



FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER - APRIL 22, 2018

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. ~1 John 3:1



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – April 21
 8:00am- † Theresa Cintron
 5:00pm- † Robert Arena
Sunday – April 22
 8:30am- † Maria Isabel Quiñones
 10:00am- † Jose Maria Posada & Gregorio Benavides
 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: OLMC Parish
 By: OLMC-SB School Faculty

Offered by: daughter, Martha
 Offered by: Benavides Family

Monday – April 23
 3:00am- † Salvatore Micciulla
 12:05pm- For Healing, Peace & Thanksgiving of Jaden Munoz & Isaiah & Omari Roland

Offered by: Mary Guardiani
 Offered by: Susan Ferris

Tuesday – April 24
 8:00am- † Caterina Bruno
 12:05pm- † Giovanna Ventrudo

Offered by: OLMC Parish
 By: Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Wednesday – April 25
 8:00am- † Assunta DeFrancesco
 12:05pm- † Rose Fareri

Offered by: OLMC Parish
 Offered by: Mary Guardiani

Thursday – April 26
 8:00am- † Rose Last ~*Birthday in Heaven*~
 12:05pm- † Eden Wilson

Offered by: Family
 Offered by: Anthony Joseph

Friday – April 27
 8:00am- † Francesca DeFrancesco
 12:05pm- † Camille Cuccia

Offered by: OLMC Parish
 Offered by: Mary Guardiani

Saturday – April 28
 8:00am- † Joseph J. Scamardella
 5:00pm- † Donald Ventrudo

Offered by: OLMC Parish
 Offered by: Linda Graves

Sunday – April 29
 8:30am- † Sandra Yvette Rivera
 10:00am- † Josephine & John Bruno

By: Ayala, Rivera & Torres Fam.
 Offered by: OLMC Parish

Weekly Memorials

**Bread & Wine
 Tabernacle Candle
 Memorial Candle
 Memorial Candle**



Liturgical Minister's Schedule APRIL 2018

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Linda Graves & Lindford Smith (carry Gospel Book)
 Eucharistic Ministers: Lindford Smith, MaryLou Obermayer & Cinderella Wonsewitz 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 Ugboode
 Sub: Delemter Carey

Sunday 10:00 AM

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



"The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep"
(John 10:11)

We continue our celebration of the Lord's resurrection with some familiar images of him that can give us consolation. First, Peter uses the words of the psalmist in describing Jesus as the stone initially rejected by the builders that then became the cornerstone. Then John writes that Jesus called himself the Good Shepherd, the one who lays down his life for his sheep. Therefore, all his disciples are called to be like Jesus and give our lives for our brothers and sisters. We are all called to become

like stones attached to the only cornerstone.

The Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts are two parts of a narrative, written by the same author. The Gospel of Luke focused on the life of Jesus, Acts on the early Church. In his Gospel, Luke writes that Jesus said, "When they take you before synagogues and before rulers and authorities, do not worry about how or what your defense will be or what you are to say". In other words, Jesus prevented the disciples about future persecutions and assured them the presence of the Holy Spirit in their difficult times.

It is in Acts of the Apostles that we are able to see the continuous action of the Holy Spirit for the community of believers bringing peace in troubled times.

In the first reading Peter is responding to the chief priests and other members of the Sanhedrin after he had cured a disabled man who often sat at the temple gate and begged. Peter had been arrested and was called before the council. Forced to defend himself, he relied on the Holy Spirit for wisdom and courage on those moments of uncertainty. The interesting part is that Peter is aware that is not our own wisdom or courage but the courage that comes from power of the Holy Spirit. Today the challenge is to rely on the courage and wisdom that comes from the Holy Spirit when we are about to make good decisions.

Just as the early church grew in the number of members and became stronger in their faith, we are called to trust Jesus our good shepherd and to hear his voice. It is the same Jesus through His Word that brings us his peace and wants us to become "instruments of peace". In tune with Pope Francis we can say that we are called to bring ourselves to our neighbors without calculating our small interests but seeking to build the Kingdom of a God who is always greater.

Fr. Hernán P., SJ

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

April 22: Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

April 29: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31
Psalm 22: 26-27, 28, 30, 31-32
1 John 3:18-24



FR. ROSELLI'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION – Together let's honor and celebrate our beloved Fr. Roselli's "special day". We are all cordially invited to Fr. Roselli's Birthday Celebration next Sunday, April 29th in the school gym at 12:30pm. His abiding devotion and faithful service to the Lord has touched countless hearts and inspired so many souls – what a blessing he is to us all. *Congratulations!*

JOHN J. BRUNO BENEFIT BREAKFAST – **Last chance to reserve your seat!** 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 now offer Aerobics and Zumba classes. Sign up and enjoy its health benefits. The classes are held every Monday, Tuesday (in the school) and every Thursday (in the church basement) 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 FLOWER SALE – Like every year, there will have a sale of flowers arrangements before and after all masses the weekend of mother's day, Saturday, May 12th, and Sunday, May 13th. Support your parish and give beautiful flowers for that special woman in your life.

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!*

GODPARENT / CONFIRMATION SPONSOR LETTERS – Church law mandates that a sponsor for baptism and confirmation be an active Confirmed Catholic. An active Catholic is a parishioner who is registered, attends Mass weekly, contributes to the support of the church, is in a valid Catholic marriage and publicly leads a life compatible with Church teaching. We can offer these letters of eligibility for parishioners who meet these criteria.

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.

CINCO de MAYO SUNDAY CELEBRATION – Join the Spanish Community of O.L. Mt. Carmel for a festive Cinco de Mayo Celebration that will be held on Sunday, May 6th the school gym. Enjoy traditional Mexican folk dances, traditional costumed dancers, traditional mariachi music and so much more. There will also be Mexican food to purchase. Fellowship will be in full swing! Hope to see you there.

MOTHERS' DAY REMEMBRANCE - Mothers' Day memorial envelopes may be found in your envelope packs or in the parish vestibule. You are invited to make use of these envelopes to have your mothers, living or deceased, remembered in our Masses on Mothers' Day. Once completed please place your envelope into the collection basket or take to the rectory. The envelopes will then be placed on the Altar during the remainder of the month of May.

COLLECTIONS: April 15: \$4,293; Debt Relief: \$1,343. Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish!

WORLD DAY FOR PRAYER FOR RELIGIOUS AND PRIESTLY VOCATIONS - is observed, today Sunday, April 22nd, "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in pursuing a Jesuit Vocation, please visit www.bejesuit.org

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful Harvest, send Your Graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you. Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ. Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen. *(Courtesy USCCB)*

GORETTI GROUP EVENT – Join them as Odet Bisono from Corazon Puro shares her story on Friday, May 4th at 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM! Music/Confession at 6:30 PM and Mass at 7 PM with Fr. David Rider. Dinner will begin at 7:30 PM followed by the talk at 8:15 PM. Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Rd, 10314.

SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES (SFCS)- Saint Francis Catholic Singles, for those in their 30s, 40s, and 50s, will host: Talk by Dr. Connie Salhany: *Dealing with Difficult People and Situations ~ Effective strategies for the Christian*. Dr. Salhany will share some psychological tools and insights from a Christian perspective for dealing with interpersonal and situational difficulties. Thursday May 24th, 7:30pm, Holy Family Parish (Basement), \$10 appreciated at the door, light refreshments will be served. RSVP appreciated at sfcssi@gmail.com by 5/21/2018.

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.

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.