



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 28, 2016



You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God. ~Hebrews 12:22a

Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

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

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday August 29

8:00am- † Philip DeLizia *Offered by: Diane Carbonaro*

12:05pm- † *Offered by:*

Tuesday August 30

8:00am- † *Offered by:*

12:05pm-~For Beverly & Robert Raisley's Health *Offered by: Tony Raisley*

Wednesday August 31

8:00am- † *Offered by:*

12:05pm- † *Offered by:*

Thursday September 1

8:00am- † *Offered by:*

12:05pm- † Teresa Lopez *Offered by: Nina & Jose Lopez*

Friday September 2

8:00am- † *Offered by:*

12:05pm- † Delia Palacios *By: children, grandchildren & great grandchildren*

Saturday September 3

8:00am- † Julio Cintron *Offered by: Sisters*

5:00pm- ~Birthday Blessings for Thomas Ventrudo *Offered by: Fr. Mark & Community Ministry*

Sunday September 4

8:30am- † Msgr. Augustine J. DiBlasi *Offered by: Family*

10:00am- † Mrs. Helen Valentine *Offered by: son, Thomas Valentine*

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle



Liturgical Minster's Schedule SEPTEMBER 2016

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Linda Graves & Linford Smith (*carry Gospel Book*)

E. M.: Linford Smith, Nancy Velez & Cinderella Wonsewitz *Sub:* Peg or Tom Ventrudo

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

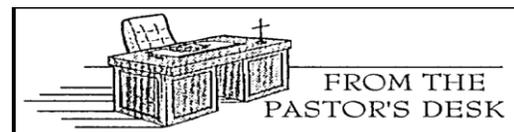
Lector: Joan Fortunato & Diane Carbonaro (*carry Gospel Book*) *Sub:* Jonathan Codipilly

E.M.: Diane Carbonaro, Delmeter Carey & MaryAnn Ugbo *Sub:* Maria Oliveras

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Thelma Washington (*carry Gospel Book*) *Sub:* Victoria Garay

E.M.: Alexis Crowdell, Dianne Murphy & Crescencia Pascua *Sub:* Emmanuel Fode



Summer ends next weekend with Labor Day Weekend. Labor Day offers us an opportunity to reflect on the conditions that confront American workers.

The fundamental challenge facing Americans today is that two-thirds of American households earn less than they did in 2002. Wages have simply not kept pace with the cost of living and so many families find themselves struggling in order to meet the basic necessities of life. There are many factors that have contributed to this wage loss – the decline in union membership, job reductions in the public sector and efforts to place limits on public sector unions, the growth of jobs in the service sector which historically have paid lower wages, the use of part-time employment in the service sector, and an economy that is stronger but not strong enough. All of these factors have contributed to a significant loss of income for millions of Americans. This is one of the reasons that the electorate this year is angry and seeking significant change.

In its social teaching, the Catholic Church has emphasized the necessity of ensuring that workers receive just salaries, essential benefits, safe working conditions, the opportunity for rest, and a dignified retirement. For too many Americans, this is far from their lived reality. Our society has to do more to ensure that all working families have what they need to live in dignity. We should not accept the idea of the 'working poor.' Persons who work should not be poor. With the resources that our nation has, we can ensure that all persons have access to affordable housing, essential health care, quality child care, a just wage, access to sufficient food and time for rest. Even if we do not take action because this is what justice demands, we should take action because the satisfaction of these basic needs will contribute to a more stable work force with the resources needed to stimulate economic growth.

On this Labor Day, make a pledge to fight for a more just economy for all Americans.

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: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Next Sun: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 9:13-18
Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Luke 14:25-33



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 (this Wednesday)** 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 Voutrintot, 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.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS – All public and private high school students are invited to attend a meeting in the auditorium of St. Charles' school (200 Penn Avenue in New Dorp) on Wednesday, September 28th, from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. to plan for this year's SI Catholic Youth Fest. All students will gain service hours and leadership experience in planning for the Youth Fest to be held on Saturday, March 11, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Moore Catholic High School. Contact Deacon Steve (cyminsi@gmail.com) for more information.

9/11 MASS of SOLEMN REMEMBRANCE – Friday, September 9th, at 7 p.m. Bishop John J. O'Hara will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Sacred music at 7 p.m. will be followed by Mass at 7:30 p.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: Our counters took a well-deserved break this week!

A PARENT'S PRAYER FOR STUDENTS - As my children leave for school, I pray that you will keep them in your care. Send your spirit to open their minds to all that is true and beautiful and good. Help them to see the gifts and talents you have given them and to use them well. Help them to grow to be kind to others and let others be kind to them. Give their teachers patience and understanding and help them teach what is just and true. Send your angels to guide and guard my children and to keep them from all harm. Open their young hearts to your presence and enfold them in your peace and protection. Keep them in the palm of your hand and bring them home safely at days end. *Amen.*

