

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 25th & 26th, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	3/25	Savio Duong (RIP) Requested by Tuan & Huong Nguyen	Fr. Oscar
Sun	3/26	Kathy Webster (RIP) Requested by Sharon Y. Smith	Fr. Oscar
Mon	3/27	No Mass	
Tues	3/28	Savio Duong (RIP) Requested by Cathy Fudella	Fr. Oscar
Wed	3/29	Chuck Kazmarski (RIP) Requested by Cathy Fudella	Fr. Oscar
Thurs	3/30	For Our Parishioners	Fr. Oscar
Fri	3/31	Billy McGowan (RIP) Requested by Teresa Nguyen & Family	Fr. Oscar
Sat	4/1	Victor "Chuck" Kazmarski (RIP) Requested by Victor & Helen Kaczmarski	Fr. Oscar
Sun	4/2	Billy McGowan (RIP) Requested by Teresa Nguyen & Family	Fr. Oscar

Collections for March 18th & 19th, 2017

Parish Operations (Personnel, Utilities, Office, Postage,
Repair & Maintenance, etc.)

Offertory (including Spanish Mass) **\$3,456.00**

Special Collection **439.00**

Debt Reduction Collection **288.00**

Total \$4,183.00

Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is **\$3,600**

Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish

Capital Campaign **\$ 25.00**

Votive Stand \$14/Poor Box \$40 **54.00**

Easter Flowers **237.00**

Holy Thursday **25.00**

Good Friday **25.00**

Haitian Ministry **25.00**

Thank you for your support of your Parish!

Church Attendance

Saturday, March 18th - 96

Sunday, March 19th - 124

Spanish Mass - 31

OLBS Church Cleaning Schedule

3/20 thru 3/25 - Gary & Jackie Silvia

3/27 thru 4/01 - Tom & Rowena Fauber

CONFIRMATION CLASS - MARCH 26th - 6:30 PM

Calendar for Week of March 27th

Monday - 3/27 - No Mass

Tuesday - 3/28 - Mass 8:30 am

Finance Council Meeting - 6:30 pm - Mercy Center

Bible Study - 7 pm

Wednesday - 3/29 - Mass 8:30 am

Soup & Sermon - 12 noon - St. John's Episcopal Church

Thursday - 3/30 - Mass 8:30 am

Friday - 3/31 - Mass 8:30 am

Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm

Saturday - 4/01 - Rosary 4:45 pm - Adoration &

Benediction 5:00 pm - Mass 5:30 pm

Sunday - 4/02 - Mass 9:00 am

Spanish Mass - 11:30 am

Youth Group Soup Dinner & Movie - 5:30 pm

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Carolyn Alford	Bonnie Kopacki
Elizabeth Alley	
Wilhelmina Brieffies	Gordon Langston
Candace Barefoot	Patricia Lanuza
Virginia Becker	Baby Vivian Mallis
Paulette Berberich	Theresa Drexler Moody
Ron Blevins	Clara Morrow
Robin Bristow	Randy Morrow
Joan Buehler	Specialist Mullins
Linda Burch	Larry Newtzie
Kevin Carson	M.C.' Sam' O'Connor
Meredith Crowe	Joyce Richardson
Vincent D'Elia	Pam Rigsby
Denise DePompeo	Emma Robertson
Donna Donahue	Harriet Ropelewski
Jackie Drayer	Virginia Ryczak
Sandy Britton Evans	Jim Tokarz
Brenda Frederick	Barbara Schafer
Helen Fudala	
Kay Getman	Allen Smith
Jim Gregory	Barbara Sturtz
Pat Hinkle	Levi Sturtz
Kelly Hipple	Mae Touray
Mary Ann Hooper	Dorothy Ware
Helen Kaczmarski	Lois Wilson
Victor Kaczmarski	Robert 'Bobby' Wilson
John Kellam	Jody Zogran
Andrew Konz	Eddie Bernoski
	Billy White

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOME

Irene Kruger

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culberson (Afghanistan)

Private Logan W. Gay

Sergeant Nathan Gurganus

Army Rangers Austin T. Sturtz (Ft. Lewis, Washington)

