



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 22, 2017



And He said to them: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ~Matthew 4:19

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday - January 21

8:00am- ~Unborn babies in wombs & their families
5:00pm- † Pasquale Loffreno
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday - January 22

8:30am- † Aldorah William
10:00am- † William M. Frickenstein
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday - January 23

8:00am- †
12:05pm- † Saverio & Marie Micillo

Tuesday - January 24

8:00am- †
12:05pm- † Mario Mezzacappa

Wednesday - January 25

8:00am - † Vincent Esposito ~Anniversary~
12:05pm-~Special Intentions JulieAnn McNamara

Thursday - January 26

8:00am- †
12:05pm- †

Friday - January 27

8:00am- †
12:05pm- †

Saturday - January 28

8:00am †
5:00pm- † Robert & Virginia & David Hallinan

Sunday - January 29

8:30am- †
10:00am- †



Mass Intentions

By: Deacon James Stahlnecker
Offered by: wife, Antoinette

By: children & grandchildren
Offered by: Family

Offered by:
By: daughter, Theresa Contardo

Offered by:
Offered by: Nellie Laureano

By: wife, Annette Esposito
Offered by: Kathleen Kliesch

Offered by:
Offered by:

Offered by:
Offered by:

Offered by:
Offered by: Linda Graves

Offered by:
Offered by:

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine



~ † **Stanley & Marcella Mikos**
Offered by: **Family**

Tabernacle Candle
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



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Is Christ divided? This provocative question of St. Paul in today's second reading invites us to consider how we, as Christians, express our unity amidst our great diversity.

In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul expressed a measure of frustration with the divisions that had occurred within the Church of Corinth. To his dismay, Paul found that persons were dividing into factions and declaring their loyalty to the leaders of those factions. In response, Paul asked a very direct question, "Is Christ divided?" If there is one Christ in whom all Christians have professed their faith, how can there be divisions within the Christian community? Paul reminds his fellow Christians that Christ died on the cross precisely to reconcile the human family with each other and with God. Christians, therefore, should seek to live in peace with each other and preserve their unity in Christ.

For centuries, the Christian Church has suffered the scandal of division. The first division was between the Eastern and Western Churches which was followed much later by the Protestant Reformation that fractured the unity of the Western Church. After the Second Vatican Council in the early 1960s, our Roman Catholic Church gave greater emphasis to a renewed dialogue with our brothers and sisters in faith. The energy given those efforts have ebbed and flowed over the years, but there remains a fundamental desire to emphasize our unity in Christ while seeking to bridge the differences that continue to divide us. We have also recognized the importance of working together on areas of shared conviction particularly in the areas of social justice and more recently in our common concern for the environment. While divisions may remain acute, we can still find ways to show how our Christian faith can unite us in common purpose to advance the well-being of the human family and to give witness to what God desires for God's people. In this way, we can show how the love of Christ unites us in our diversity.

May we continue to pray for a deeper unity among all Christians!

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."

January 22: 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

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

January 29: 4th Sunday Ordinary Time

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Matthew 5:1-12a



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, NIECE or NEPHEW 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.

EMPLOYMENT HELP – St. CLARE’S EMPLOYMENT GROUP – The St. Clare’s Employment Group provides job search assistance and career advancement to the unemployed and their families, and anyone who is concerned about a layoff or is seeking to advance his or her career. The Group also provides one on one employment advisement by appointment. To make an appointment, or for general information, please call the rectory at 718-984-7873 and a member of the group will return your call. Next program: February 16 – “Keeping Your Job Search on Track and Overcoming Obstacles” – Lou Manesca – Senior Finance Manager, Canon Business Services.

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.

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 15: \$5,635. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Holy Family Living - We find holiness in the ordinary experiences of our lives. When we teach a child a new skill, we discipline a child with love, when we keep our children safe and healthy; we are living our lives the same way that the Holy Family lived. The essence of what we see in the lives of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is a relationship of love – loving God and loving each other. And it is what we strive for as we live our lives in our families. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc