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Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am,
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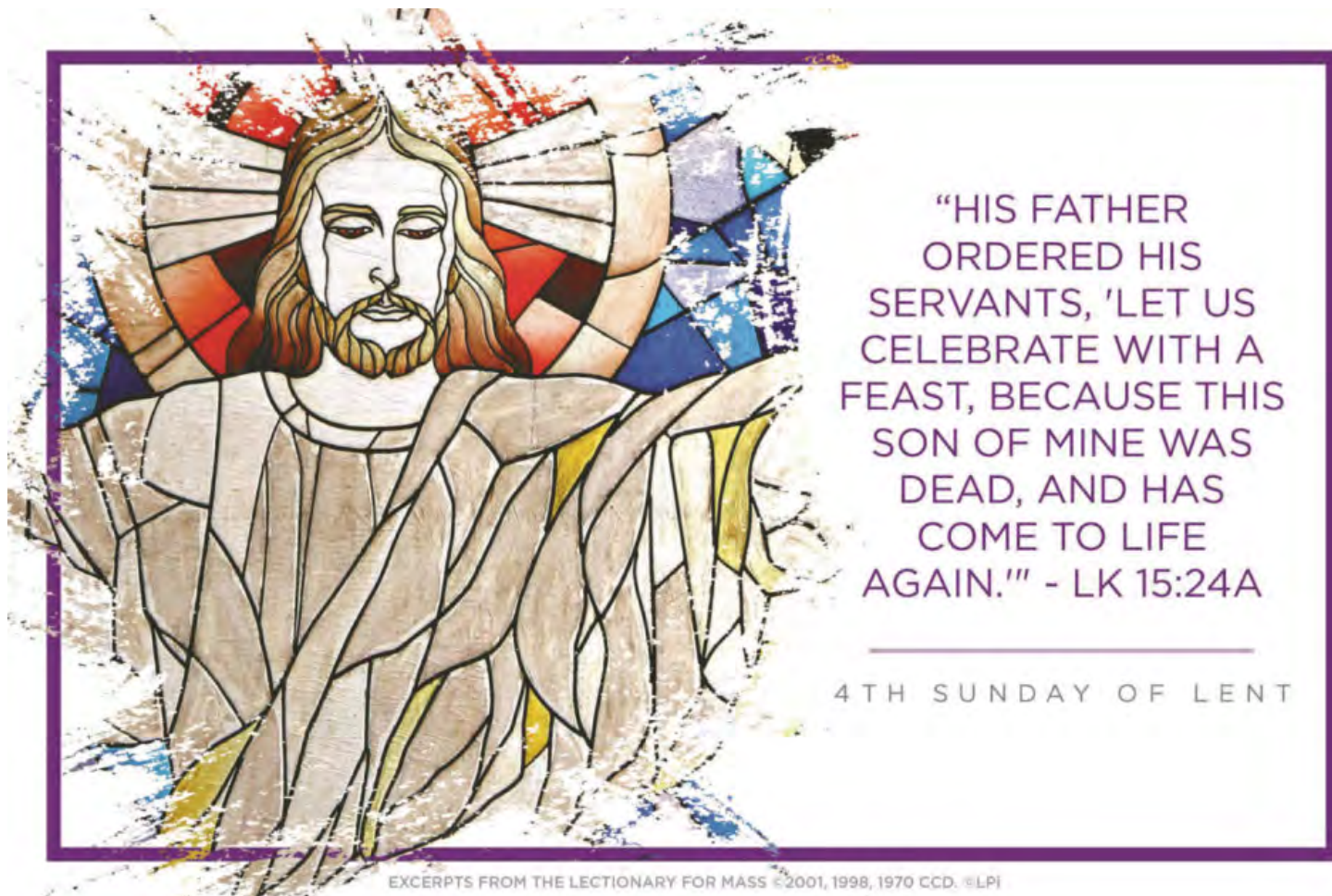
Saturdays: 8:30am

HOLY DAYS

Eve: 7:30pm (anticipated)

6:30am, 8:30am, and 12:00 noon

March 30, 2025



"HIS FATHER
ORDERED HIS
SERVANTS, 'LET US
CELEBRATE WITH A
FEAST, BECAUSE THIS
SON OF MINE WAS
DEAD, AND HAS
COME TO LIFE
AGAIN.'" - LK 15:24A

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Dear Friends,

Two items before this week's reflection on *33 Days*.

