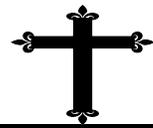


Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 2, 2019



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – June 1

8:00am- † Bronislaus “Brownie” Karasinki
 5:00pm- † Susan Obermayer
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Family

Sunday – June 2

8:30am- † Sean Gillespie
 10:00am- † Ivan Delgado
 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mom
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Monday – June 3

8:00am- † Emmett Vaglio
 12:05pm- † Jack Latanzio

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

Tuesday – June 4

8:00am- † Antoinette Refrano
 12:05pm- † Sister Bernadette Derochers

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Friends

Wednesday – June 5

8:00am- † Barbara Dernback
 12:05pm- ~Special Intentions Lopez Family

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Thursday – June 6

8:00am- † Lena Bainlardi
 12:05pm- † Barbara Braisted

Offered by: Mary Guardiani
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Friday – June 7

8:00am- † Margaret Spicer Jefferson
 12:05pm- † Margaret M. Ceravone

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
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Saturday – June 8

8:00am- † Gregorio C. Benavides
 5:00pm- † Dolores Elizabeth Zukowski

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
By: Mr. & Mrs. Wilfredo Garay

Sunday – June 9

8:30am- † Anita Nietzel
 10:00am- † Edward Pizzo

By: Delmeter Carey & Family
By: Peter & Pat Schwimer

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 Ascension of the Lord

"As the apostles were looking on, Jesus was lifted up"

(Acts 1:1-11)

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, undoubtedly a bitter and sweet moment for the apostles. On the one hand, the Risen Jesus went up to heaven to be with his Father. On the other hand, Jesus will no longer be physically at His side on earth with them.

Christ is and always will be the head of the Church, but before ascending to Heaven he entrusted it into the hands of the apostles. Today we celebrate as Church the ascension of Christ proclaiming his mission as the first disciples did; that is, being witnesses of the Risen Jesus to the ends of the earth.

The Solemnity of the Ascension wants to be a reminder that we, his disciples, are the hands and feet of the Risen Lord in this world. Saint Ignatius of Loyola invites those who want to get ahead in life in the Spirit to "look at this world with the gaze of God." Ignatius imagines this world at war, divisions and disputes and that God wants to perform our redemption. The solemnity of today is the moment to act to live facing the will of the Risen One who wants peace and harmony for his Church and for the whole world.

We might wonder how many mornings the apostles looked to the heavens and wondered if that would be the day Jesus would return to earth. Initially the apostles expected that it happened quickly and maybe even during their earthly life. Then hope was placed at the coming of Christ to the following generations. Today, when hundreds of generations have passed, we can ponder their surprise when they see that Jesus has not returned to earth as was His promise. However, the greatness of the solemnity we celebrate is not that we, Jesus' disciples, are down looking up at the sky but in that we are called to be witnesses of his Resurrection in each of the good actions we carry out in our lives.

Saint Luke author of the Gospel that bears his name and of the Acts of the Apostles describes in his both works the Ascension of Jesus to the heavens. For Luke, Ascension comes with Jesus' command of be his "witnesses" to the ends of the earth. We carry out this mission with the power of the Spirit that, like the apostles, we have received from Jesus himself. In our confirmation we receive the strength of the Holy Spirit who works in us through His gifts and who are always for the benefit of the community. Now that we celebrate Jesus who goes up to heaven, we can be his witnesses here on the ends of the earth.



SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

June 2: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 97:1-2, 6-7, 9
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

June 9: Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11
Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
1 Corinthians 12:3B-7, 12-13



EAT WELL & DO GOOD - Dine-in to donate at Ho'Brah - Our Parish School will receive 10% of your bill when you eat in at Ho'Brah any time of the day from **June 3 to June 6**. Ho'Brah is located at 412 Forest Avenue. Flyer must be present at time of purchase. Your meal makes a difference!

PARISH TRIP to DORNEY PARK – **Saturday, July 20th** we are headed to Dorney Park & Wild Water Kingdom. We leave the church at 7am and returning at 9pm. The cost for the trip, which includes bus transportation and park entrance, is \$ for anyone over 3 years old. If you are interested in going, please stop by the rectory to register.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS – First Holy Communion and Confirmation photos are now available in the rectory. Please stop by the rectory to pick them up this week. Any child that missed last day of class should contact the rectory to make arrangements to pick up their report card and/or any summer assignments.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2019-2020; REGISTER NOW. Parents interested in registering their children for our CCD program can do so by visiting our Parish Rectory. Our 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.

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA - You can remember a special father in your life by enrolling him in our Fathers Day Novena. Nine days of masses will be offered for all of the enrolled. Please look for a Fathers Day Novena envelope or ask an usher for one. Novenas may be offered for the living and the deceased.

ALTAR SERVERS - We are always looking for boys and girls to become altar servers. If your son/daughter is in the 4th grade or above, is a practicing Catholic and has received their first Holy Communion, they can join. If anyone is interested please contact the Rectory at 718-442-3411. Being a server not only increases one's spiritual experience at Mass but it 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 adults 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 more about their faith. The R.I.C.A. In our parish it is directed by Colin Vautrinot. If you would like more information about the program, please call the rectory and leave your information for Mr. Vautrinot.

2019 CARDINAL'S APPEAL - The Annual Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal is under way 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 \$11,180** in pledges! 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.

PROTECT OUR CHILDREN – The Archdiocese is committed to doing all that it can do to prevent children and young people from sexual abuse. Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in The Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford O.P. at (212) 371-1000 x 29. She can also be reached via email at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be obtained from the Archdiocese website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DePAUL GIVES BACK - Our parish could share in the profits. For each car, truck or van, regardless of whether it is donated the Society will give back to our church \$75/\$200 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 718 491-2525. Web page: svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org

COLLECTIONS: May 26: \$3,594; Second Collection: \$1,168. *Thank you for your continued generosity to OUR Parish!*