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MARCH 10, 2019 | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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## PARISH STAFF

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## MASS SCHEDULE

SAT. VIGIL: 5:00 PM (*English*) | SUN: 9:00 AM, 12:15 PM (*English*) 10:30 AM (*Español*)  
DAILY (CHAPEL) 8:30 AM (*English*) 7 PM (*Español* Martes & Jueves)

### MONTHLY

- ◀ **ESPAÑOL ASAMBLEA:** Salon Parroquial; 7PM
- ◀ **ROSARIAN GROUP:** First Sunday, 9am Mass followed by meeting / breakfast in the Parish Hall.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- ◀ Saturdays before 5 PM Mass. Por cita, o después de las Misas en Español. (Martes & Jueves)

### ROSARY

- ◀ Monday-Saturday before the 8:30 AM Mass.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

- ◀ Takes place at St. John the Baptist Chapel Tuesday - Friday after the 12:10 PM Mass until 8PM, Saturday after 9AM Mass until 5:30 PM, and Sundays after 12 Noon Mass until 8 PM

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- ◀ Takes place at Our Lady of Mt Carmel on Sunday mornings. Classes are offered in both English and Spanish. Contact Evelyn Mayorga or Fr. Danny at 201-435-7080.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

- ◀ The parishes of Jersey City North are proud to sponsor quality Catholic elementary education at the Middle States accredited schools: St. Joseph School (201-653-0128) and St. Nicholas School (201-659-5948).

### PARISH MINISTRIES

- ◀ **GRUPO DE ORACION CARISMATICO:** Después de las 7 PM Misa todos los martes en Mount Carmel.
- ◀ **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY:** Meets after 9 AM Mass, First Sunday of the month.
- ◀ **SENIORS CLUB (50+):** Every other Wednesday at 12:45 PM at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Enter through parking lot door behind the church, then Parish Hall basement.
- ◀ **ZUMBA FITNESS:** Wednesday 6:45 - 8:00 PM at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School auditorium, free.
- ◀ **GRUPO DE PAREJAS:** Cada segundo viernes del mes a las 7:30 PM te invitamos a participar en nuestro "Grupo de Parejas" en Mt. Carmel. Para mayor informacion llamar a Sra. Carmen Quezada 201-640-1651.
- ◀ **HOSPITAL VISITATION:** Please notify the parish. Hospitals no longer inform us or allow us to look up who is in the hospital.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 9

8:30 am † Robert J. Brown - *Dorry Romstedt*  
 5:00 pm † Walter & Jean Oziemblo  
 - *Walt & Joanne Oziemblo*

### Sunday, March 10

9:00 am † Waleed Ghali  
 - *Ilham Fatony & Assel Ghali*  
 10:30 am † Ramona Sanchez - *Carmen Negron*  
 + Jose Marrero - *Carmen Negron*  
 12:15 pm † Francesco Torrillo  
 - *Anna & Nick Palladino*

### Monday, March 11

8:30 am † Francesco Torrillo  
 - *Antonio & Caterina Torrillo*

### Tuesday, March 12

8:30 am † Fanny Martinez  
 7:00 pm Domingo Repollet Sr.  
 (Spanish) (Living Int. - Health of)

### Wednesday, March 13

8:30 am † Fr. Michael Santoro

### Thursday, March 14

8:30 am † For the People  
 7:00 pm † Fanny Martinez  
 (Spanish)

### Friday, March 15

8:30 am † Fr. Michael Santoro

### Saturday, March 16

8:30 am † Kelly Manzo - *Arlene Burke*  
 5:00 pm † John Williams - *Viola Macagnano*

### Sunday, March 17

9:00 am † Jeremiah Anoché - *Marie Fox*  
 10:30 am † Jayden Fondeur - *Johanna Negron*  
 † Victor Ramirez - *Familia Ramirez*  
 12:15 pm † Roberto Collins - *Joanne Oziemblo*

## SYMPATHY

Please pray for the recently deceased members of our parish. May our Lord Jesus Christ grant them eternal rest and may perpetual light shine upon them.

## EUCCHARISTIC BREAD & SACRAMENTAL WINE

The hosts and wine used during the week were donated in memory of

**FR. MICHAEL SANTORO**

*offered by the People.*

## SANCTUARY LAMP

The church sanctuary lamp was donated this weekend in memory of

**FR. HECTOR GALVIS**

*offered by the People*

# PARISH News

- THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY WILL BE SELLING ST. PATRICK'S IRISH SODA BREAD ON MARCH 16TH AND 17TH AFTER THE MASSES. The cost is \$4 per loaf.
- ON MARCH 19TH OLMC WILL BE CELEBRATING ST. JOSEPH WITH A BILINGUAL MASS AT 7:00PM. Light refreshments will follow. All are welcome.
- FR. DANNY WILL BE PROVIDING A FREE FOUR-WEEK LENTEN COURSE ENTITLED *THE EUCHARIST: THE UNION BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH*. The class will meet at 7:00 PM in St. John the Baptist Chapel on March 11, 19, 25, and April 1, 2019. All are welcome!
- FR. DANNY OFRECERÁ UN CURSO DE CUARESMA GRATUITO DE CUATRO SEMANAS TITULADO *LA EUCARISTÍA: LA UNIÓN ENTRE EL CIELO Y LA TIERRA*. Las clases serán a las 7:00 PM en la iglesia de Monte Carmelo en Marzo 14, 21, 28 y Abril 4. Todos son bienvenidos!!
- TRIP TO WILDWOOD WILL BE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 TO THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12. The cost is \$430 pp/ dbl, price includes: round trip bus transportation, accommodation at The Aqua Beach Hotel, 4 full breakfasts, 4 superb dinners, spectacular entertainment, a visit to Atlantic City, ice cream social, afternoon pizza party, visit to Cape May, Historic Smithville. **For more information please call 201-747-6941.**

