

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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TODAY: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7:1-4, 6-7
1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22-23
Mark 1:29-39

Next Sun: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
1 Cor. 10:31-11.1
Mark 1:40-45



2015 CARDINAL'S CAMPAIGN - We have begun this year's Cardinal's Appeal. As a result of the first solicitation from the Cardinal, we have already received significant gifts. Thank you! In this time of historic change in the Archdiocese, our support of the Cardinal's Appeal is all the more important. We can help to strengthen our Archdiocese through the support of this Campaign so that it can continue the great work that it has done in serving the needs of God's people. Our parish has directly benefited from the Appeal and so we have a special obligation to support this campaign. Last year, you were very generous in your contributions. We hope you can be equally as generous this year. Thank you!

LENT PROMISE PROJECT – Catholics traditionally give something up for Lent (candy, dessert, alcohol, etc.). This Lent we invite you to do something for Lent. Make a promise that you will act on your Christian faith each day. Reconcile with, or pray daily for, someone from whom you are estranged. Visit someone in the hospital or who is living alone. Prepare a meal for an elderly person or someone who is chronically ill. Tutor a young person. Volunteer in a soup kitchen, clothing dispensary, or food pantry. Make a regular offering to Catholic Charities of New York (1011 First Avenue, NY NY 10022) or Catholic Relief Services that serves the needs of persons throughout the world (877-435-7277 or 228 W. Lexington St. Baltimore, MD 21201-3413). Subscribe to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Action Alert Network and take action on issues of social justice: <http://cqrccengage.com/catholicbishops/home>. See the box on the right for a link to subscribe to their e-mail list. What will you do to strengthen your Christian faith this Lent through concrete acts of charity and justice? As an incentive to keep your promise, we invite you to write your promise anonymously on cards that will be available in the Sacred Heart alcove and post your card on the white board that is there. This will be a visual reminder to all of us that Lent can be a time of positive change through positive action. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th.

Ash Wednesday Masses – 8 a.m., 12:05 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Spanish). Ashes are distributed during Mass.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM – Preparation for the Sacraments of First Penance & Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation are continuing. Please check your sacrament packets for dates, times and locations. You can also check the parish website (www.olmcsi.org) for updated information. Thank you!

RALLY In SUPPORT of a NY STATE TAX CREDIT FOR PRIVATE and PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPPORT – On Thursday, February 26th, at 7 p.m. at Msgr. Farrell High School (2900 Amboy Road), there will be a rally and legislative forum in support of the *Education Investment Tax Credit*, a bill currently in the NY State Legislature. The goal of the legislation is to increase charitable giving for school scholarships and school support (for both public and private schools including our Catholic schools) by providing donors with a tax credit for the donations they make to fund scholarships and provide direct support of schools. Cardinal Dolan has given his strong support for this legislation. Come to the rally to learn how you can support this tax credit. Or, if you live on the North Shore of Staten Island, you can call State Assemblyman Matthew Titone at 718-442-9932 and State Senator Diane Savino at 718-727-9406. Tell them that you would like to see the Education Investment Tax Credit passed in this legislative session.

2015 MEN'S CONFERENCE – The Archdiocese of New York Men's Commission is hosting the First Annual Men's Conference on Saturday, March 21, 2015, at the Fordham Rose Hill campus. With over 500 expected to attend, this daylong event will provide a unique opportunity for men throughout the Archdiocese to recommit themselves to their spiritual lives. The speakers will include His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, Damon Owens, a renowned public speaker and strong proponent of the Catholic faith, and Joe Klecko, former all-star New York Jets lineman. Admission is \$45 and includes breakfast, lunch and a t-shirt. To register, or for more information, visit www.nymensconference.com, or call Kim Quatela at 646-794-3198.

REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE – Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious, or lay person serving in the Archdiocese should contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000, ext. 2949 or Deacon George Coppola at 917-861-1762. They can be contacted via e-mail at: victimassistance@archny.org. Information can be found on the archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. We want all young people to be safe and secure.

Weekly Offering: February 1- \$2484; Companions in Christ: \$976; Budget: \$2100. Thank you for your generosity!

