



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



December 31, 2017

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples. ~Luke 2:30-31

Weekly Mass Intentions



Saturday – December 30

8:00am ~ Christmas Blessings for ALL
Parishioners of O.L. Mt Carmel Parish

5:00pm- ~ Birthday Blessings for Nancy Velez
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – December 31 ~New Year's Eve~

8:30am- † Isabel Maria Quiñones

10:00am- † Maximo Pascua

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – January 1 ~New Year's Day~

10:00am- † Pedro Hilerio & Ana Maria Velazquez

Tuesday – January 2

8:00am - † NO MASS

12:05pm- † NO MASS

Wednesday – January 3

8:00am - † Dr. & Mrs. Sportiello

12:05pm- † Libby Guardiani

Thursday – January 4

8:00am- † Arthur & Violet Boehmer

12:05pm- † Josephine Bruno

Friday – January 5

8:00am- † Louis Mammolito

12:05pm- ~Special Intentions of

Marietta Cretella Kamisky

Saturday – January 6

8:00am- † Francesco & Assunta D'Eugenio

5:00pm- † Jose Fernando Luciano Rozon

Sunday – January 7

8:30am- † Msgr. Augustin J. & Harley DiBlasi

10:00am- † Concetta Pellecchia

Offered By: Cinderella
Wonsewitz

By: OLMC Parish Ministry

Offered by: daughter, Marta

By: Crescencia Pascua

Offered by: Evette Contreras

Offered by: OLMC Parish

By: Nancy & Marcella Mikos

Offered by: OLMC Parish

By: daughters, Barbara & Mary

Offered by: OLMC Parish

Offered by: Bernard
Campbell

Offered by: OLMC Parish

Offered by: OLMC Catechists

Offered by: Family

Offered by: Rose Krause

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle



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~ † Stanley & Marcella Mikos

Offered by: Family

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Liturgical Minster's Schedule JANUARY 2018

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 Knighton & Delemeter Carey (*carry Gospel Book*) / *Sub:* Johnathan Codipilly

E.M.: Delmeter Carey, Joan Fortunato & MaryAnn Ugboode / *Sub:* Diane Carbonaro

Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Thelma Washington (*carry Gospel Book*)

E.M.: Alexis Crowdell, Beverly Maryshow & Dianne Murphy / *Sub:* Crescencia Pascua



The Desire to be Good

The year 2017 has ended and 2018 is about to begin. The Church celebrates this Sunday the Feast of the Holy Family which coincides with the end of the year 2017.

On Monday, January 1st, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Both times invites us to reflect on "the desire to be good." I vividly remember the last spiritual retreat that I had in Buenos Aires, Argentina on

December 31st, 1985, led by my then Jesuit Superior Father Jorge Bergoglio, S.J. He invited each of the young Jesuits to ask God for the "desire to be good." Years later, Pope Francis invites each one of us to turn to Nazareth and to look at Jesus, Mary and Joseph desires to be good and do good ourselves.

In celebration of the Holy Family as many wonder if the "typical" family ever existed, every Christian is invited to pray and to remain united in our faith for those who have the Emmanuel, God with us, in the middle of our lives. Today is when we have to pray for our family of origin, our family church and our largest family that is all human kind. Let us pray also for those families who are different from us and that require tolerance, patience and freedom of expression. I am sure that Jesus, Joseph and Mary were very different from many of the families of their days and certainly they faced many of the challenges and struggles that we face today.

God never promised an easy life.

When meditating today, Jesus, Mary and Joseph teaches us to seek and find God in our own families. The desire to be good is embodied in the forgiveness that we give each other and the love and respect that we profess for each other. To love our family members is not to change or mold them the way we want them to be but accepting them with their imperfections. God is present in our sometimes imperfect families. We do believe in a loving God who writes straight on our crooked lines. As we prepare to start this year 2018, let begin with the desire to do good with our families and continuing with all our neighbors and each time we can do something for others. With the hope in our Lord who always walks with us, let us rejoice in the loving kindness of our brothers and sisters who are around us throughout this New Year.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God intercede for our families so that we may be like theirs, a Holy Family which God dwells.

