

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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TODAY: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20
John 1:35-42

Next Sun: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Marcos 1:14-20



ELECTRONIC GIVING – Parish Pay is a safe, secure way for you to make your weekly contributions electronically. You determine the amount that you want to contribute weekly. Once a month, your total monthly donation will be withdrawn from your checking account or will be charged to your credit card. You can decide the day of the month that the withdrawal or charge will be made. You can include electronic payments for special collections as well. If you pay your utility bill or cable bill electronically, you know how convenient, easy and secure electronic payment is. If you are interested, there is a basket in the entrance of the church that has cards for you to fill out. Please fill out a card and return it to the office or in the collection basket on Sunday. Please be sure to place your card in an envelope as it will contain sensitive information. Please speak to Fr. Hallinan if you have any questions. Thank you!

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – During this week, we are asked to pray that as Christians we will recognize our common baptism and our common discipleship in Christ so that we will work together to advance the reign of God in our world. **Tuesday – January 20 – 7:00 p.m.** – Ecumenical Prayer Service at Blessed Sacrament Church (Manor Road at Forest Avenue) with Rev. Dr. Alfred Correa of the Reformed Church of Huguenot Park preaching. All are invited!

HEALTH CARE COVERAGE UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT – Next Sunday, January 25th, at 1 p.m. there will be a workshop in the gymnasium of Mount Carmel + St. Benedicta Grammar School to explain how to enroll in health coverage or to renew your current coverage under the Affordable Care Act. The workshop is free and is offered in English and Spanish. Spread the word among family, friends and colleagues!

FOOD DRIVE – Catholic Charities of New York has asked that we have a food drive in support of the food pantry at St. Mary of the Assumption. They are most in need of rice, parmalat milk, pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned tomatoes, dried beans, peanut butter and jelly (please bring both!), dry mashed potatoes. Please bring your donations to the church on Sunday or to the rectory during the week. Thank you!

CHANGE IS COMING – The parishes of St. Mary of the Assumption and Our Lady of Mount Carmel+St. Benedicta are consolidating. The consolidation will occur in August of this year. You can expect: a new name for the new parish; the same schedule of English Masses but an expanded schedule of Spanish Masses; an increase in the number of groups and activities in the parish; expanded use of the rectory; changes to the interior of this church. Please pay attention to announcements that will be made concerning this process of change. Change is hard, but change is good! We expect to experience new life and vitality in this new parish.

NEW WEB ADDRESS – Our parish has a **new web address: www.olmcsi.org**. Please take a look at our website. If you have suggestions or comments, please feel free to leave a message for Fr. Gil in the rectory.

VENERABLE PIERRE TOUSSAINT SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS - Pierre Toussaint Scholarships are presented annually to a number of high school seniors, graduating from a Catholic, public or private school located within the Archdiocese of New York. The scholarship is an award of \$2,000 to be used in connection with attendance at a college, university or post-secondary educational institution of the student's choice. The scholarship may be renewed for three additional years if certain the student meets certain criteria. Information is available in the entrance of the church.

RESPECT LIFE – On Thursday, January 22nd, we are asked to pray in a special way for a renewed reverence for human life in our society from conception to natural death. We pray that our society will end abortion, abandon the death penalty and respond with greater generosity to the needs of those whose dignity is threatened or compromised because they lack the basic essentials of life.

Weekly Offering: January 4: \$2654; Budget: \$2100. Thank you for your generosity!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION - Old customs fade slowly, and in 1560 the Council of Trent tried for significant change in pastoral care of the sick. People resisted, thinking that the last breath was the right time for the sacrament. Although physical improvement was often noted after anointing, it was seen as a kind of bonus, rather than an expected outcome of a prayer for good health, strength, patience, and even healing. More than four hundred years later, many people still do not ask for anointing until it is literally too late for the person to have reasonable hope of healing, or at least be aware enough to participate in the ritual. By then, it may even be too late for viaticum, the true "last rite." We have a treasure in our tradition that we seem reluctant to use. We visit the sick, we anoint those who are in the first crisis of illness, we give Communion to those who are dying, and we keep vigil and pray for those close to death. When anointing is celebrated early enough, optimally when the sick person is still at Sunday Mass, it can be a source of courage, faith, and hope for a difficult road ahead. When we anoint our sick, we remind them that they belong to Christ and a community of faith. We bring them into the presence of Christ to reconcile, heal, and give strength and hope.—Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 18, 2015