Treasures From Our Tradition - "Last Rites" is a persistent but pesky phrase in the Catholic lexicon, and not a particularly useful phrase since it props open the door to misunderstanding. Many Catholics presume it refers to the anointing of the sick, yet there is nothing "last" about it. Clearly, the Church desires anointing to be celebrated fairly early on in the crisis of illness, and not as a last measure. The Rites for the Dying stand apart in the Church's plan, and include two principal rites. The first is viaticum, Latin for "food for the journey," the reception of Holy Communion by a dying person. Even very active and aware Catholics often do not realize that this "last rite" does not require a priest's presence, but can be conducted by a deacon or minister of Holy Communion. The second "last rite" in the pastoral plan is a prayer called "Commendation of the dying." Similarly, this does not require the presence of a priest, but can be led by any minister or family member. Too often, we have focused on what only a priest can do, namely anoint and have forgotten the fullness of liturgical care that the Church desires for its dying faithful. The "last rites" are completely available to us even when a priest is not. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 8, 2015



[The Lord] tells the numbers of the stars and calls them by name. -Psalm 147:4:

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday February 7

8:00am- † Isabel Maria Quiñones
5:00pm- † William M. Frickenstein

Sunday February 8

8:30am- † Helene Molnar
10:00am- † Frank & Mary Socci
11:30am ~Living~ Special Intentions Kevin Gillespie
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday February 9

8:00am ~Living~ Special Intentions Kevin Gillespie
12:05pm- † Thomas Pennino ~Anniversary~

Tuesday February 10

8:00am ~Living~ Special Intentions Sean Gillespie
12:05pm- †

Wednesday February 11

8:00am ~Living~ Special Intentions Sean Gillespie
12:05pm- †

Thursday February 12

8:00am- † Fortunato & Burke Family
12:05pm~Living~ Special Intentions Sean Gillespie

Friday February 13

8:00am ~Living~ Special Intentions Gidget Gillespie
12:05pm- † John Bruno

Saturday February 14

8:00am ~Living~ Special Intentions Gidget Gillespie
5:00pm- † Antonietta Palmierro

Sunday February 15

8:30am- †
10:00am- † Flory & John Mezzacappa
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions



Mass Intentions

Offered By: daughter, Martha

Offered By: Family

Offered By: Anna Nieves

By: Lena & Jerry Mezzacappa

Offered By: Family

Offered By:

Offered By:

By: Joe & Joan Fortunato

By: daughters, Barbara & Mary

By: daughter-in-law, Rosa

Offered By:

By: Lena & Jerry Mezzacappa

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle
Memorial Candle



John, Jim & Gene Obermayer
Offered by: The Family

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Lectors & E.M. ~ Schedule for February 2015~

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

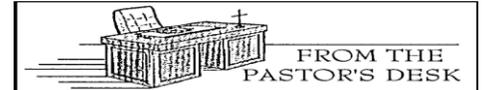
Lectors: Linda Graves & Tom Ventrudo (carry Gospel Book) Substitute: Bill Hinton
Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy Velez, Peg & Tom Ventrudo Substitute: Linford Smith

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lectors: Linda Torres & Delmeter Carey (carry Gospel Book) Substitute: Joan Fortunato
Eucharistic Ministers: Theresa Contardo, Maria Oliveras & Samuel Torres
Substitute: Joseph (Joe) Fortunato

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Thelma Washington (carry Gospel Book) Substitute.: Alexis Crowdell
Eucharistic Ministers: Emmanuel Fode, Beneverly Marryshow & Crescencia (Chris) Pascua
Substitute: Dianne Murphy



What is our Christian response to lives of ceaseless toil and seemingly endless hardship?

In our first reading today from the Book of Job, Job is lamenting what has become of his life. He once was prosperous and content. Through a series of calamities, Job lost everything that mattered to him. As a result, he now felt that his life had been stripped of all meaning, all purpose, and all pleasure and of all value. There was nothing left for him but death and for that he had to wait while his life unfolded in unending drudgery.

In our City, there are too many persons who share the sentiments of Job. There are immigrants who want to work but because of their status find it difficult to obtain work and when they do they are easily exploited. They work long, hard days and do so under the shadow of the threat of deportation. Others who are citizens work in low-wage jobs that pay too little to give them sufficient income to satisfy the essentials of life and yet even their meager wages often denies them the government assistance that they need to live in dignity.

Two points: First, God wants all of God's children to have what they need to live in dignity so that no one has to experience life as no more than endless toil. Those of us who are comfortable in life must work to build a more just social order so that all share equitably in the gifts with which God blessed this world for the benefit of us all. This is our fundamental duty as Christians. Second, those who are now trapped in lives that are hard and in which there are few pleasures, should have confidence in God's presence with them in their suffering. Having shared fully in our humanity in Jesus, God knows the hard realities of the human condition. God, therefore, is always with those for whom life is especially difficult. Draw strength, therefore, in God's presence with you, find comfort in the knowledge that others are working to change the world that now oppresses you, and find peace in the knowledge that in God your life has meaning, purpose and splendid value.

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.