

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 10, 2024



## THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**First:** 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

**Second:** Ephesians 2:4-10

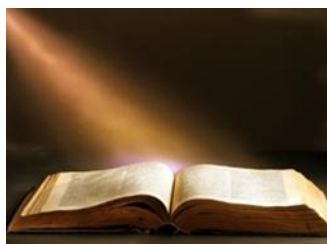
**Gospel:** John 3:14-21

**FOCUS:** *Offer gifts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving out of love and gratitude to our merciful God.*

We offer our humble gifts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to God out of gratitude. We recognize that all is a gift. God has poured out his grace upon us. We joyfully draw near to the giver of all good gifts in the spiritual practices we take up in this season.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

The first reading chronicles the fall of Jerusalem because of the people's unfaithfulness, and the fulfillment of the prophecies through Cyrus, king of Persia. In his Letter to the Ephesians, Paul speaks of the richness of God's mercy and "*the immeasurable riches of his grace.*" The Gospel tells of Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus and the immense love God has for us.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**5 p.m.:** Charlie Quinn, Anne McCarthy and Thomas McHale

**10 a.m.:** Mary Jean Geidel, Francis Stein and Peg Boyle

## LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday – 103

Sunday – 155

## CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathies to the Townley family upon the death last Saturday of Dolores Frohbose Townley, beloved sister of Deacon John. Please keep them in your prayers.

## LENTEN SCHEDULE

**Stations of the Cross with Adoration**

7 p.m. Friday, March 15

**Stations of the Cross with Adoration**

7 p.m. Friday, March 22

**Reconciliation Monday - March 25**

Confessions 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel only

**Holy Thursday**

Mass at 7 p.m., followed by Adoration

**Good Friday Service**

3 p.m.

**Blessing of Easter Food**

Noon on Holy Saturday, March 30

**Easter Vigil**

8 p.m. Mass, Saturday, March 30

**Easter Sunday**

10 a.m. Mass, March 31

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT:

### STEWARDSHIP

*"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 are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts; that we nurture and develop our gifts; and in gratitude, generously give back with increases in our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

## HONORING ST. PATRICK WITH DINNER

Next **Saturday, March 16**, our **corned-beef-and-cabbage** tradition returns after the 5 o'clock Mass.

You might even find a Pot of Gold (a/k/a mac and cheese) on the buffet – and with a little bit of Irish luck, Irish bangers, too! And who knows what else the team of leprechauns might serve?

Adults will be able to have a gargle – that's Irish slang for beer or wine – and there will be soda, too.

Tickets, \$15 or \$35 for an immediate family, will be sold after the Masses this weekend and are also available through the office.



## IN THE LOOP

✓ Thanks to your appreciation for home-baked goodies, the Bake Sale to benefit our Prayer Blanket Ministry brought in more than **\$1,500!** The coordinator has her eye out for fleece sales and coupons to stretch those funds as much as possible. Your generosity combined with her savvy shopping skills has kept this a self-funded ministry since its inception.

✓ The next **Parish Council** meeting is 7 p.m. **Tuesday, March 12.** It is open to everyone. Here's the Zoom link, which can be easily accessed by viewing the bulletin on our website: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87387653004?pwd=eDJtQWNINzVhNzgyVUc1MjNqRHdyUT09>

Please note that if you have something to discuss, you must call the office to get on the agenda.

✓ The deadline to remember deceased loved ones with a contribution toward Easter flowers is **Monday, March 18.** There are envelopes in the church vestibules, and the usual donation is \$10 per name. If you donate via WeShare, be sure to provide the office with the names to be included in the booklet.

✓ If you know someone who is homebound and would welcome a visit from one of our specially-trained Eucharistic Ministers, call Peggy Lucido, coordinator, at 845-304-2728, or the office.

## OLMC COLUMBIETTES' RETREAT

### **WHAT:**

Encountering Jesus  
Women's Retreat

### **WHEN:**

Saturday, March 23

### **WHERE:**

Our Lady  
of Mount Carmel  
90 Euclid Ave.  
Middletown

**OPTIONAL  
ADORATION:**  
8-8:45 a.m.  
in the church

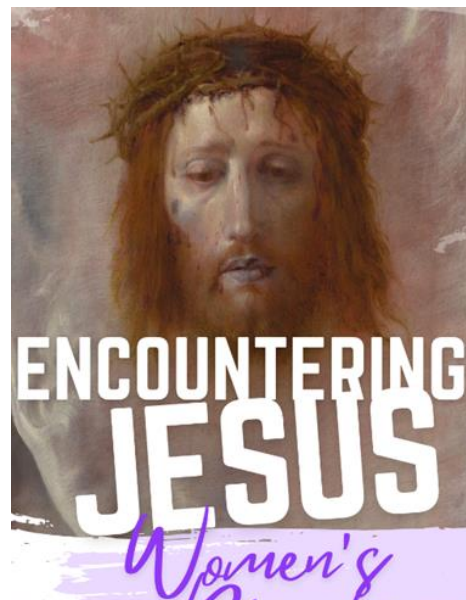
**RETREAT:**  
9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
in the Parish Center

### **COST:**

\$15 per person,  
Includes lunch.  
Payment can be  
dropped off

at the priory. Ensure "Women's Retreat" is written on the envelope.

**FOR MORE INFO:** 845-343-4121



**OLMC PARISH CENTER**

## CARDINAL'S 2024 APPEAL

There are so many reasons why the Appeal is important. Your support helps countless people and sustains ministries throughout our parishes.

Our parish goal is **\$50,600**, of which **\$ 23,510** has already been received/pledged as of March 5 from **51** families,gg but does not yet reflect Commitment Weekend. If you have not done so already, please prayerfully consider your gift, which you can also make online at [www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org). Thank you.



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**CARDINAL'S**  
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Sharing God's Gifts Throughout  
the Archdiocese of New York

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Regular Sunday Collection

**February 25- March 3: \$ 7,074.63**

Envelopes: \$ 4,227.00 – Online: \$ 2,847.63

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**ANSWER  
GOD'S CALL!**  
*Do not be afraid to do something courageous!*

**ST. JOSEPH'S DAY  
FOR VOCATIONS**  
SAT., MARCH 23, 2024 | 8:30AM - 2:00PM | ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY, YONKERS

  
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