

This Week

Today

9:30AM Legion of Mary Mass

Monday

7:30PM Miraculous Medal Novena

Thursday

7:00PM Legion of Mary Meeting – Rectory

Friday

7:30PM Stations of the Cross – Lower Chapel

**COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE
SUNDAY, March 26, 2017**

Saturday

4:00PM Edwin Hall-Clarke

7:00PM Maria Mathieu

Sunday

7:30AM Anthony Morisano

9:30AM Ed Lamura/Aileen Fox

11:30AM Maria Peronich

1:15PM Fran Pinto

10:00AM Roe Rizzi

**SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
SUNDAY, March 26, 2017**

Saturday

4:00PM Toni Castelli

7:00PM Barbara Orleman

Sunday

7:30AM Maureen Rosko

9:30AM Dan Clifford

11:30AM Debbie Cretella

1:15PM Susan Di Scala

10:00AM OLL – Deacon Tom

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY CARE COMMITTEE

On duty the week of Mar. 19 to Mar. 25 – Rosalie

The Cenacle of Life Prayer Group meets every Friday at 4:00PM in the Chapel to recite the Rosary.

*We Welcomed the Newly Baptized
to our parish
Isabella Martinez*

**REMEMBER YOUR PARISH
IN YOUR ESTATE PLAN**

Remember Our Lady Queen of Peace and Our Lady of Lourdes in your estate plan. If you would like to speak to a gift planning specialist about how to include OLQP and OLL in your will or living trust, please email the Office of Gift Planning at gift.planning@archny.org or call 646-794-3317

Third SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

This story from Exodus reveals that the Israelites, after their escape from Egypt, cast all the blame for their sufferings on Moses. In this instance, they were dying of thirst. When Moses appealed to the Lord, the Lord directed Moses to strike a rock and water would gush forth.

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

Paul reminds the Romans that because Christ died for all people, they are acceptable in God's sight.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. When Jesus indicates that whoever drinks from the water He gives will never be thirsty again, the woman immediately answers, "Give me this water, sir...". Jesus then reveals that she has had five husbands and tells her that He is the Messiah. The woman believes Jesus and proclaims this news to all the townspeople, who believe her and come to see Jesus.

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3rd Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2017

VOCATION VIEW

Only the Lord can give living water, fullness of life. Our body cannot survive without water; our souls cannot survive without living water. Now is the time to renew our lives in the waters and Spirit of Baptism. If you would like to be a priest or have questions about the priesthood, please contact the Vocation Office at (914) 968-1340 or www.NYPRIEST.COM "The World Needs Heroes".



BREAD AND WINE & SANCTUARY LIGHT

We are accepting offerings for the Sanctuary Light and Bread and Wine for the week in memory of your loved ones. Any questions, please call the rectory 718-351-1093.

The Bread and Wine for this week are donated in loving memory of Louis, Edna, Rachele and John Balletto

The Sanctuary Light for this week burns in loving memory of Louis, Edna, Rachele and John Balletto

THE 2018 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

Mass offering is to be made when the Mass is arranged in the Rectory during office hours. Weekend Masses and Holy Days of Obligation Masses are still \$25 and Monday through Saturday morning Masses are \$15.

Catechism of the Church

IV. THE SACRAMENTS OF SALVATION

1127 Celebrated worthily in faith, the sacraments confer the grace that they signify.⁴⁸ They are efficacious because in them Christ himself is at work: it is he who baptizes, he who acts in his sacraments in order to communicate the grace that each sacrament signifies. The Father always hears the prayer of his Son's Church which, in the epiclesis of each sacrament, expresses her faith in the power of the Spirit. As fire transforms into itself everything it touches, so the Holy Spirit transforms into the divine life whatever is subjected to his power.

1128 This is the meaning of the Church's affirmation⁴⁹ that the sacraments act *ex opere operato* (literally: "by the very fact of the action's being performed"), i.e., by virtue of the saving work of Christ, accomplished once for all. It follows that "the sacrament is not wrought by the righteousness of either the celebrant or the recipient, but by the power of God."⁵⁰ From the moment that a sacrament is celebrated in accordance with the intention of the Church, the power of Christ and his Spirit acts in and through it, independently of the personal holiness of the minister. Nevertheless, the fruits of the sacraments also depend on the disposition of the one who receives them.