- Almost three years ago we began a project for the refurbishing of the church. Actually it was a number of projects. The first two projects were done simultaneously because of their nature. While the pews in different sections of the church were removed for repair and re-staining, the floors were restored through a process of grinding, much like sanding for wood. Those two projects took almost seven months to complete. After which the wainscoting on the walls were stripped and re-stained to match the pews. This week, with the painting of the ceiling in the daily mass chapel, the final project, the painting of the church, will now be complete. As part of that project, the Stations of the Cross were also re-done. As Jesus said on the cross—IT IS FINISHED. Our house of prayer and worship once again looks like it was just built. Thank you for your patience at any of the moments of inconvenience. (As an aside, we also put in two new high efficiency boilers which should be good for the next 30 years.
- Once again, I ask for your support for the **Annual Appeal**. Besides the rebate which we receive for going over goal, funds from the Appeal help defray the costs of hospital chaplains, including those at Valley, Hackensack, Englewood and Holy Name. Funds support Catholic chaplains at Montclair State, Ramapo, Fairleigh Dickenson and the other colleges in the Archdiocese and maintain the Youth Center in Kearny where we hold our weekend retreats with our confirmation candidates as well as the twice-a-year Youth Ministry Retreat. So, you see the **Annual Appeal** funds programs and offices which directly touch our lives here at OLMC. Help the Archdiocese continue to provide what all the parishes need to carry on the work of the Gospel. Pledge today, either by using the materials which we mailed to every registered parishioner household or go online using the link on our homepage. Be sure to note our parish, **Our Lady of Mount Carmel-Ridgewood**, to be sure we get the credit for the donation. Thank you.
- I have three chances left for the Catholic Charities 50/50 raffle. Once again, the chances are \$50. And only 500 hundred will be sold. If you're interested, please email me at the rectory.

Is everything great in your life? Is your life perfect? Physically? Emotionally? Psychologically? Financially? I know mine isn't. I'm in pretty good physical health. I work at it. But I am anxious. I have often shared that my father had Alzheimer's. I'm anxious and worry that I may get it too. I watch for signs and I have a note on my desk that reminds me that if people start telling me I'm forgetting things—believe them. I worry about the state of our world and country and wonder how much longer we can go on with the serious divisions in our society. I worry about some of my godchildren, that their lives are going in the right direction.

I'm sure that there is no one out there whose life is perfect, who isn't, in some way, in need of healing. Jesus healed. He always healed, then—in the Gospels, and now. He hasn't stopped healing. What would happen if you went to church next Sunday looking for healing in that part of your life that only you know about? What would happen if you brought that broken and difficult part of your life to Jesus in the Eucharist?

This next section of *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory* is about that. It's entitled **The Eucharist and You**. But it doesn't happen by magic. There are things you have to do. The Eucharist restores. Rediscover the joy of Sabbath rest. The Eucharist is not only the sacred communal meal of the faithful. It is Jesus offering Himself up for you on the cross, an absolute demonstration of His love for you, now and for all eternity. His sacrifice is the ultimate masterclass on love. Inject sacrifice into every relationship that means something to you and let His sacrifice on the Cross breathe new life into that relationship. Carry the fruits of the Eucharist with you into the rest of your week, fruits such as a new friendship with Jesus, a hunger for virtue, a heart that listens to the Holy Spirit, a desire to know and love God and to do His will. Because this needs to happen, re-happen and re-happen and re-happen, find ways to encounter the Eucharist every day.

Because this section challenges the reader to take some positive steps in one's life and approach to the Eucharist, it strikes me that this section may be the most important section in the whole book. I repeat, **The Eucharist and You. It doesn't happen by magic.**

Grace and Peace,
Fr. Ron

STEWARDSHIP

In the 1st Reading, the Lord announces that He has "removed the reproach of Egypt from you." He has fulfilled His promise. No longer was there manna, for "they ate of the produce of the land," the Promised Land. God is forever faithful. Likewise for us, for those who are faithful Stewards, offering gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure**, God will be faithful.

