

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

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

### **TODAY: The Baptism of the Lord**

Isaiah 55:1-11  
1 John 5:1-9  
Mark 1:7-11

### **Next Sun: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19  
1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20  
John 1:35-42



**ELECTRONIC GIVING** – Parish Pay is a safe, secure way for you to make your weekly contributions electronically. You determine the amount that you want to contribute weekly. Once a month, your total monthly donation will be withdrawn from your checking account or will be charged to your credit card. You can decide the day of the month that the withdrawal or charge will be made. You can include electronic payments for special collections as well. If you pay your utility bill or cable bill electronically, you know how convenient, easy and secure electronic payment is. If you are interested, there is a basket in the entrance of the church that has cards for you to fill out. Please fill out a card and return it to the office or in the collection basket on Sunday. Please be sure to place your card in an envelope as it will contain sensitive information. Please speak to Fr. Hallinan if you have any questions. Thank you!

**FOOD DRIVE** – Catholic Charities of New York has asked that we have a food drive in support of the food pantry at St. Mary of the Assumption. They are most in need of rice, Parmalat milk, pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned tomatoes, dried beans, peanut butter and jelly (please bring both!), and dry mashed potatoes. Please bring your donations to the church on Sunday or to the rectory during the week. Thank you!

**CHANGE IS COMING** – The parishes of St. Mary of the Assumption and Our Lady of Mount Carmel + St. Benedicta are consolidating. The consolidation will occur in August of this year. You can expect: a new name for the new parish; the same schedule of English Masses but an expanded schedule of Spanish Masses; an increase in the number of groups and activities in the parish; expanded use of the rectory; changes to the interior of this church. Please pay attention to announcements that will be made concerning this process of change. Change is hard, but change is good! We expect to experience new life and vitality in this new parish.

**GIVE A CAR, TRUCK or VAN & The PARISH RECEIVES a GIFT** – If you contribute a car, truck or van to the St. Vincent DePaul Society, whether it runs or not, St. Vincent DePaul will give either \$50 or \$100 to our parish. For more information, please call: 718-491-2525. Thank you!

**NEW WEB ADDRESS** – Our parish has a **new web address: [www.olmcsi.org](http://www.olmcsi.org)**. Please take a look at our website. If you have suggestions or comments, please feel free to leave a message for Fr. Gil in the rectory.

**VENERABLE PIERRE TOUSSAINT SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS** - Pierre Toussaint Scholarships are presented annually to a number of high school seniors, graduating from a Catholic, public or private school located within the Archdiocese of New York. The scholarship is an award of \$2,000 to be used in connection with attendance at a college, university or post-secondary educational institution of the student's choice. The scholarship may be renewed for three additional years if certain the student meets certain criteria. Information is available in the entrance of the church.

### **PRAYER to RESPECT LIFE** -

God of life and love, you created us in your image and sent your Son to bring us life.  
Instill in us a respect for all life, from conception to natural death.  
Empower us to work for justice for the poor.  
Nourish us that we may bring food to the hungry.  
Inspire us to cherish the fragile life of the unborn.  
Strengthen us to bring comfort to the chronically ill.  
Teach us to treat the aging with dignity and respect.  
And bring us one day into the glory of everlasting life.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Weekly Offering:** January 4: \$2654; Budget: \$2100. Thank you for your generosity!

**THE WATERS OF BAPTISM** - When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this "knits" the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he "knit" himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary's womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance; Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News. —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



