



# EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION of the LORD April 1, 2018

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. ~Psalm 118:17



## Weekly Mass Intentions



**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday – March 31** ~Easter Vigil~

7:30pm- † Andrew & Ralph Frulio

Offered by: Frulio Family

**Sunday – April 1** ~Easter Sunday~

8:30am- † Msgr. Augustin J. DiBlasi & Pop

Offered by: Family

10:00am- † Grace & Ciro Frulio

Offered by: Frulio Family

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

**Monday – April 2**

**NO MASSES**

**Tuesday – April 3**

8:00am- † Cristina Paradiso

Offered by: OLMC Parish

12:05pm- † Fred Alston

**Wednesday – April 4**

8:00am- † Mildred Butler

Offered by: OLMC Parish

12:05pm- † Fr. D. Michael Flynn, S.J.

Offered by: Evette Contreras

**Thursday – April 5**

8:00am- † John DeSimone

Offered by: Annette Esposito

12:05pm- † Marie Micillo

By: daughter, Theresa Contardo

**Friday – April 6**

8:00am- † Msgr. Charles Vecchinni

Offered by: OLMC Parish

12:05pm- † Bryan Graves

Offered by: OLMC Parish

**Saturday – April 7**

8:00am- † Nancy Pommerenk

Offered by: OLMC Parish

7:30pm- † Cristina Paradiso

By: Peg & Tom Ventrudo

**Sunday – April 8**

8:30am- † Wanda Saldaña

Offered by: Santos Family

10:00am- ~ Special Intentions of

Offered by: Joyce Pepo

Christian Pepo, Barry & Tania

## Weekly Memorials

**Bread & Wine  
Tabernacle Candle  
Memorial Candle  
Memorial Candle**



*Bengochea Family*  
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## Liturgical Minister's Schedule APRIL 2018

### Saturday 5:00 PM

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

Eucharistic Minister: Lindford Smith, Nancy Velez & Cinderella Wonsewitz

Sub: Peg & Tom Ventrudo

### Sunday 8:30 AM

Lector: Joan Knighton & Maria Oliveras (carry Gospel Book)

Sub: Jonathan Codipilly

Eucharistic Minister: Diane Carbonaro, Maria Oliveras & MaryAnn Ugbo

Sub: Samuel Torres

### Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Alexis Crowdell (carry Gospel Book)

Eucharistic Minister: Emmanuel Fode, Dianne Murphy & Thelma Washington

Sub: Crescencia Pascua



FROM THE  
PASTOR'S DESK

## **CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELUIA! EASTER 2018**

Christ is risen, alleluia. What a joy to wake up on this Sunday as a community of faith to celebrate the Solemnity of Easter. How appropriate it is to sing with the psalmist, "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad." How wonderful to believe that because of His Resurrection "we too have been raised with Christ". Today is a new day to start again. Darkness, pain and suffering have no place in the life of Jesus any longer, and neither does it in our lives. Easter is the time of light, joy and peace that are the gifts given by the Risen Jesus. Pope Francis tells us about the light that comes from Jesus: "Do not let God's love be reflected only in small flashes of light in our lives. Let us be flooded by the light of your love! That costs, but we have the consolation of God who encourages us and invites us to accept the Risen Jesus with tenderness even when there is darkness in our lives. When there is more darkness, the greater shines the light". Easter is our greatest celebration because as the Book of Acts says, "God raised Jesus on the third day". This new and unprecedented fact in the life of Jesus, the Apostles and some chosen witnesses, actually makes our lives now like them as messengers of a love that is able to surpass even death. We will renew our baptismal promises today. We'll pledge to die to sin that binds us to death and promise that we'll live as the brothers and sisters of the Risen Jesus. Today more than ever we must "seek the things that are above, where Christ is," solidarity and justice with and for the poor. Let us be aware today, as we do in every Eucharist, that our faith is in the One who lives forever. The story of the empty tomb in John's Gospel is more than a reminder of three possible approaches towards the Resurrection. Mary Magdalene was afraid and upset, believing robbers had broken in. Peter, the first to enter the empty tomb, was observant, but confused. John, the disciple whom Jesus loved, "saw and believed". In the verses that follow in John's Gospel, Jesus appears to a distraught Mary Magdalene just outside the tomb and she believes. Later he also appears to Peter, as well as the rest of disciples, and asks Peter to "tend my sheep". Each comes to faith in the Risen Jesus at different times and by different means. Let us pray to the Risen Christ to open our minds so that we can understand when the Gospels say that "Jesus is risen from the dead." With the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Apostles, Mary Magdalene and all witnesses throughout the centuries, let us "ask for the grace to be glad and to rejoice intensely because of the great glory and joy of Christ our (Risen)

Lord"

(Spiritual Exercises 221).