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$16,890. God bless your generosity in support of the work of the Gospel. Electronic giving, **WeShare/Venmo**, helps the parish by the consistency of the gift. And you don't even have to remember where you put your envelopes or how much cash you have in your pocket.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Checks may be made payable to OLMC, with CCHD on the memo line, and dropped in the collection basket, placed in the boxes at the doors of the church, or dropped at the Rectory. To learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, visit www.usccb.org/cchd.



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NO CONFESSIONS ON THE FOLLOWING MONDAY EVENINGS MARCH 31 | APRIL 7 | APRIL 14

This is due to scheduling conflicts in the Church and the Holy Week Schedule. Saturday Confessions from 1:00PM-2:00PM will still take place. **NOTE: NO CONFESSIONS HOLY SATURDAY.**

MOMS MONTHLY MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2ND 9:15AM—PARISH CENTER



Topic: "Did Jesus Really Rise from the Dead?"
Historical Evidence & Alternative Theories
Presenter: Christian J. Clark, J.D.

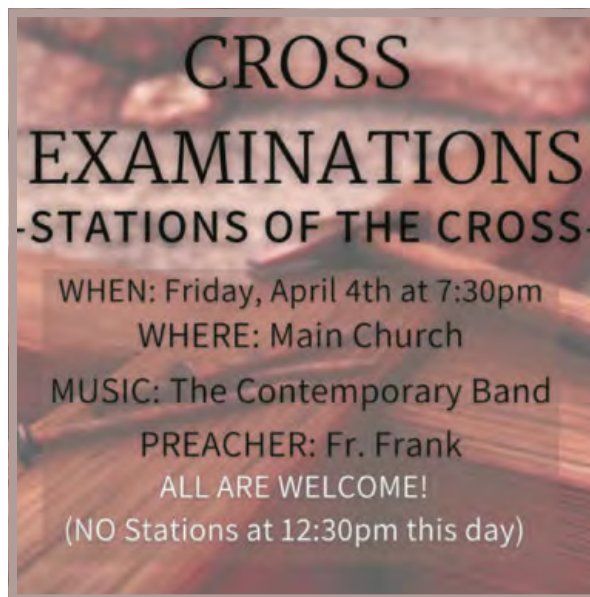
Coffee & continental breakfast will be served!

MOMS OF ALL AGES WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND!
No RSVP Required! COMPLIMENTARY BABYSITTING!

Barisonek/Montone Group-Confirmation Service Project Sunday, March 23 & 30

Following the 9:30am & 11:00am Masses

Our group is working with the Ridgewood Social Services Association to collect funds to purchase pet food for the pantry. Many families who utilize the SSA pantry have pets and service companions that they struggle to feed. We have designed and created some craft items that we will be selling and all profits will go to purchase dog and cat food. Please stop by and visit us outside the Church after the 9:30am & 11am Masses on Sunday, March 23 & Sunday, March 30 to learn about our cause.



All are Welcome!

Join us for Morning Prayer—Monday-Friday—6:00AM
Lower Level of the School Bldg

Stations of the Cross
Prayed Every Friday during Lent
Immediately Following the 12:00NN Mass.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Religious Education—Lent Confessions

All students in Grades 2-8 should sign up for one of the following Confession dates/times through the email sent to all Religious Education families.

Monday, March 31, 4PM-5:30PM

Wednesday, April 2, 4:00PM-5:30PM or 7:00PM-8:30PM

Monday, April 7, 4:00PM-5:30PM or 7:00PM-8:30PM

Jesus and Me Story Time

Saturday, April 5, 2025—10:30AM

Parish Center Meeting Room

Bring your child, grandchild or Godchild to a fun, faith filled, story time for young children ages 2 1/2 to 5.

To register contact **Adriana DeCandia**
thedomesticchurch61@gmail.com
\$10 suggested donation per family



Our OCIA non-Baptized Elect continue with their spiritual journey to celebrate the Scrutinies which began last week.

The week after the First Scrutiny, the Elect celebrates the minor rite of Handing on of the Creed. They hear the Creed within a Mass to be enlightened on the beliefs of the Catholic Church. Msgr. Ron presided at this rite on Monday, March 24. He led *Peter Choe* and *Dariann Zorilla* and the congregation in reciting the Apostles' Creed and also handed the Elect a framed copy of the Creed.

