

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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### **TODAY: 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ezekiel 17:22-24  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10  
Mark 4:26-34

### **Next Sun: 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Job 38:1, 8-11  
2 Corinthians 5:14-17  
Mark 4:35-41



**FINANCIAL SITUATION of OUR PARISH** – We are not in a strong position financially at this moment. Our income is meeting our expenses but we are not generating any surplus income. Through fundraising and extraordinary gifts, we have some money in reserves but we have a number of expensive projects to complete this summer. We recently have encountered some unexpected expenditures that have eliminated almost five weeks of our Sunday collection income. The City imposed a \$3,000 fine for our failure to file an energy efficiency report for the grammar school. We are investigating this but it appears that we will have to pay the fine. The rectory building requires waterproofing work that will cost us \$5,000. And we had to pay an unexpected fee of \$5,000 to register the boiler in the grammar school with the Department of Buildings so that we can finally be in compliance with the regulations of the City. This summer we will be performing work related to our consolidation that will eliminate the fund-raising reserves that we now have. When persons ask why the pastor is always emphasizing fund-raising, please remember that our expenses never diminish but sometimes our income does!

**PASTOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – Monday, July 6, at 5 p.m. in the Chapel. All are welcome! If you would like to attend but the time is too early, please call the office and leave a message for Fr. Hallinan. Thank you!

**A CHANGE IN OUR PASTORAL TEAM** – Fr. Gil Gentile, S.J. will be returning to ministry in California at the end of July. Fr. Marc Roselli, S.J. will join our parish staff at the beginning of August. We give thanks to Fr. Gil for his wonderful pastoral presence and his generous service to our parish. We wish Fr. Gil the very best as he continues his rich ministry to the people of God.

**JULY 12<sup>th</sup> – CELEBRATE WITH US!** - On July 12th, we will have a wonderful celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Our parish community will join with the community of St. Mary of the Assumption to celebrate this feast together. You are warmly invited to the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, July 12th, which will be bi-lingual and feature an opportunity for you to make a consecration to Our Lady of Mount Carmel. At 1 p.m. there will be a festival in the school gym with hymns, prizes, and delicious food. Don't miss this great event!

**DARE to DREAM as YOU HELP YOUR PARISH TO FLOURISH!** – Have you bought your ticket for the \$5,000 raffle?? If you buy a \$50 ticket, you have the chance to win \$5,000. We also have \$10 share tickets that you give the chance to win \$1,000 for each \$10 ticket that you buy. The total ticket count is 250. 1-150 are \$50 tickets. Tickets 151 through 250 each have 5 shares at \$10 per share. Only 250 ticket numbers go into the drawing. If number 140 is drawn, the person with that ticket wins \$5,000. If number 165 is drawn, each person who has a share of that number receives \$1,000. Please consider selling tickets to family, friends and colleagues at work.

***You have to be in it to win it!!***

**IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? – DOES SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEED THE SACRAMENTS of COMMUNION and/or CONFIRMATION?** – We offer a program for adults seeking to become Catholics as well as adults interested in completing their sacraments. If you would like more information please call the parish office (718-442-3411) and leave a message for Colin Vautrinot – Director of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET THE CARDINAL'S CAMPAIGN!**- Your pledges to the Cardinal's Campaign have exceeded our goal of \$18,500. Thank you! Our parish receives a portion of the funds raised beyond our goal. Last year, we received \$5,000 from the Campaign thanks to your generosity. 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!

**WEEKLY OFFERING:** June 7: \$3239.

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION** - A wedding celebrated in the Eastern Church has a form that was fixed a thousand years ago. In the West, our story is more complicated by constant change and variation. As the world's structures tottered in the ninth century, bishops and priests stepped into the void left by collapsing civil structures. For the first time, marriage was referred to as a sacrament, and wedding ceremonies were to be in public (assuring the free consent of the bride) after an investigation of the couple by a priest. The custom of the blessing of the bridal room diminished, and was finally forbidden in 1012 by the Council of Rouen, although it continued for centuries. In the diocese of Perigueux in France, a ritual from 1827 had the parish priest clad in surplice and stole sprinkling the bridal couple as they stood modestly in their pajamas by the wedding bed. Next the bed and all those present were sprinkled, too! That's a tradition that few Americans, either the betrothed or the clergy, are ready to revive!

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# Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## June 14, 2015

They that are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our GOD. ~Psalm 92:14



### Weekly Mass Intentions

#### Saturday June 13

8:00am- †

5:00pm- † Francis & Marie Rice

#### Sunday June 14

8:30am- † Msgr. Augustine J. DiBalsi

10:00am- † Dolores Elizabeth Zukowski

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

#### Monday June 15

8:00am- †

12:05pm- †

#### Tuesday June 16

8:00am- †

12:05pm- † Michael Contardo

#### Wednesday June 17

8:00am- -† Norma & John Baccicheti

12:05pm- † Elvira & Anthony, Jr. Ancona

#### Thursday June 18

8:00am- †

12:05pm- †

#### Friday June 19

8:00am - †

12:05pm - † Franco Testa

#### Saturday June 20

8:00am- † Ciro & Andrew Frulio

5:00pm- † William M. Frickestein

#### Sunday June 21

8:30am- † Pancrazio LaMorte

10:00am~ Special Intentions of Joseph J. Savickas

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions



### Mass Intentions

Offered By:

Offered By: their children

Offered By: Family

By: Victoria & Wilfredo Garay

Offered By:

Offered By:

Offered By:

Offered By: wife, Theresa

Offered By: Annette Esposito

Offered By: daughter, Theresa

Offered By:

Offered By:

Offered By:

By: Bessy Martino & Family

Offered By: Frulio Family

Offered By: Family

By: wife, Rafaella & Family

Offered By: Joyce Pepo

### Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle



Charles Pommerenk

Offered by: wife, Kathleen

### Liturgical Minister's Schedule for JUNE 2015~

#### Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Lectors: Linda Graves & Angelo Sabella (carry Gospel Book) Substitute: Bill Hinton

E. M.: Nancy Velez, Angelo Sabella & Linford Smith Substitute: Bill Hinton

#### Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Joan Fortunato (carry Gospel Book) Substitute: Linda Torres

Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Carbonaro, Theresa Contardo & Joseph Fortunato  
Substitute: Samuel Torres

#### Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Victoria Garay (carry Gospel Book) Substitute.: Alexis Crowdell

E. M.: Valarie Cappucci, Lydia Mora & Dianne Murphy Substitute: Thelma Washington



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### **"... We walk by faith, not by sight."**

What is the significance of these famous words of St. Paul? Are they true of my life? Are they true of your life?

"To walk by faith" is to allow the direction of our lives, the path of our lives, to be determined by our faith in Jesus Christ. Through prayer, reflection on the scriptures, active participation in the sacraments, and the teaching of our Church, we open our minds and hearts to the instruction of Jesus Christ and allow his teaching to shape who we are and how we live. Walking by faith, we see this world through eyes of faith which allow us to see the need for mercy, reconciliation, compassion, generosity and a profound concern for the poor and the powerless. In contrast, "to walk by sight" is focus on what the world teaches us should be the values that form who we are and what we do – instruction that comes to us through advertising, popular pundits, television and film. Walking by sight, we see our world through the eyes of this world. As a result, we see only the need to give our desires priority over the needs of others, we see the need to exact vengeance and retribution for every offense committed against us, and we see the need to ignore the poor, the powerless and the vulnerable.

It would be wonderful if we each of us could say that we have chosen to walk by faith and not by sight. Unfortunately, the sad truth is that we are not always consistent in allowing the teaching of Jesus to shape what we think, what we feel and what we do. Sometimes we simply cannot resist the allure of the values of this world. We see an easy path to our own self-fulfillment, to our own self-gratification, to our own personal happiness. This is why we need a consistent life of prayer to allow Jesus to correct the course of our lives when we have strayed from the path that he has set before us.

Remember, only when we walk by faith can we live in the hope that our final destination will be eternal life with God.

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