



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 31, 2016

Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life. ~John 6:27a



Weekly Mass Intentions



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Saturday July 30

8:00am~Aldora Williams ~3rd Anniversary in Heaven *By: children & grandchildren*

5:00pm- † David Hallinan *Offered by: Bunch Family*

Sunday July 31

8:30am- † Msgr. Augustine DiBlasi & Sal *By: Family*

10:00am- † Giovanna & Domenico Mezzacappa *By: Lina & Jerry Mezzacappa*

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- - No Mass-

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday August 1

8:00am- † Margaret DeSimone *Offered by: Annette Esposito*

12:05pm- † Octavio Villafañe *Offered by: Oliveras Family*

Tuesday August 2

8:00am- † Greico & Tutano Families *Offered by: Joan Fortunato*

12:05pm- Roosevelt Delaneo Simpson ~Birthday Blessing *Offered by: daughter Cinderella*

Wednesday August 3

8:00am- † Joe Fortunato *Offered by: wife, Joan*

12:05pm- † Louise Obermayer *By: Family*

Thursday August 4

8:00am- † Susan Avilla *Offered by: Family*

12:05pm- † Linda Raisley *By: Tony Raisley*

Friday August 5

8:00am- ~ Adela Delgado & Bianca Miranda *By: Alberto Mirando*

12:05pm- † *By:*

Saturday August 6

8:00am- † James Mooney *By: Colleen & Linda*

5:00pm- ~Birthday Blessing Cinderella Wonewitz *Offered by: Cinderella*

Sunday August 7

8:30am- † Isabella Maria Quinones *Offered by: daughter, Marta*

10:00am- † Lina & Antonio Mezzacappa *By: Lina & Jerry Mezzacappa*

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

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Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

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Liturgical Minister's Schedule August 2016

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Linda Graves & Tom Ventrudo (carry Gospel Book)

Eucharistic Ministers: Lindfred Smith, Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lector: Sofrino Albarecin & Samuel Torres (carry Gospel Book)

Substitute Lector: Joan Fortunato

Eucharistic Ministers: Maria Oliveras, Linda Torres & Samuel Torres

Substitute Minister: Cinderella Wonsewitz

Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Alexis Crowdell

Substitute Lector: Thelma Washington

Eucharistic Ministers: Emanuel Fode, Beverly Marryshaw & Diane Murphy

Substitute Minister: Valerie Cappuci



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Choose life in Christ. Reject what will diminish that life within you. This is the simple message of St. Paul in his letter to the Colossians. It is a simple message that is hard to live!

“If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.’ All of us were raised with Christ in baptism. Through the waters of baptism, we died to sin and rose to new life in Christ. This truth is so wonderful that it is difficult for us to comprehend. Right now, the life of our Risen Lord, the life of God, is present within us. Remarkable! We cultivate that life within us through an active life of prayer, through reflection on the scriptures, through our active participation in the sacraments. We also cultivate that life within us through our deliberate efforts to be faithful to the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, that is, when we incarnate in our lives his compassion, his mercy, his generosity, his fidelity to the Father, and his embrace of all persons without judgment.

St. Paul offers a very blunt list of ways that we can diminish the life of Christ, within us: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, greed, lying. It sounds like an episode of the Bachelorette! Paul is simply reminding us that the desires of our bodies and our minds are powerful desires and it is easy for us to become enslaved to the satisfaction of these desires – for sex, for money, for material goods, for power, for the approval of our peers. If we are cultivating the life of Christ within us, then we will have the grace and strength that we need in order to control our desires in a healthy way. It would be wonderful if we could simply choose for Christ and from that moment forward not have to contend with the desires of the mind and flesh that can compromise our choice for Christ. Unfortunately, life is not that simple. Every day we have to renew our choice for Christ so that through his grace the power of our desires will diminish so that we grow in our intimacy with him and fidelity to him.

Choose for Christ! It is not easy but the reward is great – both now and forever!
Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

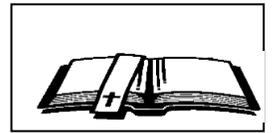
These readings are found complete on our parish web page (www.olmcsi.org). Click on "USCCB Daily Readings."

TODAY: 18th Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Luke 12:13-21

Next Week: 19th Ordinary Time

Wisdom 18:6-9
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Luke 12:32-48



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM – Registrations for religious education classes are currently being taken in the parish office during normal office hours. **Please register your child as soon as possible.** Any registrations taken after August 31st will incur a late fee per child. If you have any questions regarding the classes for the Religious Education Program, please visit the parish office. Thank you!

IMPORTANT: If your child was enrolled last year in 1st year preparation for the sacraments, now is the time to reenroll them for the second year preparation. Please note that if your child is entering the 1st grade in September, it is time to register for First Holy Communion preparation. If your child is entering the 6th grade in September, it is time to register for Confirmation preparation.

PASTOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING: - Monday, August 1st, at 5 p.m. in the Father Flynn Room – 1st Floor.

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE – Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon or religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P., at 212-371-1000, extension 2949, or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

PRAYER BEFORE OUR NATIONAL ELECTION – Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city, state, and nation and how your Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask you for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of their race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and follow the way of your truth so that our nation might fulfill its promise of liberty and justice for all. This we ask in the name of the One who is our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

YOUR FAITHFULNESS TO THE CARDINAL'S APPEAL IS A GREAT BLESSING!! – We have reached our goal in actual funds received. Our goal was \$25,500 and the Campaign has received \$25,900. Thank you!! But the Campaign is not over!! Our parish pledged \$35,000 to the Campaign. The fulfillment of your pledge is crucial! The Archdiocese gives back a significant percentage of funds received beyond our goal. It is vital for us and the Archdiocese that you fulfill the pledges that you have made. Thank you for your extraordinarily generous support of the Cardinal's Campaign!

IS YOUR CHILD READING DAILY THIS SUMMER?? – It is very important that your child read regularly during the summer months. Your child should be encouraged to read and to practice his or her spelling and writing. Children who do not do this will often struggle when school resumes in September. Every child needs to exercise his or her mind and body during the summer months!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS of THE AMERICAS COMEDY FUNDRAISER – Thursday, Sept. 29th, 2016, the CDA of St. Clare's is hosting an evening of laughter, food, baskets and fun with a nationally known comedian, Rob Magnotti. The \$55 pp Comedy Night Dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Clare Auditorium in Great Kills. Tickets are on sale now. For more information, email: joannlambert@yahoo.com or call Joann Lambert at 718-966-1425.

POPE FRANCIS on THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SOCIETY - *Every economic and political theory or action must set about providing each inhabitant of the planet with the minimum wherewithal to live in dignity and freedom, with the possibility of supporting a family, educating children, praising God and developing one's own human potential. This is the main thing; in the absence of such a vision, all economic activity is meaningless.*

WEEKLY OFFERING: July 24th: \$4113. Thank you for your support of our parish!