



# Mary, The Holy Mother of God - January 1, 2017



Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. ~Luke 2:19

## Weekly Mass Intentions

**Saturday - December 31** ~New Year's Eve~

8:00am- †

5:00pm- † Cabot & Perez Families & Mr. & Mrs. Manguel

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

**Sunday - January 1, 2017** ~New Year's Day~

8:30am- †

10:00am- † Mrs. Helen Valentine

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

**Monday - January 2**

8:00am- † Anthony Ancona Jr & Elvira Ancona *By: daughter, Theresa Tortorella*

12:05pm- † NO MASS

**Tuesday - January 3**

8:00am- †

12:05pm- † Josephine Bruno

**Wednesday - January 4**

8:00am - †

12:05pm-†

**Thursday - January 5**

8:00am- †

12:05pm- †

**Friday - January 6**

8:00am- †

12:05pm- †

**Saturday - January 7**

8:00am- †

5:00pm- † Noel Santos

**Sunday - January 8**

8:30am- † Aldorah Williams

10:00am- † Dolores & Gregory Zukowski



## Mass Intentions

*Offered by:*

*Offered by:* Hilda Cabot

*Offered by:*

*By:* son, Thomas Valentine

*By:* daughter, Theresa Tortorella

*Offered by:*

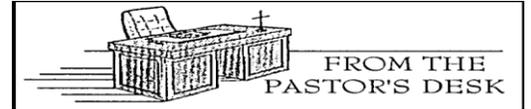
*By:* daughters, Barbara & Mary

*Offered by:*

*Offered by:* Santos Family

*By:* children & grandchildren

*Offered by:* Cappucci Family



**"...God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, 'Abba, Father!'"**

So you are no longer a slave but a son and if a son then also an heir through God."

In his letter to the Galatians, Paul reminds us of the spectacular dignity that is ours as Christians. We have the privilege to address God with deep intimacy as our loving parent. God is the ideal parent who loves each and every one of us personally and unconditionally. There is nothing that we can do in this life that will alienate us from the love of God – absolutely nothing! No matter how far we may stray from God, when we are ready to return to God, we will find God running toward us with arms open to embrace us. Think of that image. If you feel that you are distant from God right now either because of a serious error that you made in your life, or because you simply wonder whether God really loves and cares for you, then turn to God right now. Tell God how much you want God in your life. Open your heart to feel the warm embrace of God as God affirms God's love for you, God's tender care for you.

We are God's beloved sons and daughters. We are not step-children of God whom God merely tolerates. We are beloved sons and daughters of God. And as beloved sons and daughters of God, God offers us the hope of everlasting life with God. We are heirs of the promise. The promise is this. If we live in faithfulness to God's Son, trying to conform our lives as best as we can to the teaching and example of Jesus, then we confirm our identity as sons and daughters of God and we confirm our desire to receive the inheritance that is promised to all of God's faithful sons and daughters – eternal life with God. The promise of God is that if we live as God's sons and daughters then in death God will receive us God's own and give each of us a share in God's own eternal life. What a wonderful promise to us! What a wonderful source of hope for us!

In this New Year, may each of us strive daily to live as true sons and daughters of God so that we might also live in the real and certain hope of one day enjoying eternal life with God.

**Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J**

## Weekly Memorials

<b>Bread &amp; Wine</b>		~ †
<b>Tabernacle Candle</b>		~ †
<b>Memorial Candle</b>		~ †
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## Liturgical Minister's Schedule JANUARY 2017

**Saturday 5:00 PM**

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

*E. M.:* Cinderella Wonszewitz & Peg & Tom Ventrudo *Sub:* Linford Smith

**Sunday 8:30 AM**

*Lector:* Victoria Garay & Samuel Torres (*carry Gospel Book*) *Sub:* Ceferino Albarracin

*E.M.:* Delmeter Carey, Joan Fortunato & Samuel Torres *Sub:* Maria Oliveras

**Sunday 10:00 AM**

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

*E.M.:* Theresa Contardo, Emmanuel Fode & Dianne Murphy *Sub:* Crescencia Pascua

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

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

### **TODAY: Mary, Mother of God**

Numbers 6:22-27  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Luke 2:16-21

### **Next Sun: Epiphany**

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6  
Matthew 2:1-12



**MONDAY – JANUARY 2nd – RECTORY IS CLOSED. THERE WILL BE MASS at 8:00 a.m. THERE IS NO 12:05 pm**

**FEAST OF THREE KINGS** – Sunday, January 8, 2017, there will be a distribution of toys for children 14 years of age and younger in the school gym at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** – Friday, January 6, after the 12:05 p.m. Mass. Adoration will conclude at 1:30 p.m.

**BIBLE STUDY RESUMES on SATURDAY, JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup> - Please note the new time: 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Classes: January 7<sup>th</sup>, January 28<sup>th</sup>, February 11<sup>th</sup> and February 18<sup>th</sup>. 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

**CONSIDER A CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR YOUR CHILD or GRANDCHILD** – Our Lady of Mount Carmel +St. Benedicta School is part of the Catholic Regional School of Staten Island. It offers a warm welcome to all families seeking to provide a faith-based education for their child. Financial assistance is possible. Visit the school on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. or on Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please call in advance: 718-981-5131.

**POPE FRANCIS on THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS:** - The power of this Child, Son of God and Son of Mary, is not the power of this world, based on might and wealth; it is the power of love. It is the power which created the heavens and the earth, which gives life to all creation: to minerals, plants and animals; it is the force which attracts man and woman, and makes them one flesh, one single existence; it is the power which gives new birth, pardons faults, reconciles enemies, and transforms evil into good. It is the power of God. This power of love led Jesus Christ to strip himself of his glory and become man; it led him to give his life on the cross and to rise from the dead. It is the power of service, which inaugurates in our world the Kingdom of God, a kingdom of justice and peace.

### **PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR:**

Gracious God, in your wisdom you created all things and called them good.

We have come from celebrating the birth of your Son and we recognize the promise that his life brings to all people.

Thank you for the blessings you have provided us this past year; for your constant love and mercy.

This past year has been a difficult one with many challenges to overcome.

We have witnessed injustice, war, poverty, hunger and fear.

We acknowledge that these things exist in the world and we pray and strive for a world which would overcome the divisions between us.

As we stand on the door of a New Year we ask for your blessing once again.

Allow us to join our light to yours in a dark world.

May our light shine to all people of your goodness and mercy.

May peace be proclaimed to the nations. May the captives be set free and the hungry fed.

Bless the work of your people we pray O God, that your Kingdom may come, that your justice be done.

In Jesus' name we pray. *Amen. (Church of St. Andrew, Presbyterian)*

**PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS to the HOLY FAMILY** - Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love, to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division:

may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. *Amen.*

**WEEKLY OFFERING:** Christmas: \$10,510. On a normal Sunday, we receive between \$4,000 and \$5,000, so this year's Christmas collection is closer to \$6,000. Last year, we received \$8,500 for Christmas and the preceding Sunday we received \$4,300.00. This year, therefore, we fell short of what the parish was anticipating. Your support, however, is always greatly appreciated. *Thank you!*

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR** - The Priests and Office Staff wish a Happy New Year to all of our parishioners as we begin 2017! We pray this will be a year of grace as we strive together to grow closer to our Lord. Once again we offer a warm welcome to all who have come to worship with us during this Christmas season. The New Year presents all of us with the opportunity to renew friendships, to celebrate with family and to give thanks to our God who has blessed us so richly. Welcome home and have a Happy New Year!