



Twentieth-First Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 21, 2016



Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet,
that what is lame may not be disjointed, but healed. ~Hebrews 12:12-13

Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday August 20

8:00am- † Nonso Christian Ugbo

5:00pm- † Heriberto Oliveras

Offered by: mother, MaryAnn

Offered by: brother, Jose

Sunday August 21

8:30am- ~Birthday Blessings for
Valerie Cappucci & Victoria Garay

Offered by: Fr. Mark &
Community Ministry

By: Victoria & Wilfredo Garay

10:00am- † Dolores Elizabeth Zukowski

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday August 22

8:00am- † Kevin Walsh, Walter Zilka &
Theresa Flannery

Offered by: Joan Fortunato

12:05pm- † James Obermayer

Offered by: Family

Tuesday August 23

8:00am- † Grace Coleman & Rosalia Nazareno

Offered by: Aurora Ocampo

12:05pm- † William M. Frickenstein

Offered by: Family

Wednesday August 24

8:00am- †

Offered by:

12:05pm- †

Offered by:

Thursday August 25

8:00am- †

Offered by:

12:05pm- †

Offered by:

Friday August 26

8:00am- † Angela & Nicholas Zarelli

By: Pat, Sue, Maria & Dominic

12:05pm- †

Offered by:

Saturday August 27

8:00am- ~ Unborn babies in wombs & their families

By: Deacon James Stahlnecker

5:00pm- † Charles & Zoraida May &
Marie Whitebean

Offered by: Barbara Miscione

Sunday August 28

8:30am- † Nonso Christian Ugbo

Offered by: Fr. Mark &
Community Ministry

10:00am- † Mary Louise & George Brown, Jr.

Offered by: Mr. & Mrs. Sullivan

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle



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Liturgical Minister's Schedule AUGUST 2016

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Linda Graves & Tom Ventrudo (*carry Gospel Book*)

E. M.: Linford Smith, Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Ceferino Albarracin & Samuel Torres (*carry Gospel Book*) *Sub:* Joan Fortunato

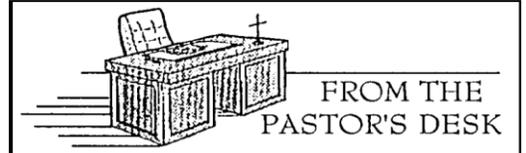
E.M.: Maria Oliveras, Linda Torres & Samuel Torres

Sub: Cinderella Wonsewitz

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Alexis Crowdell (*carry Gospel Book*) *Sub:* Thelma Washington

E.M.: Emmanuel Fode, Beverly Marryshow & Dianne Murphy *Sub:* Valerie Cappucci



“...Do not disdain the discipline of the Lord...” How willing are we to accept the ‘discipline’ that is necessary in order to be sons and daughters of God?

Persons in our society are not averse to discipline. Persons discipline their consumption of food in order to maintain a healthy diet and to lose weight. Persons embrace the discipline of exercise in order to tone their bodies. Athletes accept the discipline required to excel in sports. Persons accept the discipline of long hours at work in order to achieve success in their careers. Musicians and singers accept the discipline of long hours of practice in order to master their instrument or perfect their voice. Scholars accept the discipline of long hours of study in order to become experts in their area of interest. We are not averse to discipline when it is in our interest.

Why, then, do we object when we speak of the discipline that our faith requires? In order to grow in faith, we need a regular life of prayer but many persons do not discipline themselves to make the time necessary for daily prayer. We need the Sunday Eucharist (the Mass) in order to remind ourselves that we are members of the Body of Christ; not individual believers but members of a corporate body that is rich in diversity but united in our common profession of faith. Yet, many persons do not discipline themselves to arrive at Mass on time and some do not discipline themselves to make the Sunday Mass a priority in their lives. We need to discipline our thoughts, desires, words and actions so that what we think, say and do reflects our faithfulness to what God expects of us as God’s sons and daughters. Unfortunately, many of us fail to accept this discipline so that what we think, say and do is often contrary to the ways of God. Do we accept the discipline our faith requires in order to grow in our unity with God?

Let us pray for the grace to accept the discipline of God that we need in order to be true sons and daughters of God.