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you. -1 Corinthians 6:19a



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday January 17

8:00am~*Living*~ Special Intentions Kevin Gillespie

5:00pm- † Miriam Luciano

By: OLMC Friends & Staff

Sunday January 18

8:30am- † Aldorah Williams ~Birthday in Heaven~

By: children & grandchildren

10:00am- † Maximo Pascua

Offered By: Crescencia Pascua

11:30am~*Living*~ Special Intentions Kevin Gillespie

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday January 19

8:00am~*Living*~ Special Intentions Sean Gillespie

12:05pm- † Margaret Elizabeth Vonarx

Offered By: Jeff (Fr. Gil)

Tuesday January 20

8:00am~*Living*~ Special Intentions Sean Gillespie

12:05pm- †

Offered By:

Wednesday January 21

8:00am~*Living*~ Special Intentions Sean Gillespie

12:05pm- †

Offered By:

Thursday January 22

8:00am ~*Living*~ Special Intentions Liana Salinas

12:05pm- † Joan Raisley

Offered By: Fr. Gil

Offered By: Tony Raisley

Friday January 23

8:00am- †

Offered By:

12:05pm- † Mario Mezzacappa

Offered By: Nellie Laureano

Saturday January 24

8:00am- † Cesar Sanchez

Offered By: Family

5:00pm-† Miriam Luciano

Offered By: Annette Esposito

Sunday January 25

8:30am- † Grace Hinton

Offered By: Bill Hinton

10:00am- † Domenico & Giovanna Mezzacappa

By: Lena & Jerry Mezzacappa

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle
Memorial Candle



Lectors & E.M. ~ Schedule for January 2015~

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Lectors: Linda Graves & Bill Hinton (carry Gospel Book) Substitute: Linda Graves

Eucharistic Ministers: Bill Hinton, Angelo Sabella & Linford Smith

Substitute: Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lectors: Joan Knighton & Linda Torres (carry Gospel Book) Substitute: Linda Torres

Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Carbonaro, Delmeter Carey & Linda Torres

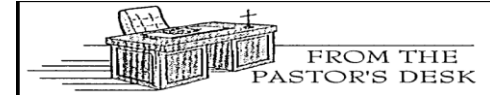
Substitute: MaryAnn Ugbo

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Alexis Crowdell (carry Gospel Book) Substitute.: Thelma Washington

Eucharistic Ministers: Lydia Moran, Dianne Murphy & Thelma Washington

Substitute: Emmanuel Fode



“...Glorify God in your body.” This surprisingly strong admonition from St. Paul merits our attention and reflection.

In the Christian tradition, there has been the tendency to disparage the body. We have even called the body sinful or evil. The fact is that our bodies are neither sinful nor evil. They are the gift of God to us and nothing that God creates can be sinful or evil! The issue is what we do with our bodies. We always have to remember that as rational beings – persons capable of thought and reflection – we should be able to control the desires of the body rather than allow those desires to control us or our behavior. For example, sexual thoughts and desires are quite powerful in human beings and they do not seem to diminish with age (as evident by the seemingly endless ads for erectile dysfunction medication featuring mature couples. And what is it about clawed-foot bathtubs?). The challenge for us is how we channel those thoughts and desires in ways that are appropriate for us given our specific state in life. We want to avoid allowing those desires to take control of us in a way that leads us to use others simply as objects to satisfy those desires. We also want to avoid resorting to the use of pornography (now readily available on the internet) as pornography objectifies individuals, fosters fantasies that are divorced from the reality of normal human sexual relations and thus harms those relationships, and directs us inward when the sexual act is supposed to be an act that takes one outside of oneself in a total self-gift in love to another person. Human sexuality is a beautiful gift from God but that beauty is diminished when our human sexuality is used in a way that objectifies others or diminishes our own capacity to give of ourselves selflessly and generously in love to another person.

We glorify God in the body when we use the gift of our rational capacity to control the desires of the body in a healthy way, in a way that reflects what God desires for us.

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.