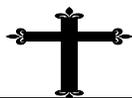


Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 3, 2019



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday – February 2

8:00am-† John O’Connell
5:00pm-† Florence Forlenza
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – February 3

8:30am- † Lawrence J. Catuogna
10:00am-† Antonia & Maria Berta Guzman
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – February 4

8:00am-† Dr. Mario Montoya
12:05pm-† Gilbert Garcia

Tuesday – February 5

8:00am-† Michael Joseph Romano ~30th Anniv~
12:05pm-† Florence Bove

Wednesday– February 6

8:00am-† Meliton Cuateco Mungia
12:05pm-† Elizabeth Decker

Thursday – February 7

8:00am- For the Intentions of Olga Maribel,
Ines y Juan Salazar
12:05pm-† Gilbert Garcia

Friday – February 8

8:00am-† Andre Dudkiewicz
12:05pm-† Michael Capofari ~50th Anniv~

Saturday – February 9

8:00am-† Carmela Albanese
5:00pm-† John Mulcahy

Sunday – February 10

8:30am- † Nicholas Ruberto
10:00am-† Ellen Kubasek



Mass Intentions

Offered by: Loyola School
Offered by: Family

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Offered by: Hector M. Garcia

Offered by: Family
Offered by: Andrade Family

Offered by: daughter
By: husband, Ross Decker

Offered by: Narcisa Pons
Offered by: Hector M. Garcia

Offered by: Loyola School
Offered by: Capofari Family

Offered by: OLMC Parish
Offered by: Mary Lou Obermayer

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Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

The candles will burn this week for the following intentions

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle



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~ **FOR ALL LORD**
~ **SAVIOUR**



"The whole is greater than the parts," and for Jesus the grace of God extends also to widows and foreigners as is the case of the Miracles of Elijah and Elisha of the Old Testament. So Jesus also makes it clear that the power of His mission cannot be confined to a particular town or place. Jesus, the Son of God the Father has a love and a mission that makes Him universal.

Fr. Hernan, S.J.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The greatest of all Gifts is Love

(1 Corinthians 12:13)

Our God is a God of love. He sent us his only Son to give us salvation. He gives us His Spirit to be with us forever. What’s more, we turn to God because we know that His love will never fail us in times of need. It is not in vain that St. Paul tells us today in his letter to the Corinthians that "The greatest of Gifts is love."

The vocation of the young prophet Jeremiah is explained as any true vocation for love. The beloved responds with the same generosity as the lover. So Jeremiah trusts himself in the Lord who will put the words in his mouth and helps him in moments of danger. Yesterday we celebrated the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of Mary. The Church also dedicates this feast to pray for the men and women who are in the consecrated life. As a Jesuit, I feel blessed by God who called me to His service as a young man just like Jeremiah. I am also blessed because God confirms his choice in every person, I serve as pastor of our community. Like the prophet, I feel the loving presence of God every day of my life.

The second reading tells us about the Corinthian community and its diversity as the strategic point in which the western and eastern world of those times converged. There is no doubt that the Corinthians far from being a homogeneous community were economically, socially and religiously diverse. The division of classes between the poor and the rich was so marked that Paul, the Apostle of Unity, had a lot of work to preach to a Christ who made himself all to all.

That is why Paul does not fail in his goal and invites them to be united in LOVE.

Love is the greatest gift that God can give us and being active in love tends to lead us to produce works of love.

In the Gospel we see that perhaps the people of Nazareth were expecting a Messiah different from the one they see incarnated in Jesus. They perhaps expected a Messiah who would destroy the dominion of the imperialists in Rome. But Jesus makes them aware that he was not sent alone to save His people.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

February 3: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
Psalm 71: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17
1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:3

February 10: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1-2A, 3-8
Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8
1 Corinthians 15:1-11