The Second Scrutiny is about the blindness of faith. The Gospel of John focused on the blind man at the pool of Siloam. His trust and belief in Jesus cured his blindness and opened his eyes to know and follow our Lord. The Elect is invited to do the same. Fr. Frank will celebrate the Second Scrutiny today, March 30, at the 11:00AM Mass. *Peter Choe* and *Dariann Zorilla*, are invited to the sanctuary to listen and reflect on the Second Scrutiny prayers and receive the blessings. The parish community is invited to pray for the Easter 2025 group of Elect and candidates as they journey to receive their sacraments.

First Saturday Devotion

Saturday, April 5th - Daily Mass Chapel

FOLLOWING 8:30AM MASS

Everyone's invited to First Saturday Devotion for the intention of consoling and making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please come to pray the rosary with us and meditate on the mysteries as Our Lady requested at Fatima.

AoOL 2025 Lenten Dinner & Fish Fry

FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH—PICK UP ONLY

Pick Up Location: AoOL Campus Ministry Center
(red brick building)

Pre-Order dinner choices* by Tuesday, April 1, using this paylink: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/1Kagol1HN>

*Lemon Sole Sandwich; Tuna Wrap; Grilled Eggplant Wrap; All Veggie Wrap; Mozzarella Burrata Salad

Contact jaydn.a.miller@outlook.com with any questions.

THIS WEEK'S AoOL CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS!

3/21/24	\$100	Melissa Whalen, #435
3/22/24	\$50	Joan Sweeney, #782
3/23/24	\$50	Dana Cooney, #729
3/24/24	\$50	John Rosko, #624
3/25/24	\$50	Allison Dagenais, #403
3/26/24	\$50	Rossana Marano, #131
3/27/24	\$50	Colleen Baumgardner, #232

FR. ENGLISH PANTRY—FROZEN PAN MINISTRY

PANS/RECIPES AVAILABLE AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND

FROZEN CASSEROLE DROP OFF—SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH

(AT OUR MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE—9AM-12NN)

Please help us provide frozen casseroles to the Fr. English Food Pantry this month. Easy recipe options are provided with pans and lids. Casseroles must be **FROZEN**. Your generous response will make it possible for a family to sit around the dinner table and enjoy a prepared meal.

Questions? Call/Text Barbara—201.615.9624

YOUTH MINISTRY MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

NEXT WEEKEND—SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH

SCHOOL BUILDING DRIVEWAY—9AM-12NN

These Food Drives support: Fr. English Food Pantry, Social Services Association, Ridgecrest Senior Living and Healing Meals (fresh produce/food items). Your generosity is greatly appreciated by those served.

Questions? Contact Glen, gmccall@olmcridgewood.com

Discussion Series: Having Difficult Conversations

**Navigating tough conversations
while staying true to your values**

Whether you find yourself navigating a heated disagreement with a spouse, or facilitating political or ideological tension in the workplace, church, or community, this discussion series will guide you in deepening your relationships while staying true to your values.

Program Details

Dates: Eight Thursdays, April 10—June 5
skipping Holy Thursday, April 17th

Time: 7:00PM-9:00PM (April 10th ends at 9:30PM)

Location: OLMC Parish Center

Includes*: Prayer and Reflection, Discussion of Readings, Videos and Group Activities, Spiritual Practices, & Integration of Faith.

*Participants will need to order two books that will be used in this discussion. Information included in registration. **Register using this QR Code**

For more information contact

Peter Denio or Michael Reinhard

pdenio@olmcridgewood.com, reinhardmike@yahoo.com



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PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (PEA)

**CHAPEL IS OPEN 24/7
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration (PEA) is the continuous, 'round-the-clock' adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the consecrated Eucharist, the true presence of Jesus Christ, in a Church or Chapel. It involves Adorers taking turns, ensuring that someone is always present in prayer before the Eucharist.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is a source of countless graces, both seen and unseen, as it keeps the presence of Christ at the heart of a community 24/7.

SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Sundays: 2-3PM; Tuesday: 12NN-1PM;
Wednesday: 8-9AM, 9-10AM; Fridays: 4-5PM, 7-8PM;
Saturdays: 5-6PM

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

ATTENTION CATHOLIC COLLEGE ALUMNI YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

The youth ministry program is gearing up for our 7th Annual CATHOLIC COLLEGE NIGHT. Last year, representatives from thirty-four Catholic Colleges from around the country participated allowing the teenagers of our parish and community at large to talk with representatives and obtain information. The event was a huge success for both our young people and the representatives from the schools.

However, some Catholic schools were hard to contact. We are hoping if you have a connection with your Alumni Association or if you are a donor to your alma mater, that you would contact them and ask them to participate! Or if you can forward the proper contact information to the youth office we would greatly appreciate it. Below, is the information about the event. Thank you for your assistance!

EVENT: Catholic College Night

WHEN: Thursday, May 15th, 6:00pm-8:00pm

WHERE: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Parish Center

CONTACT PERSON: Glen Mc Call, Director of Youth Ministry

CONTACT: gmccall@olmcridgewood.com, 201.444.9302

Twenty schools have already committed to being here this year. They are:

Albertus Magnus College; Ave Maria University; Caldwell University; Catholic University of America; DeSales University; Dominican University; Georgian Court University; Holy Family University; Iona University; Manhattan University; Manor College; Mount Saint Mary College; Regis College; Rosemont College; Sacred Heart University; Saint Elizabeth University; Saint Francis University; University of Mount Saint Vincent; University of Scranton; University of St. Joseph

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Aedan Cannon, Edgar Delgado, Nick Haddad,
Durkin McCarthy, John Morano, James Nardelli,
Michael Ortolani, Robert Smith, Thomas Tesoriero

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Mar. 30	1:30PM RCIA (MR) 1:30PM Bell Choir (PCB) 2:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 4:00PM Spanish Apostolate (PCA) 5:00PM Jr. High Grade 7C (PCB) 7:30PM Jr. High Grade 7D (PCB)
Mon. Mar. 31	4:00PM WFG & Jr High Confessions (Church) 4:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM WFG & Jr High Confessions (Church) 7:00PM Italian Apostolate (MR) 7:30PM Contemporary Band (PCB)
Tues. Apr. 1	3:45PM Jr. High Grade 7A (PCA/B) 4:00PM Religious Ed Grades 1-6 (Gym) 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) 5:30PM: CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Apr. 2	9:15AM MOMs Monthly Meeting (PC) 3:30PM Spring House (SMR) 3:45PM Jr. High Grade 7B (PCA/B) 4:00PM WFG & Jr High Confessions (Church) 4:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:00PM WFG & Jr High Confessions (Church) 7:00PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal (Church)
Thur. Apr. 3	10:30PM Sunday Liturgy Scripture Study (SMR) 4:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 5:00PM Jr. High Easter Basket Social (PC) 5:30PM NCW 3 rd (YCB) 8:00PM Marriage Enrichment/Prep (NCW)
Fri. Apr. 4	9:00AM SALT (SMR) 4:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:30PM Stations of the Cross (Church)
Sat. Apr. 5	9:00AM Youth Ministry Food Drive (Driveway) 9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 9:30AM Marriage Enrichment/Prep (NCW) 10:00AM Spanish Bible Study (MR) 10:30AM Jesus & Me Story Time (MR) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

ANNUAL APPEAL—2025

Donate online: See the link on the parish website

Make sure to select **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel—Ridgewood** from the drop-down menu

Checks (payable: 2025 Annual Appeal) may also be placed in the collection basket, in the boxes at the doors of the church, or mailed/dropped off at the rectory.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Andrea Aluisi, Frederick Bruno, Mike Bucci, Charles Buckley, Mary Alice Cesard, Kimberly Parsons Daub, Nick DiDonato, Maura Gillen Eidschun, Marie Evans, Kay & Bill Forster, Frank Gillen, Susan Hart-White, Joseph Hyon, Marc Johnson, Tom Keleher, Claudia LaFrance, Susan Lois, Campbell McArthur, Christine O'Brien, David Oswald, Margaret Peak, Mary Kathleen Range, Cathy Ricciuto, Francis Tedaro Ristor, Michael Runz, Nancy Steen, Don Strittmatter, Larry Switaj, Nickolas John Tedaro, Christina Volpe, Rochelle West, Rosemary Wright, Walter John Zelop, Jr.

