



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 16, 2016



*I lift up my eyes toward the mountains; whence shall help come to me?
My help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. ~Psalm 121:1-2*

Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday October 15

8:00am- ~ Special Intentions of Christian Pepo

Offered by: mom, Joyce Pepo

5:00pm- † Miriam Luciano ~Anniversary~

Offered by: Nina & Joe Lopez

Sunday October 16

8:30am- † Michael Contardo

Offered by: wife, Theresa

10:00am- † Renee Christiansen

By: Victoria & Wilfredo Garay

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday October 17

8:00am- † MaryAnn Fair

Offered by: Judith Cappadora

12:05pm- † MaryAnn Fair

Offered by: Tony Raisley

Tuesday October 18

8:00am- †

Offered by:

12:05pm- † James Treacy

By: Victoria & Wilfredo Garay

Wednesday October 19

8:00am- ~Special Intentions of Duanna Kempton

Offered by:

12:05pm-†

Offered by:

Thursday October 20

8:00am- † Nonso Christian Ugbo

Offered by: mother, MaryAnn

12:05pm- ~Special Intentions of Jennifer Gomez

Offered by: Duanna Kempton

Friday October 21

8:00am- ~Special Intentions of Gabrielle Neidhart

Offered by: Mom

12:05pm- † Mary Muldoon

Offered by: Family

Saturday October 22

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

By: Deacon Jim Stahlnecker

5:00pm- † William M. Frickenstein

Offered by: Family

Sunday October 23

8:30am- † Beatriz DeLizia

Offered by: Diane Carbonaro

10:00am- † Jorge Benavides & Luis Benavides

Offered by: Family

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle



~ In Thanksgiving to Parish Community

Offered by: Fair Family

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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.

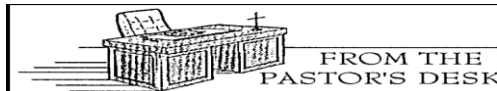
Lector: Johnathan Codipilly & Samuel Torres (*carry Gospel Book*) *Sub:* Joan Knighton

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



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

In this month when our Church invites us to reflect on the precious gift that is human life, each of us is called to reflect on how we honor, respect and protect the dignity of all human life.

Every human life is sacred because our lives are a gift of God to us and every human person is created in the image and likeness of our God. In order to have a genuine respect for the dignity of all human life, we have to begin with a respect for the dignity of our individual lives. As difficult as our lives can sometimes be, our lives are still precious and sacred. In the face of the challenges that are yours, do not forget how precious your life truly is. For young people who are struggling to find their place in life, do not let your peers lead you into inappropriate behavior involving alcohol, drugs or sex. Understand that you are loved by God as you are and that God only wants the very best for you. Do not let your peers determine the trajectory of your life, but rather choose the path that will lead to authentic fulfillment. For adults who face tremendous burdens due to financial problems, problems related to their immigration status, problems in their marriage, know that you do not bear your problems alone. Jesus Christ wants to be the strength that you need to carry the burdens that are yours. Each of our lives is a precious gift of God and we should always thank God for the gift that our lives truly are.

When we truly appreciate the beauty and splendor of our lives, then we should be able to see the beauty and splendor in the lives of our brothers and sisters in God. We should want to honor, respect and protect their dignity. Do our actions affirm the dignity of all human life? Do we advocate for an end to abortion on demand? Do we advocate for an end to the death penalty? Do we advocate for just and humane immigration policies? Do we advocate for those policies and programs that help persons of low-income live in dignity? Do we reject all forms of prejudice and bias? How do we manifest to the world our respect for the dignity of human life?

Let each of us cherish the sacred gift of human life – ours and that of all other persons!

