

***OUR LADY OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT***

28 LIVINGSTON AVENUE, ROSELAND, NEW JERSEY 07068



SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY 5:00PM

SUNDAY 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 NOON

WEEKDAY MASS 8:45AM, Monday-Saturday

HOLYDAY MASSES 6:45 AM, 8:45 AM; 12:05 and 7:00 PM

CONFESSIONS Following the 8:45 AM Mass; Other times by appointment

PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday—Friday: 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM

For BAPTISM and WEDDING inquiries, please contact the Rectory, 973-226-7288.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

“CGI.” For movie makers and fans, the letters stand for “Computer Generated Imagery.” That encompasses those special visual effects created using computer software. For example, those vast crowds or great armies need not be made of paid “extras” any more. Besides movies, this process is used to contribute also to images in art, printed media, video games, TV programs, shorts, commercials, videos, and simulators. “The evolution of CGI led to the emergence of virtual cinematography in the 1990s where runs of the simulated camera are not constrained by the laws of physics.”

I want to point out that along with the cost benefits of this technology comes a distrust of what we see via all kinds of screens aligns with the abundance of lies all around us in the real world. We get lied to by some of our government officials and even by some of our own bishops.

All this is the cultural context in which we ponder the ancient gospel story of the raising of Lazarus. It was up 'til then the most stupendous miracle Our Lord Jesus worked. But even the Gospels, the very literal Word of God, can become suspect in the cynical air in which we breathe these days. It is good to recall some facts included in this episode by St. John to convince anyone with an open mind of the truth of what he writes. Long long before there was CGI.

First we note how Jesus orders a time lag between the death of Lazarus and His arrival at the tomb, so that there can be no mistake that Lazarus was indeed dead and buried. “Lazarus was not in a coma. He had been dead for a long enough time (four days) for the rabbinic authorities would have said that the soul had left the vicinity of the body and decay would have definitely set in.” As we have all seen enough cops and criminals movies and TV shows to know how awful the stink of decay must be as the characters react to it. Practical St. Martha had told Jesus “There will be a bad smell Lord. He has been buried four days.”

Secondly, we find Jesus “glad” of the death for His disciples’ sake because this will provide a motive for the disciples’ belief in Him.

Thirdly, the purpose of the miracle was to make “the glory of God the Father” manifest so that the people will believe Jesus was sent by Him.” In other words, Jesus did not do this for the sake of His own glory and fame.

All through Lent we have had much encouragement as believers. Early on we had the Transfiguration; then His interaction with a Samaritan woman at the well; the healing of a man born blind. And now this incomparable raising of a dead man to life. As a result, we know for sure that our faith in Christ is not in vain. We follow the most honest Person who ever walked on this planet. Lenten penance and prayer help to make our amends for having offended Him by our sins.

Yes at times all of us have moments of doubt. Especially when life presents us with unwelcome surprises and crises. But then it is that we can help ourselves by remembering the father of that boy who had been possessed and who brought his son to Jesus. When Jesus extolled his faith, the same father responded, “Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief.” As a weak man myself, it’s one of my favorite prayers.



COVID—19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.S.S.R., has
Temporarily suspended weekend Masses and
A week of Catholic Schools in proactive
Response to Coronavirus (COVID—19)