Parishioners may call the Rectory with the name of a family member who is sick to have them included in our prayers.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



TODAY'S READINGS

1. Joshua 5:9-12

This excerpted passage represents the conclusion of the forty-year journey from Egypt. Once before, in an earlier generation, they had stood at the border of the Promised Land, but would rather have returned to Egypt (the “reproach of Egypt”). This lack of faith initiated many more years of wandering in the desert, until that generation died out. Now that the nation is in possession of its homeland, the manna, the journey food, ends, as they prepare to celebrate their first Passover in the land “flowing with milk and honey.”

2. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Paul saw his world in much the same light as many do today's world. Slipping further and further away from God. But Christ has come and altered that course for those who believe. God made Jesus part of our world so that in Him (Jesus) we might become acceptable to God. Because God takes the initiative in reconciling us, we need to abandon ourselves more and more to that power by becoming instruments to entice others to join us.

3. Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Luke dedicates all of Chapter 15 to the theme of forgiveness, and no lines are more famous than the story of the prodigal son, a story filled with all the emotions of broken relationships, compassion, stubbornness and forgiveness. One son disgraces himself by treating his father as dead, squandering that inheritance, turning his back on the most sacred traditions by his “unclean” actions. A second son also disgraces himself by his hardness of heart. Both sons stand in need of forgiveness, freely offered as grace to both, accepted by one, rejected (at least as far as the story goes) by the other. Whether one focuses on the “prodigal” son or the “angry” son, the point of the story is the same—forgiveness and reconciliation are grace and gift, not earned and not deserved.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. One son leads a dissolute life. One son lives in hardness of heart. Does either one strike a familiar chord in your heart?
2. When have you experienced the kind of “unconditional” love the prodigal son received from his father—from God, from another human being? Has it affected your willingness to forgive others?
3. Do you have places in your heart where resentments linger? How can you get rid of them, or do you even want to?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

Sat. 4/5	5:30PM	Fr. Frank
Sun. 4/6	8:00AM	Fr. Ron
	9:30AM	Fr. Ron
	11:00AM	Fr. Jakov
	12:30PM	Fr. Frank
	3:00PM	Fr. Jakov
	6:30PM	Fr. Frank

Late changes appear on the website
after 12NN the Saturday of that weekend.

Monday, Mar. 31

- + 6:30AM **Lydia Gigante**
req The Brencovich Family
- + 8:30AM **Rosemary Donoghue**
req The Bohlin Family
- +12:00NN **Peter Van Der Velde**
req Joan Lalonde

Tuesday, Apr 1

- + 6:30AM **John D. McLean, Jr.**
req Anthony & Laura Tarabokija
- + 8:30AM **Betty Spring**
req The OLMC Staff
- +12:00NN **Walter Engel**
req Patricia & Richard Engel

Wednesday, Apr 2

- + 6:30AM **Ken Halko**
req Bob & Marge Reilly
- + 8:30AM **Stephen Nogý**
req The Hunt Family
- +12:00NN **Anna Tumolillo**
req Jose & Adela Vazquez

Thursday, Apr 3

- + 6:30AM **Eugene McInerney**
req A Friend
- + 8:30AM **John Gerard Redl**
req The Redl Family
- +12:00NN **Rita Indovino—10th Anniversary**
req Elaine & Connie

Friday, Apr 4

- + 6:30AM **Giovanni Radossi**
req His Family
- 8:30AM **In Thanksgiving**
req The DeCastro Family
- +12:00NN **Bob Delaney**
req Missy McLaughlin

Saturday, Apr 5

- + 8:30AM **Peter Van Der Velde**
req Rosemary Crowe
- + 5:30PM **Mark Cockcroft, Jr.**
and Nancy & Jacqueline Taite
req Susan Taite Malone

Sunday, Apr 6 *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

- 8:00AM **For the People of the Parish**
- + 9:30AM **Frank Engel**
req Patricia & Richard Engel
- +11:00AM **Joseph Anthony Sidote, Jr.**
req Barbara Sidote
- +12:30PM **August & Geraldine Casella**
req Their Family
- + 3:00PM **Alejandro Cordora**
req Patricia Beltran
- + 6:30PM **Peter Van Der Velde**
req Arlene & Dcn. Nick DeLucca



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