



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2018



The

kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel. ~Mark 1:15

Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – January 20

8:00am- † Arthur Brennan, Jr.
5:00pm- † Jose Fernando Luciano Rozon
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – January 21

8:30am-~ Healing of Gianni Cucciniello
10:00am- † Narcisa Espiritu
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – January 22

8:00am- † Walter Braisted
12:05pm- † Rose Marie DeSando

Tuesday – January 23

8:00am - † Vito Carbone
12:05pm- † Saverio & Marie Micillo

Wednesday – January 24

8:00am- † Amelia Melton
12:05pm- † Mario Mezzacappa

Thursday – January 25

8:00am- † Vincent Esposito ~30th Anniversary~
12:05pm- † Jessica Lugo

Friday – January 26

8:00am- † Louis Mammolitto
12:05pm- † Thomas Vitale

Saturday – January 27

8:00am- † Msgr. Charles J. Vecchini
5:00pm- † Virginia & Robert & David Hallinan

Sunday – January 28

8:30am- † Deceased members of Spicer Family
10:00am- † Maria Pagan

Offered by: OLMC Parish

By: Theresa Contardo

By: Delmeter & Louis
Carey & Family

By: Crescencia Pascua

Offered by: OLMC Parish

Offered by: St. Benedict

Offered by: OLMC Parish

By: daughter, Theresa Contardo

Offered by: OLMC Parish

Offered by: Nellie Laureano

Offered by: Annette Esposito

Offered by: Milagros Martinez
& brothers

Offered by: OLMC Parish

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Offered by: Linda Graves

Offered by: OLMC Parish

Offered by: Family

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle
Memorial Candle



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 & Delmeter Carey (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Johnathan Codipilly

E.M.: Delmeter Carey, Joan Fortunato & MaryAnn Ugbohe Sub: Diane Carbonaro

Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Thelma Washington (carry Gospel Book)

E.M.: Alexis Crowdell, Dianne Murphy & Crescencia Pascua Sub: Emmanuel Fode



Jonah, the Reluctant Prophet

Last week I asked one of the altar boys, Carlitos, if he knew the story of Jonah and to my surprise, he said no.

Like Carlitos, those who learn of the story of Jonah find it exciting and colorful. It's a story where Jonah has to endure many hardships in order to fulfill the mission God has planned for his people. First, Jonah is called by God to be his prophet; that is, he has to speak on behalf of God. Second, the same God who called him to preach now wants Jonah to preach conversion to the people of Nineveh. Today we could say that Jonah

was called to preach to the centers of power and oppression. As you can imagine Jonah like Carlitos also said no. Third, Jonah was sent to the Northern Kingdom and instead of obeying God's command, the reluctant prophet goes in the opposite direction. But as God pulls the strings of history in a different way, God

allows the reluctant prophet to be swallowed by a whale. It is in the belly of the whale where Jonah remained for three days and three nights until God had the big fish spew out Jonah onto the shores of Nineveh, the land of the enemies of Israel. But Jonah's story does not end there. On the contrary and against all human

and religious reasoning, the enemies of Israel are converted at the preaching of Jonah. God forgives them and the prophet instead of rejoicing for the salvation of those who are not Israelites seems to contradict God's designs. Perhaps this is the same feeling that some of us have in our hearts. We do not want the salvation of

those who are not like us "who fulfill with the commandments." However, God's mercy is infinite and beyond all human and religious reasoning. God wants us to open our lives to those who are not like us. God wants each one of us to bring hope to the hopeless. So in the story of Jonah we see our own history. God is working through us if we are faithful to his mission of salvation to all. From the very beginning the Gospel of

Mark teaches us that "this is the time of fulfillment" and that "the Kingdom of God is at hand". Deadlines can inspire us to action. It is our belief that the

Kingdom of God began with Jesus of Nazareth. When Jesus calls his first two disciples, he is also calling us to respond and to follow him. Jesus calls us today to witness the "good news" that He brings to our lives.

That is the same reason why Pope Francis wants us to be a Church on the run, that is, a Church that lives and proclaims the mercy of God for all people.

