

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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TODAY: April 12

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-25
1 John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31

Next Sun: April 19

Acts 3:13-15,17-19
1 John 2:1-5
Lk.24:35-48



WE ARE CLOSE TO OUR GOAL FOR THE CARDINAL'S CAMPAIGN!- Last year, you raised almost \$5,000 through your support of the Cardinal's Campaign. Our parish receives a portion of the funds raised beyond our goal. Our goal this year is \$18,500 and we have gifts and pledges totaling \$17,000. If you have not had the opportunity to make a gift to the Cardinal's Campaign, there are envelopes available in the vestibule. You can send your donation directly to the Archdiocese or place it in the collection on Sunday and we will mail it for you. If you want to make a gift in cash, simply put it in the envelope and bring it to the office, or place it in the collection next week. We will write a check for you. Thank you for your support!

CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL – On Sunday, July 12, at 1 p.m. there will be a celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in the gym. We need your help! Persons interested in contributing to the food for this event, and/or organizing efforts to have parishioners bring mementos of their time in this parish, are invited to attend a **meeting on Saturday, April 25th, at 10 a.m.** in the parish meeting room. This festival will mark the beginning of the consolidation of our parish with St. Mary of the Assumption. Parishioners from both parishes will be invited to this feast. The festival will be a collaborative effort of the Spanish and English speaking communities. If you are interested in working on this event but cannot attend the meeting on the 20th, please leave a message for Fr. Hallinan in the parish office. Thank you!

PASTOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – Next Meeting is Monday, 27 April, at 5 p.m. All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE! – May 2nd, Saturday, at 10 a.m. – Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick.

ALUMNI/ALUMNA of St. TERESA SCHOOL – St. Teresa School is celebrating its 60th Anniversary this year. A number of events are being planned. If you want to receive notification of these events, please send an e-mail message to saintteresalumni@gmail.com or call Brian Lyons at 917-921-1517.

ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING MASS CELEBRATION – Saturday, June 20th and Sunday, June 21 – both at 2 p.m. in St. Patrick's Cathedral with Cardinal Dolan presiding. The Mass will honor those who are celebrating 50 years of marriage. Tickets are limited for each Mass. **If you are interested in attending, please contact the parish office by 4 p.m. on April 17th.** If you would simply like a certificate from the Archdiocese to celebrate your fifty years of marriage, you should also contact the parish office by 4 p.m. on April 1st. This event is sponsored by the Family Life+Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese (another work supported by the Cardinal's Campaign!).

ASSUMPTION-St. PAUL BASKET AUCTION – Sunday, April 19th, 129 Clinton Avenue. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. \$5.00 admission includes coffee, cake and raffle tickets. There will be many great prizes! For more information, please call 718-447-6362.

NEED HELP IN PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE HOME CARE to an ELDERLY RELATIVE? – CenterLight Healthcare is a not-for-profit organization that provides neighborhood-based day care, medical care and home care services to eligible residents in metro New York. Their mission is to help members live safely and independently in their own homes. Through an integrated approach of medical and social services, CenterLight promotes better health and quality of life for its members. To learn more, please call Bonita Sussman at 347-882-1822.

Happy Easter! Alleluia!
Jesus Christ, He lives!
Serve Him to receive salvation;
Eternal life he gives!

WEEKLY OFFERING: Easter: \$7149; Holy Thursday: \$409; Good Friday: \$150. Thank you for your generosity!

OF ONE HEART AND MIND - Reading about the faith of the early Christian believers can be a real inspiration to those of us who have been Christians for a long time, as well as for those who are newly baptized. Can you imagine people of this world being "of one heart and mind" as was the first community of believers? Today's First Letter of John seems to hold the key to how this can be accomplished. Keeping God's commandments and loving all of God's children seems to be the start of being "of one heart and mind." We live in a world that stresses differences—differences among religions, among races, between genders, and among economic classes. Today we are summoned to focus on what we all share in common on this fragile planet of ours. *Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.*



Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) ~ April 12, 2015



Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ~1 John 5:5

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday April 11

8:00am- † William McMullen

5:00pm- † Deacon Anthony Lagotta

Sunday April 12

8:30am- † Patrick Hinton

10:00am~ Special Intentions Christian Pepo

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday April 13

8:00am- † Frances Lagotta

12:05pm- † Joseph J. Scamardella, Sr.

Tuesday April 14

8:00am- †

12:05pm- †

Wednesday April 15

8:00am~ Special Intentions Janice Blanchard

12:05pm- †

Thursday April 16

8:00am- † John DeSimone

12:05pm- † Michael Contardo

Friday April 17

8:00am - †

12:05pm - † Josephine Pizzutto

Saturday April 18

8:00am- †

5:00pm- † William M. Frickenstein

Sunday April 19

8:30am- † Isabel Maria Quiñones

10:00am- † Carmela Nacchio

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions



Mass Intentions

Offered By: Felicia Wilson & Staff at Judicial Title

Offered By: Altar Rosary Society

Offered By: Bill Hinton

Offered By: Joyce Pepo

Offered by: Mikos Family

Offered by: daughter, Joann

Offered by:

Offered By:

Offered by: Marcella Mikos

Offered By:

Offered By: Annette DeSimone

Offered By: wife, Theresa

Offered By:

Offered By: Bessy Martino

Offered By:

Offered By: Family

Offered By: daughter, Martha

By: Jean & Richard Nacchio

Weekly Memorials

**Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle**



~ **Jim & Lou Obermayer**
Offered by: Family

Memorial Candle

Liturgical Minsters Schedule for APRIL 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: Angelo Sabella

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lectors: Maria Oliveras & Samuel Torres (*carry Gospel Book*)

Substitute: Linda Torres

Eucharistic Ministers: Theresa Contardo, Maria Oliveras & Samuel Torres

Substitute: Delmeter Carey

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Alexis Crowdell (*carry Gospel Book*)

Substitute.: Valeria Cappucci

Eucharistic Ministers: Emmanuel Fode, Crescencia (Chris) Pascua & Thelma Washington

Substitute: Beverly Marryshow



We are in this world but are not of this world. This is the inherent tension of our Christian faith. How do we successfully sustain this tension in our lives?

In the first letter of St. John, we are told that “whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith.” This suggests that the world is evil and that our desire should be to have as little to do with the world as is possible for us. This was certainly a strongly held position within our church for many centuries. Christians were taught to see this world in which we lived as an impediment to a real, strong, affective relationship with God. Only if we lived a truly spiritual life, with as little contact with the world as possible, could we experience a true victory over this world – a victory that would be ours in death as Christ recognized us as Christ’s own and raised us up to share his glory.

The problem with this point of view is that it ignores the fact that God entered into the world in the person of Jesus and that Jesus was fully engaged in this world. Jesus kept a healthy balance between a life of prayer and a life in which he worked to transform this world through his words and his actions. We must now do as Jesus did. We must transform this world through our commitment to his values – mercy, forgiveness, compassion, and a concern for the poor, the weak and vulnerable. These are not the prevailing values of our world. We can, therefore, expect opposition to our witness and our work just as Jesus experienced opposition to his witness and to his work. This is why we also must sustain a regular pattern of prayer, as Jesus did, so that God can guide our efforts and correct our faults. If we are true to both our prayer and our active efforts to transform this world, then through our faith we will conquer the world. Our witness will transform the world for the good and we will share in Christ’s victory over sin and death.

In this Easter season, we must pray for the grace to sustain a healthy balance between our active engagement with this world and our need for a living, active relationship with God.

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.