



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2018



Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. ~Psalm 95:6

Weekly Mass Intentions



Saturday – January 27

8:00am- † Msgr. Charles J. Vecchini
5:00pm- † Virginia & Robert & David Hallinan
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*Offered by: OLMC Parish
Offered by: Linda Graves*

Sunday – January 28

8:30am- † Deceased members of Spicer Family
10:00am- † Maria Pagan
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*Offered by: OLMC Parish
Offered by: Family*

Monday – January 29

8:00am- † Rosemarie Blaich
12:05pm- ~ Special Intentions Amal Hanna

Offered by: OLMC Parish

Tuesday – January 30

8:00am - † Ronald & Drew Francis
12:05pm- † Danny O'Byrne

*Offered by: OLMC Parish
By: Christine LaBollita*

Wednesday – January 31

8:00am- † Lena DiMauro
12:05pm- † John & Margaret Latanzio

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Thursday – February 1

8:00am- † Alfonso D'Addio & Family
12:05pm- † Herman Kaestal

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Friday – February 2

8:00am- † Florence Forlenza
12:05pm- † Daniel Mayala ~Anniversary~

*Offered by: Family
Offered by: Mireille Mayala*

Saturday – February 3

8:00am- † Theresa Cintron
5:00pm- † James & Elizabeth Mooney

*Offered by: OLMC Parish
Offered by: Linda Graves*

Sunday – February 4

8:30am- † Pancrazio LaMorte
10:00am- † Gloria Padilla

*By: wife, Rafaella & Family
Offered by: Family*

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle



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Liturgical Minster's Schedule FEBRUARY 2018

Saturday 5:00 PM

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

Sunday 8:30 AM

*Lector: Jonathan Codipilly & Maria Oliveras (carry Gospel Book)
Sub: Ceferino Albarracin*

E.M.: Diane Carbonaro, María Oliveras & Samuel Torres Sub: MaryAnn Ugbo

Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Alexis Crowdell (carry Gospel Book)



"Jesus taught them as one having authority" (Mark 2:21-28)

In the previous two Sunday's gospel, we heard Jesus calling his first disciples to be with Him. In the upcoming two Sundays instead we will hear many stories of Jesus healing the sick and comforting the afflicted. Jesus' calling and the miracles are just the beginning of his public ministry. Interesting enough is to say that everyday Jesus grew in popularity and attracted many followers. Today's first reading is taken from the Book of Deuteronomy or second law. It tells us that God will raise a prophet that God, himself, will put words into his mouth. Indeed, God promised Moses that He would send another prophet like him. Let us recall that one of the functions of a true prophet is to speak on behalf of God. The voice of the prophets became the Word of God for His people. While in Jesus Christ, God has spoken to his people, yet God still raises nowadays men and women who speak of the God of justice. On my recent visit to El Salvador, the land of Bishop Romero, I was able to live and share in the lives of the poor and destitute. While celebrating for young and old people, I could feel as it was said once by another Salvadoran martyr, Father Ignacio Ellacuría, SJ, "That in Bishop Romero, God had visited his people". Therefore, in joy and in anguish of the people of El Salvador and Staten Island I can feel with Bishop Romero that "with such a good and humble people it isn't so hard to be a good pastor." In today's Gospel Jesus expels demons and everyone is amazed. Not only are they astonished by his healing power but from the way it happens, "Jesus taught them as one having authority". For Mark the Evangelist, Jesus is the prophet waited for in the Old Testament. Therefore Jesus has the authority God has given him to cure and heal God's peoples. In the synagogue at Capernaum, people were amazed of his teachings and his healing power that was able to silence the evil spirits. At the holy place, Jesus expelled those who were possessed and in doing so, he gives back to the former possessed man, health and peace. Let us pray today that God gives rise to new prophets and new pastors to bring peace and comfort to those who suffer either from disease, addictions and poverty. We count on you and your example to spread the goodness and mercy of God to people of good will. "We are prophets of a future, not our own." (Bishop Romero).