"Every Christian always builds bridges of dialogue with others, not walls of resentment. Christians should always seek the way to listen, the way of reconciliation, humility and gentleness because that is what the Son of God has taught us." (Pope Francis)

Fr. Hernán, S.J.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

December 31: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Colossians 3:12-21
Luke 2:22-40

January 7: The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12



NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE Sunday, December 31st (New Year's Eve) at 8:30am and 10:00am; Monday, January 1st (New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary) at 10:00am. There will be NO masses on Tuesday, January 2nd. **Please note:** The Rectory Office will be closed on both Monday, January 1st and Tuesday, January 2nd. Regular hours will resume on Wednesday, January 3rd.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP - All new families and individuals are welcome to our parish. We request that you register in the rectory when you move into our community so we can be of service to you. Our parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. The priests and ministers are here to serve your needs, to share your joy and to help lighten your burdens. We take seriously the words of Jesus: "Love one another, as I loved you, so you must love one another." (John 13:34)

FEAST OF THREE KINGS (The Solemnity of the Epiphany) - On Sunday, January 7th, 2018, Join your parish family, invite friends and neighbors, and come celebrate the Epiphany of Jesus on the great feast of the church year. There will be a distribution of toys for children 14 years of age and younger in the school gym from 1pm to 3pm that same day.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM - There will be no Religious Education classes from December 23rd thru January 3rd. Classes resume January 6th.

EDUCATION BASED FAITH – Our school offers an education based on faith and a focus towards a high quality education. The admissions application for 2018-2019 is now open for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-St. Benedicta School. If you are interested in offering a Catholic education to your child, we invite you visit us. For more information visit olmcsb.org or call 718-981-5131.

BATHROOM USE - It can be used before or after Mass. Only use the bathroom during Mass if absolutely necessary. In particular, no one should be going to the toilet between the Offertory and the end of Mass (while we are kneeling in worship). Kneel in your pew and adore Jesus who has just made His home in you in Holy Communion. The minutes after we receive Holy Communion are the most sacred moments of our life on earth – to be treasured and prayed. Please do not flush anything but toilet paper and children should not be allowed to go unattended and. Thank you for your compassion and understanding.

NIGHT AT THE RACES - Save the date because you won't want to miss the Night at the Races on Saturday, January 27th at 5pm Mass in the Parish Hall of St. Roch's Parish (602 Port Richmond Ave.) Food, horse racing, and lots of fun! Come alone or make a table of family and friends (adults only). For more information contact St. Roch's rectory at 718-442-4755.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DePAUL GIVES BACK - Our parish could share in the profits. For each car, truck or van, running or not that is donated the Society will give back to our church \$75/\$200 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 718 491-2525.

COLLECTIONS: December 24: \$7,332; Christmas: \$4,656. *Thank you for your continued generosity!*

TRADITION OF FAITH New Year, New Life! On the first of January, while many celebrate the beginning of a new year and prepare themselves for their new year's resolutions, Christians commemorate the person who gave birth to the author of life. Mary, under the title of Mother of God, is how we wish to celebrate the hope of a new year, new life! The Council of Ephesus in the year 431 declared Mary as the Theotokos; the one that "loads God". This dogma has more to do with the Son than with the mother and was proclaimed to affirm that Jesus Christ "from all eternity was God." The doctrine continues and affirms "Just as every human mother is not only the mother of the human body but of the person, so Mary gave birth to a person, Jesus Christ, who is God and man, and then She is the Mother of God". This one is new life! God is born as a human being and the human being loads God. Thank God, every human being can be like Mary Theotokos and carry God in her heart. Happy New Year!

~Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Giz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

