



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 16, 2017



When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Colossians 3:1-4

Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – April 15 ~Holy Saturday~

8:00pm- † Rosaria & Giuseppe Vitiello
Luigina & Alfredo Segreto

Offered by: Frulio Family

7:30pm- † NO MASS

Sunday – April 16 ~Easter Sunday~

8:30am- † Grace, Ciro, Andrew & Ralph Frulio

Offered by: Frulio Family

10:00am-~ Birthday Blessings for Fr. Marc Roselli

Offered by: OLMC Ministry

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † NO MASS

Monday – April 17

8:00am- † NO MASS

12:05pm-† NO MASS

Tuesday – April 18

8:00am- †

Offered by:

12:05pm- †

Offered by:

Wednesday – April 19

8:00am - †

Offered by:

12:05pm- †

Offered by:

Thursday – April 20

8:00am - †Nonso Christian Ugbo

Offered by: mom, Maryanne

12:05pm- †

Offered by:

Friday – April 21

8:00am- †

Offered by:

12:05pm- †

Offered by:

Saturday – April 22

8:00am- ~Unborn babies in wombs & their families

By: Deacon Jim Stahlnecker

5:00pm- † Esperminio Velez

Offered by: Nina & Joe Lopez

Sunday – April 23

8:30am- † Ivan Delgado & Carlos Mora

Offered by: Mayra Calderon

10:00am- ~ Special Intentions of Christian Pepo

Offered by: mom, Joyce Pepo

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

~ † Jim & Lou Obermayer

Offered by: Family

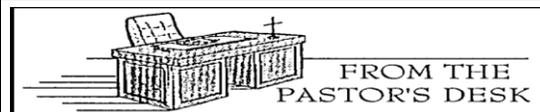
Tabernacle Candle

~ †

Memorial Candle

~ † MaryAnn Fair

Offered by: grandson, Gabriel Jesus Ortega



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

Today begins the Easter season. It is a season in which we celebrate the triumph of Jesus Christ over sin, suffering and death in the glory of his resurrection. We celebrate, as well, our hope that one day we too will share in the glory of the Risen Christ.

It is a tragedy that Christians focus so much attention on Lent and so little attention on Easter. We invest great energy and attention on special prayers, disciplines and devotion during Lent but do not bring that same level of attention and energy to our celebration of the Easter season. The Easter season lasts for fifty days until the great celebration of Pentecost – the celebration of the gift of God’s Spirit to individual believers and to the Church. During these fifty days, we need to pray and reflect over the central truth of our Christian faith that death will yield to eternal life for those who put their faith in Jesus Christ. We need to pray and reflect over our firm belief that we are pilgrims in this world who are journeying to a new, more glorious world, but who have a responsibility to cooperate with God to transform this world so that it is a world in which all can live in the dignity with which God has blessed us.

This is a season in which each one of us must reflect on the hope that defines us as Christians. We live in the hope that one day we will share in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ – we will share in the divine life itself. Think of that! How extraordinary that is! The special intercession for the deceased in Eucharistic Prayer number three tells us that one day we will see God as God is and we will be like God for all ages. The first Eucharistic Prayer of Reconciliation proclaims that we will stand before God as “Saints among the Saints in the halls of heaven.” Wow! This is what we celebrate in the Easter season. We celebrate the great hope that has been given to us by God through the resurrection of God’s Son, Jesus Christ. Every day in this Easter season, pray that God will give you the grace, strength and mercy that you need to realize the beautiful hope that is ours as Christians, disciples of Christ.

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J

Liturgical Minister’s Schedule APRIL 2017

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Linda Graves & Lindford Smith (carry Gospel Book)

E. M.: Lindford Smith, Cinderella Wonschwitz & Nancy Velez *Sub:* Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lector: Ceferino Albarracin & Maria Oliveras (carry Gospel Book) *Sub:* Joan Fortunato

E.M.: Maria Oliveras, Linda Torres & MaryAnn Ugbo *Sub:* Delmeter Carey

Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Alexis Crowdell (carry Gospel Book)

E.M.: Theresa Contardo, Beverley Marrayshow & Cresencia Pascua *Sub:* Emmanuel Fode

