



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2018



The Lord tells the number of the stars and calls each by name. ~Psalm 147:4

Weekly Mass Intentions



Offered by: OLMC Parish
Offered by: Linda Graves

Saturday – February 3

8:00am- † Theresa Cintron
5:00pm- † James & Elizabeth Mooney
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – February 4

8:30am- † Pancrazio LaMorte
10:00am- † Gloria Padilla
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – February 5

8:00am~Special Intentions of Duanna Kempton
12:05pm- † Saverio & Marie Micillo

By: wife, Rafaella & Family
Offered by: Family

Offered by: Theresa Contardo

Tuesday – February 6

8:00am - ~Special Intentions of Duanna Kempton
12:05pm- ~ In Thanksgiving for Virgilio & Aida Talaid's 52nd Wedding Anniversary

Offered by: Family

Wednesday – February 7

8:00am- † Mary & Lawrence Iannucci
12:05pm- † The Talaid Family

Offered by: OLMC Parish
Offered by: Family

Thursday – February 8

8:00am- † Liza & Leon Bomabard
12:05pm~Special Intentions of Carl Labollita, Jr. *By:* mom, Christine Labollita

Offered by: Annette Esposito

Friday – February 9

8:00am- † Bianco Family
12:05pm- † D'Angelo & Patterson Family

Offered by: OLMC Parish
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Saturday – February 10

8:00am- † Liberata & Nicholas Vicoli
5:00pm- † John, Jim & Gene Obermayer

Offered by: OLMC Parish
Offered by: Family

Sunday – February 11

8:30am- † Wanda Saldaña & Noel Santos *By:* Santos Family
10:00am- ~ Blessings 30th Wedding Anniversary *By:* Tito & Sonia Morales

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle



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Liturgical Minister's Schedule FEBRUARY 2018

Saturday 5:00 PM

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

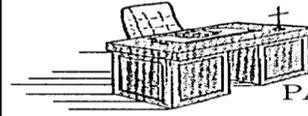
Sunday 8:30 AM

Lector: Jonathan Codipilly & Maria Oliveras (*carry Gospel Book*)
Sub: Ceferino Albarracín

E.M.: Diane Carbonaro, María Oliveras & Samuel Torres *Sub:* MaryAnn Ugbo

Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Alexis Crowdell (*carry Gospel Book*)



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

"She began to serve" (Mark 1:31)

In this Sunday's Gospel we continue to hear the first stories of Jesus who heals the sick and afflicted of his time. The curious thing about the service of Jesus for those who suffer is that when he heals Simon, Peter's mother in law, she immediately began to serve them. This good mother-in-law perhaps did not realize that with her service she gave lessons to her son-in-law and those who accompanied him. This woman gives us one of the great lessons of early Christianity about what it means to be a disciple. The vocation of the true disciples of Jesus is to serve and share all that we have and all that we are with our least brothers and sisters.

Today's readings are a progressive transition from despair to hope. Indeed, Job, the character of the first reading has lost not only his children but also his possessions and even his own health. In his grief he exclaims: "When will I see happiness again?" For Job, his life has become unbearable and he cannot see the light that hope brings.

That is why his complaint wants to be a lament to God that perhaps hears his pain. For scholars of this wisdom book, Job is the revelation of God in suffering. Many of us can affirm that a God that allows pain is not the God of the Christians. However, through this character it is possible to see a first attempt that explains to us that God is in and beyond my own suffering. We have to wait for Jesus, the revelation of God, so that with his gestures, words and deeds we can explain that God is together with those who are victimized and impoverished at all times.

Along the lines of hope is the confession of the Apostle Paul. He feels called to preach the Gospel that has been entrusted to him. Paul is aware of his mission that leads him to be an apostle of hope for the weak and as he himself affirms in this passage from the First Letter to the Corinthians "he has become weak with the weak to win the weak I have become all things to all men; that I might by all means save some." May the example of Paul, the apostle, lead us to the desire to alleviate the suffering and bring Christ comfort and consolation to our brothers and sisters who are in need. The fullness of hope is only given to us in Jesus who brought health to some of the sick and peace and tranquility to those possessed by demons.

Today Jesus is still sensitive to the suffering of the afflicted of our society. He is still willing to bring us peace. Saint Mark wants to portray in his Gospel a Jesus that has no rest. Sure enough, the next morning, Jesus retreats to a deserted place and prays to his Father God. He returns, telling his disciples, "Let us go to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." Nowadays our Holy Father, Pope Francis, again and again tells us that we are a Church on the run; that is, a Church that does not stand still but one that is called to serve those who suffer today. Our challenge is to be the light of hope to those who walk alongside us. May our actions, desires and prayers be for the worship of God and to the service of our least brothers and sisters.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

February 4: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7:1-4, 6-7
Psalm 147:1-6
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

February 11: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11
1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1



FLOWER SALE – Next weekend, the Spanish groups of our parish will be selling flower arrangements in the vestibule before and after every Mass. All are encouraged to support this fundraiser and in the process buy flowers for your loved ones and of course, what better way to take your mind off of winter, than brightening your home with beautiful flowers. Thank you for your continued support!

