

1 March 2020
I Sunday of Lent (Both Calendars)

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat. 4PM/Sun. 8AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
9:30 AM & 11 AM

Confessions: Wed. & Fri. 6:30-6:55 PM/Sat. 7:30-7:55 AM
Sat. 2:30-3:30 PM & 6:30-7:30 PM

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Tue. 3 Mar. ST. KATHERINE DREXEL, Virgin, Foundress
8 AM For: Special Intention
Req Mr. & Mrs. Stephen van Lieshout
Holy Rosary for the Unborn & Newborn

Wed. 4 Mar. St. Lucius I, Pope & Martyr
7 PM For: Paul Henry+ (51st Ann.)
Req: Ron Henry

Thu. 5 Mar. St. John Joseph of the Cross, Priest, Religious
8 AM For: Gennaro Rucci+
Req: The John Feuz Family

Fri. 6 Mar. St. Colette, Virgin, Religious
8 AM For: Kathleen & Marian Bracken
Req: Mr. & Mrs. David Rose, Sr.

Sat. 7 Mar. STS PERPETUA & FELICITY, Martyrs
8 AM For: Special Intention

4 PM For: Gary Dunne+ (Birthday)
Req: Susanne Dunne

Sun. 8 Mar. II Sunday of Lent (Both Calendars)
8 AM For: Michael Van Auken (L.)
Req: Thomas Massett
9:30 AM For: Parishioners of OLGCC
11 AM For: Fr. Edmund Morelle+
Req: Estate

Servers for the weekend of 7-8 March:

Sat. 4 PM: I. Martin, N. Martin, C. Martin

Sun. 8 AM: J. Murnane, T. Murnane

Sun. 9:30 AM: J. Kazlauskas, D. Kazlauskas

Sun. 11 AM: R. Blehar, D. Roberts

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION RESUMES FOR JR. HIGH & ADULT CLASS: TUE. 3 MARCH

In our adult class, we will be exploring what the Holy Mass is in this last segment of the year. All are welcome to deepen their appreciation for the great Mystery of Faith!

ST. JOSEPH SOCIETY MEETING: THU. 5 MARCH 7:30 PM RECTORY

For our program, we will continue the discussion of controversial topics and how we deal with them as faithful Catholics.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: SUNDAY 15 MARCH AFTER 8 AM & 9:30 AM MASSES

It is just one gastronomical extravaganza after another here at OLGCC!!! After the Rosary Society's Spaghetti Supper last month, the men of the St. Joseph Society want to show off their talents at the stove. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you will be attending. The Breakfast is served at the Rectory.

DIOCESAN MENS' CONFERENCE: SAT. 28 MARCH SRC ARENA SYRACUSE

The theme of this year's Conference is "Take Refuge in the Lord", and features Steve Ray, Chris Griesen and Fr. Thomas Petri, OP as speakers. Any man in the parish who wishes to attend should give Father a check made out to OLGCC for \$35 by Sun. 15 March please. The parish will cover the difference in the registration fee. Any man who has never attended before will be paid for by the parish.

FIRST PENANCE: SAT. 14 MARCH 10 AM CHURCH

Last week, the incorrect date was given for First Penance.

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION: SUNDAY 22 MARCH 4-6 PM CHURCH

Give Our Lord a chance to speak to your heart this Lent. A visiting priest will be here to offer some reflections for us. We will have some quiet time in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord. The visiting priest will hear Confessions, and there may be a surprise in store for you.... keep watching the bulletin as details unfold!!!

LENTEN SACRIFICE BOXES FOR OUR YOUTH

On the table in the vestibule are boxes for our young parishioners to put their Lenten sacrifices in for the needy. Please encourage them to do so.

POWERFUL MOVIE TO MAKE THE INDIFFERENT THINK

It is called "Sing a Little Louder" and is only 11 ½ minutes long, but it is a very unique way to bring to light the cost of indifference to life.

You can view the movie at: <https://youtu.be/ofcs9Y7qL4s>

I am very grateful to parishioner David Armitage for bringing this video to my attention.

When Priests Look like coal miners

By the end of the day, priests look like coal miners. Sociologists may condescendingly consider the crowds coming for ashes, when they do not enter a church at other times of the year, a habit of tribal identity. If the mystery of the Holy Trinity, or Christ dying and rising from the dead, confounds limited human intelligence, there is still a spark of the sense that biological life has an end as real as its beginning. For skeptics, the Easter proclamation "Christ is risen" may seem like an indulgence of romance or wishful thinking, but no one drawing breath can deny that "Dust thou art and unto dust thou shalt return".

God gives life and does not intend to take it away. He resents mortality, and when He came into the world that He had made good, He wept to see how it had gone wrong. "Jesus wept" (Jn.11:35), and those tears were not because He was poor or hungry or insulted, or because of bad harvests or unpredictable climate or corrupt governments. He wept because someone had died. "I am come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly," (Jn.10:10).

Even if some people think it is too good to be true, every day radio and television advertisements promise that you will feel better if you take their multiple vitamins or subscribe to their weight-loss programs. This is what philosophers call the "elan vital", or the will to live. The forty days of Lent, which go faster than health regimens, offer a promise of life beyond death more audacious than any promise of improved nutrition or medical cures.

In 1970 the film "Love Story" was a real tear-jerker, breaking records at the box office. Its closing line was "Love means never having to say you're sorry". It was an altruistic sentiment, but God is love and not sentiment. Divine love is so powerful that, as Dante wrote, it "moves the sun and the other stars". That power is offered to the human soul, which is in the image of God. "Know you not that the saints shall judge this world? And if the world be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?" (I Cor. 6:2).

Powerful love, sanctifying grace, is available through the absolution of sin. "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us", (I Jn. 1:8). We shortchange ourselves of splendor if we do not tell God we are sorry, as "perfect love casts out fear" (I Jn.4:18).

Lent is not an unwelcome burden, for it is the gateway to glory greater than the sun and the other stars.

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