

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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TODAY: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:4-8
Ephesians 4:30-5:2
John 6:41-51

Next Sun: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 9:1-6
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM – We are taking registrations for classes of religious education in the parish office during normal office hours (Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Please register your child as soon as possible. Any registrations taken after August 31st will incur a late fee per child. If you have any questions regarding the classes for the Religious Education program, please contact the parish office. **NOTE: If your child was enrolled last year in 1st year preparation for the sacraments now is the time to re-enroll them for 2nd year preparation.** Please visit the office to pick up sacrament certificates, 1st Communion pictures, and confirmation pictures.

75th ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER – Save the date! Tuesday, October 13, 2015, will be our 75th Annual Spaghetti Dinner. It will be in the school cafeteria from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tickets for adults will be \$12 and children will be \$6. Tickets will be available soon! We can accept donations for gift baskets. Thank you!

NEW PRINCIPAL at OUR LADY of MOUNT CARMEL + St. BENEDICTA SCHOOL – After 29 years at Our Lady of Mount Carmel + St. Benedicta School, Ms. Jeannine Roland chose to accept the position of Principal at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Grammar School. Mr. Stephen Sanchez has been hired to replace Ms. Roland. Mr. Sanchez is a graduate of The University of Notre Dame. He studied Philosophy and Government and is currently pursuing a Masters in Educational Leadership at Fordham University as part of the Archdiocese of New York's Curran Principal Academy. He was a classroom teacher and Pastoral Youth Director for thirteen years, and is currently the Founding Director of "Comunidad Juan Diego", an educational, pastoral, and social services initiative for Latin American immigrants in the Archdiocese of New York. He is the English editor of Traces Magazine, the international magazine of Communion and Liberation. Please welcome Mr. Sanchez when he visits our parish in September!

OUR NEW PARISH – Our new parish office hours are: Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

On August 15th, we will begin offering a 7:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish on Saturdays.

On August 16th, there will be a major celebration as we bring together the Spanish-speaking communities of St. Mary of the Assumption and Our Lady of Mount Carmel+St. Benedicta. There will be a procession from St. Mary's to Mount Carmel where we will celebrate a 12 noon Mass. After Mass, the community will celebrate in the gymnasium.

On August 22/23rd, we will have our new Mass schedule fully in place: Saturday – 5:00pm (English) and 7:30pm (Spanish). Sunday – 8:30am, 10:00am (English), 11:30am, 1:30pm, 6:00pm. (Spanish).

You should see exciting things in the near future as the special celebrations that were part of the traditions of St. Mary's become part of our new faith community.

FINAL PARISH "FIESTA" FOR CHILDREN AT ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION – On Saturday, August 15th, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. there will be a parish festival at St. Mary of the Assumption featuring games with prizes along with a variety of food and beverages to purchase. Bring you children for a fun afternoon!

ARE YOUR CHILDREN READY FOR SCHOOL? – A new school year will be starting very soon. Has your child completed his or her summer assignments? Is your child reading regularly? Make sure your child begins the new school year strongly and not with a deficit as a result of doing nothing during the summer.

A DAILY PRAYER FOR YOUR FAMILY – Here is a simple prayer that your family can pray every day:

Heavenly Father, please shine your light upon our family. Give us strength to overcome all of the difficulties that we are dealing with now and protect us against any and all problems we may encounter in the future. O Lord, please bring us together as we are meant to be. May the love that binds us only grow stronger as we fulfill the destiny you have laid out for us. Grant our family forgiveness for any sins we have committed, individually and as a family. May we also forgive one another Lord, as it is sometimes difficult to do. Bless us Lord, in your name we pray, Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PLEDGES to THE CARDINAL'S APPEAL!

WEEKLY OFFERING: August 3: 2,208. Companions in Christ: 1,053. Latin America: 135. Thank you!

