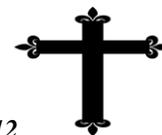




Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2017



You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest. ~Psalm 65:12

Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – July 15

8:00am- † Vincenzo Campaniello
 5:00pm- †
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Lisa & Jerry Frulio
Offered by:

Sunday – July 16

8:30am- † Dolores & Gregory Zukowski
 10:00am- † James Crowdell
 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Garay Family
Offered by: Alexis Crowdell

Monday – July 17

8:00am- †
 12:05pm- †

Offered by:
Offered by:

Tuesday – July 18

8:00am - †
 12:05pm- † Special Intentions of
 Theresa Contardo & Patricia Piro

Offered by:
Offered by: Contardo & Piro
 Family

Wednesday – July 19

8:00am - †
 12:05pm- †

Offered by:
Offered by:

Thursday – July 20

8:00am- †
 12:05pm- † Margaret & Frank Ratchford
 & Terri Ferris

Offered by:
Offered by: Susan Ferris

Friday – July 21

8:00am- † William Burke
 12:05pm- †

Offered by: Joan Fortunato
Offered by:

Saturday – July 22

8:00am- † Grace Frulio
 5:00pm- †

Offered by: Frulio Family
Offered by:

Sunday – July 23

8:30am- † Anthony Mezzacappa
 10:00am- † Carmine Limone

Offered by: James Iosue
Offered by: brothers & sisters

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle



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Liturgical Minister's Schedule JULY 2017

Saturday 5:00 PM

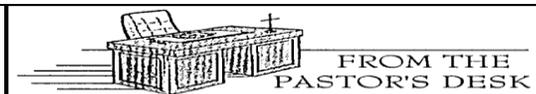
Lector: Linda Graves & Lindford Smith (*carry Gospel Book*)
E. M.: Lindford Smith, Peg & Tom Ventrudo *Sub:* Cinderella Wonsewitz

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lector: Joan Kighton & Samuel Torres (*carry Gospel Book*) *Sub:* Johnathan Codipilly
E.M.: Diane Carbonaro, Maryann Ugbo & Joan Fortunato *Sub:* Delmeter Carey

Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Victoria Garay (*carry Gospel Book*) *Sub:* Alexis Crowdell
E.M.: Emmanuel Fode, Dianne Murphy & Thelma Washington *Sub:* Beverly Marryshow



In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul speaks of how we, as human beings, are moving toward that day when we will be emancipated from all sin and enjoy the glory that is the destiny of God for us. In a similar way, all of material creation is moving toward that day when it will once again reflect the glory and splendor that our world knew at the dawn of creation. How is it possible for our created world to be liberated from its current corruption and so move toward a restoration of the splendor it enjoyed when God first created this world? It can only happen through our cooperation with God's will through which we not only help to advance the redemption of the created world, but our redemption as well. Our Catholic Church today calls us to recognize our obligation to care for creation and to be wise stewards of the resources of this world which are God's gift and blessing to us. Pope Francis has spoken strongly of our individual and collective responsibility for preserving and sustaining the great gift of creation.

“The human family has received from the Creator a common gift: nature. The Christian view of creation includes a positive judgment about the legitimacy of interventions on nature if these are meant to be beneficial and are performed responsibly, that is to say, by acknowledging the “grammar” inscribed in nature and by wisely using resources for the benefit of all, with respect for the beauty, finality and usefulness of every living being and its place in the ecosystem. Nature, in a word, is at our disposition and we are called to exercise a responsible stewardship over it. Yet so often we are driven by greed and by the arrogance of dominion, possession, manipulation and exploitation; we do not preserve nature; nor do we respect it or consider it a gracious gift which we must care for and set at the service of our brothers and sisters, including future generations.”

Given our obligation to care for this earth, using its resources responsibly so that they are available for future generations, it is not surprising that our bishops have expressed their dismay at the decision of the President to withdraw from the Paris Climate Accord. Indeed, the bishops wrote that the entire Catholic Church has consistently upheld the Paris agreement as an important international mechanism to promote environmental stewardship and encourage climate change mitigation. Each of us has an obligation to demonstrate an active commitment to the protection of our environment and to advocate for public policies that will protect and sustain our created world. *Do we desire what God desires – the restoration of creation to its original glory?*

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."