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR LOVE: ASH WEDNESDAY ON VALENTINE'S DAY - When we think of February 14th, we automatically think of Valentine's Day. A day to celebrate love by giving gifts of flowers and chocolate to our significant other. Well this year Valentine's Day February 14th is also **Ash Wednesday**. It is the day that begins the solemn and holy Lenten Season. Ash Wednesday invites us to immerse ourselves in preparation to celebrate the ultimate love of all, the gift of God's Son for our salvation. He is looking for us to offer him not roses and chocolates but our penitent hearts. Ashes will be distributed to help us recall our need for God and the fact that we are limited without him. God is love. He is the reason we are able to love and celebrate a day of love on Valentine's Day. But our ability to love each other is limited without God. So join us on Ash Wednesday for prayer, reflection and the beginning of the Lenten season, which will then lead us to the joy of Easter. *Fall in love with God, this Ash Wednesday.*

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule: 8am & 12:05pm (English); 6pm & 8pm (Spanish).

CCD NEWS –Confirmation Workshop will be held on Wednesday, February 7th at 6:30pm. All children that are required to attend must be accompanied by a parent or an adult.

A CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR ALL - Come and experience our school for yourself **TODAY, February 4th**, for a special **OPEN HOUSE** from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Learn about our school, how to register for the new school year, and get information about Financial Aid. Your Family can afford a Catholic education. For more information, call 718-981-5131.

FREE PRE-K PROGRAM AT MT. CARMEL – ST. BENEDICTA SCHOOL: The application for pre-kindergarten will open on Monday, February 5th. Children born in 2014 are eligible to register to this free full-day program that is also offered in Our School offers this wonderful program. The application period will close on March 30th. For more information, call 718-981-5131.

BIBLE STUDY - You are invited to the next Bible Study on Friday, February 23rd at 6:30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Invite a friend and we look forward to seeing you there for this exciting time of fellowship, devotion and digging into God's word. For more information, please call the rectory.

2018 MASS INTENTION BOOK - There are still dates available for announced masses in the 2018 Mass Intention Book. The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition. Please stop by the rectory today to remember a loved one in a special way by setting a mass in their name or by donating the Bread and Wine or Sanctuary Candle in their name.

LENTEN REGULATIONS - During the season of Lent, the Church urges all the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily life through performing acts of fast and abstinence. "**Fasting**" requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals are to be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able. "**Abstinence**" prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able. **ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY** are days of **fast and abstinence**. **FRIDAYS** in Lent are days of **abstinence**.

FREE TAX PREP - Filing your taxes at NYC Free Tax Prep is completely free and includes e-filing and direct deposit of your refund. Some sites have income limits. For most sites, you must have earned \$54,000 or less in 2017 to use this service. Please see the site details for more information, or check out AARP's services at the West Brighton Library, as well as services offered by Food Bank NYC and Project Hospitality in English or Spanish.

COLLECTIONS: January 28: \$4,359. *Thank you for your continued generosity!*

CHINESE AUCTION - On Friday, March 2, 2018 St. Peter's Boys High School will be holding its annual Chinese Auction. The event will be held in the gymnasium, doors open promptly at 6 PM with numerous prizes and raffles. Admission is \$5 and no children under twelve years of age will be permitted.

EAT DRINK AND BE IRISH! - Join the Irish community of Staten Island on Saturday, March 17th, from 6pm to 11pm in the Monsignor Glynn Center for Holy Family's 2nd Annual St Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance sponsored by the Holy Name Society. Featured this year will be the Tuesday @ Eight band, 360 Entertainment DJ and a special appearance by the Staten Island Celtic Cross Pipe and Drum. The cost is \$50 per person and includes hot catered food, corned beef & cabbage, beer, wine, soda, coffee, tea, Irish soda bread and dessert. 50/50 and raffle tickets will be sold at the event. Tickets for the dance will go on sale beginning February 10th. Last year's event was a huge success. Don't wait till the last minute to buy tickets and get shut out. Contact the Holy Family rectory for more information 718-761-6663.

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SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DePAUL GIVES BACK - Our parish could share in the profits. For each car, truck or van, running or not that is donated the Society will give back to our church \$75/\$200 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 718 491-2525.

