

LENT

LENT is that forty-day period of time as we make ourselves ready for Easter through prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and penance. Here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel there are many ways for us to partake in this penitential season:

DAILY MASS: During the Lenten season will be at 7:00AM & 12:10. Many people make it a daily practice to go to Mass during Lent.

THE RICE BOWLS are a way for each family to give of their resources to help feed the starving of the world. The monies from these Rice Bowls will be collected next week, Palm Sunday, at the Second Collection.

FAST ABSTINENCE: Good Friday (April 9th) is a day of Fast (only one main meal should be taken) and Abstinence (no meat should be eaten). Likewise, all the Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

SONS OF ITALY LODGE #2289: April 1st. Installation of officers and initiation of new members.

FIRST FRIDAY CLUB: April 2nd St. Jean-Baptiste Warren, R.I.

LENTEN MISSION: Come see and hear Fr. Pat (La Salette) at St. Mary's Church, Wood Street, Bristol, on March 29, 30, 31 at 7PM. Prayer Service including Music & Scripture begins at 6:30PM.

Readings for the Week of March 28, 2004

Sunday:	Is 43: 16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11
Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday:	Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;
	Lk 22:14-3:56

DEAR PARISHIONERS

Next Sunday we begin the most solemn and holy week of the Church's year. Commencing on Palm Sunday, we celebrate the great mysteries of our salvation. Next Sunday is the Rice Bowl Collection. This collection goes directly to help feed the hungry of the world. Last year we raised over \$5,000.00 for this collection. I know we can do that again and more! We would ask you that if you have been collecting monies in your Rice Bowl this lent, that you count the money yourself and then perhaps write a check for the amount to place in your Rice Bowl Envelope. Checks should be payable to Our Lady of Mount Carmel. This will help the counting process tremendously.

Our confirmation last week was truly an inspirational occasion. Witnessing the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the young adults of the parish is indeed a wonderful event. We thank all those who helped to make this celebration possible, especially our Religious Education Director, Mrs. Mary Ann Higgins, and our Director of Music, Mr. Stephen Romano.

Fr. Zinno

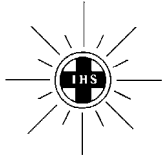
BUDGET SUMMARY: MARCH

Week of March 7 -	\$6,117.22
Debt Reduction, March -	\$2,772.00
Week of March 14 -	\$5,719.97
Week of March 21 -	\$5,473.70
Bishop's Overseas Appeal -	\$897.75
Monthly Maintenance, March -	\$1,275.10

WEAVING PALMS ART

Sr. Ellamae will be weaving palms for Palm Sunday – and you've seen or have been told how beautiful they are! If you would like to learn this art, please call Sr. Ellamae 253-7450, 9am to 2:30pm or call Lu at the Rectory 253-9449 when you get home from work – "beautiful fun" - call us!

Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, (and) from now on do not sin any more." -Jn 8:10-11



MONDAY MARCH 29

7:00AM Mass Henry P. Zinno, Sr. by Son
12:10PM Mass

TUESDAY MARCH 30

7:00AM Mass
12:10PM Mass Jared John Mendes by a friend

WEDNESDAY MARCH 31

7:00AM Mass Gary Carvalho by family
12:10PM Mass

THURSDAY APRIL 1

7:00AM Antonette Amaral by Husband & Children
12:10PM Christine S. Camera by Nephew, Willie
5:30PM Nocturnal Adoration Mass – Joseph & Anne Russo & Deceased Members of the Russo Family by Family
Josephine Moise by John & Eileen

FRIDAY APRIL 2 – St. Francis of Paola

7:00AM Mass
9:00AM Our Lady of Mount Carmel School
Matthew J. Viveiros by Simeone Family
12:10PM Mrs. Jeannette Gaynor by Family
Mrs. Anna Morrissette by Family
7:00PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY APRIL 3

9:00AM Purgatorial Society
5:00PM Vorro & Vezina Families by Family
Catherine & Frank Almeida by Son & Family
Marshall Bourdeau, *Month's Mind*, by Wife & Family

SUNDAY APRIL 4 – Palm Sunday

7:30AM Florence Aiello by Sister, Catherine & Family
Sixto P. Nunez by Smith Family
9:00AM Sue Mancieri by Nieces Jessica Garakop & Jennie Sears
Dino Querceto, 1st Anniv. by Wife, Rose
10:30AM Josephine Moise by John & Eileen
Martin Biancuzzo, Sr.



March 29 – April 4

SANCTUARY LAMP

Antonette Amaral by Husband & Children

NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY MASS

will be celebrated on Thursday, April 1st at 5:30PM. The petition for the month is for increased vocations for priests and religious, and for the return of Christians who have drifted away from the Church. The flowers have been donated by Millie Vaccaro in memory of deceased members of the DePasquale and Vaccaro families; Mildred Pratte in memory of the Moseley family and Olga Bettencourt; Helen and Ralph Cirillo in memory of Rose and Raffalla Cirillo and Maria and Manuel Vargas; Peggy Perreira in memory of the Forgue and Scott families; Kay Cavalieri in memory of her husband, Frank Cavalieri; and Joyce Bryant in memory of Jesse Medeiros and David Alves.

FISH DINNER sponsored by the OLMC 16th of July

Feast Committee will be held on Friday, April 2nd in the Parish Center from 5PM to 8PM. Tickets are \$8.00 per person and will be sold at the back of the Church this weekend and may also be purchased at the door on the night of the dinner. The menu consists of Baked Scrod (Red or White), Pasta with Red Clam Sauce, Salad, Bread, Coffee and dessert. We're gonna have a good time!

EASTER FLOWERS: In your budget envelopes

you will notice a budget for Easter Memorial Decorations. Your contribution to this envelope, in memory of your loved ones, assists with the cost of decorating the Church for the Easter Season. You may place this envelope in the collection at any time. We thank you for your support in helping our Church look beautiful for the Resurrection of our Lord.