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# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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MARCH 12, 2023



## THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**First:** Exodus 17:3-7

**Second:** Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

**Gospel:** John 4:5-42

**FOCUS:** *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

Just as Jesus approaches the outcast Samaritan woman at the well with intimate knowledge of her history and her heart, so, too, does Christ approach us. He comes with the offer of living water that will forever satiate our thirst if only we soften our hearts to hear his voice.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, the people are thirsty and complaining. Moses strikes a rock with his staff, and God provides flowing water for the people to drink. Paul writes to the Romans that we have been justified by faith. In God's great love he sent Christ to die for sinners. In the Gospel, Jesus encounters a woman by a well in Samaria. He speaks of living water and knows her past; she believes he is the Messiah.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**5 p.m.:** Richard Mercado, Charles F. Quinn and Anna Regino

**10 a.m.:** Carmela M. Marino, Richard Tolliver and Robert Carpino

## LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m.: 62  
10 a.m.: 120

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH: A SNAPSHOT OF DOROTHY DAY

*"...the most important, interesting and influential figure in the history of American Catholicism."*

- David O'Brien, historian, after her death in 1980

Dorothy Day has been called many things – from radical and activist to journalist and mother. Perhaps "saint" will one day be included. The effort began in 1983 to have her canonized, and Pope John Paul II gave the Archdiocese of New York permission in 2000 to open the cause for sainthood.

Dorothy was born in Brooklyn on November 8, 1897. Her father, anti-Catholic and a sports writer, was the reason the family moved several times – including once to a tenement in a poor section of Chicago when he was unemployed. She quickly learned what it was like to feel shame over one's living conditions.

But books she read inspired her to walk in poor neighborhoods, which became a lifelong attraction to areas many avoid, always finding something of beauty.

After dropping out of college, she moved to New York City. She worked as a

journalist for socialist newspapers, developed friendships with famous artists and writers, participated in protests for peace and equality for all and was arrested eight times. During this bohemian period, she also experienced failed love affairs, an abortion, which she believed left her unable to have children, and a suicide attempt.



She had grown to admire the Catholic Church as the "church of the poor." However, it wasn't until the "miraculous" birth of her daughter, Tamar, in 1926 that her faith grew. Her decision to have her daughter baptized and embrace Catholicism, for both of them, led to the painful end of her common-law marriage.

While covering the 1932 Hunger March in Washington, D.C., for some Catholic magazines, she prayed at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception that a way to serve the poor would be revealed. Her answer came the next day, back in New York, when she met Peter Maurin, a French immigrant and former Christian brother, who envisioned a society constructed of Gospel values. Together they founded The Catholic Worker newspaper, which generated a movement of farming communes and hospitality houses open to all – including one near Newburgh.

Not everyone liked Dorothy, a civil-rights proponent and a pacifist, critical of war and nuclear weapons. She was in danger at times and even shot at in Georgia.

However, Pope Paul VI invited her to receive Communion from him in 1967, a sign of honor for her work. And when too ill to travel, Dorothy was visited by people such as St. Teresa of Calcutta, who gave her a cross usually worn only by her order's sisters.

## PRAYER SERVICE PRACTICE CHANGE

The rehearsal scheduled for Sunday, March 12, has been canceled. Rehearsals will take place in the church after Mass on Sunday, March 19, and again on March 26.

All third- through 12<sup>th</sup>-graders are invited to participate as lectors, singers and ushers in the **Youth Ministry's Prayer Service for Healing, Hope and Peace** at 7 p.m. March 31.

## CONNIE CAPRIA'S MEMORIAL MASS

Say "Connie Capria," and thoughts immediately turn toward the kitchen: Scrambled eggs and hash browns, corned beef and cabbage, turkey and stuffing, picnics and other parish events. For years, she and her husband, Dominick, were the duo who spearheaded social activities and the 500 Club fundraiser, the latter of which did not require an apron! Dominick died in 2011, and most recently, Connie had been living near her daughter, Stephanie, in Florida and soaking in a lifestyle that centered on a pool, a golf cart and cooking for her new friends.

Connie died in January and her ashes are being brought home later this month. Her Memorial Mass is scheduled for **11 a.m. on Saturday, March 18.**

## EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

Because of your generosity, we are sending a check for **\$2,970** to the Archdiocese for forwarding to Turkey and Syria, devastated by earthquakes.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**February 26- March 5: Totaled \$ 7,830.98**

Envelopes: \$ 3,182.00 – Online: \$ 4,648.98

THANK YOU!

## EVERYONE'S IRISH ON MARCH 18

Of course you can be Irish on March 17, too! But **Saturday, March 18**, is when our **corned-beef-and-cabbage** dinner returns after the 5 o'clock Mass.

You might even find a Pot of Gold (a/k/a Mac and Cheese) on the buffet

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

Tickets, which are \$15, \$10 for seniors and \$35 for an immediate family, will be sold after Mass and are also available through the office.



## WOMEN'S RETREAT AT OLMC

The Columbiettes of Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish are sponsoring a Women's Retreat to which women of St. Paul's are invited. Sr. Terry Rickard will present "**A Woman's Encounter with Jesus: Healing and Freedom**" from 9 a.m.-noon on **April 1**. The cost is \$10, and there are registration forms to take on the bulletin boards in the church vestibules.

## REGISTER FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS

Registration is now open for the following service weeks through the Capuchin Franciscans Province of St. Mary: **Summer Outreach Week** (local service retreat June 25-30), **Capuchin Appalachian Mission** (July 8-16 in Harlan, KY) and **Catholic Literature & Arts Summer** program (July 30-August 5). For info:

<https://www.capuchin.org/cyfm/summer-programs/>

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