



# Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 30, 2016



The Lord lifts up all who are falling and rises up all who are bowed down. ~Psalm 145:14

## Weekly Mass Intentions



**Mass Intentions**

### Saturday October 29

8:00am- †

5:00pm- † John & Ann Obermayer

### Sunday October 30

8:30am- † James Treacy

10:00am- † Ciro "Jerry" Mezzacappa

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Monday October 31

8:00am- †

12:05pm- ~ Special Intentions of Christian Pepo

### Tuesday November 1 ~All Saints Day~

8:00am- †

12:05pm- †

### Wednesday November 2 ~All Souls Day~

8:00am- †

12:05pm- †

### Thursday November 3

8:00am- †

12:05pm- †

### Friday November 4

8:00am- †

12:05pm- †

### Saturday November 5

8:00am- †

5:00pm- † Patricia May

### Sunday November 6

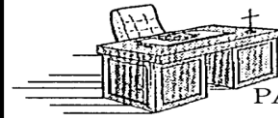
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10:00am- † Gertrude DeShong

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Venezuela is a large country in South America with a population of 31 million people that is now in an economic crisis that has left millions of persons impoverished and without access to adequate food. The Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) has an opportunity to provide essential food to 1,000 young people if they can receive the support that they need.

The crisis in Venezuela is directly connected to the collapse in oil prices. Oil exports are responsible for 95% of Venezuela's export earnings and revenue has fallen by 40%. Compounding this problem has been mismanagement of the economy by Venezuela's political leaders. Food shortages have become so acute that some adults remain in bed all day to save calories. Students have collapsed at school due to insufficient food and others have chosen not to eat for several days in order to ensure that younger siblings have enough to eat.

The Jesuits in Venezuela operate a network of schools called "Fe y Alegria" (Faith and Joy). These schools seek to provide a quality education for young people who live in the poorest sectors of society while fostering a concern for social justice. In the face of the economic and social crisis their country faces, the Jesuits seek to establish a pilot nutrition program in two of their schools in remote regions of Venezuela where the students are particularly dependent on the school community for their academic and social development. Providing these students with a healthy diet, the schools will track academic performance and physical well-being throughout the year. The cost of the program will be \$2.50 per student per week or just \$10 a month or \$100 a year (10 month school year).

If you would like to contribute to this effort to help young people who are currently in desperate need, you can write a check to the "Jesuit Community of Staten Island" and your funds will be sent to the Jesuits of Venezuela. Cash contributions can be accepted as well. Donations can be left at the parish office. The Jesuits in Venezuela will certainly appreciate your support!

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

## Weekly Memorials

**Bread & Wine**

**Tabernacle Candle**

**Memorial Candle**

**Memorial Candle**



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## Liturgical Minister's Schedule NOVEMBER 2016

### Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Linda Graves & Linford Smith (carry Gospel Book)

E. M.: Peg Ventrudo, Nancy Velez & Cinderella Wonschwitz Sub: L. Smith or T. Ventrudo

### Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Joan Knighton & Maria Oliveras (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Ceferino Albarracin

E.M.: Diane Carbonaro, Maria Oliveras & MaryAnn Ugbo Sub: Delmeter Carey

### Sunday 10:00 a.m.

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

E.M.: Theresa Contardo, Beverly Maryshow & Crescencia Pascua Sub: Emmanuel Fode

## **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: 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wisdom 11:22-12:2  
2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2  
Luke 19:1-10

### **Next Sun: 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14  
2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5  
Luke 20:27-38



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP OUR PARISHIONERS LEARN ENGLISH** – Las Señoras de Santa María want to offer their members help in learning English with classes on Friday and Saturday evening. If you think that you could help with this, please leave your information in the parish office. We want to start soon! Thank you!

