



# Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ May 8, 2016



And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. ~Luke 24:51

## Weekly Mass Intentions



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#### Saturday May 7

8:00am- † Adell Pendergrass Simpson  
5:00pm- † Patricia May

By: daughter, Cinderella Wonsewitz  
Offered by: friends from the diner

#### Sunday May 8

8:30am- † Sann, Zappone, Gagliardi & Zarelli Families  
10:00am- † Dolores Elizabeth Zukowski & Carmen Luisa Garay  
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions  
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions  
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Sue, Pat, Maria & Dominick  
Offered by: Zukowski Family

#### Monday May 9

8:00am- †  
12:05pm- † Cecilia Guardiani

Offered by:  
By: Mary & Libby Guardiani

#### Tuesday May 10

8:00am- †  
12:05pm- † Elvira Ancona ~16<sup>th</sup> Annv. in Heaven~

Offered by:  
By: daughter, Theresa Tortorella

#### Wednesday May 11

8:00am- † Mary & Lawrence Iannucci  
12:05pm- †

By: Sue, Pat, Maria & Dominick  
Offered by:

#### Thursday May 12

8:00am- †  
12:05pm- †

Offered by:  
Offered by:

#### Friday May 13

8:00am- †  
12:05pm- † Mary Muldoon ~Birthday Anniversary~

Offered by:  
Offered by: sister, Rose

#### Saturday May 14

8:00am- †  
5:00pm- † Bryan Graves, Sr.

Offered by:  
Offered by: Linda Graves

#### Sunday May 15

8:30am- †  
10:00am- † Mrs. Helen Valentine  
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions  
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions  
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered By:  
Offered by: son, Thomas Valentine

## Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine  
Tabernacle Candle



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

## Liturgical Minster's Schedule MAY 2016

### Saturday 5:00 p.m.

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

### Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Ceferino Albarracin & Delmeter Carey (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Ceferino Albarracin  
E.M.: Diane Carbonaro, Delmeter Carey & Cinderella Wonsewitz Sub: Linda Torres

### Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Victoria Garay (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Alexis Crowdell  
E.M.: Valerie Cappucci, Dianne Murphy & Thelma Washington Sub: Crescencia Pascua



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."** Jesus is our origin and Jesus is our destiny. This is the hope and challenge of our Christian faith.

In baptism, each of us was given to Christ by the Father. We were born anew in Jesus Christ. We participate in the life of the Risen Christ here and now. Our baptism, therefore, marks the beginning of our life in Christ. The goal of our Christian life is to deepen the life of Christ in us through a life of prayer, of participation in the sacraments, reflection on the scriptures, and through our daily efforts to reflect his life in our own. All of our prayers, all of our Masses, all of our devout reading of scripture account for nothing, if they do not transform our hearts and minds so that our lives become an ever more faithful reflection of the life of Jesus Christ. Others have to see in us the compassion of Christ, experience in us the mercy of Christ, and encounter in us the welcome of Christ. How well do our lives reflect the life of the Risen Christ?

If we are trying to grow each day in our faithfulness to the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, then when death comes for us it will be our passage into the fullness of life with Christ. We began our life with Christ and our life will end with our passage into eternal life in Christ. It is this hope that should encourage us to deepen our relationship with the Risen Christ now so that we have no fear of death but rather recognize death to be our victory. In the Mass of Christian burial, all of the symbols remind us that we began life in Christ and live in the hope that our lives will end in and with Christ. When the body is brought into the Church, it is blessed with the waters of baptism. The casket is then clothed with a white garment just as the newly baptized are clothed in white. The casket is then brought forward to the Paschal Candle – the light of Jesus Christ that was first lit at the Easter Vigil when we celebrate Christ's victory over death. We began life in Christ, we have lived our lives in Christ, and we will now live with Christ forever.

May Christ truly be for each of us our Alpha and our Omega!

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

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

### **TODAY: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts of the Apostles: 7:55-60  
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20  
John 17: 20-26

### **Next Sun: Pentecost Sunday**

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11  
1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17  
John 20:19-23



**\$5,000 RAFFLE HAS BEGUN!!** – We have begun our Annual \$5,000 raffle. If you buy a \$50 ticket, you have the chance to win \$5,000. We also have \$10 share tickets that you give the chance to win \$1,000 for each \$10 ticket that you buy. The total ticket count is 250. 1-150 are \$50 tickets. Tickets 151 through 250 each have 5 shares at \$10 per share. Only 250 ticket numbers go into the drawing. If number 140 is drawn, the person with that ticket wins \$50. If number 165 is drawn, each person who has a share of that number receives \$1,000. Please consider selling tickets to family, friends and colleagues at work. **A special incentive to buy early** – After the Masses next Sunday, we will have a special drawing for one prize of either \$250 or \$100. If your ticket is selected and you paid \$50, you will win \$250. If your ticket is selected and you paid \$10, you will win \$100. And you are still eligible for the grand prize!