Visit rcan.org/covid19 for future updates

weekly MASS

Saturday, March 28

Lenten Weekday

8:45 am

5:00 pm

**Randy Young
Christine K. O'Connor**

Sunday, March 29

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am

10:00 am

12:00 pm

**People of the Parish
Sen. Thomas Gagliano
Paul Shalvoy**

Monday, March 30

Lenten Weekday

8:45 am

12:05 pm Deceased Members of the Gallico Family

Pearl Holston

Tuesday, March 31

Lenten Weekday

8:45 am

12:05 pm

**Mary McFarland
Pearl Holston**

Wednesday, April 1

Lenten Weekday

8:45 am

Falgons & Ruiz Families

Thursday, April 2

Lenten Weekday

8:45 am

12:05 pm

**Kathleen Kaczynski
John Plinehan**

Friday, April 3

Lenten Weekday

8:45 am

Marie Elaine Barber

Saturday, April 4

Lenten Weekday

8:45 am

5:00 pm

**Special Remembrance Mass
Dr. Alexander Cacciarelli**

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord

8:00 am

10:00 am

12:00 pm

**Agnes M. Dente
Clara & John Sexton
Michael Kotla 11th Anniversary**



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL. Julia Soroko, Msgr. Peter J. McHugh, Michael Mingari, Erin Kate Reagan, Anna Marie Versacio, Chris & Stephanie DeMark, Alberta Parisi, Skip Hess, Miguel DeCastro, Linda Fullerton, Lucas Villarosa, Susie, Alain, Elie, June, Roger, Patrick, Louis Saporito, Jr, Andrew Boyle, David, Anne Murray, Ann Miola, Annemarie Magnoppi, Special Intention, Jeff, Christine Patton, James Caldwell, Terance Glynn, Peter C., Clara H., Lessie G., Barbara L., Cindy Michalowski, Ceclia, Robert, Sammy, Barbara R., Eileen, Dorothy, J.V., Fr. Jerry Orbos, Ernesto DeGuzman, Kosta Tsanakos, Catherine Bertero, Sr. Therese Ganly, Rosalee Tortoriello, Edmund Gerard Sherry, Brielle, Bernice Baker, Inez Leone, Theresa R, Rebecca Cox, Joanne J., Joanne M, Harold Engelke, Jacob Berard, Marie, Michael McHenry, Guy, Betty E, Bobbi Dugas, Michael, Dana, Melanio Villarosa Jr., Mel Gulfin, Tina Caluag, Cathy Bianco, Lynn Murray, Bill Murray, Aiden, Ceil, Richard, John, Richard Terranova, Denis, Fred, Antoinette Rogers, Zenaida Bautista, Gerry Nolan, Dale, Joyce, Claire.



WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN THE ARMED

FORCES: Capt. Joseph Thomer, USAF; Airman Michael Traynor; USAF, CPL Joseph M. Venutolo (LaRiccia), US Marine Corps; Matt Tolliver, US Coast Guard; Lt. John Werner, US Army; Capt. Bill Morgan, LCPL; CPL. Michael Festa, US Marine Corps; LCPL Daniel Veltre, US Marine Corps; Ensign Dylan Pennell, US Navy; Stephen, US Navy; Capt. Aaron Farley, USAF; Lt. Calan Farley, USAF; and for all those involved in conflicts throughout the world and their families.



This week the Bread & Wine are for Kathy Kaczynski and the Sanctuary Candle is for Paul Shalvoy



Sanctuary Memorials

Parishioners can offer a donation of

\$15 for the Sanctuary Candle – the candle near the tabernacle - to burn in

memory of a loved one, in honor of a special event, such as a 50th wedding anniversary or simply in the name of a family in the parish. You can also memorialize the bread and wine for a week in the same way as the Sanctuary Candle. The donation for the bread and wine for one week is \$25.00. Please come to the rectory office and speak to Debbie or Patty for more information. These remembrances will be listed in the bulletin, directly below the list of those remembered at parish Masses. **Many dates still available for 2020.**



God's Plan for Giving – *“The measure of your free-will offering shall be in proportion to the blessing the Lord, your God, has bestowed on you .”(Deuteronomy 16:10)*

Collection for March 21 - 22

\$ 4,125.00

Collection for same weekend 2019

\$ 8,872.00

N.B. The amount that we receive from Parish Giving, our electronic giving company, will be listed once at the end of each month rather than each week. Each weekly collection in a given month would be increased by one-fourth of the monthly electronic collection amount.

Electronic Giving

Parish Giving

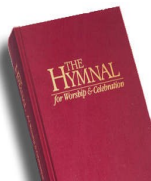


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There are flyers at the doors of the church regarding the use of electronic giving for our parishioners to support OLBS. This is an easy and deliberate way for parish families to decide their weekly offering. Then they no longer will have to use envelopes each week. **We ask that our parish families consider electronic giving. Please contact Patty Braga at the rectory – patty@olbs.org – if you have any questions.**

New Hymnals

We have had 370 hymnals donated in memory of a loved one or in the name of a donor. Thanks to those who have already donated one or more hymnals. There are still more hymnals that can be memorialized. The cost is \$25.00 per hymnal. **The donation form for hymnals can be found on our website – olbs.org.**



Our monthly **SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE MASS** celebrated on **the first Saturday of each month at 8:45 am**, will be celebrated on **April 4**. Those who will be remembered at this Mass are: Kathleen Kaczynski, Charles T. Hennigan, Liliane Antaki, Prayers and protection for unborn babies and their mothers, Robert Rose, Theresa Burke, Timothy Caldwell, Joan Tolan, Deceased Members of the Dorchak & Meehan Families, Deceased Members of the Canzanella & Goeller Families, Salud & Pacifico Natividad, Delfina & Cipriano Baldo, Lisa Ellis, Robert Holtz, Joseph M. Ricciardi, August Sica, Wally Sampson, Fr. John Raush, Donald DeMarco.

2020 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence. On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.** Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On a day of abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.
2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially,” or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, March 1, 2020 to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 7, 2020.

*Canon 920,1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.