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: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 17:8-13
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
Luke 18:1-8

Next Sun: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 11:22-12:2
2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2
Luke 19:1-10



PASTOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE – This Monday, October 17th, at 5 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP OUR PARISHIONERS LEARN ENGLISH – Las Señoras de Santa María want to offer their members help in learning English with classes on Friday and Saturday evening. If you think that you could help with this, please leave your information in the parish office. We want to start soon! *Thank you!*

TEST FOR ADMISSION into CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS (TACHS) - The Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools, the entrance test for all Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of New York, will be offered on Friday, November 4, 2016 in selected high schools throughout the Archdiocese. **Register Now** online at www.tachsinfo.com or by telephone from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 1-866-618-2247. Register as early as possible.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES:

XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL – Jesuit – Saturday, October 22: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – 30 West 16th Street in Manhattan
NOTRE DAME ACADEMY SI – Sunday, October 23: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Young women – 134 Howard Avenue
St. JOHN VILLA ACADEMY – Saturday, October 29: 11:00 – 3:00 p.m. – 25 Landis Ave. SI – For young women
NOTRE DAME MANHATTAN – Sunday, October 30: 2:30 – 5:00 p.m. – 327 West 13th St. For young women
St. PETER'S BOYS HIGH SCHOOL – Sunday, October 30, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. 200 Clinton Avenue on SI.

BIBLE STUDY – November 5th and 26th. Classes begin at 10 a.m. in the rectory. All are welcome!

DONATE YOUR CAR, TRUCK, OR VAN AND HELP THE PARISH – The Society of St. Vincent DePaul wants your car, truck or van whether it works or not. The Society will give our parish \$50 or \$100 per vehicle that is donated. If you don't have a car, truck or van to donate, perhaps a family member or colleague at work does. Have them call St. Vincent DePaul 718-491-2525 and mention that you heard of this through Mt. Carmel Church on Staten Island.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS 55 and OLDER – The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of the Community Service Society is seeking volunteers to work in a variety of organizations. They will do their best to match your interests and your availability with an organization on Staten Island that needs help. Please call Tami DiConzanzo at 718-494-3222 or e-mail her at tdicostanzo@csny.org. A little of your time can make a big difference!

POPE FRANCIS JOINS WITH ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN LEADER TO CALL US TO CONVERSION ON ISSUES CONCERNING THE ENVIRONMENT - My brother, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew (Patriarch of Constantinople) has courageously and prophetically continued to point out our sins against creation. "For human beings... to destroy the biological diversity of God's creation; for human beings to degrade the integrity of the earth by causing changes in its climate, by stripping the earth of its natural forests or destroying its wetlands; for human beings to contaminate the earth's waters, its land, its air, and its life – these are sins." Further, "to commit a crime against the natural world is a sin against ourselves and a sin against God." ...Let us learn to implore God's mercy for those sins against creation that we have not hitherto acknowledged and confessed. Let us likewise commit ourselves to taking concrete steps towards ecological conversion, which requires a clear recognition of our responsibility to ourselves, our neighbors, creation and the Creator.

A PRAYER FOR THIS TIME IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY: O Lord, there is great anxiety, fear, and uncertainty among us. We worry about crime and justice, about terror and trouble, about the environment and the economy. Calm us down and let us speak to each other as those who have a common stake in our life together, as neighbors rather than as adversaries. Keep us from rancor and strife, from rumors and accusations. Let us seek the truth as best we can know it and the common good above our own particular interests. Deliver us from the need to build ourselves up by cutting others down. Let us listen more than we talk, and think before we speak, and help us always to remember that we are brother and sister to each other. Let us not see our differences as that which divides us but rather that which enriches us. Together, may we build a nation that radiates the values to which your Son gave witness in his life – compassion, mercy, tolerance, hope, kindness, goodness, and an abiding respect for all persons. *Amen. Adapted from Richard Floyd.*

WEEKLY OFFERING: October 9: \$3,849; Companion in Christ: \$1,363. *Thank you!!*

God made each of us in his own image and likeness - He desires to be united with us forever in a loving relationship. God loves us, treats us with respect, and asks us to do the same with others. Every person is sacred and must be treated with the dignity they deserve. No one should ever be treated callously or carelessly—everyone should be cherished and protected! From each tiny child waiting to be born, to individuals nearing death, all are precious and deserve our care and protection. Women and men suffering after abortion, individuals tempted to end their lives, couples longing to conceive a child, people pushed to the margins of society by a "throwaway culture," expectant mothers facing challenging pregnancies, and every other person—each "has a place in God's heart from all eternity" (*Amoris Laetitia*, 168). Let's ask God to make us channels of his loving mercy: Lord, help us to receive your mercy and turn to you each moment, and please guide us in extending your mercy to others today. *Now is the time for mercy!* Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Chairman, USCCB Committee Pro-Life Activities, October