July 16: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-20
Matthew 13:1-23

July 23: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43



PARISH FESTIVAL – JULY 29th – Our annual parish festival will be on Saturday, July 29th, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at our school. There will be games, prizes, food and traditional folk dances. This is a great day for families! Please join us that afternoon. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet the members of our parish. *We'll see you there!*

ADULTS THAT NEED THE SACRAMENTS: - If you, or someone you know, would like to receive the sacraments of communion and/or confirmation, please leave your contact information, or the contact information of that other person, in the parish office for Mr. Colin Voutrinot, our Director of Adult Faith Formation. *Thank you!*

PRAYER FOR TODAY: - God of compassion, quiet our minds and still our hearts. Inspire us to be your ears – listening to the cries of the suffering world. Inspire us to be your voice – speaking of love and acceptance. Inspire us to be your feet – walking besides those in need. Inspire us to be your hands – to clothe, feed, and shelter the homeless and displaced. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR PEACE: We pray to you, Creator: Hear our voices, for they are the voices of the victims of all wars and violence. Hear our voices, for they are the voices of all children who suffer when people put their faith in weapons and war. Hear our voices, when we beg you, Lord, to instill in all human hearts the wisdom of peace, the strength of justice, and the joy of solidarity. Hear our voices, for we speak for the multitudes in every country who do not want violence and war and are ready to walk the road of peace. Hear our voices, and grant us insight and courage so we may always respond to hatred with love, to injustice with total dedication, to need with sharing, and to war with peace. **John Paul II**

POPE FRANCIS: WHAT WE MUST ENKINDLE WITHIN OURSELVES and in OUR YOUTH: It is true that nowadays, to some extent, everyone, including our young people, feels attracted by the many idols which take the place of God and appear to offer hope: money, success, power, pleasure. Often a growing sense of loneliness and emptiness in the hearts of many people leads them to seek satisfaction in these ephemeral idols. Dear brothers and sisters, let us be lights of hope! Let us maintain a positive outlook on reality. Let us encourage the generosity which is typical of the young and help them to work actively in building a better world. Young people are a powerful engine for the Church and for society. They do not need material things alone; also and above all, they need to have held up to them those non-material values which are the spiritual heart of a people, the memory of a people...[the] values [of]: spirituality, generosity, solidarity, perseverance, fraternity, joy; they are values whose deepest root is in the Christian faith.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL – CAR PURCHASE – St. Vincent de Paul will purchase used vehicles (cars, trucks, vans), whether they are running or not, and make a donation to our parish. The number to call is 718-491-2525.

SAINTS in JULY – July 3: St. Thomas, the Apostle –“My Lord and My God.”; July 11 – St. Benedict – Founder of Western Monasticism – Reveal in works not words all that is good and holy; July 14th – St. Kateri Tekakwitha – Native American in Northern NY whose conversion to Catholicism led to much suffering but also to a life of deep faith and prayer; July 22 – St. Mary Magdalene – Apostle to the Apostles; July 25 – St. James, the Apostle. July 29th – St. Martha – One concerned for the needs of others.

SCHOOL IS OUT BUT LEARNING SHOULDN'T END! – It is very important that your child maintain a steady habit of reading during the summer. There are ample studies that show that students who did not remain engaged in learning activities over the summer had greater difficulties in the new school year. Visit the local library this summer with your child and help him/her find a book that will be fun to read and keep his/her mind active!

COLLECTION: July 9: \$4,956. *Thank you!*

FRUIT OF THE WORD - The seed is the word of God. The agricultural metaphors in all of today's readings give richness to the message that the word of God, cultivated in our hearts, bears much fruit in our lives. Creation itself awaits the redemption of all, even as our bodies await the resurrection. Just as we will rejoice in the fulfillment of God's word, so will all of creation sing for joy in the Reign of God. The word of God is effective and holy; it brings about exactly what it says. It is not futile or empty, but rich in meaning for those who hear and are healed. Those who hear the word of God and keep it will, with all creation, bear much fruit and sing for joy. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.