

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## MASS INTENTIONS

## Readings for the Week

**SATURDAY: 3/ 4 5:00PM-** In memory of a loving mother Ana Malcolm requested by her son & family.

**SUNDAY: 3/5 9:30AM-** In loving memory & birthday blessings in heaven for Irene Lee Requested by James Lee & family.

**12:00 PM:** People of the Parish

**MONDAY: 9:00 AM** Birthday blessings for Olivia Browne requested by Olivia Browne

**TUESDAY: 9:00AM** In loving memory of Robert & Luzia Griffith requested Raymon Griffith.

**WEDNESDAY: 9:00 AM-** In loving memory of Mary & John Stofan. Requested by Linda Grissom.

**THURSDAY: 9:00 AM-** Communion Service.

**FRIDAY: 9:00 AM-** Communion Service.

**SATURDAY: 3/11 5:00PM-** In loving memory of Mary & John Stofan. Requested by Shirley Johnson.



**PLEASE PRAY** for the sick of the parish especially:  
 Michael McKinney, Jennie Santos, John Wilson, Sr. Jareth, Louise Worrell, Msgr. Hinch, Silvia Charles, Camilo Meneses López, Gloria Gagliardi, José Miranda, Asuncion Nuñez, Yuklin Hernandez, , Annie Andrews, Mercedes Mann, Serena Wilson, Keith Oakley, Estefania Meneses, Adriel Caamano, Kathleen Williams, Laura Garrick, Jacklyn Shaw Williams, Glayds Agramonte, Johanna Delarosa, & Jeanie Rivera.

*We will keep names on the prayer list for three weeks. After that time, the family should call the rectory to have the name reinstated. Thank you.*

### SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH 2017

- Black & Indian Mission March 5, 2017

**LENT IS A JOURNEY THAT MOVES US TOWARD THE CROSS.....**



### MARCH 5 SUNDAY

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First: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
 Second: Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19  
 Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

### MARCH 6 MONDAY

First: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18  
 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

### MARCH 7 TUESDAY

#### ST PERPETUA & FELICITY

First: Isaiah 55:10-11  
 Gospel: Matthew 6:7-15

### MARCH 8 WEDNESDAY

#### ST JOHN OF GOD

First: John 3:1-10  
 Gospel: Luke 11:29-32

### MARCH 9 THURSDAY

#### ST FRANCES O ROME

First: Esther C: 12, 14-16, 23-25  
 Gospel: Matthew 7:7-12

### MARCH 10 FRIDAY

First: Ezekiel 18:21-28  
 Gospel: Matthew 5:20-26

### MARCH 11 SATURDAY

First: Deuteronomy 26:16- 19  
 Gospel: Matthew 5:43-48

### MARCH 12 SUNDAY

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First: Genesis 12:1-4a  
 Second: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10  
 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT:

- *English-* Thursdays after the 9 AM Communion Service
- *Spanish-*Fridays at 7:00 PM

We invite you to join us in praying the Stations of the Cross on the above days. The stations provide a meditation on the suffering and death of Jesus, our Savior.



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## **Bishop Kearney High School Gift Auction/Card Party**

COME AND ENJOY  
Chance to Win Fabulous Prizes  
Delicious Dinner/Wine/Dessert  
Socializing with Family & Friends  
Valet Parking

Thursday, March 30, 2017  
Rex Manor  
1100 - 60th Street, Brooklyn, NY  
6:30 - 11:00 p.m.  
\$65 per person

For Tickets or to make a donation, please visit  
[www.bishopkearneyhs.org/giftauction2017](http://www.bishopkearneyhs.org/giftauction2017)

**Grand Prize \$10,000**

Limited Tickets Available - for information:  
[www.bishopkearneyhs.org/grandprize](http://www.bishopkearneyhs.org/grandprize)

For questions, please contact Lorraine Macca,  
[Lmacca@kearneyhs.org](mailto:Lmacca@kearneyhs.org), or 718.236.6363, ext. 246

## **Bishop Kearney High School Reunion**

Classes ending in 2 and 7

April 28, 2017 – The Wicked Monk (limited tickets available)

April 29, 2017 – 12 p.m. Mass and Luncheon

Call: Catherine McCarthy Schmidt '74 at [718-236-6363](tel:718-236-6363)  
ext. 256 or [cshmidt@kearneyhs.org](mailto:cshmidt@kearneyhs.org)

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:** We will begin praying the Rosary the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month starting in October at the 1018 Basement of the Rectory beginning 10 a.m. SHARP! All are welcome to join us.



### **BOXED SETS OF ENVELOPES:**

The staff asks that a member of each family kindly pick up their 2017 *Contribution Envelopes* at the end of each Mass. When

looking for your envelopes please look for name, that is highlighted, as well as your envelope number. Verify that you have the correct box of envelopes, if there are any errors or changes please contact the Rectory. Please note that collection envelopes are not mailed. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and may God bless you.

The parish of St Laurence complies with all Safe Environment mandates set forth by the Diocese of Brooklyn and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. All employees and volunteers who have contact with children must attend a Virtus session, sign a code of conduct and submit to a background search. If you need to register for a Virtus session, please do so at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). The Diocese of Brooklyn wishes to do everything possible to see that all people, particularly children, are safe in all pastoral settings. Excuses and rationalizations for such criminal actions will not be accepted. To report sexual abuse involving diocesan personnel – priests, deacons, teachers, employees or volunteers at schools or parishes please call The Diocese of Brooklyn toll-free, confidential reporting number 1-888-634-4499.

