



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 16, 2014

Blessed are you who fear the LORD. -Psalm 128:1a



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday November 15

8:00am- † Anna Burke

5:00pm- † Victor Lopez

Sunday November 16

8:30am- † Pancrazio LaMorte

10:00am- † Joseph Fortunato ~*Birthday Anniversary*~

11:30am-*Living*-Special Intentions Fr. Stephen Valenta

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday November 17

8:00am- † Emilio Oliveras

12:05pm- † Guy DiPrietro ~*1y. Anniversary*~

Tuesday November 18

8:00am † Zappone, Iannuci, Gagliardi, Zarelli & Sann Families

12:05pm- † Pancrazio LaMorte

Wednesday November 19

8:00am- † Maximo Pascua

12:05pm- † Capper & Coleman Families

Thursday November 20

8:00am- † Henry F. Graebe

12:05pm- † Anna & Vincent Frulio

Friday November 21

8:00am- † Rosaria & Giuseppe Vitiello
Luigina & Alfredo Segreto

12:05pm- † Maria & David Campaniello

Saturday November 22

8:00am- † Marie Micillo

5:00pm- † Susan Obermayer

Sunday November 23

8:30am- † Msgr. Augustine J. DiBlasi & Fanny

10:00am- † Mrs. Helen Valentine

11:30am-*Living*-Special Intentions Fr. Stephen Valenta

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Mass Intentions

By: Joe & Joan Fortunato

Offered By: Jose & Nina Lopez

By: wife, Rafaela & Family

By: Joe & Joan Fortunato

Offered By: Friends

Offered By: Oliveras Family

By: Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Cocozello

Offered By: Pat, Sue, Maria & Dominic

Offered By: wife, Rafaela

Offered By: wife, Crescencia

By: Aurora Nazareno Ocampo

By: Marcella & Nancy Mikos

Offered By: Frulio Family

Offered By: Frulio Family

Offered By: Frulio Family

Offered By: Annette Contardo

Offered By: Family

Offered By: Family

By: son, Thomas Valentine

Offered By: Friends

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle



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~ **Stanley & Marcella Mikos**
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~ **Offered by: Family**
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Lectors & E.M. ~ SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER~

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Lectors: Linda Graves & Linford Smith (carry Gospel Book) Substitute: Bill Hinton

Eucharistic Ministers: Angelo Sabella, Linford Smith & Nancy Velez

Substitute: Bill Hinton

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lectors: Maria Oliveras & Delmeter Carey (carry Gospel Book) Substitute: Linda Torres

Eucharistic Ministers: Delmeter Carey, Diane Carbonaro & MaryAnn Ugbode

Substitute: Samuel Torres

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Victoria Garay (carry Gospel Book) Substitute: Thelma Washington

Eucharistic Ministers: Crescencia (Chris) Pascua, Alexis Crowdell & Beverly Marrayshow

Substitute: Emmanuel Fode



The end is near! Our liturgical year concludes next weekend with the Feast of Christ the King. Today's scripture readings, therefore, speak to us about the end times – the time when we will be held accountable for how we have lived our lives.

“...The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night... Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.” The simple truth is that we do not know when we will die. Jesus reminds us constantly in the Gospels that all we have is the present moment. There is no guarantee that we will be living five minutes from now, five hours from now, or five days from now. All that we have is the present moment in which we are now alive. It is our responsibility, therefore, to treat every moment of our lives as precious and not to miss the opportunities God presents to us to affirm our faith in God and to affirm our desire to live in conformity with what God expects of us as the sons and daughters of God.

It is not easy to stay alert and sober as St. Paul encourages us to do! As human beings, we can easily tire of the effort required of us to live in faithfulness to what God expects of us in every moment of every day. There are so many demands on us that it is hard to stay awake to all the ways in which we are called to give witness to our faith in Jesus Christ. When we find our spiritual energy is waning and we are falling asleep spiritually, this is when we need to renew our prayer and seek the sacraments of reconciliation and the Eucharist to awaken our hearts once more to the desire to be faithful to what God expects of us. It is equally hard for us to stay sober, that is, to not to allow ourselves to become so inebriated with the pleasures of this world that we render ourselves incapable of living the Christian virtues that should shape our lives – compassion, mercy, an openness to all persons, generosity of heart and soul, a concern for the needs of others, particularly those who are poor and vulnerable.

