



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2018



Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. ~1 Corinthians 10:31

Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Offered by: OLMC Parish
Offered by: Family

By: Santos Family
By: Tito & Sonia Morales

Offered by: OLMC Parish
Offered by: Mary Guardiani

Offered by: Joan Fortunato
Offered by: Mary Guardiani

By: Barbara & Mary Bruno

Offered by: Marcela Mikos
Offered by: Family

Offered by: OLMC Parish
Offered by: wife, Theresa

Offered by: OLMC Parish
Offered by: Family

By: Santos Family
By: Benavides Family

Saturday – February 10

8:00am- † Liberata & Nicholas Vicoli
5:00pm- † John, Jim & Gene Obermayer
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – February 11

8:30am- † Wanda Saldaña & Noel Santos
10:00am- ~Blessings 30th Wedding Anniversary
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – February 12

8:00am- † Ronald & Drew Francis
12:05pm- † Mary Falco

Tuesday – February 13

8:00am - † Joe Fortunato
12:05pm- ~ Special Intentions of Lisette Feuer

Wednesday – February 14

8:00am- † John Bruno
12:05pm- ~ Special Intentions of Amal Hanna
& for all Saints

Thursday – February 15

8:00am- † John D'Allesio
2:05pm- † Edwin Santiago

Friday – February 16

8:00am- † Pasquale Loffredo
12:05pm- † Michael Contardo

Saturday – February 17

8:00am- † Dorothy Timpone
5:00pm- ~ Blessings 50th Wedding Anniversary
Dorothy & Jim Clark

Sunday – February 18

8:30am- † Wanda Saldaña
10:00am- † Maria Quintana & Antonia Guzman

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle
Memorial Candle

~ † Stanley & Marcella Mikos
Offered by: Mikos Family



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 Wonschwitz Sub: Peg & Tom

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lector: Jonathan Codipilly & Maria Oliveras (carry Gospel Book) Sub: C. Albarracín
E.M.: Diane Carbonaro, María Oliveras & Samuel Torres Sub: MaryAnn Ugboche

Sunday 10:00 AM

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



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"Be imitators of me as I am of Christ"

(1 Corinthians 11:1)

A little over a month ago we were celebrating Christmas. In fact, on February 2nd, we celebrated the feast of "The Presentation of the Lord" with a full Church and the joy of feeling that Jesus is the true light of our lives. A few days into this week we will begin the season of Lent with the celebration of Ash Wednesday.

The phrase, that gives title to this reflection, brings us to St. Paul and his first Letter to the Corinthians. For the Apostle it is important that every believer be identified with Christ. Paul tells us that "whatever we do, do all for the glory of God". St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, took this teaching to heart from the very beginning of his conversion and he made popular the famous motto

AMDG "Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam," that is, "to the greater glory of God." According to Ignatius, every Jesuit must strive for excellence in everything and in doing that each Jesuit seeks the glory of God that makes all human tasks become perfected. Pope Francis challenges us to live in what he calls "the culture of discarding." For Francis it is the task of every Christian to become other Christs while serving the poor and needy of our time. To do all for the Glory of God, according to Pope Francis, is to be closer to the broken-hearted and in doing so we become builders of his Kingdom.

Both the first reading and the Gospel speak of leprosy and those affected by this terrible disease. In the Book of Leviticus the leper is kept outside the community so as to protect everyone else from this communicable disease. But the leper in the Gospel of Mark challenges Jesus and Jesus breaks down the barrier between them. As it is true in most of Jesus' healings, Jesus reaches out, touches him, and heals him. As we listen to today's readings, consider how we exclude others in our lives, perhaps because we feel they would make us "unclean" but at the same time we need to think about how Jesus responded to the leper. Looking at the world of the poor and the broken-hearted, we should ask ourselves if we are followers of Christ. **Fr. Hernan P., SJ**

"Today, the healing of the leper tells us that if we want to be true disciples of Jesus, we are called to become united to Him as instruments of his merciful love, overcoming all kinds of marginalization. To be followers of Christ means that when we are in front of a poor or sick, we should not be afraid to look at them and approach each one of them with tenderness and compassion, and even to touch them and hug them.

