



Weekly Mass Intentions



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Saturday October 11

8:00am- † Capper & Coleman Families

5:00pm- † Deacon Anthony Lagotta

Sunday October 12

8:30am- † Anthony Masterpalo

10:00am- † Deacon Anthony Lagotta

11:30am-*Living*~Special Intentions Fr. Stephen Valenta

6:00pm-† Parish Community Intentions

Monday October 13

8:00am- † Grace Coleman

12:05pm *~Living*~ Special Intentions Rev. Fr. Francis

Tuesday October 14

8:00am- † Capper & Coleman Families

12:05pm- † Fr. Thomas Cerulo

Wednesday October 15

8:00am- † Anna & Edward Burke

12:05pm- † Maria Negri ~birthday in Heaven~

Thursday October 16

8:00am - † Joseph Fortunato

12:05pm- † Michael Contardo

Friday October 17

8:00am- † Grace Coleman

12:05pm † Marie Micillo

Saturday October 18

8:00am- † Grace Coleman

5:00pm- † Deacon Anthony Lagotta

Sunday October 19

8:30am- † Anthony Masterpalo

10:00am- † Deacon Anthony Lagotta

11:30am-*Living*~Special Intentions Fr. Stephen Valenta

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

By: Aurora Nazareno Ocampo

By: Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Offered By: Family

Offered By: Joann Scamardella

Offered By: Friends

By: Aurora Nazareno Ocampo

By: Amodio O. Carm.

By Third Order Carmelites

By: Aurora Nazareno Ocampo

Offered By: Joann Scamardella

By: Joe & Joan Fortunato

Offered By: Family

By: Joe & Joan Fortunato

Offered By: wife, Theresa

By: Aurora Nazareno Ocampo

Offered By: Contardo Family

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By: Contardo Family

Offered By: Family

Offered By: Joann Scamardella

Offered By: Friends

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle



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Lectors & E.M. ~ SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER~

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Linda Graves & Tom Ventrudo (carry Gospel Book)

Substitute: Victoria Garay

Eucharistic Ministers: Linford Smith, Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Substitute: Bill Hinton

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Joan Knighton & Samuel Torres (carry Gospel Book)

Substitute: Maria Oliveras

Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Carbonaro, Theresa Contardo & Samuel Torres

Substitute: Delmeter Carey

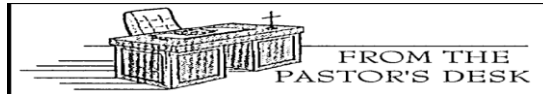
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Thelma Washington (carry Gospel Book)

Substitute.: Alexis Crowdell

Eucharistic Ministers: MaryLou Brown, Emmanuel Fode & Beverly Marryshow

Substitute: Crescencia (Chris) Pascua



Our scripture texts for today emphasize the rich, abundant life that God wills for God's people. As Catholic Christians, we do not believe that this desire of God will only be realized in some distant future but that God wants to see that future become a reality even here, even now.

What is the fifth largest state by population in the United States? It is the number of children living in poverty in the United States. There are 14.7 million children living in poverty, more than the population of the state of Illinois (12,830) which is, in fact, the fifth largest state in the country. The number of children living in poverty actually declined last year, but in a nation as rich as our own it is still a sin that we still have so many children living in poverty. Currently, the Census Bureau estimates that 45.3 million Americans live in poverty. A family of four is considered poor if their household income is no more than \$23,830 and for an individual it is \$11,170. In a nation of incredible wealth, we can and must do better in insuring that more Americans have sufficient resources to meet their most basic needs.

In the media, much attention has been given to the concern that Pope Francis has shown for the poor and marginalized. But the United States Bishops have also been strong voices on behalf of the poor in the budget debates in Congress. They have consistently called upon members of Congress to protect programs that serve the poor and vulnerable from reductions in federal spending. The Bishops have spoken out in support of funding for affordable housing, child nutrition programs, food stamps, community health centers, workforce training, educational services for at-risk youth, and community development programs. In identifying the moral principles that should shape federal budget decisions, the bishops have stated: "...The needs of those who are hungry and homeless, without work or in poverty should come first."

As Catholic Christians, we have a duty to work for a more just society so that all might know the richness of life that is the desire of God for all of God's children.

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

These readings are found complete on our parish web page (www.olmcstmary.org). Click on "USCCB Daily Readings."

TODAY: 28th Sunday Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25:6-10a
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Matthew 22:1-14

Next Sun: 29th Sunday Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Matthew 22:15-21



PASTOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – **Tomorrow** - Monday, October 13th at 5 p.m. in the chapel. All are welcome! We changed the time in the hope that this time will be more convenient.