First Lieutenant Amber Fauber, F.E. Warren in Cheyenne, Wyoming

ALTAR SERVERS

3/25 – Daniel Duke, Peter Nguyen

3/26 – Madelyn Kruger, Dawson Haviland, Clayton Grant,
Jovany Velazquez

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

3/25 – Joe Drexler, Cathy Fudella, Tom Fauber

3/26 – Jim Pyne, Wini Barron, Cheryl Servonsky, Vickie Roane,
Kay Shaw

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

As Jesus helped the blind man understand, it is not enough to see only with our eyes. We need also to see with our hearts and allow our every action to reflect this sight. Jesus healed the man of his blindness, but in the end the man recognized Jesus as the Messiah and worshiped Him.

Adults: What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness?

Children: How can you let the light of your faith in Jesus shine for others to see?

DO YOU KNOW?

This week marks the fourth Sunday of Lent, known as Laetare (Latin for "rejoice") Sunday and marks the midpoint of Lent, a time when the austerity of Lent is briefly lessened. In the Book of Isaiah we are told "rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow." On this Sunday, the purple vestments and altar cloths of Lent are set aside and rose ones are used instead. Laetare Sunday is also known as "Rose Sunday" and is the counterpart of Gaudete Sunday in Advent. The point of this celebration is to provide encouragement as we progress toward the end of the penitential season.

OPERATION RICE BOWL country of the week: This week we encounter Maria de la Luz Lugo Martinez who lives in Ejido Hidalgo, Mexico. There are few jobs and even less rain for their crops which is causing young people, including Maria's children, to leave the community in search of a better life. To help families like Maria's, Catholic Relief Services launched a greenhouse project empowering women with meaningful work and a sense of community. At the greenhouses, women grow cactuses to sell but receive much more. "We laugh, we talk, we spend time together. Sometimes we leave home angry or sad but then we start working with the plants and we forget. Talking, laughing, we forget our problems for a while" Maria says. As the cactuses grow, so do the economic opportunities. "We didn't believe we were going to get that far. It's a lot of joy, a lot of excitement to see so many plants flowering.

Anyone interested in participating in an OLBS PRAYER CHAIN should contact Pam Watkins at 919-820-1986.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY -The book study of Scott Hahn's "The Lamb's Supper" will begin on Tuesday, April 18 at 7 p.m. in the Mercy Center Conference Room. The book can be purchased on line through Amazon in hardback and kindle editions. If you do not have internet capability, contact Lorraine Ryalls at 843-3125 to have a copy ordered for you. Mr. Hahn is a convert to Catholicism and explains how the Mass relates to the heavenly liturgy in the Book of Revelation.

We will also participate in the WEST POINT MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION SOUP & SERMON SERIES AT ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 916 Main Street, every Wednesday during Lent at 12 noon.

Our thanks to those who provided soup on March 15th when it was our turn: Marian Kopacki, Mildred Hite, Cathy Short, Scotty Watkins, Carolyn Drexler, Jeanie Sturtz, and Margaret Varboncoeur. Our apologies if we left anyone out, but know your efforts (and your soup) were appreciated!

OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held on Sunday, March 26 at 10:15 am, and led by the middle/high school youth. Everyone is invited to join us for this special devotion.

Don't forget our SOUP DINNER AND VIEWING OF THE "PASSION OF THE CHRIST" on April 2 at 5:30 pm. There will be a movie and activities for elementary students. Upper Youth Group are encouraged to attend but if not attending with parents, we will need permission for them to view the movie as it is rated R for the violence that Christ endured. Hope to see you there!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held every Friday during Lent at 7 pm in the Church. A reminder that Fridays in Lent are considered days of abstinence; the norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon Catholics from age 14 onwards.

Are you considering a MONASTIC VOCATION? Spend Easter Triduum with the Monks. The monks at Mary Mother of the Church, Benedictine Abbey in Richmond invite men 18 to 45 to Vocation Weekend from April 13 – 16. Experience the paschal mystery through monastic liturgies with the monks, Brothers and Priests. Contact the Vocation Director, Fr. John Mary at 804-708-9653 or vocations@richmondmonks.org or visit www.RichmondMonks.org.