**HAPPY EASTER - FELICES PASCUAS**

*Fr. Hernan P., S.J.*

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

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

### **April 1: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Acts 10:34, 37-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 17, 22-23  
Colossians 3:1-4

### **April 8: Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)**

Acts 4:32-35  
Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
1 John 5:1-6



**AN EASTER GIFT FOR YOUR PARISH** - As a Parish, we rely heavily on the generous gifts you make to the Parish in the Easter and Christmas collections as well as your weekly Offertory throughout the year. Your generous Easter Donation will help us continue the good work of this parish as well as supplement the day to day operations of our parish. Thank you for your generosity both throughout the year and at Easter!

**EASTER MONEY BUNNY JACKPOT** - The MONEY BUNNY Raffle is here! We strongly encourage everyone to take part in this raffle. The Jackpot will be a big Easter basket filled with a huge stuffed bunny, lots of goodies and a \$200 cash prize. Chances will be sold at all the masses or you can also obtain them at the rectory. Drawing will be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. GOOD LUCK! And thank you for supporting this important fundraiser.

**PROFESSION OF FAITH** - We congratulate all of our Catechumens, now Neophytes, received into the Church during the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday Night. We welcome these brothers and sister to our Church and to the great body of Christ! We celebrate with them as they enter into the fullness of God's grace through the seal of the Holy Spirit and the miracle of the Eucharist. God Be With You Always!

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM** - The makeup Confirmation Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the school building. It is mandated by the Archdiocese of New York that a parent or guardian attend. Important information will be distributed at this meeting.

**SAVE THE DATE for the JOHN J. BRUNO BENEFIT BREAKFAST** - Save the date for this year's Annual John J. Bruno Benefit Breakfast. The Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - St. Benedicta School invites you to attend the Benefit Breakfast on April 28, 2018, 10am at the Excelsior Grand (2380 Hylan Blvd.) This year's honorees are Michael Coppotelli, James Cowan, Agnes M. Eckert, Coach Vincent McNiell, Robert Flanagan, Elizabeth Rossell, Theresa Signorile Emma Tapia and Sr. Antonia Zuffante. For information on purchasing your ticket or placing an ad in the journal, please call the rectory 718-442-3411 or the school 718-981-5131.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS** - If you, or anyone you know is looking to be baptized, receive First Holy Communion, or Confirmation, please see Colin Vautrinot, one of our Coordinators for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. He will be available to answer questions, and take information after Mass at the entrance to the Church.

**GOLDEN WEDDING JUBILEE MASS** - Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary anytime during the year 2018 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:15pm. Pre-Registration is required. Please contact your parish to register. The closing date to register for the mass is Monday, May 14, 2018.

**BLOOD DRIVE** - Blessed Sacrament parish will host an Annual Blood Drive on Monday, April 9th from 3:30pm to 8:00pm Help save a life. To schedule a life-saving appointment or for more information, please contact the rectory at 718-442-1581.

**COLLECTIONS:** March 25: \$6,387; Debt Relief: \$1,622. *Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish!*

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**HAPPY EASTER!** - On this Easter Day, Father Hernan, Father Marc and the Staff of Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Saint Benedicta - Saint Mary of the Assumption Church and Our Lady of Mount Carmel School wish you and your family a blessed Easter Sunday filled the blessings of the Risen Lord. May Christ be with you during this Easter Season and throughout your lives. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the source of Christian hope. Let us pray in joyful hope for peace throughout the world and that everyone can fully celebrate Easter. May the hope and the joy of the Risen Christ be with you and your family throughout this Easter Season! God Bless You!

### **SPECIAL THANK YOU!**

A special thank you to all who helped in any way to make this Holy Week and Easter celebration a joy.  
We could not possibly have done all that was done without our amazing volunteers (their time & talents).  
Your sacrifices and generosity are greatly appreciated.

May God continue to bless you and your families this Easter season and all year long

**PROCLAIM THE RISEN CHRIST** - On Easter morning everything—the spring weather, the flowers, birds and butterflies, the people around us in their finery, the beautiful liturgy and music—everything seems to bear witness that Jesus Christ is risen today! Like the eyewitness accounts in today's scriptures, the glorious and joyful life all around us helps us to believe the good news of the Resurrection and sing "Alleluia!" In the scriptures today we hear from Peter and Paul and John. All three speak with conviction about witnessing the resurrected Christ. John's Gospel account includes Mary of Magdalen, who also was privileged to witness the Resurrection and tell others the good news. On this glorious Easter Sunday can we ourselves give eyewitness accounts that Jesus Christ is risen today, alive and active in our lives? Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**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.

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