



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 7, 2016



Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ~ 1 Peter 5:8

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday August 6

8:00am- † James Mooney

5:00pm~ Cinderella Wonsewitz Birthday By: Cinderella Wonsewitz
Blessing

Sunday August 7

8:30am- † Isabel Maria Quiñones

10:00am- † Lina & Antonio Mezzacappa By: Lina & Jerry Mezzacappa

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday August 8

8:00am- † Thomas Trigo Offered by: Mikos Family

12:05pm- ~ Greg Sullivan's Health Offered by: Tony Raisley

Tuesday August 9

8:00am- † Frank McLaren Offered by: wife, Angie

12:05pm- ~ Barbara DeLeo's Helath Offered by: Tony Raisley

Wednesday August 10

8:00am- † Offered by:

12:05pm- † Anne Marano By: Wendy Minichino & Family

Thursday August 11

8:00am- † Offered by:

12:05pm- † Filomena Pancrazio Offered by: Family

Friday August 12

8:00am- † Offered by:

12:05pm- † Offered by:

Saturday August 13

8:00am- † Offered by:

5:00pm- † Offered by:

Sunday August 14

8:30am- † Lorraine Edelstein Offered by: Torres Family

10:00am- † Peter Coraci Offered by: Dianne Murphy

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions



Mass Intentions

Offered by: Colleen & Linda

Offered by: daughter, Marta

Offered by: wife, Angie

Offered by: Tony Raisley

Offered by: Mikos Family

Offered by: Tony Raisley

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Offered by: Wendy Minichino & Family

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Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle
Memorial Candle



Liturgical Minster's Schedule AUGUST 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: Ceferino Albarracin & Samuel Torres (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Joan Fortunato

E.M.: Maria Oliveras, Linda Torres & Samuel Torres Sub: Cinderella Wonsewitz

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Alexis Crowdell (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Thelma Washington

E.M.: Emmanuel Fode, Beverly Marryshow & Dianne Murphy Sub: Valerie Cappucci



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.” How are we to understand this famous definition of faith found in today’s reading from Hebrews?

Abraham is offered as the personification of this definition of faith. Abraham consistently trusted in the promises of God to him. His was not a ‘blind faith’; it was a faith rooted in his lived experience of God. In his lived experience of God, God could be trusted to fulfill the promises that God made even if Abraham would not live to see it. In this way, Abraham lived his life in rich fidelity to God and in the confidence that God would not disappoint those who put their trust in God. One of the most remarkable promises of God to Abraham was the promise of a son from whom Abraham would have descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky. Even though Abraham and his wife Sarah were too old to have children, they received the gift of their son Isaac but never lived to see the realization of the promise of countless descendants. In fact, God has fulfilled this promise. Today, Abraham is recognized as the Father of Faith for Jews, Christians and Muslims. Abraham, indeed, has descendants beyond all measure.

As people of faith, children of Abraham, we, too, are called to live in hope and to have firm confidence in the promises of God to us. In the victory of Jesus Christ over suffering and death, God has promised us that life, goodness, and love will prove triumphant over death, evil and hate. In these troubled and uncertain times, if we succumb to our fears then we betray our faith. As Christians, we testify to our faith, our hope in the promises of God, by our resolute determination to live lives of love, goodness, kindness, and openness to all. We do so in our firm trust that the good that we do, the love that we share, the welcome that we offer contributes to the continued triumph of the reign of God in our world. If every Christian really lived the hope that is ours, it would be powerfully transformative of the world in which we live.

Pray daily to Abraham that through his intercession God might strengthen us in faith!

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: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 18:6-9
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Luke 12:32-48

Next Sun: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM – Registrations for religious education classes are currently being taken in the parish office during normal office hours. **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 visit the parish office. Thank you!

IMPORTANT: If your child was enrolled last year in 1st year preparation for the sacraments, now is the time to reenroll them for the second year preparation. Please note that if your child is entering the 1st grade in September, it is time to register for First Holy Communion preparation. If your child is entering the 6th grade in September, it is time to register for Confirmation preparation.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH FESTIVAL! – We are grateful to all of the individuals and groups who worked so hard to offer our parish a marvelous afternoon of games, traditional dances, and delicious food. This event raised \$3,000.00 for the parish. May God bless all of you who supported this event.

SCHOOL IS STARTING SOON. IS YOUR CHILD READY? – It is very important that your child read regularly during the summer months. Your child should be encouraged to read and to practice his or her spelling and writing. Children who do not do this will often struggle when school resumes in September. Every child needs to exercise his or her mind and body during the summer months!

PRAYER BEFORE OUR NATIONAL ELECTION – Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city, state, and nation and how your Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask you for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of their race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and follow the way of your truth so that our nation might fulfill its promise of liberty and justice for all. This we ask in the name of the One who is our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

YOUR FAITHFULNESS TO THE CARDINAL'S APPEAL IS A GREAT BLESSING!! – We have reached our goal in actual funds received. Our goal was \$25,500 and the Campaign has received \$25,900. Thank you!! But the Campaign is not over!! Our parish pledged \$35,000 to the Campaign. The fulfillment of your pledge is crucial! The Archdiocese gives back a significant percentage of funds received beyond our goal. It is vital for us and the Archdiocese that you fulfill the pledges that you have made. Thank you for your extraordinarily generous support of the Cardinal's Campaign!

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE – Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon or religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P., at 212-371-1000, extension 2949, or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS of THE AMERICAS COMEDY FUNDRAISER – Thursday, Sept. 29th, 2016, the CDA of St. Clare's is hosting an evening of laughter, food, baskets and fun with a nationally known comedian, Rob Magnotti. The \$55 pp Comedy Night Dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Clare Auditorium in Great Kills. Tickets are on sale now. For more information, email: joannlambert@yahoo.com or call Joann Lambert at 718-966-1425.

POPE FRANCIS on ISLAM – "It is not right to identify Islam with violence. It is not right and it is not true." The truth of the Pope's words was brought home after the brutal murder of a French Catholic priest, Rev. Jacques Hamel, by a self-radicalized teenager. Muslims and Catholics prayed together in memory of the slain priest; joining together in a common desire for peace and harmony between all peoples.

WEEKLY OFFERING: July 31st: \$4,034. Thank you for your support of our parish!

Our soul waits for the LORD.... who is our help and our shield. — Psalm 33:20

