

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

TODAY: Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Mark 14:1-15:47

Next Sun: Easter Sunday

Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9



PLEASE DO NOT FORGET THE CARDINAL'S CAMPAIGN!- If you have not had the opportunity to make a gift to the Cardinal's Campaign, there are envelopes available in the vestibule. You can send your donation directly to the Archdiocese or place it in the collection on Sunday and we will mail it for you. If you want to make a gift in cash, simply put it in the envelope and bring it to the office, or place it in the collection next week. We will write a check for you. Thank you for your support!

HOLY WEEK and EASTER MONDAY CHANGE IN DAILY MASSES – Holy Thursday and Good Friday – No daily Masses (April 2 and April 3). No 8 a.m. Mass on Holy Saturday (April 4). No 8 a.m. Mass on Easter Monday (April 6). There will be a 12:05 p.m. Mass on Easter Monday, April 6.

SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION on STATEN ISLAND – The Catholic School Region of Staten Island Inaugural Gala will be held on April 16th, 2015 at the Hilton Garden Inn at 6 p.m. The honoree for the evening will be His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan and the guest speaker will be Bishop John J. O'Hara. Enjoy an elegant evening with the friends of Catholic education on Staten Island! For tickets and information: <http://catholicschoolsgala.eventbrite.com> or contact Diana Gotto at Diana.Gatto@archny.org. Or, you can call 718-667-5350 ext. 1007 and leave a message with your name, telephone number and address. **Make a reservation by Monday, March 30th**. Thank you!

HELP FULFILL A DREAM – Over 3,600 undocumented students graduate from New York State high schools every year, but only a small percentage of them go on to college because of financial obstacles. Some of those students are members of our parish. The New York Dream Act would help thousands of students qualify for state financial assistance. The Governor and legislative leaders need to hear that this legislation is important and should not be deferred once again. Please go to: <http://bit.ly/1w2TFan> - to send a message of support. Thank you!

ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING MASS CELEBRATION – Saturday, June 20th and Sunday, June 21 – both at 2 p.m. in St. Patrick's Cathedral with Cardinal Dolan presiding. The Mass will honor those who are celebrating 50 years of marriage. Tickets are limited for each Mass. **If you are interested in attending, please contact the parish office by 4 p.m. on April 17th**. If you would simply like a certificate from the Archdiocese to celebrate your fifty years of marriage, you should also contact the parish office by 4 p.m. on April 1st. This event is sponsored by the Family Life + Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese (another work supported by the Cardinal's Campaign!).

WAY OF THE CROSS OVER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE – On Good Friday, April 3, 2015, Communion and Liberation will sponsor the Way of the Cross over the Brooklyn Bridge. Participants will congregate for the first station at St. James Cathedral, Brooklyn at 10 a.m. After a station on the Brooklyn Bridge, the procession will follow the cross to a third station at City Hall Park in Manhattan, and a fourth station near Ground Zero. The final station will be at St. Peter's Church, on Barclay Street, concluding at 1:30 p.m. At each station, there will be readings from the Passion, a meditation, a reflection and hymns. All are invited. For more information, please call 212-337-3580.

NEED HELP IN PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE HOME CARE to an ELDERLY RELATIVE? – CenterLight Healthcare is a not-for-profit organization that provides neighborhood-based day care, medical care and home care services to eligible residents in metro New York. Their mission is to help members live safely and independently in their own homes. Through an integrated approach of medical and social services, CenterLight promotes better health and quality of life for its members. To learn more, please call Bonita Sussman at 347-882-1822.

PLEASE REMEMBER a DECEASED LOVED ONE DURING THE EASTER SEASON with a CONTRIBUTION FOR EASTER FLOWERS. Envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church. **Please return the envelopes by Wednesday.**

Weekly Offering: March 22:\$2970. Budget: \$2100. Thank you for your generosity!