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

April 16: Easter Sunday

Acts of the Apostles 10:34; 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8
John 20:1-9

April 23: Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31



PRAYER for EASTER - Lord, thank You for the gift of HOPE you gave us on Easter morning. Because of You we know that no problem is too difficult and even death does not have power over us. Thank You for the gift of JOY you gave us when You were resurrected. Because of You we know that no matter how challenging life may be, in the end we will rejoice again. Thank You for the gift of LOVE you gave us when You laid down Your life. Because of You we know that there is no sin too great to separate us and we are incredibly valuable to You. Thank You for the gift of LIFE, you gave us when You left the tomb. Because of Easter we know this world is just the beginning and we will spend forever in heaven with You. We celebrate You, JESUS, with hearts full of praise and gratitude for who You are and all You've done for us! *Amen.*

REFLECTION of the HOLY FATHER FOR EASTER: Christian hope is a gift that God gives us if we come out of ourselves and open our hearts to him. This hope does not disappoint us because the Holy Spirit has been poured into our hearts (cf. *Rom* 5:5). The Paraclete [the Holy Spirit] does not make everything look appealing. He does not remove evil with a magic wand. But he pours into us the vitality of life, which is not the absence of problems, but the certainty of being loved and always forgiven by Christ, who for us has conquered sin, conquered death and conquered fear. Today is the celebration of our hope, the celebration of this truth: nothing and no one will ever be able to separate us from his love (cf. *Rom* 8:39). **Pope Francis**

REMEMBER – THERE ARE 50 DAYS in the EASTER SEASON – How will you celebrate the 50 days of the Easter season? Will you remember to pray each day in gratitude for the hope that is ours that one day we will share in Christ's victory over death? Will you ask forgiveness each day for the times when you failed to live in faithfulness to what is necessary of us if we are to share in the risen life of Christ forever? Will you do one kind deed every week as your expression of gratitude for what Christ has done for you and for the hope that he has given you? What will you do to make the Easter season a time of grace and blessing for you?

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU! – We have achieved our goal in gifts and pledges of \$27,500 for this year's Cardinal's Campaign. Thank you! Now is the hard part. We need you to fulfill the pledges that you made so that we do, in fact, meet our goal. Thank you for your tremendous generosity, your support of the Archdiocese and the support of our parish. If you would like to make a donation to the Campaign, there are envelopes in the entrance of the church and in the parish office. The more we receive in actual gifts, the more the parish will receive in return.

PASTOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – Monday, April 24th, at 7 p.m. in the Padre Miguel Room.

BIBLE STUDY – Saturday, May 6th & Saturday, May 27th – 12pm to 2pm in the Padre Miguel Room. *All are welcome!*

PALM CROSS SALE – Through the hard work of our Hispanic community, to which some of you contributed, we raised almost \$6,000 from the sale of Palm Crosses on Palm Sunday weekend. Thank you to all of you who purchased crosses and those who helped with their creation.

BENEFIT FOR THE SETON FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING – Art sale with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, Thursday, May 11th from 6:30 p.m to 9:30 p.m. at the Old Bermuda Inn. Cost of \$60.00 includes open bar and food. Please call Debbie at 718-876-0939 or Stephanie at 718-982-5084 to reserve a place for yourself

SISTERS of CHARITY 200th ANNIVERSARY – Celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Sisters of Charity at a luncheon at the Staaten on Saturday, April 29th, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For reservations or information, please call: 718-549-9200, ext. 239. Or, go on-line at www.scny.org.

WEEKLY OFFERING: April 9: \$9,458. Thank you for your generosity!

DRAWN INTO THE STORY - "We are witnesses!" The scripture readings for Easter Sunday concentrate on details reported by eyewitnesses. Listen carefully and you will be drawn into the stories yourself. Peter reports the good works Jesus did, his death on the cross, and his resurrection. The passage from John's Gospel has us running to the empty tomb with Peter and John and peering inside to see the cloths used to cover Jesus' body. Psalm 118 sums up our response: "It is wonderful in our eyes!" What resurrection details do we see in our lives today? How have we died to our old lives and been raised up again with Jesus? Let us pay attention to the new life around us. It is wonderful in our eyes.