SING TO THE LORD - Was one of your Top 10 New Year's Resolutions to do more joyful singing at Sunday Mass? I do hope so! No matter how beautiful the cantors or instruments may be, there is nothing more uplifting than the sound of the whole church making "a joyful noise unto the Lord." (Psalm 98). Remember the Catholic Bishops' "Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" which calls for "full, active, conscious participation" of the whole assembly. We should not be a passive audience. Here's hoping to hear more *joyful* singing at OLMC in 2019.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE - will be celebrated in the Church on Saturday, February 2, 2019 and in parishes on the weekend of February 2-3, 2019. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

PRE-K FOR ALL Children born in 2015 - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - St. Benedicta School has a **FREE** full day pre-k program. If your child was born in 2015, they are eligible to attend pre-k for the 2019-2020 school year. Registration opens in early February. For more information, please call the school office.

BIBLE STUDY - Join us for our parish Bible Study, meeting on **Sundays: February 17**, March 3, 17 & 31. All dates we will start at 1:00pm and run until 3:00pm. If you do not have a bible, one can be provided for you.

THE PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION - Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefits our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and natural disasters. Please be generous as your means allow. For more information, visit the following website: www.usccb.org/peterspence

OUR PARISH WEBSITE - Please take a moment to visit our parish website: <http://www.olmcsi.org>. Information about our parish, ministries, bulletins, CCD program and parish registration can be found as well as liturgical celebrations and activities.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS - As many of you know through your own experience, Catholic schools have played a pivotal role in forming the minds of our children. Catholic education promotes a lifelong commitment to faith, prayer and virtue, giving young people the tools and confidence to succeed in life. Our parish is part of the Catholic School Region of Staten Island, which is currently spearheading multiple initiatives to help ensure our schools are fully equipped to meet the challenges of today. In the spirit of National Catholic Schools Week, please learn more about our Catholic school region and how you can help by visiting www.adny-si.org or by contacting the Catholic Education Advancement office at 646-794-3328.

ST. PATRICKS DAY EVENT - The 55th Annual Richmond County St. Patrick's Day Event will take place on **Saturday, February 9th**. The event will be held in the school cafeteria and gymnasium of Sacred Heart School (301 North Burgher Ave) from 1pm-6pm and the cost of admission is \$10. There will be Irish vendors, food, beverages and live entertainment. Every year this event, hosted by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, is a big winner. Attend and enjoy some Irish cheer.

ST. PATRICK'S / MARDI GRAS PARTY - SAVE THE DATE to Celebrate! On **Saturday, March 2, 2019** from 7pm-11pm. Music by Mike Byrne (Irish band from Jersey Shore). Corned beef and cabbage and other delicious food along with Beer and Wine \$35 per person which includes a raffle ticket for a 4 day/3 night vacation in an ocean front condo in Myrtle Beach. Party will take place in Cohalan Hall of St. Peter-St. Paul School (129 Clinton Ave). Plenty of parking on one level. For more information, call St. Peter's Parish at 718 727-2672.

ST. JOSEPH RETREAT HOUSE

Centering Prayer: Wednesday, **February 13th & 27th**, 7:30PM-9PM, \$25 per person, facilitated by Anne Louise DePaolo. Stand alone sessions, usually on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Join them for prayer, be still and rest in God's presence.

Valentine's Couples Retreat: Thursday, **February 14th**; 6PM-10PM, \$150 per couple, \$100 overnight accommodations, facilitated by Anne Louise DePaolo and Mark Matusza. Enjoy a dinner for two with your spouse while Fr. Thomas DeSimone offers a reflection on the marital heart and the theology of the body. Renewal of vows will follow as well as a blessing for married couples.

ST. PETER'S BOYS H.S. CHINESE AUCTION - The St. Peter's Boys High School Parents' Club will sponsor its Annual Chinese Auction on **Friday, March 8, 2019** in the School Gym (200 Clinton Ave). Doors open at 6:00pm. There will be numerous raffles, refreshments and prizes. Admission: \$10 - Anyone under 18 year of age must be accompanied by an adult. No children under 12 admitted. Please call 718-447-1676 for more information.

COLLECTIONS: January 27: \$4,362; Heating Collection: \$1,284. *Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish!*