



# Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 11, 2016



*A clean heart create for me O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. ~Psalm 51:12*

## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Saturday September 10

8:00am- †

5:00pm- † Louis Mammolito

### Sunday September 11

8:30am- † Kevin Asia Almazan

10:00am- † Roberto J. Carbone

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Monday September 12

8:00am- †

12:05pm- † Teresa Lopez

### Tuesday September 13

8:00am- †

12:05pm- † John & Josephine Bruno

### Wednesday September 14

8:00am- † Julie Pizzo

12:05pm- ~ For Baby Nico Damato's Health

### Thursday September 15

8:00am- †

12:05pm- † Anthony Matarazzo

### Friday September 16

8:00am- † Giuseppe & Concetta Fortunato

12:05pm- † Michael J. Contardo

### Saturday September 17

8:00am- †

5:00pm- † John Latanzio

### Sunday September 18

8:30am- † Joseph Fortunato

10:00am- † Dolores Elizabeth Zukowski

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions



## Mass Intentions

Offered by:

Offered by: Linda Graves

Offered by: Almazan Family

Offered by: friend, Antonio  
Pellecchia & Family

Offered by:

Offered by: Nancy & Cesar Velez

Offered by:

By: daughters, Barbara & Mary

Offered by: Joan Fortunato

Offered by: OLMC-SB Family

Offered by:

Offered by: Rosina Carbone

Offered by: Joan Fortunato

Offered by: wife, Theresa

Offered by:

Offered by: Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Offered by: Joan Knighton

By: Victoria & Wilfredo Garay

## Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle



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## Liturgical Minister's Schedule SEPTEMBER 2016

### Saturday 5:00 p.m.

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

E. M.: Linford Smith, Nancy Velez & Cinderella Wonschwitz

Sub: Peg or Tom Ventrudo

### Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Joan Fortunato & Diane Carbonaro (carry Gospel Book)

E.M.: Diane Carbonaro, Delmeter Carey & MaryAnn Ugbode

Sub: Jonathan Codipilly

Sub: Maria Oliveras

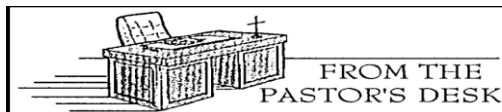
### Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Thelma Washington (carry Gospel Book)

E.M.: Alexis Crowdell, Dianne Murphy & Crescencia Pascua

Sub: Victoria Garay

Sub: Emmanuel Fode



**“Christ Jesus came into this world to save sinners.”** With this simple declaration, St. Paul reminds us of a central truth of our faith that should present a significant challenge to each of us.

In the Christian tradition, we think of St. Paul as the great evangelist – the person who was primarily responsible for the spread of the Christian Gospel. We celebrate the extraordinary work that he did in collaboration with other disciples of Jesus Christ. We honor him as one of the greatest saints of our tradition. Yet, the true greatness of St. Paul was his profound awareness of his own sinfulness and the singular privilege that he was given, as a sinner, to proclaim the Gospel of Christ. Remember what St. Paul said, “Christ Jesus came into this world to save sinners. *Of these I am the foremost.*” Paul’s awareness of his own sinfulness kept him rooted in Christ. He never forgot that his accomplishments were only possible because of the grace, mercy and strength of Christ. It was not he, Paul, who accomplished what he did, but rather it was Christ working through him, a sinner.

Do we share Paul’s profound sense of our own sinfulness? This does not mean that we are bad persons, but simply that we do not live in complete conformity all the time to what God expects of us. But even though we are sinners, Jesus wants to do good things in and through us, just as Jesus did good things in and through St. Paul. Jesus can only do good things in and through us if we are profoundly aware, like St. Paul, of our need for his grace, his mercy and his strength in our lives. We only recognize that need if, we like St. Paul, are aware of our sinfulness – our failure to live in faithfulness to what God expects of us. When we confess our sin, recognize our sinfulness, we are aware of our need for the mercy, grace and strength of Jesus in our lives. As we open our hearts to that mercy, grace and strength, Jesus is able to do good things in and through us as we conform ourselves more faithfully to his life and his teaching.

Let us rejoice today in our sinfulness for it can be the vehicle of Christ’s grace for us!

**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: 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Exodus 32:7-11  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-32

**Next Sun: 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Amos 8:4-7  
1 Timothy 2:1-8  
Luke 16:1-13



**CHECKS to THE PARISH** – When writing checks to the parish, please use simply "Our Lady of Mount Carmel."

**SAVE THE DATE! OUR ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER**- We know where all the good people will be on October 11<sup>th</sup>! They will be dining at our Spaghetti Dinner! Plan on coming with your family to either lunch or dinner. More details will follow.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL** – If you have a young daughter who is in 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade this year and she wants to participate in a basketball program in our school gym on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., please contact Coach Vincent for more information at 718-490-6235.

**BRING OUT YOUR INNER MONET!** – Senior art lessons at Blessed Sacrament parish (30 Manor Road) on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the parish house. Beginners are welcome! Fee is \$10 per session under the direction of a professional painter and art teacher, Fred Sklenar. Please call 718-447-9657 to enroll. Classes start this week.

**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 28<sup>th</sup>, from 6:15pm to 7:15pm 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.

**BINGO FUNDRAISER to BENEFIT St. JOHN VILLA ACADEMY** – Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, in the gymnasium at 8 Narrows Road South. Doors open at 7 p.m. Fee of \$20 includes admission, gift certificate, bingo boards, coffee and cake. Please bring your own food, snacks and beverages (alcoholic beverages are permitted). Reservations are strongly advised. Please contact Toni Ann Tobin (sjvabasketauktion@gmail.com).

**4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PROCESSION & St. PIO FEAST DAY MASS** - Friday, September 23 at 7:15 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church, 80 Jerome Avenue. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

**REGIS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE** – This prestigious Jesuit High School for Catholic boys that provides scholarships to all students will have its annual open house on Columbus Day, Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 pm to 4:00pm. For more information, please contact Eric Di Michele -212-288-1100, ext.2057 or edimichele@regis.org.

**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.*

**PLEASE REMAIN FAITHFUL TO YOUR CARDINAL'S CAMPAIGN PLEDGE!** – 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:** September 4, 2016: \$4,483. *Thank you!!*

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**PRAYER FOR ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11** - O God, our hope and refuge, in our distress we come quickly to you. Shock and horror of that tragic day have subsided, replaced now with emptiness, a longing for an innocence lost. We come remembering those who lost their lives in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania. We are mindful of the sacrifice of public servants who demonstrated the greatest love of all by laying down their lives for friends. We commit their souls to your eternal care and celebrate their gifts to a fallen humanity. We come remembering and we come in hope, not in ourselves, but in you. As foundations we once thought secure have been shaken, we are reminded of the illusion of security. In commemorating this tragedy, we give you thanks for your presence in our time of need and we seek to worship you in Spirit and in truth, our guide and our guardian. *Amen.*