**DORNEY PARK DAY-TRIP** - We are planning on a bus trip to Dorney Park this summer. The trip will cost \$50.00 for the bus and entrance fee for each person 3 years of age or older. There are two possible dates – Saturday, August 6th, and Monday, August 8th. You must register in the parish office before June 2nd and leave a deposit of \$10.00. The deposit will only be refunded if we do not get 45 persons for one of the trips, or the park cannot accept our group on a given day. If we do not get 45 reservations, we will cancel that trip and refund your deposit. Treat yourselves!

**BIBLE STUDY** – Colin Vautrinot will be offering his popular bible study course from 10 am to 12 pm on the following Saturdays: May 14, May 28, June 4, and June 25. Please join us!

**HAP 2016** – Our summer program for youth, Higher Achievement Program (HAP) is accepting applications for students who are entering the 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup> grade next year. This year the program will emphasize increasing the daily physical activity of the participants. The program will be from July 5<sup>th</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please register in the parish office. We expect to have an academic enrichment program in the morning.

**CARDINAL'S APPEAL – THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!** – It is wonderful that we have reached our goal in donations and pledges. Thank you!! To meet our goal in terms of actual contributions, we will need persons to be faithful to the pledges they have made. The Campaign will send monthly reminders to those who have made a pledge. If you need to pay in cash, simply bring your monthly reminder card and your cash to the parish office. We will send a check. If you haven't made a gift or pledge, there are envelopes in the vestibule of the church. The church will receive a percentage of all the funds that we raise beyond our goal of \$25,500. Thank you!

**HAVE YOU RESERVED YOUR TABLE?!** – On Sunday, May 22nd, we will offer persons in the parish, and outside the parish, the opportunity to sell hand-crafted items. The sale will be in our school gym from **9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** If you want to reserve a table, please visit the parish office. Each table requires a \$10 donation. Please spread the word of this even to friends or family members wanting to rent a table and sell their treasures – hand-made or not!

**PAPAL EXHORTATION on MARRIAGE** – Pope Francis has issued an exhortation on married life and the pastoral response of the Church to those who are married and those living in relationships not blessed by the Church. Courtesy of Fr. James Martin, S.J., we will highlight significant portions of the Pope's work:

***All members of the family need to be encouraged to live good Christian lives.*** Much of "Amoris Laetitia" consists of reflections on the Gospels and church teaching on love, the family and children. But it also includes a great deal of practical advice from the pope, sometimes gleaned from exhortations and homilies regarding the family. Pope Francis reminds married couples that a good marriage is a "dynamic process" and that each side has to put up with imperfections. "Love does not have to be perfect for us to value it" (122, 113). The pope, speaking as a pastor, encourages not only married couples, but also engaged couples, expectant mothers, adoptive parents, widows, as well as aunts, uncles and grandparents. He is especially attentive that no one feels unimportant or excluded from God's love.

**WEEKLY OFFERING:** May 1<sup>st</sup>: \$5,536. Thank you for your generosity!

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**PROCLAMATION OF JOY** - Jesus teaches us that the Good News, which he brings, is not reserved to one part of humanity, it is to be communicated to everyone. It is a proclamation of joy destined for those who are waiting for it, but also for all those who perhaps are no longer waiting for anything and haven't even the strength to seek and to ask.– Angelus ***Reflection:*** *So often we view evangelization as something that we impose on others. Something that is forced and overbearing. But, ultimately, evangelization is an act of mercy if we do it with love and the perspective of truly helping others. What's your perspective on evangelization? Ask God for His.*

**Happy Mother's Day!** Today we celebrate Mother's Day. It is a family day that is filled with joy and gratitude for the loving care we receive from those very special women, our mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers, who touched and enriched our lives. They deserve no less. And today as we remember our mothers in our good wishes and prayers, let us also pray for those women who await that gift of motherhood. May those prayers be answered by our gracious God. *Amen*