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY

WEEKLY COLLECTION AMOUNT  
 NEEDED TO MAKE BUDGET: **\$2,800**

*The weekend of 3/2-3/3*

WEEKLY OFFERTORY	\$2,485
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CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE COLLECTION	\$125
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Your good stewardship  
 makes a difference.

*Thank you!*

## RENOVATION GOALS

### Bathroom Renovation

*Funds raised  
this week:*

**\$490**

## COMMUNITY Announcements

- ◀ Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, D.Ss.R., will lead a Lenten Prayer Service for the Survivors of Sexual Abuse and for the people of the church, Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 7:30 PM at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, NJ. All are encouraged to gather as one for the healing, reconciliation, and justice; for solidarity with the victims; and for the solidarity in the Church.
- ◀ On March 1, 2019 the Jersey City Board of Education will begin their Pre-k registration for 3 or 4 years olds. For more information, contact the Early Childhood staff at 201-915-6045.
- ◀ The Archdiocese of Newark will be hosting the Men's Conference on Saturday, March 16th at 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM in Seton Hall University 400 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, NJ. To register online visit [www.njcatholicmen.org](http://www.njcatholicmen.org) or call 973-497-4545. The cost is \$25.

# Spiritual READING for Lent

The Forty Days of Lent provide an excellent time to read a book to deepen your spirituality.

## ◀ Catholicism: A Journey to the Heart of Faith

By Bishop Robert Barron

(Image Publishing; sold by Random House)

Bishop Barron address the heart of Catholicism from a unique perspective—that of beauty. The book contains many interesting stories, biographies and images.



## ◀ Faith: The Spiritual Thoughts Series

By Pope Benedict (USCCB Publishing)

This is one of a series of short and easy-to-read books by Pope Benedict XVI. There are 15 other titles in this wonderful series. Check them out at [www.store.usccb.org](http://www.store.usccb.org).



## ◀ Pope Francis Wisdom on Love: Practical Advice for Families

By Pope Francis (USCCB Publishing)

Pope Francis frequently speaks about family life in practical and down-to-earth words. This compiles many of his homilies and speeches.



## Lent Begins this Wednesday, March 6th, and some people ask:

**Q.** Why Confession?

**Q.** Why do we have confession? If God knows everything, why can't we just tell him that we're sorry when we do something wrong?

**A.** Confession may be one of the most difficult parts of our faith for some. But for others, Confession is something they deeply look forward to. Your question is a good one. Let me offer some thoughts.

First of all, it's very true that "God knows everything." We call that omniscience. So, yes, He knows everything you've done and He knows whether you are sorry for that or not. But there is a big difference between God "knowing" what you did and His act of forgiveness.

For example, if you sinned against a friend with whom you were very close and then you felt sorry for that, it's possible that your friend would realize, just by knowing you, that you were truly sorry. But that doesn't mean that you can just presume on your friend's goodness and forgiveness. The best thing to do in this situation is to actually sit down and tell your friend you are sorry, and to have your friend tell you that you are forgiven. This very human exchange brings about reconciliation.

So it is with God. God is all merciful and wants to forgive us of all our sins. But for true reconciliation to take place, God wants you to actually say those words and then to hear the words spoken by the priest that you are forgiven. Confession is not only about God forgiving us, it is also about reconciliation with God on a human level.

What's important to understand is that God offers us forgiveness in His way. He forgives us through a human being. Who is that human being? It's the Father's Son who became one of us. Jesus is the one who offers the forgiveness of God, and Jesus is both fully God and human. But how does Jesus do that now that He has ascended back into Heaven? Well, before He ascended, He gave His divine power of forgiveness to His first priests—the apostles. They, in turn, passed that power onto others who passed it on to others down through the ages all the way to our present age. Priests, despite the fact that they are imperfect themselves, have the spiritual power of Jesus to actually speak His words of forgiveness to others. Therefore, when a priest says, "I absolve you" we must hear Jesus Himself, as the human face of God, saying to us those same words.

Why did God choose to use priests to dispense His forgiveness? Honestly, we really don't have a perfect answer to that question. Sure there have been wonderful writings and reflections and teachings on this subject throughout the history of the Church. But, in the end, we will only fully understand this mystery of how God gives us His forgiveness when we are in Heaven. For now, we must simply follow what Jesus taught and receive His forgiveness in the way we know He offers it.

And on a psychological level, I, as a priest, have seen so many people benefit from actually hearing those words spoken from my mouth. So many times I have seen people come into the confessional scared and ashamed and walk out freed and at peace. So it really works. **Make sure you give it a try soon! Be not afraid to ask Fr. Danny or Fr. Pedro to listen to your confession.**

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