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVES BACK:**

St. Laurence Church should 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 elected 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.

*Scalabrini Center*

### **AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF POMPEII**

We wish to inform you about the Scalabrini Center's practice in immigration advocacy and social services: Scalabrini Center NYC for all migrants, located at 25 Carmine Street NY 10014, provides all these services at a low cost, being a non-profit organization:

- Immigration Status Consultation;
- Immigration Forms and Filing;
- Language translations;
- Referrals to social agencies;
- English ESOL Instruction;
- Citizenship classes;
- Advocacy;

Scalabrini Center NYC for All Migrants, is a non-profit organization ( SPES [spells HOPE in Latin] 501 (c)3) and is the Scalabrinian Project for Education and Services to all immigrants.

Phone (646) 678-4097 [info@scalabrinicenternyc.org](mailto:info@scalabrinicenternyc.org)



### **MASS BOOK 2017:**

The Mass book for 2017 is now open. Please come to the Parish Office during regular working hours to request a Mass intention.

The stipend is \$15.00 per intention. If there are special dates in your life you would like to celebrate, please come as soon as possible. The dates fill up quickly, especially Sunday intentions. No intentions can be taken over the telephone, and each intention must be accompanied by the stipend. We attempt to make this process as open and as fair to all as possible.

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**Futures in Education**  
FOR BROOKLYN AND QUEENS  
*Changing Lives Through The Gift Of Education*

## **FAITH FORMATION CORNER**

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

For questions concerning the Religious Education program, please call Lori Ramos-Johnson at 718-645-0545 or email the Director of Religious Education at [ramosj.lori@gmail.com](mailto:ramosj.lori@gmail.com).

### **BAPTISMS:**

If you are interested in having your child baptized, please call the rectory for Baptism and meeting dates.

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Altar Servers are still needed. If you are interested, please call the rectory.

### **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.):**

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith and possibly being baptized? Have you been baptized and not received the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist? Are you in need of receiving the sacrament of Confirmation? Have you completed your sacraments but want a deeper understanding of the faith? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please call the rectory for information on the R.C.I.A program.

*Please join the RCIA team in congratulating the following Catechumens who will receive the Rite of Sending at the 9:30 mass, as they prepare to meet the Bishop at the Rite of Election this afternoon:*

Kristy Cardona  
Djemila Compaore  
Opeoluwa Peters  
Rita Peters  
Ricardo McFarlen  
Claribel Martínez

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**



**THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS OPENS JANUARY 17, 2017 FOR BROOKLYN AND QUEENS CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (PRE K - 8)!**

### **Step 1**

Register your children's in a Catholic elementary academy or school (Pre K – 8) in Brooklyn or Queens.

### **Step 2**

Fill out the online application and submit with required supporting documentation. Please note that there is a non-refundable \$30 application processing fee payable by credit card, check or money order, and a \$10 insufficient funds fee for bounced checks. Only one application per family is required.

### **2017 Deadline**

For returning families, the deadline for submitting a scholarship application for the 2017-18 school years is March 31, 2017.

For new families, the deadline for submitting a scholarship application for the 2017-18 school years is April 21, 2017

Only completed applications submitted with all required supporting documents will be considered. Completed applications received *on or before* this date will be considered for the maximum award amount. Completed applications received *after* this date will still be considered but will not be given priority for the 2017-2018 school year.

**APPLY NOW** <http://www.futuresineducation.org/>



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## **FELLOW ST. LAURENCE PARISHIONERS:**

As we trod through the desert of Lent marked by prayer, sacrifice and reflection, we prepare ourselves for the ultimate season of Easter with its brightness and joy in the resurrection of our Lord. Each year, we brighten St. Laurence at Easter through your generous contributions to the flower/decoration donations. If you have not done so already and would like to contribute a donation, please use one of the envelopes for flowers in your box of envelopes or drop off an envelope marked "Easter flower donation" at the Rectory. Thank you.

## **AN EASTER DUTY REMINDER:**

After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligations of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year. Easter time begins at the Vigil on Holy Saturday and concludes with the celebration of Pentecost. By special indult, for the Dioceses in the United States, this period is extended to include the period from Ash Wednesday to Trinity Sunday. If you for some reason are not prepared to receive Communion, this is also a very good time to seek out the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession).

## **CANDLES:**

Members of the Liturgy Committee will be selling candles before Mass on Holy Thursday, April 13th. Cost per candle is \$3.00.



## 40 Days for Healing Prayer

Merciful and loving Father to all those who weep, open our hearts to our dear sisters and brothers among us who are wounded and bleeding from abortion. We fall on our knees begging you for their total healing and restoration. Forgive us for the ways we have forgotten them. Wake us up to their pain. **Break our hearts.** Teach us how to pray for them, show us how to reach out and bridge the gap so that your divine mercy and forgiveness may flow freely. We join that great cloud of witnesses in holding them ever before your throne in prayer. Father you know them all. Not one escapes your gaze. May the rays of your mercy shine and penetrate their hearts and lives. We know that you are able to do all things, more abundantly than we could ever ask or understand by means which is at work in us. To you be the the glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus. May these 40 days of prayer and fasting be the beginning of the end of the pain abortion inflicts. We make this prayer though the wounds and in the name of our crucified Lord, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.