

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

December 30, 2018



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday – December 29

0am-† Susana Acosta
0pm- † Thomas Mormino
10am- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – December 30

10am-† Luis P. Rivera
00am-† Lena Mezzacappa
30am- † Parish Community Intentions
0pm- † Parish Community Intentions
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Monday – December 31 ~New Year's Eve~

00am~ Special Intentions of
Ris Binns & Family
Mar El Fashny & Family
Jan Cammarata & Family

05pm-† Mary & Paul Iosue

Tuesday – January 1 ~New Year's Day~

00am~ Special Intentions of
Emmanuel, Jr. & Toma Fode

Wednesday – January 2

10:00am† All Deceased members of Brasited Family
1:05pm-† Josephine Bruno

Thursday – January 3

1:00pm- † Debbie Smith
1:05pm~ For Ralph Munoz; healing,
deliverance and secure job

Friday – January 4

10am- ~Blessings for All at Meals on Wheels
1:05pm-† Marinette B. Griffin

Saturday – January 5

10am-† Alex Gullo
10pm- † Christopher Roland

Sunday – January 6 ~Epiphany of the Lord~

10am-† Dennis Sullivan
00am-† Libby Guardiani



Mass Intentions

Offered by: Loyola School
By: Patricia Mormino & Family

Offered by: Frulio Family
By: Bessy & Joseph Martino

Offered by: Narcisa Pons

Offered by: Family

Offered by: dad, Emmanuel Fode

Offered by: OLMC Parish

By: daughters, Barbara & Mary

Offered by: Loyola School

Offered by: mom, Susan Ferris

Offered by: Steve Benedict

Offered by: Loyola School

Offered by: Loyola School

By: Nina & Joe Lopez & Family

Offered by: Loyola School

Offered by: OLMC Parish



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"THE DESIRE TO BE GOOD" – Happy New Year

"The desire to be good" was the theme of the end of year retreat that I received from my then superior, Father Jorge Bergoglio, SJ, today Pope Francis, in the decade of the 80's. Even though the years have passed it continues impacting and questioning me every time I celebrate the departure of the old year and the coming of the New Year. In fact, beginning a new year is an opportunity to start or continue in the good work we do. The New Year is a time of God or "Kairos" that prepares us to be ready for the good things that always come from God if we follow His ways. The new year gives us that desire to be good that as human beings we always aspire to do.

A little over a month ago, Pope Francis reminded us that it is not only to have the desire to be good, but that we must work well and trust in the salvation that comes from Jesus Christ. Therefore, before filling ourselves with promises that we may not fulfill, it is better to pray to know what is the will of God in the here and now of our lives. In other words we have to discern to see what we are going to do in favor of our family and also of our parish community.

At the beginning of 2019 it is propitious to do good starting with ourselves but always with the reference to others. That is why the Church, in its millennial wisdom invites us to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God on January 1st. The Virgin is after her Son Jesus Christ the reference to live in the face of God's plan. The Virgin Mary is presented in the Gospels as "the slave of the Lord". As soon as she learns about the pregnancy of her elderly cousin Isabel, she puts herself at her service. When her Son is born she wraps him in cloths and under the protection of Joseph flees to Egypt to protect her Son. In these and other humble and simple actions we should focus our actions so that 2019 will be a year full of blessing and in service to those most in need.

That by celebrating Mary not only as the Mother of Our Lord but also as the Mother of the Church, let us remember that as humans we are called to live for eternity. Let us meditate on the readings of this solemnity that begins with a beautiful blessing on the chosen people. Let us reflect on the Gospel of this first of January that refers to the Virgin Mary, full of grace and model of giving to others and let us begin to live the grace requested so that all our actions, intentions and way of living lead us to fulfill our desire to be good.

HAPPY NEW YEAR - Fr. Hernan, S.J.

