



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 25, 2016

Keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ. ~ 1 Timothy 6:14



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday September 24

8:00am- ~ Unborn babies in wombs & their families

5:00pm- † Rosemary Abati

Sunday September 25

8:30am- † Angela & Nicholas Guarino

10:00am- † James & Harold Ferry

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday September 26

8:00am-~Special Intentions of Gabrielle Neidhart *Offered by:* mom

12:05pm-~Special Intentions of Duanna Kempton *Offered by:*

Tuesday September 27

8:00am-~Special Intentions of Christian Pepo *Offered by:* mom, Joyce

12:05pm-~Birthday Blessing for Ana Contreras *Offered by:* mom, Evette

Wednesday September 28

8:00am- † Louis Cutolo *Offered by:* Mullen Family

12:05pm-† Philip Coraci *Offered by:* Dianne Murphy

Thursday September 29

8:00am- † Thomas Romano ~60th Birthday Anniv.~ *Offered by:* Romano Family

12:05pm-~For the Protection of Angels & Archangels *Offered by:* Christine LaBollita

Friday September 30

8:00am- † MaryAnn Fair *Offered by:* Judith Cappodora

12:05pm- ~ For John Plescia's Health *Offered by:* Tony Raisley

Saturday October 1

8:00am- † *Offered by:*

5:00pm- † Henrietta Walsh *By:* daughters, Pat & Martha

Sunday October 2

8:30am- † Isabel Maria Quiñones *Offered by:* daughter, Marta

10:00am- † Pedro (*Bubu*) Julio Hilerio, Jr. *By:* Garay & Zukowski Family

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle



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Liturgical Minster's Schedule OCTOBER 2016

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

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

E. M.: Linford Smith, Peg & Tom Ventrudo Sub: Cinderella Wonsewitz

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

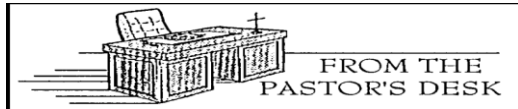
Lector: Johnathan Codipilly & Samuel Torres (*carry Gospel Book*) Sub: Joan Knighton

E.M.: Joan Fortunato, Linda Torres & Samuel Torres Sub: MaryAnn Ugbo

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Alexis Crowdell (*carry Gospel Book*) Sub: Thelma Washington

E.M.: Theresa Contardo, Emmanuel Fode & Thelma Washington Sub: Dianne Murphy



“...Purse righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith. Lay hold of eternal life...” Can we live this simple instruction of St. Paul?

Righteousness. Righteousness is not a stern and severs religiosity; rather righteousness is to be in right standing with God and with neighbor. The two are inseparable. We have to grow daily in our love for God and our faithfulness to God that will be evident in how we treat other persons because all persons are the bearers of God’s image and likeness. We cannot claim to love the God we do not see, if we do not love the God who is present in every human being.

Devotion/Faith. Faith is not the absence of doubt or a blind trust in God. Faith is a commitment to God based on our lived experience that our God loves us and wants only the best for us. If we have experienced the love of God for us individually, and in the life of God’s people, and have experienced the care of God for us and for God’s people, then we trust in what God asks of us even when sometimes we have doubts or when it is hard for us to accept what God asks of us. We say “Yes” to God because we have experienced God’s faithful love for us.

Love. This is the hard love of Jesus Christ. It is a love that demands a total gift of self. It is a love that embraces all and excludes none. It is a love that forgives all persons. It is a love that has a particular concern for the poor and the powerless of our world.

Patience/Gentleness. In a society that is very aggressive and that expects immediate results, it is hard to cultivate the virtues of patience and gentleness. We begin by being patient with ourselves – patient with our faults, failures and quirks. This should allow us, then to be patient with others – with their faults, failures and quirks. We are also gentle with ourselves when we fall short of what we aspire to be as persons so that we can be gentle with others when they do not rise to our expectations for them.

If we commit ourselves to these virtues, St. Paul assures us that we will enjoy eternal life.

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: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 6:1a, 4-7
1 Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31

Next Sun: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10



CHECKS to THE PARISH – When writing checks to the parish, please use simply "Our Lady of Mount Carmel."

YOU CAN ALREADY SMELL THE SAUCE AND TASTE THE MEATBALLS! – Our spaghetti dinner will be on Tuesday, October 11th, in the cafeteria of our grammar school. Lunch will be served from 12 pm to 3 pm and dinner will be served from 5 pm to 8 pm. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 12 years of age. We welcome donations for gift baskets – premium wines or liquor, restaurant gift certificates, certificates for professional services, gourmet food items. Donations can be left at the rectory. Please consider volunteering to help at either lunch or dinner. Simply leave your name, contact information and the time you prefer to work in the rectory office. We look forward to seeing you on October 11th!

GIRLS BASKETBALL – – If you have a young daughter who is in 4th or 5th grade this year and she wants to participate in a basketball program in our school gym on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., please contact Coach Vincent for more information at 718-490-6235.

BIBLE STUDY – Our Director of Adult Sacraments, Colin Voutrint, will continue to offer his popular Bible studies program. Upcoming dates: October 1st and 15th and November 5th and 26th. Classes begin at 10 a.m. *All are welcome!*

WHITE MASS FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS – October 12th – Wednesday – at 7 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church (Forest and Manor Road). This is a wonderful occasion for all who participate in the healing arts to rest in the Lord and receive the Lord's consolation.

FEATURED EVENTS AT OUR NEIGHBOR – SACRED HEART CHURCH (981 Castleton Ave.):

Bible Series – October 2 through November 20 – Sunday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Discover the riches of Matthew's Gospel.

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary – October 7 – 6:30 p.m. – Mass of Our Lady of the Rosary; 7 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditative Prayer of the Mysteries of the Rosary; 9:30 p.m. Benediction.

REGIS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE – This prestigious Jesuit High School for Catholic boys that provides scholarships to all students will have its annual open house on Columbus Day, Monday, October 10th, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Eric Di Michele 212-288-1100, ext. 2057 or edimichele@regis.org.

XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE – Saturday, October 22, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. This all-boys Jesuit High School in lower Manhattan (30 West 16th Street) offers a solid academic program and many extra-curricular activities. Frs. Roselli and Hallinan both graduated from Xavier High School and many Staten Island students attend the school.

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY SI OPEN HOUSE – Sunday, October 23, 1 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. If you have a daughter interested in a Catholic high school, come with her to this opportunity to learn what Notre Dame can offer. Notre Dame High School – 134 Howard Avenue.

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.*

FUND RAISING by OUR HISPANIC COMMUNITY – Our Hispanic brothers and sisters raised more than \$7,000 in their recent event to celebrate Mexican Independence Day. We thank them for their hard work and dedication!

WEEKLY OFFERING: September 18: \$4,624. *Thank you!!*

LOOK BEYOND OURSELVES - The message of today's readings is an old story. Citizen Kane, Daddy Warbucks and King Midas are only a few of the familiar fictional characters who thought that with a huge Fortune they could buy happiness and complete satisfaction. Daddy Warbucks admits to have trampled on some people in his ascent to the Summit. Kane tried to buy the printed word and stardom to his young wife, while King Midas conjures immense fortune and tragedy only with his touch. We learn clearly in the readings today that none of this is possible. We achieve true happiness when we are interested in others. When we practice the virtues that God describes to Timothy: faith, love, gentleness, piety, righteousness and justice. The Gospel reminds us that we dare not ignore the needs of others, acting as though we don't notice their suffering. God's call to us is too clear to ignore even a single day.