"The martyrdom of Bishop Romero did not happen only at the time of his death; he was a martyr-witness and endured persecution until his death. Furthermore, Bishop Romero was martyr even after his death because he was defamed, slandered, dirtied; that is, his martyrdom continued because he was persecuted even by his brothers in the priesthood and in the episcopate." (Pope Francis)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

January 28: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

February 4: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7:1-4, 6-7
Psalm 147:1-6
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23



BIBLE STUDY - You are invited to our Bible Study on Friday, February 2nd at 6:30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Invite a friend and we look forward to seeing you there for this exciting time of fellowship, devotion and digging into God's word. For more information, please call the rectory.

THE FEAST OF ST. BLAISE; BLESSING OF THE THROATS - Saturday, February 3rd is the Feast of Saint Blaise, the traditional day for the blessing of throats. Saint Blaise is the patron of physicians and the sick, in particular those with sicknesses of the throat. We thank God for the gift of our health. We ask God for the blessing of good health. We remember that we are called to care for our health and to take special care of those who are ill. The priest will bless throats after the 8AM Mass THAT DAY.

CCD NEWS - First Holy Communion Workshop will be held on Sunday, February 4th in the school gym at 9:30am; Confirmation Workshop will be held on Wednesday, February 7th at 6:30pm. All children that are required to attend must be accompanied by a parent or an adult.

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR LOVE: ASH WEDNESDAY ON VALENTINE'S DAY - When we think of February 14th, we automatically think of Valentine's Day. A day to celebrate love by giving gifts of flowers and chocolate to our significant other. Well this year Valentine's Day February 14th is also **Ash Wednesday**. It is the day that begins the solemn and holy Lenten Season. Ash Wednesday invites us to immerse ourselves in preparation to celebrate the ultimate love of all, the gift of God's Son for our salvation. He is looking for us to offer him not roses and chocolates but our penitent hearts. Ashes will be distributed to help us recall our need for God and the fact that we are limited without him. God is love. He is the reason we are able to love and celebrate a day of love on Valentine's Day. But our ability to love each other is limited without God. So join us on Ash Wednesday for prayer, reflection and the beginning of the Lenten season, which will then lead us to the joy of Easter. *Fall in love with God, this Ash Wednesday.*

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule: 8am & 12:05pm (English); 6pm & 8pm (Spanish).

A CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR ALL - Come and experience our school for yourself on Sunday, February 4th, for a special **OPEN HOUSE** from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Learn about our school, how to register for the new school year, and get information about Financial Aid. Your Family can afford a Catholic education. For more information, call 718-981-5131.

FREE PRE-K PROGRAM AT MT. CARMEL - ST. BENEDICTA SCHOOL: The application for pre-kindergarten will open on Monday, February 5th. Children born in 2014 are eligible to register to this free full-day program that is also offered in Our School offers this wonderful program. The application period will close on March 30th. For more information, call 718-981-5131.

2018 MASS INTENTION BOOK - There are still dates available for announced masses in the 2018 Mass Intention Book. The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition. Please contact the rectory at 718-442-3411 as soon as possible for more information.

NITE AT THE RACES - Sacred Heart Parish will be hosting another "Nite at the Races" on Friday, February 9th at their school. The doors open at 7PM and the races begin at 7:30PM. Admission is \$30 per person which includes light refreshments, soda, water and a DJ. Please RSVP by February 2nd to Kathy Evans at (917) -697-7911. Make all checks or payments payable to Sacred Heart.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SEMINAR - At St. Joseph's Seminary (Yonkers) on Friday, February 16th at 7pm. Presentation by James Monti, Author of "Praying in the Presence of Our Lord". For more information and registration: nyliturgy.org/workshops. Contact: liturgy@archny.org or 914.968.6200, x8177

COLLECTIONS: January 21: \$5,488. *Thank you for your continued generosity!*

TRUE PROPHETS - In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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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.

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.