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: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:18-21
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Luke 13:22-30

Next Sun: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 3:17-18 20, 28-29
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-26
Luke 14:1, 7-14



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM – Registrations for religious education classes are currently being taken in the parish office during normal office hours. **Please register your child as soon as possible.** Any registrations taken after August 31st will incur a late fee per child. If you have any questions regarding the classes for the Religious Education Program, please visit the parish office. Thank you!

IMPORTANT: If your child was enrolled last year in 1st year preparation for the sacraments, now is the time to reenroll them for the second year preparation. Please note that if your child is entering the 1st grade in September, it is time to register for First Holy Communion preparation. If your child is entering the 6th grade in September, it is time to register for Confirmation preparation.

BIBLE STUDY – Bible study will resume on Saturday, September 3rd, at 10 a.m. in the Father Flynn Room of the rectory. Under the leadership of Colin Voutrinot, our Director of Adult Sacraments, this lively, interactive course will help you become familiar with this essential source of our faith. Classes are currently scheduled for September 3, September 10th and October 1st.

PADRE PIO FESTIVAL – Bus trip to the Padre Pio Festival in Vineland, New Jersey, on Sunday, September 25. Bus will leave Holy Rosary Church (Jerome Avenue in South Beach) at 7:45 a.m. Procession and English Mass at 11 a.m. There will be an Italian Mass at 2 p.m. Food will be available for purchase all day. Please send check or money order **before September 1**, to Fran Brown, 16 Cambria Street, Staten Island, N.Y. 10305. 718-273-9529. Make your check out to Holy Rosary Church.

9/11 MASS of SOLEMN REMEMBRANCE – Friday, September 9th, at 7p.m. Bishop John J. O'Hara will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Sacred music at 7p.m. will be followed by Mass at 7:30p.m. The event is sponsored by the Notre Dame Club of Staten Island. For further information, please call Joe Delaney at 718-967-9825.

UNITED STATES BISHOPS on the DIGNITY and PROTECTION of ALL HUMAN LIFE: "All too often in debates, people pit the defense of innocent, defenseless lives in opposition to work promoting the dignity of other vulnerable persons throughout the lifespan. From a Catholic perspective, these issues need not be in competition, but they must be held in proper relation to each other for promotion of the common good. Our bishops proposed the beautiful image of the human person as the "living house of God," and taught that the right to life is the foundation on which that house stands, with all other human dignity issues serving as the house's much-needed protective walls and crossbeams." These other human dignity issues include our opposition to euthanasia and capital punishment as well as our call for comprehensive immigration reform and our firm teaching that the needs of the poor must have priority in the allocation of our nation's resources.

PRAYER BEFORE OUR NATIONAL ELECTION – Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city, state, and nation and how your Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask you for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of their race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and follow the way of your truth so that our nation might fulfill its promise of liberty and justice for all. This we ask in the name of the One who is our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. *Amen.*

YOUR FAITHFULNESS TO THE CARDINAL'S APPEAL IS A GREAT BLESSING!! – We have reached our goal in actual funds received. Our goal was \$25,500 and the Campaign has received \$25,900. Thank you!! But the Campaign is not over!! Our parish pledged \$35,000 to the Campaign. The fulfillment of your pledge is crucial! The Archdiocese gives back a significant percentage of funds received beyond our goal. It is vital for us and the Archdiocese that you fulfill the pledges that you have made. *Thank you for your extraordinarily generous support of the Cardinal's Campaign!*

WEEKLY OFFERING: August 14th: \$4,459; African Missions: \$643. *Thank you for your support of our parish!*

A STUDENT'S PRAYER FOR BACK TO SCHOOL - Help me to remember that you will always be on my side at school and all day long. Help me be the best student I can be, using all the gifts and talents you've given me. Help me to study well and often - especially when I don't feel like studying at all! Help me finish all my homework on time. Help me listen to my teachers and coaches. Help me play fair and play safely. Help me be honest when I'm tempted to cheat. Help me always to tell the truth. Help me be kind to everyone at school and to treat others as I'd want them to treat me. Help me make good friends and help me be a good friend to others and to ask for help when I need it myself. Help me love and respect, trust and appreciate my parents and to be honest with them. Help me remember that you're with me always Lord, and that you'll never leave my side. *Amen.*