



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 24, 2019



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday – February 23

8:00am-† George E. Freitag
 5:00pm-† Cornelia (Louise) Phyfer
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – February 24

8:30am-† Angelina Torchio
 10:00am-† Joseph Catuogno
 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – February 25

8:00am-† Barabara Tanachion
 12:05pm-† Rosaria Martinelli

Tuesday – February 26

8:00am-† Catherine E. Capper
 12:05pm-† Ronald Francis Sr. &
 Ronald Francis Jr. & Drew Francis

Wednesday– February 27

8:00am-† Helen Crispino
 12:05pm-† Linda Ferragano-Venditti

Thursday – February 28

8:00am- † Josephine M. Bruno
 12:05pm-† Libby Guardiani

Friday – March 1

8:00am-† Nancy Pommerenk ~Anniversary~
 12:05pm- † Peter Nigidio ~23rd Anniversary~

Saturday – March 2

8:00am-† Elaine Gervais
 5:00pm-† Fr. John J. King, S.J.

Sunday – March 3

8:30am- † Dorothy Wilson
 10:00am-† Fr. Joseph Lupo



Mass Intentions

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Offered by: Mary Guardiani

Offered by: Family
Offered by: Mom

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Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

The candles will burn this week for the following intentions

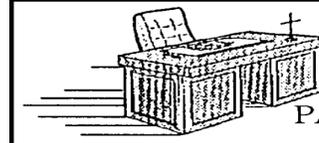
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 ~ **FOR ALL LORD**
 ~ **JESUS CHRIST**

"Jesus invites us to get the best out of ourselves and leads us out of our comfort zone. Not because he wants us to "complicate life", but because he knows that we are made to love and only in love do we find the meaning of our existence. Therefore, he invites us to love, not half, not only with part of our heart, but in totality. "

(Catholic.net).



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"The Lord is Kind and Merciful"

(Psalm 103)

The psalms were created to be sung by the chosen people. Many of them sing sorrows and others manifest the victory that the Lord gives to all who trust in Him. In this Psalm 130 we can see that the very nature of God is described as being "kind and merciful." As a new "people of God "we can find in our lives the kindness and mercy that comes from that which is their source, God our Lord.

The first reading tells us about the history of the beginnings of the reign in Israel. God granted the desire to his people and gave them a king; however, Saul was unfaithful to the Lord's command and God chose the young David for his replacement. Of course, as in all the changes of destiny, envies were provoked and thracians were felt. The interesting thing is that David does not let himself be carried away by negative feelings but is able to forgive Saul. In some way the behavior of King David is a preannouncement of the values of the Kingdom of God established by Jesus who asks his disciples to love enemies and be compassionate even with those who persecute us. The Lord is always "kind and merciful."

In this age that social media imposes challenges on us, perhaps the only and best of these is to live the "golden rule" that Jesus gives in his disciples in today's Gospel. That is, to do good to others even to our enemies and lending without expecting anything in return. In our society that seems to live for personal fulfillment away from the pain and anguish of the poorest, Jesus presents us with the model of universal solidarity that includes those who do not accept us and even offend us. Prayer can be the beginning of a new society where no one feels excluded.

Jesus, the mercy of God himself, teaches us to love and to be kind. We cannot continue to propagate hatred and vengeance if we say that we are members of the body of Christ, who with his death and resurrection sealed the covenant of love. The call to forgive enemies is not a commandment but that which makes possible our similarity with God the rich Father in "mercy and kindness"

Fr. Hernan, S.J.

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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 24: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13
1 Corinthians 15:45-49

March 3: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:4-7
Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
1 Corinthians 15:54-58



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.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE - **Wednesday, March 6th** is *Ash Wednesday* which marks the beginning of Lent. Ashes will be distributed at the 8am & 12:05pm Masses. There are also two Spanish masses that evening at 6pm & 8pm. It is an important day in the Christian calendar as it marks the first day of fasting, repentance, prayer and self-control that will be required during Lent. All are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance.

SIX WEEK LENTEN SERIES - Fr. Roselli is offering a 6 week Lenten series starting on **Thursdays** starting **March 7th** at 10:30am in the Fr. Miguel Meeting Room. It an opportunity for you to grow closer to God by deepening your experience of prayer and faith during this Holy Lenten Season. Registration is requested in order to prepare the proper amounts of reading materials. Participants need not worry if they cannot make every meeting, you may come to as many days as your time allows.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Beginning **Friday, March 8th**, we will have Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent immediately following the 12:05pm mass. The Stations of the Cross is a Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus' Passion and Death. At each station we use our senses and our imagination to reflect prayerfully upon Jesus' suffering, Death, and Resurrection, and to simply experience the visual images to reflect on Christ's love for us.

PREPARING FOR LENT - What spiritual plans have you made for Lent? Are they more focused on outward sacrifices or inward changes? While the former is challenging, the latter can be downright intimidating. And yet, that is what we are called to do. What one thing can you do over the course of the next few weeks that might create a permanent change in your life? What would make you whole? Use the sacrifices and prayers of this coming season to open your heart, mind, and soul to what God has in store for you. - *Not by Bread Alone Mary DeTurris Poust*

2019 CARDINAL'S APPEAL - The Annual Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal has commenced and our parish goal has been set at \$35,000. Many parishioners have already received mail regarding the appeal and have responded generously. We only ask that you be as generous as your means will allow. Our parish has consistently met its goal every year and we thank our parishioners for their immense sacrificial support.

MISSING YOUR CHURCH ENVELOPES? - The Post Office is using an address verification software that has made several age-old addresses on our mailing list invalid. You can get help with this by either calling the company that mails out our envelopes (F.J. Remey 516-741-5112 or toll free 877-357-3639) or by going to the Post Office and asking what is wrong with your address. Temporary envelopes are always available at the entrance of the church in case you haven't received them or simply forgot to bring them. If you are not currently a registered member and would like to receive the envelopes at your home, please pass the parish office and register today.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES - Certificates attesting to the fact that an OLMC-SB parishioner is a practicing Catholic are required when they are asked to sponsor someone at the time of Baptism or Confirmation. These certificates may be obtained **ONLY** by registered members and only by The PERSON REQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE. You must visit the parish office to request one.

ST. PATRICK'S/ST. JOSEPH'S DINNER DANCE - ST. Adalbert's / St. Roch's Parish is hosting an Annual St.Patrick's/St. Joseph's Dinner Dance on **Saturday, March 16th** at 6pm. Place: Parish Hall. Tickets: \$30 per person (Adults only, advance purchase only) No payments at the door. BYOB. Corned Beef and Cabbage Carrots and potatoes. Irish Soda Bread, Beer and Soda Venetian Table (Catered by Nucci's South) (Alternative chicken option limited to those who do not eat corned beef. For Ticket Information contact: John Geissler (718)698-4117 or Nick Panarella (646)229-0667.

GOLDEN WEDDING JUBILEE MASS - Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2019 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 2nd at 2:00pm. Pre-registration is required. Please contact the parish office to register. The closing date to register for the Mass is Monday, May 10, 2019 at 5:00 PM.

