



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 20, 2015



The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. ~James 3:18

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday September 19

8:00am- † Jesus Cintron
5:00pm- † William M. Frickenstein
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday September 20

8:30am- † Theresa Cintron
10:00am- † Dolores Elizabeth Zukowski
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday September 21

8:00am- †
12:05pm- † Joseph Minucci

Tuesday September 22

8:00am- †
12:05pm - † Regina & Paul Byrnes

Wednesday September 23

8:00am- -†
12:05pm-† Donna Cucuzza

Thursday September 24

8:00am- †
12:05pm- †Cesar Sanchez ~*Birthday in Heaven*~

Friday September 25

8:00am † All Souls in Purgatory
12:05pm- †

Saturday September 26

8:00am- †
5:00pm- † Angela Guarino
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday September 27

8:30am- † Joseph Fortunato
10:00am- † Mary & Frank Socci
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions



Offered by: Sisters
Offered by: Family

Offered by: Children
By: Victoria & Wilfredo Garay

Offered by:
Offered by: Family

Offered by:
Offered by: Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Offered by:
Offered by: Family

Offered by:
Offered by: Family

Offered By: Christine LaBollita
Offered by:

Offered by:
By: sister-in-law, Rafaela LaMorte

Offered by: Carol O'Sullivan
Offered by: Family

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle



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~ † **Stanley & Marcella Mikos**
Offered by: Family

Memorial Candles
Memorial Candles

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Liturgical Minister's Schedule SEPTEMBER 2015

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Lectors: Linda Graves & Angelo Sabella (*carry Gospel Book*) *Substitute:* Bill Hinton
E. M.: Linford Smith, Angelo Sabella & Nancy Velez *Substitute:* Bill Hinton

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Maria Oliveras & Delmeter Carey (*carry Gospel Book*) *Sub:* Linda Torres
E.M.: Diane Carbonaro, Delmeter Carey & Theresa Contardo *Sub:* Samuel Torres

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Victoria Garay (*carry Gospel Book*) *Substitute.:* Valerie Cappucci
E. M.: Alexis Crowdell, Crescencia Pascua & Thelma Washington *Sub:* Emmanuel Fode



In today's reading from St. James, the author invites us to reflect on what lies within our hearts. Are we attentive to the ways that our passions and desires can control us and hurt others?

There is one commandment that 99.9% feel we have no risk of violating – the command not to kill. Yet, Jesus tells us that what this command requires is that we not hate our brother or sister because this hatred can lead us to violence against our brother or sister. In a similar way, the commandment not to commit adultery means more than not having a relationship with someone other than your spouse. It requires that your heart be singularly focused on your spouse so that there is no alienation of affection for your spouse in your heart through lustful desires. This is a particularly important clarification in the age of internet pornography. The point is to be attentive to the desires and passions of our hearts so that we can properly control them and direct them in a way that is healthy for us and does no harm to others.

This same point is made by the author of the letter of St. James in today's second reading. The author is stressing that disordered passions create disorder. When our sexual desires become simply lust, we can harm others by using them as objects simply to satisfy the cravings of our passions. To harbor grievances and hate toward a brother or sister, fuels conflicts that can become violent in word or deed. When greed possesses our heart, we can become dishonest in our relationships with others persons, we can exploit other persons, and we can ignore our obligation to help those who are in need. When we are selfish, we place our desires before the needs of others and we have no empathy for other persons. How well do we control the passions and desires of our hearts?

May all of us open ourselves to the grace of conversion so that our hearts may not be controlled by passions and disordered desires but rather be controlled by the love of Christ.

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

TODAY: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
James 3:16-4:3
Mark 9:30-37

Next Sun: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Numbers 11:25-29
James 5:1-6
Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



BIBLE BIBLE STUDY RETURNS – Mr. Colin Vautrinot, our Director of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will be offering a Bible study on six Saturdays in October, November and December: October 10 and 17; November 7 and 28; December 5 and 26. Classes will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the **first floor meeting room of the rectory** – Padre Miguel Flynn room. Please enter through the front door of the rectory.

