



# Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## September 17, 2017



*"Forgive your neighbor a wrong, and then, when you pray, your sins will be forgiven." ~Sirach 28:2*

### Weekly Mass Intentions



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#### Saturday – September 16

8:00am- †  
 5:00pm- † Rowena Garcia & Florence Campbell (*1st Anniv. in Heaven*)  
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*Offered by:*  
*Offered by:* Louis & Delmeter Carey & Family

#### Sunday – September 17

8:30am-† Concetta Pellecchia  
 10:00am- † Dolores Elizabeth Zukowski  
 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions  
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions  
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*Offered by:* Rafaella LaMorte  
*Offered by:* Cappucci Family

#### Monday – September 18

8:00am- † Louis Miranda, Jr.  
 12:05pm-† Michael Contardo

*Offered by:* Annette Esposito  
*Offered by:* wife, Theresa

#### Tuesday – September 19

8:00am - † Guiseppe & Concetta Fortunato  
 12:05pm- † James "Skip" Crowdell

*Offered by:* Joan Fortunato  
*By:* sister, Alexis Crowdell

#### Wednesday – September 20

8:00am - †  
 12:05pm- †

*Offered by:*  
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#### Thursday – September 21

8:00am- †  
 12:05pm- †

*Offered by:*  
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#### Friday – September 22

8:00am- †  
 12:05pm-†Ciro "Jerry" Mezzacappa *~Anniversary~*

*Offered by:*  
*Offered by:* Family

#### Saturday – September 23

8:00am- †  
 5:00pm- † Theresa Cintron

*Offered by:*  
*By:* daughters, Theresa & Anna

#### Sunday – September 24

8:30am-† Lydia Vega  
 10:00am-~Birthday Blessings for Beverly Maryshow

*Offered by:* Torres Family  
*By:* OLMC Parish Ministry

### Weekly Memorials

**Bread & Wine**

**Tabernacle Candle**

**Memorial Candle**

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### Liturgical Minister's Schedule SEPTEMBER 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:* Ceferino Albarracin & Linda Torres (*carry Gospel Book*)

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

*Sub:* Joan Knighton

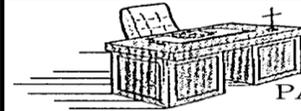
*Sub:* Joan Fortunato

#### Sunday 10:00 AM

*Lector:* Thelma Washington (*carry Gospel Book*)

*E.M.:* Alexis Crowdell, Beverly Marryshow & Dianne Murphy

*Sub:* Crescencia Pascua



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

#### **FORGIVE ENDLESSLY**

Jesus tells us of a unique story about forgiveness that must be without limits. Jesus makes a calculation of the number seven that in the biblical language equals perfection. History speaks for itself since the listener cannot help but reject the petty attitude of the forgiven servant who is not able to forgive those who have committed a minor offense.

Jesus teaches the disciples the magnanimity of forgiveness even if failures are great. For Matthew, it is important that the Christian community distinguish between reconciliation and forgiveness. While in various contexts,

forgiveness and reconciliation may be synonymous, perhaps it can help us distinguish its nature. Reconciliation and fraternal correction, which we discussed last week, requires two people. Similar to tango,

which requires two people to dance, two people are also needed to achieve reconciliation. Those willing to reconcile themselves must be willing to enter into dialogue and ultimately put a halt to their differences.

Forgiveness on the other hand implies that every believer is prepared to say yes to everything love forgives. Forgiveness for the believer is a way to imitate our Heavenly Father who is always merciful. True Christian community of believers can be built.

We don't need not only come to church but reconcile with each other and be willing to

forgive endlessly; that is,

"Seventy times seven".

Pope Francis invited forgiveness and reconciliation in Colombia with these words: "Violence begets more violence, the hate more hate, and death more death." "We need to break that chain that is presented as inevitable, and that is only possible with the forgiveness and reconciliation."

