

# Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



## April 28, 2019

### Weekly Mass Intentions

#### Saturday – April 27

- 8:00am- † Joseph Iosue
- 5:00pm- † Margaret Latanzio
- 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

#### Sunday – April 28

- 8:30am- † Msgr. Augustine J DiBlasi
- 10:00am- † Theresa Cintron
- 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
- 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
- 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

#### Monday – April 29

- 8:00am- ~For Jose Contreras's Health
- 12:05pm- † William Johnston

#### Tuesday – April 30

- 8:00am- † Carina H. Rohan
- 12:05pm- † Jean Ventrudo

#### Wednesday – May 1

- 8:00am- † Anna Marie Micciche
- 12:05pm- † John Giunta

#### Thursday – May 2

- 8:00am- † Jane Hollywood
- 12:05pm- † Edward O'Hare

#### Friday – May 3

- 8:00am- † Mario Gonzalez
- 12:05pm- † Alma Thompson

#### Saturday – May 4

- 8:00am- † Herman Espinoza
- 5:00pm- † Anna DiMauro

#### Sunday – May 5

- 8:30am- † Jose Rosa
- 10:00am- † Elizabeth J. Fedorcik



### Mass Intentions

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish  
*By:* Peg & Tom Ventrudo

*Offered by:* Daughter  
*Offered by:* Daughter

*By:* mom, Evette Contreras  
*Offered by:* Theresa Simmonds

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish  
*By:* Peg & Tom Ventrudo

*Offered by:* Joanne & Donna  
*Offered by:* Steve Benedict

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish  
*Offered by:* Mary Guardiani

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*Offered by:* Norton Family

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### Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine



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Tabernacle Candle

~ † *For All Souls in Purgatory*

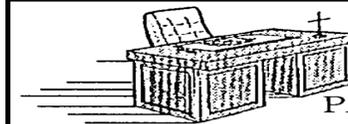
Memorial Candle

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Let us not doubt the merciful love of the Risen Jesus who invites us to be prophets of peace, truth and life. May our good works and not just simple words be consolation for those who seek a community of brothers and sisters who live their faith.

**P. Hernán, SJ**

*"We can consider ourselves and call ourselves Christians, and talk about the great values of faith, but, like the disciples, we need to see Jesus' touching his love. Only then do we go to the heart of faith and find, like the disciples, a peace and joy that are more solid than any doubt."*



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

#### Divine Mercy

**"Blessed are Those who have not Seen and yet have Believed."** (*John 20:29*)

Today at the conclusion of the Octave of Easter, the Church celebrates joyfully and gratefully Divine Mercy Sunday. The Sacred Scriptures overflows with many examples of Divine Mercy. By remembering the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, we find the very source of God's mercy. Today we repeat with the Psalm; "the mercy of God endures forever." As we celebrate this festivity instituted by St. John Paul II, let us think and rejoice for those moments in which we have felt in our lives the loving mercy of God.

Immediately after the resurrection of Jesus, the early church enjoyed a time of consolation and expansion.

They also experienced the fragility and fear as a consequence of the persecutions and/or misunderstandings of those who did not profess their faith in the Risen One.

Neither the Roman rulers nor the Jewish religious authorities saw with good eyes the preaching and evangelization of Peter, Paul and the other apostles.

However, the work the apostles did and the message they communicated led to numerous conversions. In the account of the Acts of the Apostles we see how some listeners were frightened and even afraid to join Saint Peter even if they held him in high esteem. Faith overcame fear and the number of believers multiplied amazingly and even took their relatives to be healed. Like the first believers, the challenge today is to proclaim our faith in the Risen One and assume the consequences of it.

The fear of the first disciples is evident in the first affirmation of today's Gospel: "the doors being closed." The fear was real since the Divine Master had recently been arrested, tried and sentenced to death by the civil and religious authorities of their time. The apostles received with consolation and relief the words of the Risen Jesus "Peace be with you". The Risen Christ comes to offer to his frightened disciples what they most needed, peace. Perhaps in this gesture of Jesus we should find the joy that sustains our faith because it is the force of life that does not end but becomes eternal life that gives us the peace to empower our lives. Therefore, to celebrate the Resurrection is to celebrate the Mercy of God who loves us and does not hesitate to come to our lives as a sign of peace and solidarity with our own sorrows. Celebrating Divine Mercy leads us to believe in Jesus who spent his life doing good to the poor and disadvantaged. The Risen Jesus wants to make us the instruments of His Gospel which brings peace to those who are in conflict or distressed.