1129 The Church affirms that for believers the sacraments of the New Covenant are necessary for salvation.⁵¹ "Sacramental grace" is the grace of the Holy Spirit, given by Christ and proper to each sacrament. The Spirit heals and transforms those who receive him by conforming them to the Son of God. The fruit of the sacramental life is that the Spirit of adoption makes the faithful partakers in the divine nature⁵² by uniting them in a living union with the only Son, the Savior. (to be continued)

Holy Season of Lent

Why does Lent seem so negative?

Starting with the somber symbol of ashes, Lent indeed has its negative side, in part because Lenten discipline aims to make us aware of our own weakness and sin and need for conversion and renewal. We won't seek a doctor if we don't know we're sick. We won't seek help unless we realize how much we need help. But the purpose of Lenten discipline isn't negative. Self-denial is necessary, said St. Augustine, because, unless we can give up what is good, many of us cannot avoid committing evil when tempted. Self-denial helps us empty ourselves so that we can be filled with Good, helps us hunger and thirst for the food and drink our souls need. We freely give up good for the promise of something better. We should not undertake Lenten disciplines as if by themselves they heal us, make us holy or earn God's favor. Rather, their purpose is to open our hearts so that the Holy Spirit can work in us.

Save the Date

Faith Every Day Mission for cluster 5

Monday April 3-Wednesday April 5

Time : 6 pm

Lent 2017

In order to make the season of Lent a more fruitful one we invite our parish family to come to events we have scheduled below:

MONDAYS IN LENT: Miraculous Medal Novena-7:30pm

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT: 8:15am Morning Prayer
before Mass

FRIDAYS IN LENT: Stations of the Cross- 7:30pm
Lower Chapel

PRAYER BASKET: Bring your prayer intention on a paper and drop it in the basket in front of the altar for the whole Church to pray.

FIRST FRIDAY: Eucharistic Adoration – Lower Chapel
March 4th 9:00am to 9:00pm

RECONCILIATION MONDAY: Monday, April 10th
3:00PM to 9:00PM

REGULAR CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

OLQP – Saturday 3:00pm to 3:45pm

OLL – Before the 10am Sunday Mass

A Lenten Prayer

Gracious, merciful Lord,

Be my guide this Lent and always.

Draw me closer to You.

Help me to suffer as I ought.

You are the Great Comforter.

Be with me, Lord, as I pray and fast.

Teach me to pray and fast to join to You and all the saints.

Teach me to offer up my suffering

to help those most in need.

Guide me to be ever mindful of You and the greater

purpose You have in mind for me. Amen.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection (March 12 th)	\$9,464.00
Shrine Candles	\$180.00
Poor Box	\$247.00
Heat	\$1,431.00

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday, March 20 – Saint Joseph, Spouse Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00AM James Romano
8:30AM Anthony Smeragliuolo

Tuesday, March 21

7:00AM Anthony J. Collegio
8:30AM Horace LaCagnina

Wednesday, March 22

7:00AM Doris Reed
8:30AM Rev. Robert Gannon

Thursday, March 23 – Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

7:00AM Sean Thomas Keeley
8:30AM Chiara Lubich

Friday, March 24 – Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr

7:00AM Frank Scotto
8:30AM Dr. John A. Kuhn

Saturday, March 25 – THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

7:00AM Expectant Mothers
8:30AM Salvatore Sessa

4:00PM Anthony Maniscalco
7:00PM Norman Parker

Sunday, March 26 – 4th Sunday of Lent

7:30AM Anthony Ricciardi
9:30AM People of the Parish
11:30AM Rev. Robert Gannon
1:15PM Margaret Amore Valdes
10:00AM OLL Laura Bethune and Steven DiNapoli

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of our deceased parishioners and God's comfort for their families especially Maria Diaz, Edward Urban, Daniel Friscia

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Gives Back

Our Lady Queen of Peace and Our Lady of Lourdes could share in the profits. For each car, truck or van, running or not, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will give back to our church \$50/\$100 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at (718) 491-2525. Thank you for your participation.

Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love.
- St. Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897)

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Judith Stapleton, Frank Comparato, Joseph Cali, Patricia De Laurentis, Lena Magno, Anthony Magno, William Fannon Jr., Michael Camera, James Adrian, Salvatrice Galatro, Shannon Craig, Joseph Bilotti, Jr., Al Tabbanella, Ernest Velez, Clara Guglielmi, Jayce Monty, Emily Driscall, Daniela Vanico, Toniann Vigneri, Michael Bifalco, Joseph Bifalco, Susan Moore, Ann Margaret Zaino, Kelsey Heaney, Joe Scirone, John Mandato, Matilda Costanza, Anthony DeAngelis, Jeremy Castillo, Leila Idelfanso, Lorraine Costa, Michael Volpe, Rosaria Sepulveda, Janet Viso, Esteban Gonzalez, Paul Rydell, Peter Discenza, Ursula Torre, Frank Aiello, Rose Sgarlato, Danny DeMeo, Patricia DeMeo, Jodiann Altamura, Rose Mattera, Helena Mahon, Pauline LaFonte, Anthony Schiavone, William Fallon, Angela Ricca, Sophia Madeline Sanzone, Jeanne Stern, Lillian Bilotti, Violet Buzzanca, Paul Gregis, Christina Corrieri Paradino, Thomas Ciotola, James Remias, Melodi Roy, Marie Diloia, Gerald Frederick, Suzzane Astuo, Derrill Roy, Xavier Castelli, Nicole Viola, Pauline Cipriano, Daniel Woods, Carmen Ramos, Katherine Nikatas, Kriss Murphy, Theresa Raimondi, Michael Cianci, Jr., Andre Bocchiaro, James Anthony Parker, Carmen Oliveras, Anna Indio, William Gonzalez, Amy Altuna, Carol Wetmore, John Pape, Cameron King, Valerie Schiavone, Frank DiGregorio, Grace Turner, Elsa Griswold, Joseph Esposito, Baby Juliette Florio-Perez, Rose Stingo, Palma Milano, Christie Schaff, Rose Sullivan, Joel Rivera, Anthony Gerard Donato, Grace Bruno, Craig Inducci, Tom LaMantia, Concetta Friscia, Antoinette Olmeda, Tina Bove, Corrine Alaimo, Marlene Olivieri, Thomas DeAngelis, Christina Blumstein, John Schiera, Michael Goldstein, Katie, Frank Ambrosio, Jenna Esposito, Anthony Bocchetti, Steve Sgarlato, Carol DeCastro, Phillip Leone, Katherine McHugh, Thomas Keenan, Carol Gilroy, Ann Gray, Alanna Shea, Kathleen Burke, Thomas Gaither, Michael Esposito, Baby Cameron Helmuth, Kejsi Mesutllari, Josephine Dedicos, William Cianci, Anna Vetter, Mary Pollina, Gabriela Surowiec, Rita Scalzo, Janet Logon, Victor Raimondi, Nicholas Ilijic, Michael Spatola, Yolanda Mazza, Rosina Agunzo, Kathleen Fusco, Andrew Biancomano, Muriel McKeon, Salvatore Turturici, Caroline DiBella, Antonia Pistone, Nicky Focillo, Roseanna Whalen, Deborah Arnold, Robert Arnold, J.R., G. Fraschilla, Rita Orlando, Robert Antonucci, Baby Juliette Tighe, Alfonso De'lia Vicky Sgarlato, Meg, John Rizzo, Cathy Sartzetaks, Maria Guzman, Maria Riggio, Marty Petosa, Peter Petosa, Joseph Sgarlato, Carol Iacobelli, Lisa Bolton, Josephine Nalbone, Philip Defonte, Marie Pernice, Paul Cobb, Clifford Fusco, Baby Charlie, Donald Giovanello, Susan Piscopo, Michael Bochetti, Fr. Ronald Lee Green, Michael Hansen

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE SUNDAY, March 19, 2017

Saturday
4:00PM B. Kelly, J. Riley
7:00PM L. Persichetty, A. Saccaro
Sunday
7:30AM H. Rafferty, A. Sciortino
9:30AM C. Morella, C. Smith
11:30AM C. Milisci, L. Moskowitz
1:15PM H. Raffone, M. Rojas

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE SUNDAY, March 26, 2017

Saturday
4:00PM J. Olsen, C. Stumpf
7:00PM V. Terrana, A. Terrana
Sunday
7:30AM L. Giarrusso, K. Giarrusso
9:30AM J. Ursino, J. Salvador
11:30AM G. Russo, M. Scafuri
1:15PM M. Sheehan, R. Sheehan

OLQP SCHOOL NEWS

RELIGIOUS ED. NEWS

DISCIPLES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Jesus said, "Follow Me."

