



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 29, 2017



"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven." ~Matthew 5:3

Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday - January 28

8:00am- †
5:00pm- † Robert & Virginia & David Hallinan
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by:
Offered by: Linda Graves

Sunday - January 29

8:30am- †
10:00am- †
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by:
Offered by:

Monday - January 30

8:00am- †
12:05pm- † Joseph & Mary Contardo

Offered by:
By: daughter-in-law, Theresa

Tuesday - January 31

8:00am- †
12:05pm- †

Offered by:
Offered by:

Wednesday - February 1

8:00am - †
12:05pm- † Margarete Louis & Lucie Tompson

Offered by:
Offered by: Mireille Mayala

Thursday - February 2

8:00am- † Florence Forlenza
12:05pm- †

Offered by: Family
Offered by:

Friday - February 3

8:00am- † Dominic, Lucia & Caterina Zappone
12:05pm- †

By: Sue, Pat, Maria & Dominic
Offered by:

Saturday - February 4

8:00am- †
5:00pm- ~ Special Intentions of Fr. Frank Pavone

Offered by:
Offered by: Joyce Pepo

Sunday - February 5

8:30am- †
10:00am- † Maria Quintanta & Antonia Guzman

Offered by:
Offered by: Family

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle
Memorial Candle



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Liturgical Minister's Schedule FEBRUARY 2017

Saturday 5:00 PM

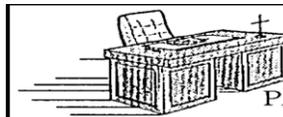
Lector: Linda Graves & Lindford Smith (carry Gospel Book)
E. M.: Lindford Smith & Nancy Velez & Cinderella Wonsewitz Sub: Peg or Tom Ventrudo

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lector: Joan Knighton & Maria Oliveras (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Jonathan Codipilly
E.M.: Diane Carbonaro, Maria Oliveras & MaryAnn Ugboe Sub: Delmeter Carey

Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Alexis Crowdell (carry Gospel Book)
E.M.: Beverly Marryshow, Thelma Washington & Crescencia Pascua Sub: Emmanuel Fode



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"... God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise; and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those that are something, so that no human being might boast before God." It is strange that as Christians we have to be constantly reminded that God can do extraordinary things through simple persons of faith; persons who are of no significance to this world. We owe our faith to a peasant teenager of Palestine, Mary, who opened her heart to God and through her openness to God she became the mother of God's Son, Jesus. In this, Mary literally changed the course of human history. Unfortunately, we so exalt Mary in our Church today that we fail to remember that she was nobody. She was of absolutely no significance in the culture of her day, but because she was a young woman of faith, God was able to do great things in and through her. God uses the weak and the humble to humble the arrogant and the strong.

Who was Rosa Parks? She was an African-American seamstress who one day chose not to comply with the laws of segregation that had defined the states of the former confederacy for almost 100 years. In her simple act of defiance, she helped galvanize a movement that brought an end to legal segregation in the south and forced the nation to confront individual and institutional racism. Who was Mahatma Gandhi? A simple man of deep faith, a Hindu, who challenged the injustices within the nation of India when that nation was ruled by the British. Through non-violent resistance and personal asceticism, Gandhi helped to free his nation from British rule. Throughout the world there remain daily examples of ordinary women and men of faith, persons who are of no significance to their society or to our world, whose faithfulness to the ways of God help to transform their society and our world.

Remember, when you open your heart to God, God can transform our world through you!

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: 4th Sunday Ordinary Time

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

January 29: 5th Sunday Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58:7-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16



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 **this Tuesday**, January 31st, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. **Please call in advance: 718-981-5131.**

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 FEBRUARY 11th - **Please note the new time: 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.** Classes: February 11th and February 18th. 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

PRAYER AND SERVICE - A prayer that does not lead you to practical action for your brother/sister — the poor, the sick, those in need of help, a brother/sister in difficulty — is a sterile and incomplete prayer. But, in the same way . . . when time is not set aside for dialogue with God in prayer, we risk serving ourselves and not God present in our needy brother and sister. St Benedict sums up [this kind of life] in two words: ora et labora, pray and work. It is from contemplation, from a strong friendship with the Lord that the capacity is born in us to live and to bring the love of God, his mercy, his tenderness, to others. And also, our work with brothers/sisters in need, our charitable works of mercy, lead us to the Lord, because it is in the needy brother and sister that we see the Lord himself.

Pope Francis

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.

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ST. PETER’S BOYS HIGH SCHOOL – CHINESE AUCTION – March 3, 2017 in the School Gym at 200 Clinton Avenue. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. There will be numerous raffles, refreshments and prizes. Admission is \$5.00. Persons under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. No children under 12 will be admitted.

WEEKLY OFFERING: January 22: \$5,231. *Thank you for your generosity!*

THE CHOSEN REMNANT - Zephaniah is one of the least-known of the Old Testament prophets. He speaks in today’s first reading of impending judgment. But the Lord will leave a “remnant” in Israel. This image of a remnant, or remainder, was to become vital to both Judaism and Christianity. Paul’s letter to Corinth makes obvious his deep concern for the Christians there. They are too self-confident, he says, too sure of themselves. He admonishes them to remember that Christ has given them all they have. Today’s Gospel comprises the opening of Jesus’ “Great Sermon.” As God gave Moses the law on Sinai, so now Jesus gathers his disciples on a hillside to teach them the new law. Each of these Beatitudes contrasts the humiliation of the present with the glory of the future: poverty vs. the riches of God’s kingdom, hunger for holiness vs. fulfillment in the Spirit, persecution vs. the reign of God. Jesus is here speaking to God’s chosen “remnant.”