



Feast of The Baptism of the Lord ~ January 10, 2016



After all the people had been baptized, Jesus was also baptized. While He was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove. ~Luke 3:21-22a

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday January 9

8:00am- † Isabel Maria Quiñones
5:00pm- † Daniel Fuentes
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday January 10

8:30am- † Aldorah Williams
10:00am- † Dolores Elizabeth Zukowski & Gregory Peter Zukowski
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday January 11

8:00am- ~ Robert Plaut's Special Intentions
12:05pm- † Offered by: Marcella Mikos

Tuesday January 12

8:00am- ~ In Thanksgiving to Heaven Offered by: Christine Labolitta
12:05pm- † Offered by:

Wednesday January 13

8:00am- † Offered by:
12:05pm- † Msgr. Augustine J. DiBalsi & Harle Offered by: Family

Thursday January 14

8:00am- † Offered by:
12:05pm- † Alexa Cioffi Offered by: Theresa Contardo

Friday January 15

8:00am- † Offered by:
12:05pm- † Offered by:

Saturday January 16

8:00am- † Michael Contardo Offered by: wife, Theresa
5:00pm- † Joseph Fortunato Offered by: Family
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday January 17

8:30am- † Dr. Daniel J. Paulo By: Nancy & Marcella Mikos
10:00am- † Dorothy & Theodore Spicer Offered by: Mr. & Mrs. Sullivan
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions



Mass Intentions

Offered by: daughter, Marta
Offered by: Linda Federowski

By: children & grandchildren
Offered by: Victoria & Wilfredo Garay

Offered by: Marcella Mikos

Offered by:

Offered by: Christine Labolitta

Offered by:

Offered by:

Offered by: Family

Offered by:

Offered by: Theresa Contardo

Offered by:

Offered by:

Offered by: wife, Theresa

Offered by: Family

By: Nancy & Marcella Mikos

Offered by: Mr. & Mrs. Sullivan

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candles



Liturgical Minster's Schedule JANUARY 2016

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Linda Graves (carry Gospel Book) E. M.: Linford Smith, Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Joan Knighton (carry Gospel Book)
E.M.: Cinderella Wonsewitz, Theresa Contardo & Diane Carbonaro Sub: Bill Hinton

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Sharley Manuel (carry Gospel Book)
E. M.: Mariana Zukowski, Emmanuel Fode & Beverly Marryshaw Sub: Alexis Crowdell

As we
celebrate today



the Baptism of Jesus, our mandate as baptized Christians is clear. "Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ..."

"To reject godless ways and worldly desires..." What is the way of God? It is a way of selfless love and compassionate concern for all of God's people. It is to foster a spirit of forgiveness, reconciliation and peace. It is to have a profound concern for the poor and the powerless. It is to honor, respect and protect the dignity of all persons. What are the ways of this world ('worldly desires')? It is to give priority to our desires rather than the needs of others. It is to emphasize the accumulation of material goods and wealth without regard for how we acquire those goods or that wealth. It is to foster a spirit of violence, vengeance and retribution. As baptized Christians, we are called to live our lives in conformity with the ways of God and to diminish, with the grace of God, the influence of the ways of this world on our lives.

When you review your life in 2015, what was the direction of our life? Can you honestly say that overall you were living more in conformity with the ways of God than the ways of this world? Can you honestly say that you were genuinely compassionate toward all persons, that you showed a real concern for the poor and the powerless of this world? Can you honestly say that you forgave others and did not cling to hurts, resentments or grievances against another person? Did you not surrender to feelings of hatred or prejudice against other persons because of their race or their religion? Can you honestly say that you did not surrender to a preoccupation with money and material goods? In what areas of your life do you need the grace of God to do better in 2016?

In 2016, we should all strive to live more faithfully to our baptism in Jesus Christ.

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

TODAY: Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Next Sun: 2nd Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
John 2:1-11



PASTOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – Monday, January 18th at 5 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

TOURING TUESDAYS – CONSIDER a CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR YOUR CHILDREN! Visit our Lady of Mount Carmel + St. Benedicta School, Tuesday, January 12th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Discover what a Catholic school can offer your child! For more information, please call: 718-981-5131.

NOVENA for LIFE - The U.S. bishops' annual novena, 9 Days for Life, takes place Saturday, January 16 – Sunday, January 24. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app. Join at www.9daysforlife.com! For those of you not digitally connected, make a point of beginning each day with this simple prayer: "God, help me to respect the dignity of every person that I encounter today by treating them with respect. As I deepen in my appreciation for the sanctity of all human life, may I be an advocate for those whose lives are not valued in our society – the unborn, the incarcerated, those condemned to die, the undocumented immigrant, and all those on the margins of our society." At the end of the day, take a few moments to give thanks to God for the ways that you did honor and respect the dignity of all persons that day and take a few moments to acknowledge the ways in which you perhaps failed to respect the dignity of another person.

PASTOR to BE HONORED – Congratulations to Fr. Mark Hallinan whom Fordham University has selected to receive a Community Service Award for all of his work for the people of our community! Father will be honored at the Staaten on Forest Avenue on Sunday, January 31st from 1PM to 4PM. Tickets to the affair costs \$35. A five-course meal will be served. Please send your request for a ticket to: Marjorie Pugliese -25 Elmbank Street – Staten Island, N.Y. 10312 347-600-6237.

NAVIGATING YOUR NEW WORLD AFTER A DIVORCE: - Tuesdays – 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. from February 23 through May 10th at St. Ann's rectory basement – 101 Cromwell Avenue. How do you work through the emotions of separation and divorce? How do you heal from the divorce and renew a sense of hope? How do you forgive and how do you navigate the new family dynamics? Is a Church annulment a possibility for you? You will have the opportunity to learn about all these issues and more through the expert facilitation of Anne-Louise DePalo. The cost is \$25 which includes the cost of course materials that you purchase on-line. You also register online at: <http://divorced.nyfamilylife.org>. If you are having problem with navigating the website, please call: Denise or Marcia at 646-794-3185.

BLESSING FOR PREGNANT WOMEN – Starting February 7th, we will offer a blessing for pregnant woman on the first Sunday of the month at the 10 a.m. Mass. Fathers are encouraged to be present to receive a blessing as well. No advanced registration is required. Simply give your name in the sacristy **before** the 10 a.m. Mass.

BIBLE STUDY – Want to learn more about the foundational source of our faith – the bible? We have classes on select Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon under the direction of Mr. Colin Voutrinot, our Director of RCIA. Upcoming classes: January 23, February 6 and 13. Classes are in the rectory on the first floor.

REMEMBER PETER'S EXPERIENCE of the MERCY of CHRIST - Let us ... remember Peter: three times he denied Jesus, precisely when he should have been closest to him; and when he hits bottom he meets the gaze of Jesus who patiently, wordlessly, says to him: "Peter, don't be afraid of your weakness, trust in Me." Peter understands, he feels the loving gaze of Jesus and he weeps. How beautiful is this gaze of Jesus — how much tenderness is there! Brothers and sisters, let us never lose trust in the patience and mercy of God! *Pope Francis*

PRACTICAL ACTIONS to be WISE STEWARDS of OUR EARTH: *From Laudato Si, Pope Francis' Encyclical on the Environment:* "Education in environmental responsibility can encourage ways of acting which directly and significantly affect the world around us, such as avoiding the use of plastic and paper, reducing water consumption, separating refuse, cooking only what can reasonably be consumed, showing care for other living beings, using public transport or car-pooling, planting trees, turning off unnecessary lights, or any number of other practices." (211)

WEEKLY OFFERING: New Year's: \$1,738; 1/3/16: \$5,090; \$899 (2nd). Thank you for your support of our parish!

MANIFESTING THE SPIRIT - The Christmas season closes this Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. This feast is a sister to last week's feast of the Epiphany. Each of them celebrates an "epiphany," or a manifestation of the Spirit of God in Jesus--first in his birth, and now at his baptism. The divine Spirit is manifested in all of the scriptures for this feast. Psalm 104 highlights the Spirit of God creating and renewing the earth, while the reading from Isaiah describes God restoring Israel. In Luke's account of the baptism of the Lord the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus. And the letter to Titus reminds us that the Holy Spirit was "richly poured out" on us also, through the "bath of rebirth" (*Titus 3:5,6*)

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