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

~ Special Intentions of Reyna Martinez

The candles will burn this week for the following intentions

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

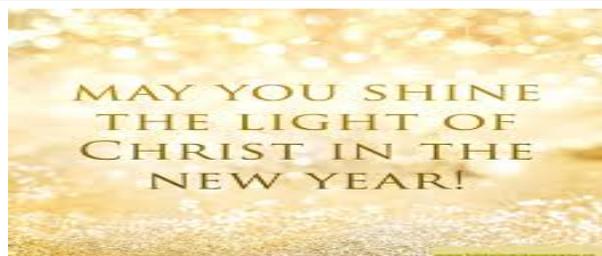
Memorial Candle



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~ **FOR ALL OUR**

~ **FAITHFUL DEPARTED**



SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

December 30: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
1 Psalm 1:20-22, 24-28
Colossians 3:12-21

January 6: The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.
Ephesians 3:2-3A, 5-6

ADORATION SCHEDULE for NEW YEAR'S

((It's Holy day of Obligation))

Monday, December 31 (**New Year's Eve**) at 8:00AM, 12:05PM (English) - 7:30PM (Spanish)

Tuesday, January 1 (**New Year's Day**) at 10:00AM (English) - 11:30AM y 1:30PM (Spanish)

Please note: On Tuesday, January 1st the parish office will be closed.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE – A Word of Thanks from the Parish of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – St. Benedicta – St. Mary of the Assumption Parish. We would like to thank everyone for your tremendous support this Christmas Season and throughout the year. Your generosity to the Giving Tree, helps us to help the less fortunate in our parish community. Thank you for your assistance in enabling us to reach this incredible goal! You have made it a brighter Winter for many families. Your care for those in need is heartwarming. May God bless you all abundantly. Have a happy, healthy, New Year!

THANK YOU! - Volunteers are the heart and soul of our parish. The success and very existence of so many of our programs are the direct result of the time and talent donated by our parishioners. **Thank you to ALL our volunteers,** most recently: **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make the Advent & Christmas liturgies meaningful and beautiful. Our Parishioners who helped decorate and clean. All Liturgical Ministers, All Music Ministers, and The Parish Staff. Last, but not least our parishioners for worshipping with us and making our Christmas at OLMC-SB-SMA a great one!

RENEW AND REBUILD - Thank you for your prayers and commitments to our Renew and Rebuild campaign. If you have not yet committed to the campaign, we ask you to consider helping us reach our parish goal.

OUR SANCTUARY LAMP - The Sanctuary Lamp AND our Tabernacle, is a sign of the Real Presence of Jesus, the Light of the World, in our Parish Church. In accordance with tradition, this candle may be dedicated in honor or in memory of a particular person or persons, or for a special intention. The customary offering for this weekly dedication is \$10. There are many dates open for dedication. Anyone who would like to make arrangements for dedicating the Sanctuary Lamp (Memorial Candle) should contact the Parish Office.

BREAD AND WINE - We are accepting offerings for the Bread and Wine for the week in memory of your loved ones. The customary offering for this weekly dedication is \$25. Any questions, please call the Parish office.

FEAST of the THREE KINGS (The Solemnity of the Epiphany) – On Sunday, January 6th, 2019, join your parish family and come celebrate the Epiphany of Jesus on the greatest feast of the church year. There will be a distribution of toys for children 13 years of age and younger in the school gym from 1pm to 3pm that same day. "The gifts we have received will also be our offering to the Redeemer." ~ 1Corinthians

LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE SEARCH - (based on the World Marriage Day Initiative) The Search begins for the Longest Married Couple in the Archdiocese of New York! To enter: Couples must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and reside in the Archdiocese of New York. The longest married couples will receive commemorative certificates signed by His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan. The winning couple will be interviewed and featured in an article in Catholic New York. Winners are determined by how long the couple had been married as of World Marriage Day, February 10, 2019. For further information, contact Joan Brisson at the Family Life Office at 646-794-3190 or joan.brisson@archny.org. Email entries can joan.brisson@archny.org. be sent directly to The deadline for entries is 5:00PM on Thursday, January 24, 2019

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION COLLECTION - Next week, our second collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Fifty percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

COLLECTIONS: December 23: \$3,583; Second Collection: \$1,659. *Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish!*

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**A New Year's Prayer**

May God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain, But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;

Not by making your path easy,

But by making you sturdy to travel any path; Not by taking hardships from you, but by taking fear from your heart;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine, But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant, but by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help. God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead. *Amen*