



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 23, 2016



The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest until it reaches its goal,
nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds. ~ Sirach 35:17-18a

Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

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

Monday October 24

8:00am- † Iromi Abeysinghe *By: sister, Lorna Smith & Linford*

12:05pm- † Bennie Pignone *Offered by: Raffaella LaMorte*

Tuesday October 25

8:00am- ~ In Thanksgiving for Francesca & Francesco Madealoni ~for kindness & generosity~ *By: OLMC Breakfast Group*

12:05pm- † Maria Luciano ~*Birthday in Heaven*~ *Offered by: Nina & Joe Lopez*

Wednesday October 26

8:00am- † Mary Ann Fair *Offered by: Judith Cappadora*

12:05pm- † *Offered by:*

Thursday October 27

8:00am- † Rudolf Ostry *Offered by: Marina*

12:05pm- † Luis Enrique Avila Izquierdo *Offered by: Carolina Beteta*

Friday October 28

8:00am- † Thomas & Mary Romano *Offered by: Mom*

12:05pm- † Mary Muldoon *Offered by: Family*

Saturday October 29

8:00am- † *Offered by:*

5:00pm- † John & Ann Obermayer *Offered by: Family*

Sunday October 30

8:30am- † James Treacy *By: Victoria & Wilfredo Garay*

10:00am- † Ciro "Jerry" Mezzacappa *Offered by: Theresa Contardo*

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle 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.

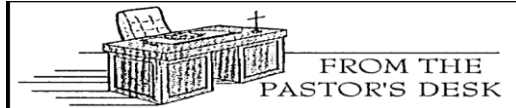
Lector: Johnathan Codipilly & Samuel Torres (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Joan Knighton

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



“I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me....” This remarkable declaration of St. Paul invites us to consider whether we can have the same confidence as to what awaits us in death.

St. Paul’s declaration could be seen as unseemly boasting, but he is simply offering a truthful assessment of his own life. St. Paul was a remarkable disciple of Jesus Christ. Despite the incredible challenges and difficulties that he faced, Paul successfully brought the Gospel of Christ to all of Asia Minor, Greece and finally to Europe through his final apostolic work in Rome. It is hard for us to imagine how hard it would have been to do what St. Paul did. Initially, he faced skepticism within the Church because of his history as a persecutor of the Christians. He faced intense opposition when he insisted that non-Jews had to be welcomed into the Church of Christ without first becoming Jews. St. Paul faced the anger and hostility of Jews who opposed the Christian Gospel, and the violence of civil authorities who saw him as a threat to social order. Finally, Paul faced the basic challenge of travel in his era which was always difficult and frequently very dangerous. Paul, however, stayed the course of his faith – he persevered in faith through all the challenges and difficulties that he faced.

We should not measure our lives of faith against the life of St. Paul. Few of us are called to do what he did and did so well. We are all, however, called to be the presence of Christ in our world – the presence of Christ’s compassion, mercy, generosity, concern for the poor and the powerless, the presence of Christ’s welcome to the stranger. If every day we concentrate our efforts on being more faithful to these values, then when our life nears its end we, too, can join with St. Paul in saying that we have kept the faith and so anticipate a crown of righteousness.

May all of us renew our commitment to our Christian vocation daily so that we can live in the confidence that one day the crown of righteousness will await us as it did St. Paul!

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: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Next Sun: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



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!*

FOOD DRIVE - We have parishioners who do not have sufficient food to feed their families. Rather than giving them traditional Thanksgiving food items, it would be helpful to them if you could contribute any of the following items: large bags of rice; shelf-safe milk; bags of dried beans; canned black or red beans; cereal; coffee; peanut butter and jelly; pasta; pasta sauce; sugar; canned vegetables; canned fruit. Food items can be left in the vestibule of the church in the area that is designated for donations. We can also accept food gift cards from Stop and Shop, Key Food or Shoprite. Those should be given to the parish secretary. *Thank you for your help!*

FEAST of OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE – A number of parishioners last year expressed their gratitude to the Hispanic community for the flowers and decorations that adorned our church for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12th). The prices of flowers have risen dramatically and those responsible for the Feast this year are struggling to meet anticipated expenses. If you would like to contribute to the support of the Feast, you can leave donations in the parish office. Please put your donations in an envelope marked "Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe". Thank you! Closer to the Feast, we will include a schedule in the bulletin. Everyone is welcome to experience this remarkable demonstration of love and devotion to our Blessed Mother. You are also invited to participate in the annual run from the ferry to the church. Runners start at 5 p.m. at Yankee Stadium SI. Please register in the office.

ALTAR OF THE DEAD – In the Catholic tradition, we proclaim our faith in the "communion of saints." In baptism, we are incorporated into the risen life of Jesus Christ. In this way, we live with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are present with us in this world but we also share in the risen life of our brothers and sisters who have died before us. Mexicans recognize this reality in their 'altars of the dead' – shrines erected to remember their loved ones who have died. We have one of these each year. If you have a small photo in a free-standing frame of a loved one that you would like included in the shrine, simply bring it to church on Sunday, October 30th and place it in the shrine. **Please put your name and telephone number on the back.**

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:

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@cnsny.org. A little of your time can make a big difference!

WEEKLY OFFERING: October 16: \$5,380. *Thank you!!*

Prayer Before an Election - Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/ country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask 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 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 keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*