



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 15, 2017



Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. ~John 1:29

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday - January 14

8:00am- † Alexander Li ~10th Anniversary~
5:00pm- † Stephen Ficara
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday - January 15

8:30am- † Ismael Ortiz Jr.
10:00am- †
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday - January 16

8:00am- † Isabel Maria Quiñones
12:05pm- † Michael J. Contardo

Tuesday - January 17

8:00am- †
12:05pm- †

Wednesday - January 18

8:00am - †
12:05pm- † Jimmy Lilley

Thursday - January 19

8:00am- †
12:05pm- †

Friday - January 20

8:00am- † Nonso Christian Ugbo
12:05pm- †

Saturday - January 21

8:00am ~Unborn babies in wombs & their families By: Deacon James Stahlnecker
5:00pm- † Pasquale Loffreno Offered by: wife, Antoniette

Sunday - January 22

8:30am- † Aldorah William By: children & grandchildren
10:00am- † William Frickenstein Offered by: Family



Mass Intentions

Offered by: Manaluz Family
Offered by: Nina & Joe Lopez

Offered by: Torres Family
Offered by:

Offered by: daughter Marta
Offered by: wife, Theresa

Offered by:
Offered by:

Offered by:
Offered by: Kathleen Kliesch

Offered by:
Offered by:

Offered by: mom, MaryAnne
Offered by:

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle



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~ † **Caroline Voto**
Offered by: **Angie McLaren**

Memorial Candle
Memorial Candle

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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 Wonsewitz & 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



We celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18 to January 25th. Every Christian is called to be an instrument of the reconciling love of Christ in the world so that the divisions that exist within the Christian Church and within the larger world can be healed.

The organizers of this year's Week of Prayer invite us to reflect on a passage from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians. "So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation... All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So, we are ambassadors for Christ..." We are a new creation in Christ. By virtue of our baptism, Christ dwells in us and we dwell in Christ. We, therefore, should be the incarnation of Christ for our world. In this instance, we should seek to incarnate the reconciling love of Christ in our lives.

We incarnate the reconciling love of Christ in our lives when we recognize all persons as our brothers and sisters and do not exclude anyone from our care or concern because of their race, their religion, their social class, their sexual orientation. We incarnate the reconciling love of Christ in our world when we 'welcome the stranger,' that is, when we offer our welcome to migrants and refugees – all those who are seeking to escape from persecution, violence and unspeakable poverty. We incarnate the reconciling love of Christ in our world, when we pray for all Christians and participate in ecumenical prayer with other Christians. We incarnate the reconciling love of Christ in our world when we are instruments of forgiveness and healing. Only when Christians embrace their vocation as agents of Christ's reconciling love in the world can we hope for a world in which there is true and enduring peace.

In this New Year, let us remember that we are ambassadors for Christ – persons called to incarnate in our lives the reconciling love of Jesus Christ.

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: 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
1 Corinthians 1:1-13
John 1:29-34

Next Sun: 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Isaiah 8:23-9:3
1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Matthew 4:12-23



THE RECTORY IS CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 16th, IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Normal Mass Schedule – 8 am and 12:05 pm

BAPTISM POLICY: In conformity with the law of the Catholic Church, children seven (7) years of age or older that want to be baptized must be enrolled in the religious education program. This is a two-year program. The children will be baptized in the second year. [The Director of the program can allow for baptism in the first year, if there is evidence that the child has already completed work in another program.]. The sacrament of baptism is normally celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter Sunday for these children.

Parents who want to baptize a brother or sister who is younger than seven (7) years of age, must register their child for the normal baptism preparation program. Children in our normal baptism preparation program are baptized on the first or third Saturday of the month. When there is an older child being baptized on the Sunday after Easter, we will try to have his/her sibling baptized on the Saturday that is closest to the Sunday after Easter so that families can make appropriate plans to celebrate both baptisms on a date that is close to both.

NEXT BIBLE STUDY IS JANUARY 28th - Please note the new time: **12:00 to 2:00 p.m.** Classes: January 28th, February 11th and February 18th. 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 31st, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please call in advance: 718-981-5131.

EMMAUS MINISTRY for GRIEVING PARENTS: Have you suffered the death of a child? The Archdiocese offers a one-day retreat for parents who grieve the loss of their child, regardless of the cause of death or how long ago it occurred. The next one-day retreat is on Saturday, February 11 at St. Joseph's Seminary (201 Seminary Avenue, Yonkers, N.Y.). The cost is \$25 per person/\$40 per couple. To register on-line: www.emfgp.org/archny. Or call, Sue DiSisto at 646-794-3191. The same retreat will be offered at the same location on Saturday, February 25th.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – This Thursday, January 19, at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of St. Charles, 200 Penn Avenue (Penn and Hylan Blvd.). The preacher will be Bishop Victor A. Brown, Senior Pastor of Mt. Sinai United Christian Church. All are welcome!

HELPING NEW YORKERS IN CRISIS - NYC Well is your connection to free, confidential mental health support. Speak to a counselor via phone, text or chat and get access to mental health and substance misuse services, in more than 200 languages, 24/7/365. We're here to listen and help with problems like stress, depression, anxiety or drug and alcohol misuse. For you or someone you care about. Adults and youth. Teenagers can use this service. Phone: 1-888-NYC-WELL (1-888-692-9355), Press 2.
Text: Text "Well" to 65173
Chat-on-line: <https://nycwell.cityofnewyork.us/en/>

ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER OF STATEN ISLAND – A rich variety of programs of prayer and reflection are offered at the St. Joseph Retreat Center located at 850 Hylan Blvd. Visit their website, sjretreatcenter.org for current information regarding pricing, new programs, and overnight stays at the Center. You can also call their main office for information: 718-720-1097.

St. LOUIS ACADEMY of STATEN ISLAND ALUMNI GATHERING – There will be an "all years" reunion of SLA alum at the Staaten on March 11, 2017. Please spread the word to all your classmates and others who attended the Academy. For more information, please contact Patti Lampo Sobkowski (patticake323@gmail.com) or Colleen Finnegan Whelan (colleenwhelan@msn.com) or you can call Janet Kelly (646-209-3412).

WEEKLY OFFERING: January 8: \$3,490; \$1,510 Companions. *Thank you for your generosity!*

ST. ANTHONY - JANUARY 17 - Born into a wealthy Egyptian family, Anthony gave away his inheritance and became a hermit. He was well known for his holiness, wisdom, and asceticism. After years of solitude, he gathered those who had followed him into the first monastic community. He left his solitude only to go to Alexandria to encourage those being persecuted and to help Bishop Athanasius counteract Arianism. May we share his desire to find Christ both in solitude and in community with others. *Living with Christ*