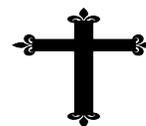


Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2019



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday – May 11

8:00am- † Josephine Brocato
 5:00pm- † Giovanni (John) Pasquale
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – May 12

8:30am- † Grace Frulio
 10:00am- † Wanda Saldaña
 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – May 13

8:00am- Mother's Day Novena
 12:05pm- Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday – May 14

8:00am- Mother's Day Novena
 12:05pm- Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday – May 15

8:00am- † Jennie DeSimone
 12:05pm- Mother's Day Novena

Thursday – May 16

8:00am- Mother's Day Novena
 12:05pm- Mother's Day Novena

Friday – May 17

8:00am- Mother's Day Novena
 12:05pm- Mother's Day Novena

Saturday – May 18

8:00am- † Theresa Santillo
 5:00pm- † Vito Carbone

Sunday – May 19

8:30am- † Joseph Evans
 10:00am- † Anthony & Cecilia Guardiani



Mass Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

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Offered by: Frulio Family

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Offered by: Annette Esposito

Offered by: Mary Guardiani

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Offered by: Torres Family

Offered by: Mary Guardiani

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle



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~ † *For All Souls in Purgatory*

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FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

The Risen Christ is Announced (Acts 13)

Not long ago Pope Francis urged us to maintain a firm and positive attitude about the Presence of God in our lives. Easter is that wonderful time to flourish in the good wishes and intentions that bring us closer to the Risen Jesus. The strength of the Risen One led Paul and Barnabas to announce to all people this great joy. In a way, the Paschal faith encourages us to be part of that Church that does not remain locked in her fears. Our Church is a community of believers who seek the Risen Jesus and come together to celebrate his victory over death because Jesus is our Good Shepherd and He is Risen. The Church is therefore a community whose believers gladly bring the Gospel to all nations. Somehow that's what Pope Francis refers to when he invites us to be "a Church at exit; i.e., a church in a permanent state of mission." For Pope Francis, the church, far from being self-referential, proclaims the joy of the Risen Christ in the here and now of our lives.

The strength of a living Church is grounded in Jesus and his way of proclaiming the Kingdom of God. From the very beginning, Jesus tried to break the false barriers that had plagued both the culture and religion of his time. His apostolic ministry was an ongoing call to Jews and Gentiles, men and women, sick and healthy, poor and rich to be part of his universal flock. It is not surprising that some years later at the beginning of the Early Church's full expansion, Paul and Barnabas preached to both Gentiles and Jews. The same idea of an evangelization (announcement) for all people is presented by John who contemplates "a multitude of all races, tongues and nations." No one is excluded from the loving hand of God.

In a candid image today's Gospel presents Jesus as the Good Shepherd. It is remarkable that with a true shepherd, the sheep do not feel frightened but they know his voice. While we live in a society that quantifies achievements in a material way, it is no less true that we should return to the simplicity of healthy interpersonal relationships. Our life and faith in the Risen Jesus make us live full of joy when we positively recognize those who encourage us to improve ourselves and to believe in ourselves when we feel down. As members of the universal flock, all believers are called to recognize Christ in our brothers and sisters because we have only One Pastor. Therefore, solidarity and love towards the needy sprout as from its source.

Today we also celebrate Mother's Day. Let us acknowledge the pure love of those women who gave us life. Our mothers with great sacrifice have taught us the faith in Jesus our Good Shepherd. May the desire to form one flock encourage all the children of God to witness that our God is alive when we are ready to give our lives for others.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

P. Hernán, SJ

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

May 12: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52
Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5
Revelation 7:9, 14B-17

May 19: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27
Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13
Revelation 21:1-5A



PASTOR'S ADVISORY MEETING – Everyone is invited to our next Pastor's Advisory Meeting to be held this con **Monday, May 13th** at 5pm in the Fr. Miguel Meeting Room. All parishioners are welcome to attend and help prop suggestions and advise on parish related topics. We continue to work on enhancing communication and transparency.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2019-2020; Registrations have begun. Parents interested in registering t children for our CCD program can do so by visiting our Parish Rectory. Our CCD is a two-year program. Please bring you, your child's baptismal certificate when registering. Classes will start in September. For more information call the Pa office at 718-442-3411.

