



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 19, 2015



Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David. ~Jeremiah 23:5a

Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday July 18

8:00am- †

5:00pm- † Frances Lagotta

Sunday July 19

8:30am- † Aldorah Williams ~2nd Anniversary~

10:00am- † Dolores Elizabeth Zukowski & Gregory Peter Zukowski

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday July 20

8:00am- †

12:05pm- † Vincenzo Palumbo

Tuesday July 21

8:00am- † William Burke

12:05pm- † Joseph Fortunato

Wednesday July 22

8:00am- -†

12:05pm-† Grace Frulio

Thursday July 23

8:00am- † Joseph Fortunato

12:05pm- †

Friday July 24

8:00am - †

12:05pm - †

Saturday July 25

8:00am- †

5:00pm- † William M. Frickenstein

Sunday July 26

8:30am- † Dorothy Keenan

10:00am- † Albert DiMauro

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered By:

Offered By: Peg & Tom Ventrudo

By: children & grandchildren

By: Victoria & Wilfredo Garay

Offered By:

Offered By: daughter, Margarita

Offered By: Joe & Joan Fortunato

Offered By: Linda Graves

Offered By:

Offered By: Frulio Family

Offered By: James A. Beers

Offered By:

Offered By:

Offered By:

Offered By:

Offered By: Family

By: Delmeter & Louis Carey & Fam.

Offered By: Anthony Raisley

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle



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Liturgical Minster's Schedule JULY 2015~

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

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

E. M.: Peg & Tom Ventrudo & Linford Smith Substitute: Bill Hinton

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Linda & Samuel Torres (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Delmeter Carey / Maria Oliveras

E.M.: Delmeter Carey, Maria Oliveras & Samuel Torres Sub: MaryAnn Ugbo

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Alexis Crowdell (carry Gospel Book) Substitute.: Valeria Cappucci

E. M.: Emmanuel Fode, Crescencia Pascua & Thelma Washington Substitute: Beverly Marryshow



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In today's prophecy from Jeremiah, God denounces the shepherds of God's people – those who lead the people socially, politically and religiously. God promises to give God's people a true shepherd whose name shall be: "The Lord our justice." As Christians, we believe that Jesus is the perfect shepherd of God's people who has shown us what the justice of God requires. It requires that we acknowledge that we are all brother and sister to each other as we all receive the gift of life from the same God. As brother and sister to each other, "we are all really responsible for all" (John Paul II), that is, we have an obligation to serve the needs of all of our brothers and sisters. But we have a particular obligation to be concerned with the poor as the conditions in which they live compromise the dignity with which God gifted every human person. When the dignity of any of our brothers or sisters is threatened or compromised, we have an obligation to act to protect their dignity because, again, we are all really responsible for all.

In his latest encyclical, *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis draws a direct connection between the degradation of our natural environment and the increasingly dire conditions in which too many of the world's poor are forced to live. "Human environment and the natural environment deteriorate together; we cannot adequately combat environmental degradation unless we attend to causes related to human and social degradation." (No. 48). In other words, both the deterioration of our natural and our human environment stem from the same evils: predatory capitalism, an emphasis on technology that does not adequately consider the consequences to persons and the environment, and an emphasis on immediate gratification that ignores long-term needs and consequences. Pope Francis is challenging all persons – not just Catholics but all persons of good-will – to consider how we can work together to reform our economic, social and political systems so that they work to protect both the natural and the human environment. It is a bold challenge to all of us, but one that we must hear and to which we must respond.

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

TODAY: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Ephesians 2:13-18
Mark 6:30-34

Next Sun: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:42-44
Ephesians 4:1-6
John 6:1-15



LAST ENGLISH MASS AT ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION- Sunday, August 2nd, at 1 p.m., we will celebrate the last Mass in English at St. Mary of the Assumption Church. We expect the participation of both Councils of the Knights of Columbus – Christ the King Council and St. Mary of the Assumption. All past parishioners of St. Mary's are welcome to join us for this special occasion. Please spread the word within the community! Thank you!