I ask you, when do you help others, do look into their eyes? Are you ready to welcome them without fear of touching them? They do you tenderly embrace the poor and broken? Think about it, what is better: to help them from a distance or to approach them with tenderness and closeness? If evil is contagious, so it is good. Therefore, it is necessary the abundance of love and goodness. Let us be infected by love and goodness!"

(Pope Francis, February 15, 2015)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

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

February 18: First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-15
Psalm 25: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Peter 3:18-22



PASTOR'S ADVISORY MEETING – To be held on Monday, February 12th at 5pm in the Fr. Miguel Meeting Room. You are called to reflect and consider pastoral issues for our common good and for our future. Everyone is invited.

ASH WEDNESDAY - Wednesday, February 14th is *Ash Wednesday* which marks the beginning of Lent. Ashes will be distributed at the 8am & 12:05pm Masses. There are also two Spanish masses that evening at 6pm & 8pm. It is an important day in the Christian calendar as it marks the first day of fasting, repentance, prayer and self-control that will be required during Lent. All are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance.

LENTEN SERIES – Deepen your experience of prayer and faith with our six-week series during Lent. Meetings will be on six consecutive Thursdays in Lent, beginning with this Thursday, February 15th. Participants need not worry if they cannot make every meeting. Sessions begin at 12:45 PM immediately after the 12:05 PM Mass, and will last one hour. Please call the parish office to register. Presenter is Fr. Marc Roselli, S.J.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Beginning Friday, February 16th, we will have Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent after the 12:05pm mass. The Stations of the Cross is a Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus' Passion and Death. At each station we use our senses and our imagination to reflect prayerfully upon Jesus' suffering, Death, and Resurrection, and to simply experience the visual images to reflect on Christ's love for us.

A CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR ALL — TOURING TUESDAYS; Come visit at the next Open House on Tuesdays February 13, March 13 & April 24 from 9am to 11am. Registration is open for the new 2018-2019 school year. Financial assistance available for qualifying families. At OLMC-SB, we offer a diverse educational experience for students of all ethnic and economic background, an education that prepares and sustains students in the real world. Please call 7187-981-5131 for more information.

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 and devotion. Colin offers a practical, personal approach to Bible study. For more information, please call the rectory. This is a great study... don't miss it!

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.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Clove Lakes Health Care & Rehab Center (25 Fanning St) is looking for volunteers to assist in the coffee shop. Hours and days of volunteering are flexible. To hear more about this and other volunteer opportunities, please contact Eileen Bardel, Volunteer Coordinator at 718-289-7114.

LENTEN REGULATIONS - **1.** Lent is a special season of prayer, penance and Christian charity. **2.** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat as well as fasting, allowing only one full meal. A special dispensation for abstinence has been given for Friday, March 17th, in honor of St. Patrick's Day. **3.** The other Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence from meat. The obligation of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday obliges all Catholics ages 21-59. The obligation of abstinence obliges all Catholics from age 14 onward. Those whose health would be impaired are excused from physical mortifications. **4.** The Fridays outside of Lent remain days of abstinence from meat. Other acts of penance such as temperance, personal prayer, daily Mass and self-denial may be substituted for abstinence.

COLLECTIONS: February 4: Weekly Collection \$4,332; Debt Relief \$1,056. *Thank you for your continued generosity!*

4TH ANNUAL SI CATHOLIC YOUTH CELEBRATION - All 8th grades through 12th grade students are welcome to the 4th Annual SI Catholic Youth Celebration which will be held at Moore Catholic High School (100 Merrill Ave.) on Sunday, March 11th from 12pm to 5pm. Our theme for the day is "You're Not Alone." Join us for a chance to win up to \$500 in cash prizes! Food, fellowship, and music will be provided as well as 4pm Mass with Bishop O'Hara. All are welcome! #Staten Island CYC on Instagram and SI Catholic Youth Celebration event on Facebook. All must register at <https://oymny.org/sicyc> to attend. For any questions please email cyminsi@gmail.com

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