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

### April 28: Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:12-16  
Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-2  
Revelation 1:9-11A, 12-13, 17-19

### May 5: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40B-41  
Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13  
Revelation 5:11-14



**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 Masses on Mothers' Day. Once completed please place your envelope into the collection basket or take to the rectory. Envelopes will then be placed on the Altar during the remainder of the month of May.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> in the school gym at 12:30pm. Enjoy traditional Mexican folk dance, traditional costumed dancers, traditional mariachi music and so much more. There will also be Mexican food for purchase. Fellowship will be in full swing! Hope to see you all there.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2019-2020; Registrations begin May 1<sup>st</sup>.** Parents interested in registering their children for our CCD program can do so by visiting our Parish Rectory. CCD is a two-year program. Please bring with you your child's baptismal certificate when registering. Classes will start in September. For more information call the Parish office at 718-442-3411.

**ST. VINCENT DePAUL SOCIETY -the St. Vincent DePaul Society in our Parish is underway. If anyone is interested in helping others in need, please call the Parish Office and sign up so we can begin this worthwhile activity.** **What is the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?** Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (or "Vincentians") are men and women who strive to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to individuals in need. We are young and old. Our members come in every shade of skin color, but ALL are blessed with an awareness that our blessings (time, talent or treasure) are to be shared with our brothers and sisters in need. We know that we are not alone. We are part of an international society of friends united by a spirit of poverty, humility, and sharing, which is nourished by prayer, reflection, mutually supportive gatherings, and adherence to a basic Rule. We welcome you ALL!

**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 (at least 6 months), 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.

**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 have already **received \$8,945** in pledges! We only ask that you be as generous as your means will allow. Our parish consistently met its goal every year and we thank our parishioners for their immense sacrificial support.

**MONTH OF MARY** - May is the month dedicated to our Blessed Mother. The qualities we find in the Mother of Jesus are qualities that we should all imitate. She is the image of Christ's love, goodness and mercy. Mary never failed in her fulfillment of the divine will. Her perfect obedience flowed from her humility. Make an effort this month to reflect on Mary's relationship with God and her role in the Church.

**COLLECTIONS:** April 21 (including Holy Week): \$11,153; Easter: \$4,571. *Thank you for your continued and abundant generosity to your Parish!*

**11 DAY JOURNEY TO PORTUGAL** - We are excited to announce that the Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces of the Society of Jesus will be leading a pilgrimage to Portugal this coming **October 21-31, 2019!** Don't miss this chance to travel with a group of people you will cherish as friends. In addition, a pilgrimage can also be a wonderful opportunity for spiritual renewal and prayer. As such, we will celebrate Mass daily as a group. We hope many parishioners will be able to join this joyful and fun-filled experience. For more information or to register, please contact the tour coordinator and spiritual director; Fr. Rudy Casals, S.J. or Jim Skurka at 212-774-5548 or [jskurka@jesuits.org](mailto:jskurka@jesuits.org).

**LIFE WEEK** - The Respect Life office of the Archdiocese of New York has planned a week of events called Life Week to begin on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>. The devastation of the Reproductive Health Act cannot be adequately measured. This law has awoken many. Now, New York is facing Physician Assisted Suicide. On April 9th, Governor Cuomo for the first time, publicly expressed in a radio interview his wish to sign into law Physician-Assisted Suicide. We need to work in partnership to ensure that this does not happen. Please call your legislators throughout this week using the script on the enclosed flyer that expresses your opposition to Physician Assisted Suicide. The "Alive from New York" event on **Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. is expected to draw thousands to Times Square to celebrate the sanctity of human life, with live music and guest speakers. Jeanne Mancini of the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. will host the afternoon, and His Eminence Cardinal Dolan will give a video message on jumbo screens.