



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 2017



"Where there are two or three gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them". ~Matthew 18:20

Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – September 9

8:00am- † Charles F. Zanotti
 5:00pm- † Celestina Hernandez
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

By: Thomas Genova & Family
 Offered by: Nina & Joe Lopez

Sunday – September 10

8:30am- † Msgr. Augustin J. DiBlasi (11th Anniv.)
 10:00am- † Carmine Limone
 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Family
 Offered by: brothers & sisters

Monday – September 11

8:00am- † Julie Pizzo
 12:05pm- † Frank Kerrigan

Offered by: Joan Fortunato
 By: Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Cocozello

Tuesday – September 12

8:00am - † Henry Lawrence
 12:05pm- † Gerald Cocozello

Offered by: mother, Angie
 Offered by: Eileen McGary

Wednesday – September 13

8:00am - † Maria Angela Moradel
 12:05pm- † John & Josephine Bruno

Offered by: Annette Esposito
 By: daughters, Barbara & Mary

Thursday – September 14

8:00am- † Emil Bottigliere
 12:05pm- †

Offered by: Annette Esposito
 Offered by:

Friday – September 15

8:00am- † Nicola Lella
 12:05pm~Birthday Blessings for Hector Garcia

By: Maria Lella & Family

Saturday – September 16

8:00am- †
 5:00pm- † Rowena Garcia &
 Florence Campbell (1st Anniv. in Heaven)

Offered by:
 Offered by: Louis & Delmeter
 Carey & Family

Sunday – September 17

8:30am- †
 10:00am- † Dolores Elizabeth Zukowski

Offered by:
 Offered by: Cappucci Family

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
 Tabernacle Candle
 Memorial Candle
 Memorial Candle



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 ~ † **MaryAnn Fair** (1st Anniv. in Heaven)
 Offered by: grandson, Stefan Williams

Liturgical Minster's Schedule SEPTEMBER 2017

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Linda Graves & Lindford Smith (carry Gospel Book)
 E. M.: Lindford Smith, Peg & Tom Ventrudo Sub: Cinderella Wonsewitz

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lector: Ceferino Albarracin & Linda Torres (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Joan Knighton
 E.M.: Delmeter Carey, Linda Torres & MaryAnn Ugboe Sub: Joan Fortunato

Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Thelma Washington (carry Gospel Book)
 E.M.: Alexis Crowdell, Beverly Marryshow & Dianne Murphy Sub: Crescencia Pascua



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

JESUS IS AMONG US

MATTHEW 18:15-20

When I was a novice in Quito, 35 years ago, I learned the Colombian expression "that bliss and happiness". This week I have been greatly pleased by the apostolic visit of Pope Francisco to the sister Republic of Colombia. The Pope has come to graze his flock, but above all to tell Colombians that a future of PEACE is possible. Francis has met with various sectors that have faced bloody conflicts and have lasted for more than half a century. The multiple examples of joy of children, young people and adults gathered in prayer and praise also make us today exclaim "that bliss and happiness".

No doubt Jesus did not have in mind the large gatherings of Catholics of our time both in Rome, New York or Colombia when he said that: "where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them". However, He calls us to be GATHERED and not scattered and much less confronting each other. The promise of Jesus is that he will be with us every time we work for the coming of his Kingdom. There is where the challenge is to build host communities where no one feels rejected and no one creates superiority. The task of our parish is to be people of faith who come to pray and be united beyond the language, legal status, and color of the skin or apostolic group. When we learn to put aside the differences, love each other as brothers and work together for the Kingdom then will be able to say: "that bliss and happiness".

"The Gospel ends with two very comforting assertions, which gives authority to the Church to act: I assure you everything what you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and everything you unleashed on earth shall be loosed in heaven". Bind and loose has meant to the rabbis to prohibit and allow, to condemn and to approve. Here, it also means to retain and to forgive sins (as in Jn 20:23). It is a gift from Jesus to the Church. I also assure you that, if two of you are in agreement on Earth to ask for something, my heavenly Father will give it to you. The community gathered in the name of Jesus multiplies the power. Jesus is Emmanuel, which means "God with us" (1:23). Here he gives to the church the authority that He previously gave to Peter (16:19).

The Church is like Christ, always alive to intercede for us before our Father (Heb. 7:25); so also the Church is called to be a prayerful community in favor of all the men and women of our world.

P. José Martinez de Toda, S.J.

Fr. Hernan, S.J.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

September 10: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

September 17: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7
Romans 14:87-9
Matthew 18:21-35



NEW PARKING LOT - At the beginning of the school year, we can say that we are happy for all the boys and girls who begin their journey in learning more about Jesus, the Church and the world. We are proud that we can offer them a better facility with a new PARKING LOT. Now the challenge is to pay this debt which exceeds the parish budget. The Mount Carmel school children and our parish are proud to offer a new face to all who visit us.

****We thank everyone for their generosity during this special collection for the month of September. If you would still like to contribute, you can do so by making a donation to our second collection. Again, thank you and please do not forget your parish in your prayers.***

All second collections for the month of September will assist us in eliminating this debt. Please be generous to our parish and school, your support is greatly appreciated.

BIBLE STUDY: - Join us as we continue to open up our hearts and minds to the Word of God! Here at O.L. Mt. Carmel Parish with upcoming dates: Saturday's September 30th, October 7th & 12th. All sessions will be from 12pm to 2pm in the Padre Miguel Room. Please contact the rectory for more details.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Registrations - Registrations for religious education classes are still being taken in parish office during office hours. Please register your child(ren) as soon as possible. Classes begin this weekend. If you have any questions regarding the classes for the Religious Education program please contact the parish office.

Important: If your child was enrolled last year in 1st year preparation for the sacraments now is the time to reenroll them for 2nd year preparation.

- 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

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.) - The **R.C.I.A.** is a process of spiritual conversion and growth, over time, in one's relationship with God and the Church. It is a faith journey where adults are fully welcomed into the Catholic Church. If you're interested in exploring a relationship with Jesus Christ Church through the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist, ***WE WELCOME YOU!*** You can contact the parish office and leave your information for Mr. Colin Voutrinot, our Director of Adult Faith Formation. Register today! Classes are starting soon.

YOUTH RETREAT - Growing in faith": on Saturday, September 23 at school Mount Carmel from 9 am-5 pm. For young people from the ages of 13 to 20 years. Bring your friend to experience a new encounter with God. There will be food and games. The donation is \$10. We extend the invitation to all young people who want to serve God in a very special and close manner. We look forward to seeing you! God bless you.

WOMENS MOBILE CARE CLINIC - Providing NO COST digital Mammograms and clinical breast exams for women 40 and older. No copay required and deductibles waived. Uninsured patients welcomed. Hosted by our O.L. Mt. Carmel Parish, on Sunday, October 8, 207 from 9am to 4:30pm. For an appointment or more information, please call the parish rectory of 877-628-9090.

PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE HARVEY

God of healing and mercy we come before you with our hearts filled with grief as we see the devastation. We pray that your presence will be felt by those who are grieving, who are injured, who have lost their homes and livelihoods.

God, you are our refuge and strength, an ever present help in times of trouble. For this we give you thanks and ask that you hear our prayers for the people of Texas. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11 - *by the Rev. Jeremy Pridgeon* - 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. *Amen.*

COLLECTIONS: September 3: Weekly: \$3,348; Second Collection: \$1,943. *Thank you!*

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL – CAR PURCHASE - St. Vincent de Paul will purchase used vehicles (cars, trucks, vans), whether they are running or not, and make a donation to our parish. The number to call is 718-491-2525