THE BEGINNING OF EVERYTHING - Everyone recognizes the truth of good proverbs, and so they endure from generation to generation. The Russians have a surprisingly bold one that fits this Sunday's Gospel: "Bread is the beginning of everything." Judging from the first reading, Elijah might have felt that it was too late for bread—too late for life itself. This great prophet was at the end of his rope and endurance. Then, not one, but two angels visit him. One offers food and drink. The other gives startling directions. For Elijah, this food from the angels is bread for his journey. On the strength of the heaven-sent gift of food, he walks to the mountain of God. In today's Gospel, Jesus offers himself, not just as bread for the journey, but as bread for life itself. He gives his flesh as life for the world. "I am the bread of life" (John 6:48). He is the beginning of everything. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.— Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 9, 2015



I am the living bread that came down from heaven. ~John 6:51

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday August 8

8:00am- † Isabel Maria Quiñones

5:00pm- † Frances Lagotta

Sunday August 9

8:30am- † Frank McLaren

10:00am- † Peter Coraci

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday August 10

8:00am- † Margaret DeSimone

12:05pm- †

Tuesday August 11

8:00am- † Alfred Garzetta

12:05pm- †

Wednesday August 12

8:00am- † Alfred Garzetta

12:05pm- †

Thursday August 13

8:00am- †

12:05pm- †

Friday August 14

8:00am - † Kevin Walsh, Walter Zelka & Theresa Flannery

12:05pm- † Estella Riley

Saturday August 15

8:00am- † Peter Coraci

5:00pm- † Debbie Bonilla-Perez

Sunday August 16

8:30am- † Michael Contardo

10:00am- † Peter Coraci

12:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions



Offered By: daughter, Martha

Offered By: Theresa Contardo

Offered By: wife, Angie

By: Dianne Murphy & Phil Coraci

Offered By: Annette Esposito

Offered By:

Offered By: Janet & Pete Mandella

Offered By:

Offered By: Diane Carbonaro

Offered By:

Offered By:

Offered By:

Offered By: Joe & Joan Fortunato

By: Theresa Contardo & Family

Offered By: Dianne Murphy

Offered By: godsons: Louis & Demetrius Carey & Family

Offered By: wife, Theresa

Offered By: Dianne Murphy

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle



Weekly Memorials

Liturgical Minister's Schedule AUGUST 2015~

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Lectors: Linda Graves & Angelo Sabella (*carry Gospel Book*) *Substitute:* Bill Hinton

E. M.: Linford Smith, Angelo Sabella & Tom Ventrudo *Substitute:* Bill Hinton

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Linda Torres & Jonathan Codipilly (*carry Gospel Book*) *Sub:* Maria Oliveras

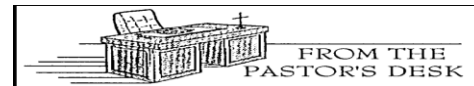
E.M.: Linda Torres, MaryAnn Ugbo & Cinderella Wonsewitz *Sub:* Delmeter Carey

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Valerie Cappucci (*carry Gospel Book*) *Substitute.:* Victoria Garay

E. M.: Dianne Murphy, Lydia Moran & Mariana Zukowski

Substitute: Emmanuel Fode



St. Paul is always giving us homework that we would rather not do! But if we follow the admonition of St. Paul in his letter to the Ephesians it will be a blessing for us and for our world.

“All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.” Driving the congested roads of Staten Island, I regularly fail the first part of this admonition of St. Paul! The strange thing about bitterness and anger is that it is far more destructive of ourselves than it is of those who are the object of our anger and our bitterness. When we are angry persons, there is a poison within us that robs us of our inner peace, prevents us from thinking clearly, and leads us to act in a way that is harmful to others and to ourselves. Whenever we find ourselves seething with anger, or feeling a deep-rooted bitterness in our hearts, we have to stop and reflect on what is the true source of that anger, that bitterness. When we name the source of our anger, the source of our bitterness, we can often bring that to the Lord in prayer and over time the Lord can help purge our hearts of what feeds our anger, sustains our bitterness. It is not easy, but the alternative is a life that is void of real happiness and peace.

The world would be a far better place if we could all learn to be more kind, more gracious, more understanding. Count to 20 before you blow your horn at the light! Let the person out of the parking lot or side street. Don't fight over who is next on line at Shoprite. Call that person you know is lonely. Bring a meal to an elderly neighbor. Be patient with a co-worker who is always combative, always aggressive. Be patient with store clerks who earn far too little and are expected to do far too much. Every day we have the opportunity to change the world by the way we act in the world. We should not want to lose even one opportunity to change the world for the good.

Let us pray today that we will embrace the challenge St. Paul offers us.

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.