*Fr. Hernán, S.J.*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

### September 17: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7  
Romans 14:7-9  
Matthew 18:21-35

### September 24: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:6-9  
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a  
Matthew 20:1-16a



**NEW PARKING LOT** - At the beginning of the school year, we can say that we are happy for all the boys and girls who begin their journey in learning more about Jesus, the Church and the world. We are proud that we can offer them a better facility with a new PARKING LOT. Now the challenge is to pay this debt which exceeds the parish budget. The Mount Carmel school children and our parish are proud to offer a new face to all who visit us.

***\*We thank everyone for their generosity during this special collection for the month of September. If you would still like to contribute, you can do so by making a donation to our second collection. Again, thank you and please do not forget your parish in your prayers.***

***All second collections for the month of September will assist us in eliminating this debt. Please be generous to our parish and school, your support is greatly appreciated.***

**NEW TRAFFIC SIGNS** – New traffic signs have been posted! **First:** Please pay attention to the new **NO PARKING** sign that has been placed in front of the church. **Second:** The parking lot has new **ENTRANCE** and **EXIT** signs. Please use Clove Rd to enter and Castleton Avenue to exit. This will help keep the flow of cars moving easily in the parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation!

**BIBLE STUDY:** - Join us as we continue to open up our hearts and minds to the Word of God! Here at O.L. Mt. Carmel Parish with upcoming dates: Saturday's September 30<sup>th</sup>, October 7<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. All sessions will be from 12pm to 2pm in the Padre Miguel Room. Please contact the rectory for more details.

**AEROBICS CLASSES** - We offer aerobics classes for youths and adults. Every Monday 7pm and every Thursday 7:30pm beginning this Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> in the school gym (285 Clove Rd). Aerobics class will be a good place to network, have fun, and go with the flow of the music. Already it is clear that doing aerobics is any advantage: it offers benefits beyond the obvious stress release. Improved cognitive skills, stamina and strength; not to mention the social aspect are among the advantages. Want to give it a try? Call the rectory for more information.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

**Registrations** - Registrations for religious education classes are still being taken in the parish office during office hours. Please register your child(ren) as soon as possible. Classes begin this weekend. If you have any questions regarding the classes for the Religious Education program please contact the parish office.

**Important: If your child was enrolled last year in 1<sup>st</sup> year preparation for the sacraments now is the time to reenroll them for 2<sup>nd</sup> year preparation.**

- If your child is entering the 1<sup>st</sup> grade in September, it is time to register for First Holy Communion preparation.
- If your child is entering the 6<sup>th</sup> grade in September, it is time to register for Confirmation preparation.

**THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)** - The **R.C.I.A.** is a process of spiritual conversion and growth, over time, in one's relationship with God and the Church. It is a faith journey where adults are fully welcomed into the Catholic Church. If you're interested in exploring a relationship with Jesus Christ Church through the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist, **WE WELCOME YOU!** Contact the parish office and leave your information for Mr. Colin Voutriot, our Director of Adult Faith Formation. Register today!

**YOUTH RETREAT** – Growing in faith": on Saturday, September 23 at school Mount Carmel from 9 am-5 pm. For young people from the ages of 13 to 20 years. Bring your friend to experience a new encounter with God. There will be food and games. The donation is \$10. We extend the invitation to all young people who want to serve God in a very special and close manner. We look forward to seeing you! *God bless you.*

**WOMENS MOBILE CARE CLINIC** – Providing **NO COST** digital Mammograms and clinical breast exams for women 40 and older. No copay required and deductibles waived. Uninsured patients welcomed. Hosted by our O.L. Mt. Carmel Parish, on Sunday, October 8, 207 from 9am to 4:30pm. For an appointment or more information, please call the parish rectory or 877-628-9090.

**COLLECTIONS:** September 10: \$3,343; Second Collection: \$1,871. *Thank you!*

**BLESSINGS OF THE ANIMALS** – In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron of animals. On Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, Sacred Heart Parish will have their annual blessings of animals after their 11am mass. The blessing will take place on the rectory lawn. They encourage you to bring your dogs, cats, fish, birds, hamsters and whatever other pet you may own. Refreshments will be served after the blessing.

**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.