**FOOD DRIVE** - We have parishioners who do not have sufficient food to feed their families. Rather than giving them traditional Thanksgiving food items, it would be helpful to them if you could contribute any of the following items: large bags of rice; shelf-safe milk; bags of dried beans; canned black or red beans; cereal; coffee; peanut butter and jelly; pasta; pasta sauce; sugar; canned vegetables; canned fruit. Food items can be left in the vestibule of the church in the area that is designated for donations. We can also accept food gift cards from Stop and Shop, Key Food or Shoprite. Those should be given to the parish secretary. *Thank you for your help!*

**BIBLE STUDY** – November 5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Classes begin at 10 a.m. in the rectory. *All are welcome!*

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER IN COMMUNITY** – Manresa Christian Life Community (CLC). CLC is a worldwide organization composed of small groups of men and women who come together twice a month to share community, spirituality and mission, bringing gospel values to family, workplace and community. Recognized as a lay vocation within the Church, the unifying experience among these CLC groups is the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola as a way of life. **Introductory meeting and Mass: Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. St. Sylvester – Moore Conference Room – 854 Targee Street.** Enter through the side walkway beneath the parish house.

**FEAST of OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE** – A number of parishioners last year expressed their gratitude to the Hispanic community for the flowers and decorations that adorned our church for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12<sup>th</sup>). The prices of flowers have risen dramatically and those responsible for the Feast this year are struggling to meet anticipated expenses. If you would like to contribute to the support of the Feast, you can leave donations in the parish office. Please put your donations in an envelope marked "Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe". Thank you! Closer to the Feast, we will include a schedule in the bulletin. Everyone is welcome to experience this remarkable demonstration of love and devotion to our Blessed Mother. You are also invited to participate in the annual run from the ferry to the church. Runners start at 5 p.m. at Yankee Stadium SI. Please register in the office.

**RED MASS for the LEGAL PROFESSION** – Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. – All members of the judiciary, the legal profession, their colleagues, office staff, court officers, and all who work in the courts are cordially invited to attend this Mass. Celebrant and homilist will be Timothy Cardinal Dolan. A small repast will follow in the parish center.

**St. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES** -Those in their 30s, 40s, and 50s are invited to a fun evening on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:15pm at Holy Family Church on Watchogue Rd. A special game will be played (**with alternatives provided**) that will be followed by cider and pumpkin pie. Need more information? [www.sgspssi.org](http://www.sgspssi.org) or [sfcssi@gmail.com](mailto:sfcssi@gmail.com).

**FREE FRESH VEGETABLES EVERY FRIDAY** – Project Hospitality offers free, fresh vegetables every Friday in front of Faith United Methodist Church at the corner of Heberton and Castleton. Please arrive at 9 a.m.

**DONATE YOUR CAR, TRUCK, OR VAN AND HELP THE PARISH** – The Society of St. Vincent DePaul wants your car, truck or van whether it works or not. The Society will give our parish \$50 or \$100 per vehicle that is donated. If you don't have a car, truck or van to donate, perhaps a family member or colleague at work does. Have them call St. Vincent DePaul 718-491-2525 and mention that you heard of this through Mt. Carmel Church on Staten Island.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS 55 and OLDER** – The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of the Community Service Society is seeking volunteers to work in a variety of organizations. They will do their best to match your interests and your availability with an organization on Staten Island that needs help. Please call Tami DiConzanzo 718-494-3222 or e-mail: [tdicostanzo@csny.org](mailto:tdicostanzo@csny.org). A little of your time can make a big difference!

**WEEKLY OFFERING:** October 23: \$4,819; Mission Appeal: \$723. *Thank you!!*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2017** - Now available in the rectory. The Church considers the Mass the greatest possible prayer of intercession because it is the perfect offering of Christ to the Father by making present the Paschal Mystery of His death and resurrection. If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a special occasion, on behalf of a family member, a friend, or a deceased loved one (Holy Souls in Purgatory), please contact the rectory. We are happy to celebrate Masses for all of your intentions. If interested, there are still some available dates left for 2016.