OLMC SCHOOL NEWS - Registration is ongoing for Kindergarten to 8th grade for the new school **year 2019-2020** at Lady of Mt. Carmel – St. Benedicta School. For more information, please call the school office at 718-981-5131.

ALTAR SERVERS - We are always looking for boys and girls to become altar servers. If your son/daughter is in the grade or older, is a practicing Catholic and has received their first Holy Communion, they can join. If anyone is interes please contact the Rectory at 718-442-3411. Being a server not only increases one's spiritual experience at Mass but is a great way to get involved in the parish.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (better known as RCIA) - is the process in which non-Catholic ad learn about the Catholic faith and become members of the Church through BAPTISM. The R.I.C.A. is also designed for Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Communion and who would like to know mor about their faith. The R.I.C.A. In our parish it is directed by Colin Vautrinot. If you would like more information about t program, please call the rectory and leave your information for Mr. Vautrinot.

GODPARENT / CONFIRMATION SPONSOR LETTERS – Church law mandates that a sponsor for baptism and confirma be an active Confirmed Catholic. An active Catholic is a parishioner who is registered (at least 6 months), attends M weekly, contributes to the support of the church, is in a valid Catholic marriage and publicly leads a life compatible 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 at \$35,000. Many parishioners have already received mail regarding the appeal and have responded generously. We f already **received \$10,335** 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.

MAY CROWNING - The Shoenstatt Sisters will be having a May Crowning at their Shoenstatt Shrine on Wednesday, 22nd at 7 PM. The Shrine is located at 337 Cary Avenue, SI, NY 10310. There will be a Rosary, placing of a crown flo procession to the shrine, Mass and refreshments.

MARIAN CONFERENCE - St. Joseph Hill Academy will having a Marian Conference on Saturday, May 18th from 9, 5PM. The conference will be located in the convent at 850 Hylan Blvd and cost for admission is \$35 per person. Chil are free. The day will consist of The Rosary and a May Crowning as well as talks from people of Good Counsel Homes Pro Life, Elderly and Homebound Club Inc. Monsignor Peter Finn, pastor of Blessed Sacrament, will be the homilist and n celebrant of the Mass at 10 AM. For more details, please see the flyer in the vestibule.

A MASS FOR GOD'S SPECIAL PEOPLE - The Ministry for Inclusion at Blessed Sacrament Church cordially invites yo share the Celebration of the Mass honoring All God's Special People. **Sunday, May 19th at 11:00 A.M. at Blessed Sacran Church (1091 Forest Ave).** We warmly welcome your presence and participation. All participants will receive a spe blessing. Blessed Sacrament is a barrier-free Church. Please be sure to join us after Mass for light refreshments. Parish Family looks forward to sharing God's love and friendly conversation! Any questions about this celebration car directed to: Lola 718.442.6993 or Mary Anne 718.496.7915

FLEA MARKET – The Franciscan Handmaid of Mary (St. Edwards Food Pantry) is hosting a Flea Market on Saturday, 18th (Rain date: May 19th, 2019) from 10:00am to 5:00pm in the parking lot of Mt. Loretto Friendship Club (6581 H Blvd). They will accept and appreciate any donations for the flea market and Vendors are also needed. For more informat please call 718-984-1625 / 347-996-0827 / 347-852-2306. Proceeds benefit the St. Edward's Food Pantry.

COLLECTIONS: May 5: \$4,014; Second Collection: \$1,751; Mother's Day: \$725. *Thank you for your continued generc to OUR Parish!*