Live as if every moment of every day truly matters – because it does!

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

TODAY: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30

Next Sun: Christ the King

Ezequiel 34: 11-12, 15-17
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Matthew 25:31-46



KEEP ON VOLUNTEERING! We have received some new volunteers to serve as ushers, lectors and Eucharistic ministers. There is room for more! Please leave your information at the office. Thank you!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD 2015 – Lectors are encouraged to pick up a copy of the new edition of Proclaiming the Word for the liturgical year B that begins on November 30th. Copies are available in the sacristy for \$10.

FOOD DRIVE – Please bring donations of non-perishable food to the church before Mass or to the office during the week. This food drive will benefit the food pantry at St. Mary of the Assumption. Some items that they always need: canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, pasta, cereal, tuna fish, canned meat, white rice, dried beans or canned beans, fruit cocktail in cans, peanut butter and jelly. Thank you for your support!

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT – The Campaign helps fund initiatives to end poverty that are organized and directed by the people impacted by poverty. The Campaign also helps educate Catholics on the issues of poverty through the use of our rich tradition of Catholic social teaching which demands that we not only respond to poverty through our charity, but also through an active effort to change those social, economic and political structures that perpetuate poverty. Our collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development will be next weekend November 22 and 23.

THE INCARNATION – Mr. John Lantry will offer a three-part presentation on the wonder and beauty of the Incarnation on Saturdays, November 29, December 6th and December 13th at 11 a.m. Using the Madeleine L'Engle book, "The Glorious Impossible" as a reference point, Mr. Lantry will weave together the Christmas story through prose, poetry and prayer. Session 1: (a) The Word (b) The Annunciation; Session 2: (a) The Visitation (b) The Nativity; Session 3: (a) the Presentation (b) the Journey of the Wise Men and Our Journey. Mr. Lantry is the former director of retreat ministry at Linwood Spirituality Center. Registration is required. Please call: 718-442-3411.

CONSIDER A CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR YOUR CHILD – Register to visit a Catholic school on **TOURING TUESDAY, November 18, from 9-11 a.m.** or by appointment. We recommend you schedule a visit of our own outstanding school, Our Lady of Mount Carmel+St. Benedicta. Pre-registration is required. Please call 718-667-5350, ext. 1007 or email Diana.Gatto@archny.org. Tell them that you would like to tour Our Lady of Mount Carmel School!

RED MASS – Mass for the members of the legal community, this Tuesday, November 18th at 6:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church (Forest Avenue and Manor Road). Homilist and con-celebrant, Bishop John O'Hara.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING WHEN YOU DIE? – St. Peter's Cemetery is now offering individuals and families the opportunity to purchase a grave site for future use in response to the demand for pre-planning of funerals. These future graves will be limited to the graves available in Section R only (at the intersection of Tyler Avenue and Clove Road). Other sections of the cemetery will still be available for immediate need. St. Peter's also offers cremation niches that can hold 2 standard sized urns. Please call the cemetery office at 718-442-2363, Monday through Friday – 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

HOLIDAY FAIRS –

St. Ann's Church – TODAY - November 16th – 9 a.m to 4 p.m. – 125 Cromwell Avenue. Vendors wanted. Please call: Janice Font at 646-258-7281

Columbiettes –November 23rd – 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Fr. John C. Drumgoole Council Hall 397 Clarke Avenue – Christmas gifts and food.

Monsignor Farrell High School – December 7th – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Christmas gifts, food, raffles, visit from Santa. Admission: \$3 or \$5 per family. 2900 Amboy Road.

Weekly Offering: November 9th - \$2864. Budget: \$2,100. Thank you!

The Gift of Responsibility - Any gift from God is an occasion for our greatest praise. Christ, however, often reminds us that praise merely begins our acceptance of God's grace. What follows is responsibility. The act of giving not only displays God's love, but also God's trust. Booker T. Washington touched upon the complex nature of this gift when he said, "Few things can help an individual more than to place responsibility on him, and to let him know that you trust him." By taking responsibility for the gifts God has given us, we confirm both our faith in God and God's faith in us. Look at the particular gifts you have been given and how you can use them to move the world toward God.