# The Baptism of the Lord ~ January 11, 2015



All you who are thirsty, come to the water! -Isaiah 55:1

## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Saturday January 10

8:00am- † Ciro Family  
5:00pm- † Miriam Luciano

### Sunday January 11

8:30am- † Charles Pommerenk

10:00am- ~Living~ In Thanksgiving

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Monday January 12

8:00am~Living~ Special Intentions Jose Ruiz

12:05pm~Living~ Julie & Kieran McNamara  
~Wedding Anniversary~

### Tuesday January 13

8:00am- †  
12:05pm- † Msgr. Augustine J. Diblasi & Harley

### Wednesday January 14

8:00am- †  
12:05pm- † Isabel Maria Quiñones

### Thursday January 15

8:00am- † Baby Anthony Pastoressa  
~1st Anniversary in Heaven~

12:05pm- † John R. Todd

### Friday January 16

8:00am~Living~ Special Intentions Kevin Gillespie  
12:05pm- † Michael Contardo

### Saturday January 17

8:00am~Living~ Special Intentions Kevin Gillespie  
5:00pm- † Miriam Luciano

### Sunday January 18

8:30am- † Aldrorah Williams ~Birthday in Heaven~  
10:00am- † Maximo Pascua  
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions  
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions



## Mass Intentions

Offered By: Family  
By: OLMC Friends & Staff

Offered By: Wife & Family  
Offered By: Crescencia Pascua

By: Darin & Lisa Rivera

Offered By: Kathleen Kliesch

Offered By:  
Offered By: Family

Offered By:  
Offered By: daughter, Martha

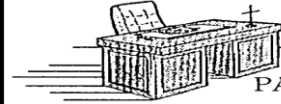
Offered By: Pastoressa Family

Offered By: Joan Lino

Offered By: wife, Theresa

By: OLMC Friends & Staff

By: children & grandchildren  
Offered By: Crescencia Pascua



FROM THE  
PASTOR'S DESK

**“And the victory that conquers the world is our faith.”** These hope-filled words of the author of the letter of St. John offer us both great consolation and a great challenge.

Through our baptism in Jesus Christ, we are united with Christ and have the opportunity to live in Christ so that one day we will live with Christ forever. Every day we have to confirm our desire to be united with Christ. We have to confirm our desire to live in Jesus Christ when we conform our lives to his life; when our lives reflect the values that shaped his life. When we choose compassion over indifference to the needs of others, we confirm our desire to live in Christ. When we honor and respect the dignity of all human life, through our opposition to abortion on demand, capital punishment, and our insistence on insuring that all persons have what they need to live in dignity, we confirm our desire to live in Christ. When we choose forgiveness and reconciliation over vengeance and retribution, we confirm our desire to live in Jesus Christ. When we are faithful to God in prayer, when we participate regularly and actively in the sacraments, when we allow our lives to be shaped by the teachings of Christ and the teachings of the Church, we confirm our desire to live in Jesus Christ. When we confirm our desire to live in Jesus Christ, we grow in our intimacy with him and grow in our confidence of sharing in his resurrection from the dead.

The world will not always welcome the witness of our lives when we choose to live in Jesus Christ. To live in Jesus Christ is to reject the values of this world and to conform ourselves to the values of Jesus Christ. Throughout history, persons have suffered greatly for the sake of Christ and his Gospel. We, too, can expect opposition to our witness but as the author of the letter of St. John reminds us we have the confidence of our victory over this world. Death is not the end for us, but rather the beginning of the fullness of life in our God.

Let us live in Christ so that we live in the confidence of our victory over this world!

**Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.**

## Weekly Memorials

Altar Bread & Wine  
Tabernacle Candle  
Memorial Candle  
Memorial Candle



## Lectors & E.M. ~ Schedule for January 2015~

### Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Lectors: Linda Graves & Bill Hinton (carry Gospel Book) *Substitute: Linda Graves*  
Eucharistic Ministers: Bill Hinton, Angelo Sabella & Linford Smith

*Substitute: Peg & Tom Ventrudo*

### Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lectors: Joan Knighton & Linda Torres (carry Gospel Book) *Substitute: Linda Torres*  
Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Carbonaro, Delmeter Carey & Linda Torres

*Substitute: MaryAnn Ugbo*

### Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Alexis Crowdell (carry Gospel Book) *Substitute.: Thelma Washington*  
Eucharistic Ministers: Lydia Moran, Dianne Murphy & Thelma Washington

*Substitute: Emmanuel Fode*