



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 31, 2016

Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. ~ 1

Corinthians 13:7



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday January 30

8:00am- † Saverio & Marie Micillo
5:00pm- † Gilda Mammolito
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday January 31

8:30am- † Mrs. Helen Valentine
10:00am- † Amelia, Luz & Hector Mendez
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday February 1

8:00am- †
12:05pm- † Vittior Folino

Tuesday February 2

8:00am- † Florence Forlenza
12:05pm- † Paul Trouve

Wednesday February 3

8:00am- † Dominic, Lucia & Caterina Zappone
12:05pm- † Dr. Daniel J. Paulo

Thursday February 4

8:00am- †
12:05pm - †

Friday February 5

8:00am- †
12:05pm- † Saverio & Marie Micillo

Saturday February 6

8:00am- †
5:00pm- † John, Gene & Jim Obermayer
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday February 7

8:30am- † Isabel Maria Quiñones
10:00am- † Antonia Guzman & Maria L. Quintana
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions



Mass Intentions

Offered by: daughter, Theresa

Offered by: Louis Mammolito

Offered by: son, Thomas Valentine

Offered by: Mendez-Pierce Family

Offered by:

Offered by: Eddie Dambasch

Offered by: Family

Offered by: James Beers

Offered by: Pat, Sue Maria & Dominic

Offered by: Mary & Libby Guardiani

Offered by:

Offered by:

Offered by:

Offered by: daughter, Theresa

Offered by:

Offered by: Family

Offered by: daughter, Marta

Offered by: Family

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candles
Memorial Candles



Liturgical Minister's Schedule FEBRUARY 2016

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

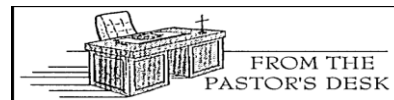
Lector: Linda Graves & Tom Ventrudo (carry Gospel Book)
E. M.: Linford Smith, Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Jonathan Codipilly & Samuel Torres (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Joan Fortunato
E.M.: Maria Oliveras, Linda Torres & Samuel Torres Sub: Delmester Carey

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Thelma Washington (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Valerie Cappucci
E. M.: Alexis Crowdell, Crescensia Pascua & Mariana Zukowski Sub: Dianne Murphy



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In his letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul reminds us of what true love is. Every couple should review their relationship in light of what St. Paul proclaims.

What St. Paul declares true love to be is wholly contrary to the popular conception of love. In the popular mind, love is equated with overt acts of affection, romantic moments, and, yes, sexual expression. There is nothing wrong with any of these things and all can be elements of an authentic love. St. Paul, however, reminds that an authentic love is a love that finds its true expression in a firm and persevering commitment to another person in which neither person seeks an advantage over the other, but rather each strives to make a complete gift of self to the other. This is the challenge of an authentic love and it is important that we recover this understanding of an authentic love for the good of individuals and of our society.

Tragically, there are too many couples in our parish who have failed to be faithful to each other. I understand that many of our people face multiple challenges in their lives, but for any relationship to endure, and thrive, both individuals must be committed to the hard work that love requires. It means regular communication of both the good and the bad in your relationship. It means making time in busy lives for each other. It means asking forgiveness for harsh words or brusque actions. It means mutual sacrifice. It means that sexual relations are an expression of love and not simply a physical release of a strong desire. Ultimately what our couples need to remember is that God can supply the grace they need to commit themselves to the hard work that a true love requires but only they can do the work that is necessary.

The Christian community needs to remind the world of what true love is - an enduring commitment of two persons to each other that is rooted in mutual respect, mutual affection and a love that is exclusive and permanent. Our couples who live such a love are a tremendous gift to the world and an important model for our young people.

