



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 5, 2017

Light shines through the darkness for the upright. ~ Psalm 112:4



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday - February 4

8:00am- †
5:00pm- ~ Special Intentions of Fr. Frank Pavone
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday - February 5

8:30am- ~ In Thanksgiving
10:00am- † Maria Quintanta & Antonia Guzman
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday - February 6

8:00am- † Concha Sanchez
12:05pm- ~ Birthday blessing for Peg Ventrudo

Tuesday - February 7

8:00am- †
12:05pm- †

Wednesday – February 8

8:00am - † Liza & Leon Bombard
12:05pm- † Michael Capofari

Thursday – February 9

8:00am- †
12:05pm- † Thomas Pennino

Friday – February 10

8:00am- †
12:05pm- † Walter Salazar-Neira & Araceli Abreu & Genie Bruno

Saturday – February 11

8:00am- †
5:00pm- † John & Jim Obermayer

Sunday – February 12

8:30am- † Isabel Maria Quiñones
10:00am- †



Offered by:
Offered by: Joyce Pepo

Offered by: Alexis Crowdell
Offered by: Family

By: Parish & School Staff
By: OLMC Parish Ministry

Offered by:
Offered by:

Offered by: Annette Esposito
Offered by: Capofari Family

Offered by:
Offered by: Family

Offered by:
Offered by: Narcisa Pons

Offered by:
Offered by: Family

Offered by: daughter, Marta
Offered by:



Who is the person that is just? Our Responsorial Psalm for today offers us a beautiful reflection on what it is to live a life that is just – in right relationship with God and other persons.

The just person is gracious and merciful. To be gracious is to be courteous and kind. Our society today has many rough edges. The just person helps to smooth those rough edges through simple acts of courteousness and kindness – to treat everyone person with the same respect, to preface every request with the simple word, “Please,” and to respond to every deed done for you with the simple words, “Thank you.” It is to hold the door for other persons. It is to let another vehicle enter traffic from a parking lot or cross street. It is to offer help to someone struggling with packages or bags. At the end of this day, look back on your day. Did you move through this day graciously and kindly, or brusquely and rudely? To be merciful is, of course, to be ready to forgive. It is not to hold grudges or harbor animosity toward others. How merciful am I? How quick am I to forgive? How quick am I to let go of feelings of resentment toward other persons?

The just person has a steadfast heart and lavishly gives to the poor. To have a steadfast heart is to be consistent in your desire to make your life an ever more faithful reflection of the life of Jesus Christ. This is a challenge for all of us, but a challenge that we have to meet if we are to be true disciples of Jesus Christ, persons whose hearts are, indeed, steadfast – persons who are consistent in our efforts to follow Jesus and his way of compassion, mercy and generosity. The just person gives lavishly to the poor. We are not called to impoverish ourselves in our desire to help others. We are, however, called to share what we have with those who have less and to do so with a generous spirit and not a begrudging heart. We should not focus on what we sacrifice, but rather on what we gain – the opportunity to help others and to mirror in our lives the same lavish, undeserved, unmerited generosity that God has shown to us.

May all of us one day be counted among the just of God!

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle
Memorial Candle



Liturgical Minister's Schedule FEBRUARY 2017

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Linda Graves & Lindford Smith (*carry Gospel Book*)
E. M.: Lindford Smith & Nancy Velez & Cinderella Wonsowitz *Sub:* Peg or Tom Ventrudo

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lector: Joan Knighton & Maria Oliveras (*carry Gospel Book*) *Sub:* Jonathan Codipilly
E.M.: Diane Carbonaro, Maria Oliveras & MaryAnn Ugboe *Sub:* Delmeter Carey

Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Alexis Crowdell (*carry Gospel Book*)
E.M.: Beverly Maryshow, Thelma Washington & Crescencia Pascua *Sub:* Emmanuel Fode

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

February 5: 5th Sunday Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58:7-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16

February 12: 6th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sirach 15:15-20
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37



THE SUCCESS OF THE CARDINAL'S CAMPAIGN IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF US – Thank you to those who have already made a contribution to the 2017 Cardinal's Campaign. We appreciate your quick action! If you have not received an invitation to contribute to the Campaign, or to make a pledge to the Campaign, we will offer you the opportunity to make a gift or pledge during all the Masses on the weekend of March 4th and 5th.

PASTOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – Monday, February 27, at 5:00 p.m. Please speak to the Pastor if this time is inconvenient for you.

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT – In addition to Adoration on the First Friday of the month after the 12:05 Mass, we will also offer adoration after the 12:05 Mass on the last Monday of every month. Also, the Spanish community will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the last Monday of the month at 7pm. *All are welcome!*

NEXT BIBLE STUDY IS FEBRUARY 11th - Please note the new time: **12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Classes: February 11th and February 18th. 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE! – Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2017 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Mass Celebration – Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 2 p.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral with Timothy Cardinal Dolan celebrating the Eucharist. Jubilee couples are eligible for one ticket that will provide seating for three people (the couple and one guest) in the reserved section. Additional seating will be available outside the reserved seating for other family members and guests. This seating does not require a ticket but it is also not reserved. **You must register through our parish office. Registration will close on May 12, 2017.** Couples who cannot attend the Mass but would like a certificate of recognition can also register for their certificate through the parish office.

EMPLOYMENT HELP – St. CLARE'S EMPLOYMENT GROUP – The St. Clare's Employment Group provides job search assistance and career advancement to the unemployed and their families, and anyone who is concerned about a layoff or is seeking to advance his or her career. The Group also provides one on one employment advisement by appointment. To make an appointment, or for general information, please call the rectory at 718-984-7873 and a member of the group will return your call. Next program: February 16 – "Keeping Your Job Search on Track and Overcoming Obstacles" – Lou Manesca – Senior Finance Manager, Canon Business Services.

HELPING NEW YORKERS IN CRISIS - NYC Well is your connection to free, confidential mental health support. Speak to a counselor via phone, text or chat and get access to mental health and substance misuse services, in more than 200 languages, 24/7/365. We're here to listen and help with problems like stress, depression, anxiety or drug and alcohol misuse. For you or someone you care about. Adults and youth. Teenagers can use this service.
Phone: 1-888-NYC-WELL (1-888-692-9355), Press 2.
Text: Text "Well" to 65173; Chat-on-line: <https://nycwell.cityofnewyork.us/en/>

INCIDENTS of SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS: Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000, ext. 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children are kept safe and secure.

PARENTS GRIEVING THE LOSS of a CHILD – One-day retreats will be offered at St. Joseph Seminary in Yonkers (201 Seminary Ave) on Saturday, February 11th, and also on Saturday, February 25th. The cost is \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. The retreat is open to Catholic parents who have lost children of any age due to any cause for any length of time. To receive more information or to register, the online address is: www.emfgp.org. or call Sue DiSisto at 646-794-3191 (susan.disisto@archny.org).

WEEKLY OFFERING: January 29: \$5,111. *Thank you for your generosity!*

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE - As children we sang the lively song This Little Light of Mine. The words, of course, are based on today's Gospel, in which we are called as disciples to be salt and light for the world. Children are uninhibited about sharing their faith. It's only when we grow older that we prefer to hide our light under a bushel basket because our culture tends not to emphasize discipleship. The message in this week's readings is clear: in order to give glory to God through our discipleship, we must show the light of Christ in our words and deeds. Not an easy thing for inhibited adults. Often we may think of salt and light in terms of what we do for others, but it can be just as important not to do something, such as getting angry with the stranger on the road, or telling an offensive joke.

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