FINAL MASS IN THE CHAPEL OF ST. PAUL – On August 2nd, at 9 a.m., the last Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel of St. Paul (129 Clinton Avenue). At about 10 a.m. a procession will bring the Blessed Sacrament to the Church of St. Peter (53 St. Mark's Place) for a period of adoration and benediction. At about 11:30 the procession will continue to the Church of the Assumption (15 Webster Avenue) for another time of adoration and benediction. Finally, at 1:00 p.m., there will be a procession back to the Chapel of St. Paul. There will be a reception at St. Paul from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please call 718-447-6362 if you plan on attending the reception. Thank you!

MAKING ALL THINGS NEW – As of August 1st, there will be a new parish here called St. Mary of the Assumption + Our Lady of Mount Carmel + St. Benedicta. In the summer of 2016, we will be able to propose three names to the Cardinal and he will choose one that will become our permanent name. We expect to begin painting the interior of the church very soon. You will see new signage installed out front. With the assistance of Con Edison, we will be installing new, energy efficient lighting in the church. We had already installed LED lighting in the ceiling and in the chapel. This program will replace all the remaining fixtures with energy efficient, LED lighting.

On August 15th, we will begin offering a 7:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish on Saturdays.

On August 16th, there will be a major celebration as we bring together the Spanish-speaking communities of St. Mary of the Assumption and Our Lady of Mount Carmel+St. Benedicta. There will be a procession from St. Mary's to Mount Carmel where we will celebrate a 12 noon Mass. After Mass, the community will celebrate in the gymnasium.

On August 22/23rd, we will have our new Mass schedule fully in place: Saturday – 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Spanish). Sunday – 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 (Spanish), 1:30 (Spanish), 6:00 (Spanish).

You should see exciting things in the near future as the special celebrations that were part of the traditions of St. Mary's become part of our new faith community.

Prayer in Time of Transition and Change:

God of Love,

You are with us in every transition and change.

As we now face the reality of change, we do not deny feelings of anxiety and uncertainty.

Calm our hearts by helping us to recall your deep compassion, your abiding presence, and your abounding love.

We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us and which you now invite us to use to fashion a new future for our parish.

We thank you for the gift that our parish has been for us and for all those quiet souls who have carried forward the faith we are privileged to profess.

Help us now, O God, to be free to embrace the change that will create a new future for us and for all your people – a future of great hope and promise.

Be with us as we move forward, confident of your presence with us.

Let us be supportive of one another and help us to be heralds of your unshakeable love for all of us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

THANK YOU FOR SUSTAINING YOUR PLEDGES TO THE CARDINAL'S CAMPAIGN!- Your pledges to the Cardinal's Campaign have exceeded our goal of \$18,500. Thank you! Our parish receives a portion of the funds raised beyond our goal. Last year, we received \$5,000 from the Campaign thanks to your generosity. If you have made a pledge to the Campaign, please continue to send in your monthly payment. Thank you for your support!

WEEKLY OFFERING: July 12: \$3,413 Thank you!

Today's Readings - Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34 There's a bit of a "missing link" in the first two sentences of today's Gospel from Mark. In the first, the apostles return from having been sent out on mission two by two ("one who is sent" is the meaning of "apostle"). Their instructions were to preach repentance, drive out demons, and heal the sick in Jesus' name. In the second sentence, Jesus tells them to come away with him and rest a while. It would be nice for us to imagine that, between those two sentences, a look of amazed gratitude and pleasure crossed the face of Jesus as he hears of the kingdom proclaimed in his name, and how they didn't have to shake the dust off their feet anywhere. They deserved a rest! It might not be bad for us, when we gather together with Jesus as the apostles do today, to do this kind of debriefing, allowing the Lord to hear what we've sought to do in his name, our successes, our failures, our need to get away with him for a while to be fortified for further work in God's name. For we, the baptized, are not only the flock of Jesus Christ; through water and the power of the Spirit we have also become the Body of Christ, the presence of the Shepherd for the life of the world. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

