carm.** on **March 26th, 27th and 28th starting at 7:00m pm** each evening. A mission is a special time to gather in community to gain further insight into a faith filled life. Please join us.

OUR LITURGY

We are approaching the most sacred events of our liturgical year, Holy Week and Easter. We would like as many parishioners as possible to join us in our commemoration and celebration of these events. For the next few weeks, we will take some space in our bulletins to review with you the significance of these special days. Please join us for Holy Week.

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday commemorates the triumphal entrance of Christ into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-9), when palm branches were placed in His path, before His arrest on Holy Thursday and His Crucifixion on Good Friday. It thus marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent, and the week in which Christians celebrate the mystery of their salvation through Christ's Death and His Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Beginning in the fourth century in Jerusalem, Palm Sunday was marked by a procession of the faithful carrying palm branches, representing the Jews who celebrated Christ's entrance into Jerusalem. As the practice spread throughout the Christian world by the ninth century, the procession would begin in each church with the blessing of palms, proceed outside the church, and then return to the church for the reading of the Passion according to the Gospel of Matthew. The faithful would continue to hold the palms during the reading of the passion.

EUCHAISTIC MINISTERS, MINISTER **OF THE WORD AND ALTAR SERVERS**

The sign-up sheets have been posted for Holy Week and the Easter Masses. They are located on the bulletin board across from the church office. Please sign up if you can serve.

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