DELICIOUS FOOD FOR A GREAT CAUSE! – We are selling tickets for the Spaghetti Dinner on Tuesday, October 13th. All the funds raised go to our parish. We are also selling tickets for the 50/50 raffle during the dinner. The dinner will be served in the school cafeteria from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tickets for the dinner are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. The tickets for the 50/50 are \$5.00. We are also seeking donations for our gift baskets. Please support this important parish fund raiser. Thank you!

MASS OF ANOINTING -On Saturday, October 3rd at 10 a.m., we will offer a Mass for those who are suffering from a serious illness, a chronic infirmity or simply suffering from the debilitation of age. The sacrament of anointing will be offered during the Mass. We welcome your presence!

UNIVERSITY HOSPICE VOLUNTEER – Are you a good listener? Caring? University Hospice is a non-profit organization that provides quality, compassionate care at the end of life. This care involves a team of professionals and volunteers who address emotional, social and spiritual needs of the patients and their families. New volunteers are needed in various areas such as, visiting patients in their homes, nursing facilities, the Addeo Hospice Residence, or in the hospital. Volunteers are also an essential part in our office and with our special projects. If interested, please call 718-226-6458. The next volunteer training will be held on Saturday, October 17th at University Hospice, 78 Meisner Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10306.

NEED HELP CARING FOR AN ELDERLY or DISABLED PERSON? – Do you need help with any of the following: Housing for seniors and disabled persons; access to healthcare for seniors and the disabled; health-related legal and financial issues; dementia care; transportation options; caregiver support groups; food and nutrition – Call ArchCare. They'll answer! ArchCare Navigation Center 855-951-CARE. Care Navigators are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. seven days a week. Help for a Care Navigator is totally free.

VISIT of POPE FRANCIS to NEW YORK - All of us as Catholics should pray for the Holy Father as he journeys to Cuba and the United States this week. We pray in gratitude for his desire to be present with us and we pray that his journey will be a source of grace and blessing for all people of good will. For the latest news on the Pope's visit to New York, please visit <http://popefrancisnyc.org>

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to Your shepherd, the Pope, a spirit of courage and right judgement, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care may he, as successor to the apostle Peter and vicar of Christ, build Your church into a sacrament of unity, love, and peace for all the world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION FAIR – Parents who are interested in having their child attend a Catholic High School on Staten Island are invited to an information session on Saturday, October 3rd, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the South Fin Grill at 300 Fr. Capodano Boulevard at the Dolphin Fountain. This is an excellent chance to learn about the Catholic High Schools on Staten Island and the application process. Please register by calling 718-667-5350, ext. 1007.

REGIS HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT- Regis High School in Manhattan is a high school for Catholic boys that provides scholarships for all of its students. If you want to learn more about this excellent school and how to apply, please attend the Staten Island Information night this Tuesday, September 22nd, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Hill Academy at 850 Hylan Boulevard. For more information please call Mr. Eric Di Michele at 212-288-1100, ext. 2057.

WEEKLY OFFERING: September 13: \$5,127. Thank you for your support of our parish!

Teaching about God's gift of Forgiveness - The word "catechesis" means "to echo." Literally, we are to echo the good news of Jesus Christ to the world. Some people are called and set apart in our communities as catechists, those formally trained and charged with passing on the Gospel to children and adults, inside and outside of our communities. However, it would be wrong on this day to only look to those bearing the NAME of catechist for an echoing of good news. ALL of us are called to echo and share the Gospel message. Parents are the first and primary catechists in a child's life. But we also are important catechists in the lives of our coworkers, our spouses, our relatives, and our friends. Where does catechesis really begin? It begins in the HEART. To be a catechist is a privileged calling, and today be sure to say "thank you" to one in your community.