WHITE MASS for HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS – **This Wednesday**, October 15, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church (Forest Avenue and Manor Road). Reception to follow.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – Next Sunday, October 18, is World Mission Sunday. It is a day to offer our gratitude for the priests, religious and laity that proclaim the Gospel in all parts of our world. It is also a day to remember that all of us are called to bear witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our lives and that we fulfill our role as missionaries of Christ through our support of the Church's missionary work.

WHERE WILL YOU BE ON OCTOBER 21st?! – You should be at Our Lady of Mount Carmel+St. Benedicta school either enjoying a delicious spaghetti dinner with family or friends, or working in the kitchen with a fun crew of persons who love to cook! Food will be served in the school cafeteria from 12 noon to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Adults: \$12. Children: \$6 (under age 12). Tickets for the dinner and the 50/50 raffle are now available. Donations for the gift baskets are kindly accepted. Please call the office if you want to work on the 21st or want to contribute a gift for the raffles. Thank you!

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES - Sunday, November 2nd, is the Feast of All the Faithfully Departed. There are envelopes in the vestibule of the church that you can use to have your deceased loved ones remembered at our Masses on that Sunday and every day during November. Please place your envelopes in the collection or in the office. Thank you!

BLOOD DRIVE - Our Lady of Mount Carmel+St. Benedicta and St. Mary of the Assumption are hosting a blood drive on Sunday, November 2nd, 2014 in the gym of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Our goal is to collect 50 pints of blood. You will need valid identification, must weigh more than 110 lbs, and you must be between the ages of 16 and 75 years old. If you are 16, you will need parental consent and if you are older than 75 you will need a note from your doctor. Please make sure to have a good meal and drink fluids BEFORE you come and donate. Walk-ins encouraged. If you want an appointment, please call the rectory at St. Mary's at 718-442-6372.

PARISH MISSION at St. TERESA CHURCH – Fr. Hugh Burns, O.P., will offer a parish mission at St. Teresa Church, 1634 Victory Blvd., beginning on Sunday night, October 26th. The theme: Get Real: Religion with Two Feet on the Ground. Fr. Burns will offer his talks at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights of that week. He will also preach at 12 noon on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. For more information: 718-442-5412.

DAY of THE DEAD FESTIVAL – On Sunday, October 26, from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. in our grammar school gym, we will be hosting a celebration of the traditional Mexican commemoration of the dead. Traditional dances, food, and music will be offered. You can bring a picture, or a remembrance of a deceased loved one, and add it to the communal *ofrenda*. This is a great day to learn of the rich cultural heritage of the Mexican people.

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION SESSIONS:

St. JOHN VILLA ACADEMY – Saturday, October 18, 2014- 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. – 25 Landis Avenue, Staten Island NY. A college preparatory school for young women founded by the Sisters of St. John the Baptist.

St. JOSEPH'S by-the-SEA HIGH SCHOOL – GIRLS: Sunday, October 19th– 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (5150 Hylan Blvd.)
BOYS: Sunday, October

St. PETER'S BOYS HIGH SCHOOL – Sunday, October 26, 2014 – 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m. – 200 Clinton Avenue

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL – Sunday, October 26, 2014 – 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m.- 134 Howard Avenue

MONSIGNOR FARRELL HIGH SCHOOL - Sunday, November 2, 2014 – 12 Noon to 3:00 p.m. – 2900 Amboy Road

Weekly Offering: October 5: \$2780; Companions in Christ: \$922. Budget: \$2,100. Thank you!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION The confessional is a familiar setting in literature and drama. Everyone from Dostoevsky and Shakespeare down the line to Seinfeld has used the sacrament to tragic or comic effect or to reveal aspects of character otherwise hidden. All of this theater, from world classics to slapstick, has had a numbing effect on our own expectations, and has skewed how the culture looks at us and our struggle with sin and forgiveness, hope and healing. Yet the artists are on to something. The reconciliation chapel is a place where hearts are laid bare, where honesty is the watchword, and people confess their deepest needs. It is also a place of rebirth, or at least realignment. It is, like the baptismal font, a place where something dies, and where something else is born. Today, although literature has barely caught up, the place is usually not the dark and gloomy cabinet of old; rather it is a chapel that speaks of peace, serenity, and the comfort of a welcome home. People in one parish were astonished recently to see their children skipping with delight as they left the place of their first confession. We have to wait a bit for world literature to catch up with this reality, but at least we can experience the joy of penance, the thrill of a new beginning, the assurance of God's love.