The following students have portrayed kindness, empathy and unselfishness towards others. They are truly disciples of Jesus.

Mia DeVito, Olivia Gumb, Andrew DeSimone, James Best, Katherine Danis, Ryan Abinanti, Angelina Scafuri, Michael Pastore, Liam Treat, Katherine Dugan, Kayla Pollio, Bennett Rafferty, Mathew Cinelli, Daniel Ronan, Casey Boyle, Joie Abinanti, Anthony Caruso, Victoria Militano, Anthony Rizzi.

3 Year Old Program

If you or anyone you know is interested in the **3 year old Program**, for children born in 2014, please call the school office at 718-351-0370.

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THE GIFT OF A CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Our Lady Queen of Peace School Touring Tuesday is April 4th from 9-11am. Parents of school age children, kindly consider visiting Our Lady Queen of Peace School and enroll your children.

Staten Island Catholic Schools are Christ-centered, academically excellent, and welcoming communities that teach students to be life-long learners and leaders energized by fidelity to Christ, the Church, and one another. For more information, visit www.buildboldfutures.org or call 646-794-2885.

Golden Cross for Education -Award Breakfast

Please join us in prayer and celebration as we honor the individuals who have supported Staten Island Catholic Schools, at the Golden Cross for Education-Award Breakfast. Sunday April 23rd, Mass at 8:30am at St. Charles, followed by award breakfast at the Excelsior Grand from 9:30am to 12:30pm. The 2017 Honorees will be Assemblyman, Michael Cusick and Monsignor Peter G. Finn. Nominees from each of the 22 Catholic elementary schools will receive the 2017 Outstanding Catholic Community Award. Tickets are \$37 or \$350 for a table of ten. For more information visit our website at www.adny-si.org or email Diana.Gatto@archny.org or order tickets online at www.eventbrite.com/e/the-golden-cross-for-education-award-breakfast-tickets-32417167621

Monsignor Farrell H. S. Holy Name Society 5th Annual Fr. John Comiskey Memorial Mile

Monsignor Farrell High School
Sunday, April 2nd, 2017

Please go to the following link to download Registration Form: tinyurl.com/comiskeymemorialmile

For more information, contact Mr. John Fox

jfox@msgrfarrellhs.org

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE FR. JOHN COMISKEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

REMINDER:

2nd Grade Children & Parents

**Jesus Day, A Day of Reflection – 10am in the Lower Chapel and Fr. Hopkins Hall
Last Names A through L – March 25th
Last Names M through Z – April 1st**

Save the Dates – Msgr. Farrell High School Summer Camps

Sports Camps

Basketball Camp (boys only/grades 5-10)

Session 1: July 10-14

Session 2: July 17-21

Football Camp (boys only/non-contact/grades 5-9)

July 10-14

Soccer Camp (boys and girls/grades 5-10) July 10-14

Lacrosse Camp (boys only/non-contact/grades 5-10)

July 17-21

Wrestling Camp (boys only/grades 1-12) July 10-14

Track & Field (boys only/grades 4-12) July 17-21

Academic Camps

Robotics Camp (boys and girls/grades 5-10) July 17-21

Computer Animation (boys and girls/ grades 5-10)

July 10-14

Register at www.msgrfarrellhs.org

GIFT CERTIFICATES

Family Association members will be selling certificates to ShopRite and Stop & Shop in the amounts of \$25 and \$50 this weekend after all the masses.

THE JANE B. THOMPSON PRO-LFE ESSAY CONTEST

High School Freshmen & Sophomores – 1st prize \$100.00

High School Juniors & Seniors – 1st prize \$100.00

7th & 8th grade – 1st prize \$100.00

Write an essay on abortion, euthanasia, infanticide or stem cell research.

Mail original essay and keep a copy on or before **April 1, 2017** to: **Staten Island Right to Life League Inc.**

P.O. Box 60520, Staten Island, NY 10306

For more information call **646-662-3914**

50/50 Monthly Drawing

The 50/50 drawing will be held on the last week of every month. Yellow 50/50 envelopes are provided in your envelope package and also at the back of the Church. The cost is \$5.00. You can drop the envelopes in the collection basket. To be eligible to win, please be sure to get your entry in soon! Good Luck to all.