Fr. Hernán, S.J.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

January 21: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

John 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 25: 4-9
1 Corinthians 7:29-31

January 28: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20
Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-9
1 Corinthians 7:32-35



CUNY SCHOLARSHIPS - The Jaime Lucero Mexican Studies Institute at CUNY is proud to offer scholarships of up to \$6,530 to current and prospective CUNY undergraduate and graduate students. Past recipients may reapply for additional funding (use "Returning applicant" form). Scholarship winners are selected based on academic achievement, financial need, and commitment to service in the Mexican and/or immigrant community. CUNY BECAS scholarship primarily aids students with little or no access to financial aid. The selection committee does not discriminate based on immigration status, race, gender, age, ethnicity, or national origin. *All are welcome to apply!*

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - Our Lady of Mount Carmel School celebrates Catholic Schools Week, beginning on Monday, January 29th. If you are thinking about a Catholic Education for your child, please come see our school. Call for an appointment (718)981-5131.

ANNUAL RETREAT DAY for CATHOLIC TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS - Attention: *Catholic Teachers in Public Schools*, The Archdiocesan Catechetical Office is sponsoring an Annual Retreat Day for Catholic Teachers in Public Schools which will take place on Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 9am to 1:30pm at the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers (55 Ryder Road - Ossining, NY 10562). Please join our Catholic Teachers in Public Schools both active and now retired from across the Archdiocese of New York. Deepen your appreciation of your ministry as a teacher, share with colleagues and pray and reflect upon Jesus' connection with each of us. A suggested donation of \$25 is requested to help defray the cost. For more information: contact Regional Office at Zelide.Ceccagno@archny.org or 914-965-0490.

ST. JOSEPH'S RETREAT CENTER - February 2018 (850 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10305) RSVP TODAY! Book online, call, email our main office to reserve your seat. Space is limited. (718) 720-1097 or SJRetreatCenter.org

Meditation Monday - February 12th From 7:30 - 9:00 PM; Fee: \$20.
Centering Prayer Group - Wednesday, February 14th and 28th from 7:30 - 9:00pm; Fee: \$10 each session.

The Challenge of Jesus' Parables - Saturday, February 24th from 9:30am - 12:00pm; Fee: \$25.

PEACE BEGINS WITH A SMILE - Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier. If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other. *Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

BASKETBALL FOUL SHOOTING CONTEST - The Manresa Council Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Basketball Foul Shooting Contest at St. Charles Gym (200 Penn Ave) on Saturday, January 27th from 9:30am to 11:00am. The contest is open to boys and girls ages 9 - 14 (age as of January 1, 2017) and the contest is free (there's no charge to participate). Registration will start at 9:00am. Please contact Geoff Thatcher at 917-453-5844 or Geoff.thatcher@yahoo.com if you need any additional information.

GORETTI GROUP NEW YORK CHAPTER - Join them for a life-changing experience as Joseph LaRocca answers questions about your most important relationships and uses his background as a counselor to at-risk teens to show "The Basic Ingredients to Love: How to Change Emotional Loss into Emotional Gain." Music and confessions at 6:30pm, Mass with Fr. David Rider at 7pm followed by dinner and talk. Event will be held at Holy Family Church (366 Watchogue Rd.) on February 2nd.

RETROUVAILLE... A Lifeline for Married Couples - Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting or do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a lifeline to help couples heal and renew their marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The next weekend is February 9-11, 2018. For more information, please call 732-562-1900 Ext. 4573. To register call Tom & Pat McTague at 732-583-4468 (evenings) or Rich & Annette Colasuonno at 732-236-0671.

COLLECTIONS: January 14: Weekly Collection \$3,638; Companions in Christ \$1,731. *Thank you for your generosity!*

THE DEMANDS OF DISCIPLESHIP - Today we encounter readings that already have a Lenten feel about them. Nineveh undergoes a forty-day fast, the psalmist reminds us that God alone can show sinners the way, Paul shows us how fleeting the things and events of this world are, and Jesus cries out "Repent!" before he calls his new followers. "Come after me," Jesus says, but if we are to truly live out the commands and demands of our discipleship through baptism, we must first know our need for conversion, our repentance, our need to believe in the gospel fully. Today's Gospel opens with the stark reminder of what befell John the Baptist for completely living out his vocation as the herald of Christ and the gospel: he was arrested, imprisoned, and martyred. Though few of us will experience consequences that extreme, we must all be ready to risk some sort of rejection as, heeding the call of Jesus, we live out the kingdom of God at hand, repent of our sins, and believe in the good news of salvation. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

PETER'S PENCE - There will be a second collection on February 10 & 11 for Peter's Pence. Thank you in advance for supporting this important collection.

Eucharistic Adoration Seminar
St. Joseph's Seminary (Yonkers)
Friday, February 16, 7pm

Presentation by James Monti, Author of "Praying in the Presence of Our Lord"

More information and registration: nyliturgy.org/workshops

Contact: liturgy@archny.org or 914.968.6200, x8177

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.

