

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

TODAY: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Next Sun: First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-15
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15



OUR ARCHDIOCESES NEEDS OUR SUPPORT - Each year, the Cardinal's Campaign offers us the opportunity to express our gratitude for all that the Archdiocese of New York does to support our parishes, sustain Catholic education, provide assistance to those in need, and build a firm foundation for the future of our Church. Please consider making a generous gift to this year's Cardinal's Appeal. Thank you!

LENTEN 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://cqcengage.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!

PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE & DAY OF PRAYER - Saturday - March 14th

12 p.m. - Lenten Reconciliation Service with the opportunity for individual confession.

1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Lenten Afternoon of Prayer with Robert Karle of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and Patricia McDonough of the Jesuit Collaborative. With an introduction to the method of prayer developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola, Robert and Patricia will offer you an opportunity to deepen your Lenten experience and recognize the ways in which Christ invites you into a more profound relationship with him. Please come and bring your friends as well!

SUPPORT OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL! - Saturday - March 21st - John J. Bruno Children's Luncheon - 12 p.m. at Li Greci's Staaten - Join us as we honor a distinguished group of persons who have made a difference in the lives of children. This year's honorees include: Dr. Mark Sherman, Jacob Carey, Annette Esposito, Sergey Guberman, Terry Gribbon, Mel and Susan Hansen, Eveyln & Mike Kormanik, Grace Murphy, Ilene Pappert, Zonease Porter and Charita Sanders. Tickets are \$75 per adult and \$25 per child. Please contact Ms. Mouton for more information at: 718-981-5131. Thank you!

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL+ST. BENEDICTA REUNION- Saturday, March 14th, 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. Graduating classes from 1964 to 1990 are invited to join in this fun event featuring a hot buffet, a desert station, DJ, photobooth, raffle baskets, 50/50 and some hidden surprises. Advanced payment of \$50 required. Theresa Gribbin 1028 Feather Bed Lane, Edison, N.J. 08820. This is a BYOB event. Assorted soda and water will be provided.

ART LESSONS at BLESSED SACRAMENT - Experience the fun of watercolor art on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Parish (30 Manor Road) under the direction of Fred Sklenar, a professional painter and art teacher. Beginners are welcome! The fee is only \$10 per session. To enroll, please call 718-447-9657.

Weekly Offering: February 8: \$3050. Budget: \$2100. Thank you for your generosity!

Treasures From Our Tradition - Although Valentine's Day has often been locked into a romantic view of special dining and gifting for that special couple, or the presenting of stacks of cards to school children, the day brings so much more to our understanding of love. Valentine's Day offers us the opportunity to reflect on the deeper meaning of the concept of love. We have always been commissioned to carry God's love through our days to our neighbors, and the readings during this time highlight this concept. Whether we are single, married, young or a bit older - we are all called to be love and to express the care and compassion reflective of this love to all. Paul's call in the second reading looks to demonstrating this love through opportunities to bring the message of Jesus to all. Remembering someone who is alone or forgotten; acknowledging those who bring us joy, thanking Him for his great love - we are called to be the feet and hands of Christ in "our world" Paul notes that to love is to live in God's freedom.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 15, 2015

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. -1 Corinthians 10:31



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday February 14

8:00am-*Living*~ Special Intentions Gidget Gillespie

5:00pm- † Antonietta Palmierro

By: daughter-in-law, Rosa

Sunday February 15

8:30am- †

Offered By:

10:00am- † Flory & John Mezzacappa

By: Lena & Jerry Mezzacappa

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday February 16

8:00am- †

12:05pm- † Michael Contardo

Offered By: wife, Theresa

Tuesday February 17

8:00am- † Linda Raisley

Offered By: Tony Raisley

12:05pm- † Andrew Frulio

Offered By: Frulio Family

Wednesday February 18 ~Ash Wednesday~

8:00am- †

Offered By:

12:05pm- †

Offered By:

Thursday February 19

8:00am- †

Offered By:

12:05pm- † Joseph J. Scamardella, Jr.

Offered By: sister, Joann

Friday February 20

8:00am- †

Offered By:

12:05pm- † Renald Cruz

Offered By: Theresa Contardo

Saturday February 21

8:00am- †

Offered By:

5:00pm- † Gilda Mammolito

Offered By: Louis Mammolito

Sunday February 22

8:30am-*Living*~ Special Intentions Diane Bruno

By: Delmeter & Louis Carey & Family

10:00am- † Junie Mezzacappa & Angela Gaeta

By: Lena & Jerry Mezzacappa

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle
Memorial Candle



~
~
~
~

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

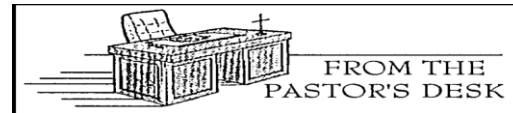
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Thelma Washington (carry Gospel Book)

Substitute.: Alexis Crowdell

Eucharistic Ministers: Emmanuel Fode, Beneverly Marrayshow & Crescencia (Chris) Pascua

Substitute: Dianne Murphy



Lent begins this Wednesday – Ash

Wednesday. Are you prepared to enter into this sacred season so that you will enjoy the fullness of grace this season can bring?

Lent is a time in which we look very honestly at our lives to see where there is a need for change so that we are living in greater faithfulness to what God expects of us in our relationship with God and with each other. How is your relationship with God? Do you pray daily? Do you attend Mass regularly? Do you actively participate in the Mass, that is, do you give your full attention to the Mass or is your mind occupied by all the things that you want to do after Mass? Do you seek the sacrament of reconciliation (confession) on a regular basis? Have you heard the voice of God challenge you recently – challenge some aspect of your current way of life? If not, you are either a saint or you are not listening very carefully! Have you been faithful to what God expects of you in your relationship with other persons? Do you succumb to the habit of gossip? Are you honest in dealing with other persons? Are you respectful of other persons – store clerks, bus drivers, delivery persons, day laborers? Do you use language that is intended to hurt or demean another person? Is there any hint of racism or prejudice in your heart? Are you critical of persons whose faith is different from yours? Lent gives us the opportunity for a genuine and thorough examination of whether we have lived in faithfulness to the fundamental commands of Christ.

Our Lenten Promise Project offers you the opportunity to choose to do something for Lent rather than giving up something for Lent. There is an announcement in the bulletin describing this project. What can you do this Lent that will serve to remind you of your identity as a disciple of Jesus Christ and that will strengthen that identity? Now is the time for each of us to embrace the season of Lent as an opportunity to renew, strengthen and deepen our discipleship in Jesus Christ.

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.