



SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER of the DIVINE MERCY

April 8, 2018

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. ~1 John 5:5



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – April 7

8:00am- † Nancy Pommerenk
5:00pm- † Cristina Paradiso

Offered by: OLMC Parish
By: Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Sunday – April 8

8:30am- † Wanda Saldaña
10:00am- ~ Special Intentions of
Christian Pepo, Barry & Tania
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Santos Family
Offered by: Joyce Pepo

Monday – April 9

3:00am- ~ Special Intentions Duanna Kempton
12:05pm- † Nancy Pommerenk ~30th Anniversary~

Offered by: Family

Tuesday – April 10

8:00am- † John & Margaret Latanzio
12:05pm- † Doris Kalbach

Offered by: OLMC Parish
Offered by: Mary Guardiani

Wednesday – April 11

8:00am- † Dorothy Timpone
12:05pm- † Vittorio Vazquenz

Offered by: OLMC Parish
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Thursday – April 12

8:00am- † Alfonso D'Addio & Family
12:05pm- † Tom Miller

Offered by: OLMC Parish
Offered by: Steve Benedict

Friday – April 13

8:00am- † Rosemarie Blaich
12:05pm- † Rose Trivelas

Offered by: OLMC Parish
Offered by: Mary & Larry Socci

Saturday – April 14

8:00am- † Lena DiMauro
5:00pm- † Jim & Lou Obermayer

Offered by: OLMC Parish
Offered by: Family

Sunday – April 15

8:30am- † Thomas Trigo
10:00am- † Tom Walsh & John Johnson

Offered by: Mikos Family
Offered by: Pat Walsh

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle
Memorial Candle



Bengochea Family

Liturgical Minster's Schedule APRIL 2018

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Linda Graves & Lindford Smith (carry Gospel Book)
Eucharistic Ministers: Lindford Smith, MaryLou Obermayer
& Cinderella Wonszewitz Sub: Nancy Velez

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lector: Joan Knighton & Maria Oliveras (carry Gospel Book)
Sub: Jonathan Codipilly
Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Carbonaro, Maria Oliveras & MaryAnn Ugbo
Sub: Delemter Carey

Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Alexis Crowdell (carry Gospel Book)
Eucharistic Ministers: Emmanuel Fode, Dianne Murphy & Thelma Washington
Sub: Crescencia Pascua



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"Jesus came and stood among them"

John 20:19

St Ignatius Loyola asked people that make the Spiritual Exercises "to share in the joy and peace of the risen Christ. This joy, like any grace we pray for, is a gift from God; we cannot earn or force it. We simply try to be open to receiving Easter joy by contemplating Christ as he shares the joy of the Resurrection with others". You can imagine the great consolation of Jesus' disciples to see their Master has not only come to life but returns to stand in the middle of them as we are told in the Gospel of John.

This consolation is greater when the Risen Lord three times greets them and gives them His peace. It is worth noticing that this gift of peace is not a simple greeting but a wish that comes from the One that lives forever. The first reading introduces us to the early Church when it beautifully explains that the believers "had everything in common." They knew that if everybody shared, none would be in need. That is why our faith in the Risen Christ leads us to share with others and it must bring peace to each of our brothers and sisters in the Church today.

In this Octave of Easter we can say that our God is "the God of Life." All Scripture is full of references to the Spirit of God. The Spirit of the Risen Jesus is the same Spirit that breathed life into the human person first created out of the clay of the earth. We are now all called to be disciples of Jesus receiving this Spirit of Life. "Here, in Jesus' first appearance to the disciples after the resurrection, he breathes on them and gives them the Holy Spirit. It is a re-creation of sorts". The breath of life creates the community of believers because "whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God" (1 John 5: 1). The challenge therefore is to be witness of God of life in the way we treat each other with the love and mercy of Christ Resurrected.

A contemporary theologian says that "God is joy, God is hope, God is courage". Today we can be assured that it is only through the resurrection of Jesus that God is manifested in the joy, hope and life for us all. His resurrection helps us to persevere so that all may have life and peace. It also creates the Church of Jesus, that is, the community of men and women of goodwill.

Today when we celebrate the Divine Mercy, let us remember the abundant mercy of God toward men and women of all time. Jesus preached forgiveness in his journey through Galilee and so did his first disciples. Now he tells his disciples; "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them." May our acts of mercy to our brothers and sisters mirror God's mercy to us and enable to become instruments of his peace.

Fr. Hernan P., S.J.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

April 15: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9
1 John 2:1-5A

April 15: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12
Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29
1 John 10:14



JOHN J. BRUNO BENEFIT BREAKFAST – The Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – St. Benedicta School invites you to attend the Annual John J. Bruno Benefit Breakfast on Saturday, April 28, 2018, 10am at the Excelsior Grand (2380 Hylan Blvd.) This year's honorees are Michael Coppotelli, James Cowan, Agnes M. Eckert, Coach Vincent McNiel, Robert Flanagan, Elizabeth Rossell, Theresa Signorile Emma Tapia and Sr. Antonia Zuffante. For information on purchasing your ticket or placing an ad in the journal, please call the rectory 718-442-3411 or the school 718-981-5131.

ZUMBA & AEROBICS - We will begin to offer Aerobics and Zumba classes on Monday April 16th in the school gym. Sign up and enjoy its health benefits. The classes will be held every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm. Everyone can participate and exercise to maintain health. For more information, please call the rectory. We look forward to seeing you!

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE – We are inviting everyone to participate a Mother's Day Raffle. 1st Prize; \$200 Gift Certificate to Real Madrid Restaurant. 2nd Prize; Sacred Heart Image. 3rd Prize; Box of Lee Sims Chocolate. Drawing will be held on Sunday, May 6th at the 11:30am mass. \$3 for 1 or \$5 for 2. Mom will enjoy any of these special prizes. Thank you in advance for your consideration and remember, your participation, whether large or small, does make a difference. *Good Luck!*

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS - If you or anyone you know is looking to be baptized, receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please contact the rectory and leave a message Colin Vautrinot, one of our Coordinators for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. He can answer any questions you may have in regards to this process.

GOLDEN WEDDING JUBILEE MASS – Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during the year 2018 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 3rd at 2:15pm. Pre-Registration is required. Please contact your parish to register. The closing date to register for the mass is Monday, May 14, 2018.

MARIAN CONFERENCE - Notre Dame High School Academy will be hosting a Marian Conference on Saturday May 12th from 9 AM to 5:30 PM. The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be present that day. There are only four of these in the whole world. The day will include the Rosary, a May Crowning, Saturday Mass as well as speeches from "Good Counsel Homes" members. Admission is \$35 per adult (children are free) and checks should be made payable to Pro Life Elderly/Good Counsel Homes. For more information call (718) 979-7291.

MASS INTENTIONS - We have many openings for individuals wishing to have a Mass offered for a loved one. To make a Mass Dedication, you may call or stop by the office or you can place a note in the collection baskets at any Mass. The offering for a Mass Intention is \$10. Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church.

COLLECTIONS: *April 8: \$4,666; Second Collection: \$2,151. Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish!*

PROTECT OUR CHILDREN – Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P., at 212-371-1000, x2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the website of the Archdiocese – www.archny.org. In keeping with the archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

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