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: 4th Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Luke 4:21-30

Next Sun: 5th Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1-2, 3-8
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11



STAY SAFE- FREE SMOKE ALARM INSTALLATION – The American Red Cross, in partnership with the City of New York, is offering free smoke alarm installations on Saturday, February 6th. If you would like a smoke alarm installed in your home, please call 1-877-733-2767 (Option *) or sign-up at www.redcross.org/GetAlarmedNYC.

BLESSING FOR PREGNANT WOMEN – Starting February 7th, we will offer a blessing for pregnant woman on the first Sunday of the month at the 10 a.m. Mass. Fathers are encouraged to be present to receive a blessing as well. No advanced registration is required. Simply give your name in the sacristy **before** the 10 a.m. Mass.

BIBLE STUDY – Want to learn more about the foundational source of our faith – the bible? We have classes on select Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon under the direction of Mr. Colin Voutrinet, our Director of RCIA. Upcoming classes: February 6 and 13. Classes are in the rectory on the first floor.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) – We offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) every Saturday from 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. and from 6:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. You may also call the office for an appointment.

LENT BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 10th – Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10th. Ashes will be offered only during the Masses which will be offered at the usual times of 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Every Friday in Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross. There will be no Eucharistic adoration during Lent.

STATEN ISLAND PARENT'S BEREAVEMENT GROUP – The Church of St. Clare's Parish Counseling Program and the South Shore YMCA Counseling Center will co-sponsor a bereavement group to assist parents who have lost their child to the use of drugs. Have you lost your child due to a drug overdose or a drug-related suicide? Would you like to participate in a specialized bereavement group for parents who are grieving this kind of loss? Did you lose your child within the last 2 years? This service will be free and will be held at the South Shore YMCA Counseling Center. The group is scheduled to begin in March. All persons wanting to participate must attend a screening before admission to the group. Please contact Linda Rizzotto at 718-554-8102 before Friday, February 19th.

NAVIGATING YOUR NEW WORLD AFTER A DIVORCE: - Tuesdays – 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. from February 23 through May 10th at St. Ann's rectory basement – 101 Cromwell Avenue. How do you work through the emotions of separation and divorce? How do you heal from the divorce and renew a sense of hope? How do you forgive and how do you navigate the new family dynamics? Is a Church annulment a possibility for you? You will have the opportunity to learn about all these issues and more through the expert facilitation of Anne-Louise DePalo. The cost is \$25 which includes the cost of course materials that you purchase on-line. You also register online at: <http://divorced.nyfamilylife.org>. If you are having problem with navigating the website, please call: Denise or Marcia at 646-794-3185.

POPE FRANCIS on the MERCY of GOD - Jesus on the cross feels the whole weight of the evil, and with the force of God's love he conquers it; he defeats it with his resurrection. This is the good that Jesus does for us on the throne of the cross. Christ's cross, embraced with love, never leads to sadness, but to joy, to the joy of having been saved and of doing a little of what he did on the day of his death.

PRAYER IN TIME OF STRESS – Heavenly Father, please grant me peace of mind and calm my troubled heart. My soul is like a turbulent sea. I can't seem to find my balance so I stumble and worry constantly. Give me the strength and clarity of mind to find my purpose and walk the path you've laid out for me. I trust your in your love for me, O God, and know that you will heal this stress if my heart is open to receive the grace that you desire to pour forth in great abundance. Just as the sun rises each day against the dark of night, so does your grace and mercy always prevail. Please share with me the peace that is beyond all our understanding; the peace to be found in and through Jesus.

WEEKLY OFFERING: January 24th: \$2068. The blizzard wiped us out!

What is the meaning of the commandment, "I am the Lord, your God" (Ex 20:2)? - Because the Almighty has revealed himself to us as our God and Lord, we must not place anything above him or consider anything more important or give any other thing or person priority over him. To know God and to serve and worship him has absolute priority in our life. God expects us to give him our full faith; we should place all our hope in him and direct all the strength of our love toward him. The commandment to love God is the most important of all commandments and the key to all the others. That is why it stands at the beginning of the Ten Commandments. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.