Treasures From Our Tradition - Is today "Palm Sunday" or "Passion Sunday"? Though now known officially as Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, confusion is understandable, since before the 1969 reform of the calendar two separate Sundays bore these titles. Passion Sunday was a week before Palm Sunday. To add to the confusion, the Gospel accounts of the Passion of the Lord were not read on Passion Sunday, but on Palm Sunday! On Passion Sunday, the cross and statues were veiled in full purple drapes. The organ had fallen silent at the beginning of Lent, and now the sanctuary bells were replaced by wooden clappers. The introit (opening chant) for the old Mass of Passion Sunday hints at a reason for reform: "Do me justice, O God, and fight my fight against a faithless people" (Psalm 42). This liturgy was laden with references to the "infidelity" of the Jews, a theme that gave rise to inflammatory preaching and, in some places, attacks against the persons and property of the Jewish people. This does not stand as a "treasure" of any sort in our tradition. Our authentic tradition, rather, is the ability to reflect and repent and to seek reconciliation with the Jews, our brothers and sisters in the love and service of God. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord ~ March 29, 2015



[Christ Jesus] humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on the cross. -Philippians 2:8

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday March 28

8:00am- †

5:00pm- † Domenick & Catherine Dianora

Palm Sunday March 29 ~Passion of the Lord~

8:30am- † Cosme & Serafin Oliveras

10:00am- † Mrs. Helen Valentine

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday March 30 ~Holy Week~

8:00am- † Jeannine Esposito

12:05pm- †

Tuesday March 31 ~Holy Week~

8:00am- †

12:05pm- †

Wednesday April 1 ~ Holy Week~

8:00am- † Deceased Family & Friends of the Fortunato Family

12:05pm- † Msgr. Augustine J. DiBlasi & Pop

Holy Thursday April 2 ~Paschal Triduum~

7:30pm- † Grace, Ciro & Andrew Frulio

Good Friday April 3 ~Passion of the Lord~

3:00pm - † Liturgy

Holy Saturday April 4 ~Easter Vigil~

8:00pm- † Pancrazio LaMorte

Easter Sunday April 5 ~Resurrection of the Lord~

8:30am- † Cosme & Serafin Oliveras

10:00am- † Mrs. Helen Valentine

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions



Mass Intentions

By: daughters, Ann & Yolanda

Offered By: Family

Offered By: Jose Oliveras

By: son, Thomas Valentine

Offered by: Anne & Herb Schiff

Offered by:

Offered by:

Offered By:

Offered by: Joe & Joan Fortunato

Offered By: Family

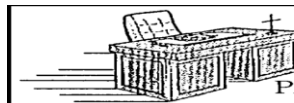
Offered By: Frulio Family

Offered By:

By: wife, Rafaela & Family

Offered By: Jose Oliveras

By: son, Thomas Valentine



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today begins the week that we call "Holy." All of us have a special obligation this week to reflect on the events through which our salvation was won for us by Jesus Christ.

Palm Sunday – This day should remind us that we are often no different than the crowds in Jerusalem at the time of Jesus. At the beginning of the week, they gave Jesus a triumphant welcome as he entered the City, greeting him with cries of "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" At the end of the week, many of these same people would cry for his blood as Jesus stood before Pontius Pilate. "Crucify him! Crucify him!" When life is easy and our troubles few, we have no problem with singing the praise of Jesus even if our faith in him is superficial at best. But when life is hard, or when we face hostility as a result of our commitment to Christ and to his Gospel, we can suddenly find ourselves angrily rejecting Jesus and his ways because what he demands of us is more than we are prepared to give.

Holy Thursday – The heart of this celebration is the Last Supper of Jesus in which Jesus took bread and wine and transformed them, through the power of God's Spirit, into his own body and blood. But we must also pay attention to the radical act of service that Jesus performed when he washed the feet of his disciples. Jesus feeds us with his body and blood so that we, too, can give of ourselves selflessly and generously in service to all as Jesus did. How generously have I served others?

Good Friday - God, in the person of Jesus, suffered and died for us. What a remarkable proclamation of faith! God loves us so much that God willingly died for us so that God could break the power of sin and death and open for us the way to salvation. Spend time before a crucifix on Good Friday and pray for the grace to appreciate the depth of God's love for you as you are and the deep desire of God that one day you will live with God forever.

This week is only 'Holy' if you make it such by your attentiveness to what we celebrate.

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle



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~ *Domenick & Catherine Dianora*
Offered by: daughters, Ann & Yolanda

Memorial Candle

Liturgical Minsters Schedule for APRIL 2015~

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

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

Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy Velez, Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Substitute: Angelo Sabella

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lectors: Maria Oliveras & Samuel Torres (*carry Gospel Book*)

Substitute: Linda Torres

Eucharistic Ministers: Theresa Contardo, Maria Oliveras & Samuel Torres

Substitute: Delmeter Carey

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Alexis Crowdell (*carry Gospel Book*)

Substitute.: Valeria Cappucci

Eucharistic Ministers: Emmanuel Fode, Crescencia (Chris) Pascua & Thelma Washington

Substitute: Beverly Marryshow