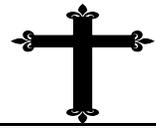


Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 4, 2019



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday – August 3

8:00am- † Joe Fortunato
 5:00pm- † Tony Purcell
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – August 4

8:30am- † Richard Phyfer
 10:00am- † Cecilia Casillas
 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – August 5

8:00am- † Anthony Benedetto
 12:05pm- † For all Living & Deceased
 Members of LaBollita Family

Tuesday – August 6

8:00am- † Thomas W. Trigo
 12:05pm- † Jane & Charles Henderson

Wednesday – August 7

8:00am- † Natalie Abate
 12:05pm- † Vincent Marchionni, Sr.

Thursday – August 8

8:00am- † Ralph Frulio
 12:05pm- † John Socci

Friday – August 9

8:00am- † Jane & Charles Henderson
 12:05pm- † Carmine Bolitiere

Saturday – August 10

8:00am- † John E. Uwangué
 5:00pm- † John Bruno

Sunday – August 11

8:30am- † Rosario Alessandro
 10:00am- † Lawrence R. Costello, Sr.



Mass Intentions

Offered by: Joan Fortunato
Offered by: Family

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
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By: Christine LaBollita

Offered by: Mikos Family
By: The Marchionni Family

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
By: Fr. Vinny & Family

Offered by: Frulio Family
Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

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Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

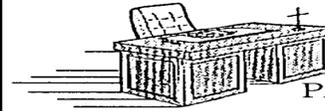
**Tabernacle Candle
 Memorial Candle
 Memorial Candle**



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 ~ † **In Memory of Louise Obermayer**
 ~ *Offered by: Family*
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proud of what we have accumulated and it is difficult for us to see what others lack. Sometimes we even criticize the poor for their lack of ability to have more. St. Paul opposes things "from below" with things "from above." Paul somehow invites us to be born again even by killing the old man who accumulates possessions for this world. Let us ask for the grace to share with those who have less. Let us accumulate wealth in heaven while we share with our poor brothers and sisters.

Fr. Hernán. SJ



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“Avoid All Kinds of Greed” (Luke 12:15)

Both the first reading and today's Gospel have as characters a rich and successful person. The rich man in the parable told by Jesus thinks he has his life absolutely programmed, but he does not realize that he will soon have the most unpleasant surprises. The rich character of the first reading at least realizes that he will not be able to take his wealth with him after death; however, this does not make him happier. On the other hand and contrary to the theme of these readings, St. Paul in his Letter to the Colossians invites believers to "Look at things from above." As we reflect on Sacred Scripture, let's think about what really leads us to the joy and for what we have to fight in this world.

Once again Jesus refuses to take sides in the dispute of a brother/sister who feels resentful. A couple of weeks ago we saw Martha asking Jesus to talk to her sister Mary for the lack of collaboration in the household tasks. Today, a stranger in the middle of the crowd pleads with Jesus to intercede with his brother for the distribution of the inheritance. Of course, the petitioner expects Jesus to be on his side. Who can oppose the distribution of goods? Jesus does not fall into this game and more than focusing on possessions and how they may generate greed, he focuses on what is truly important to the Kingdom of God.

The parable of the rich man and the abundant harvest is similar to Jesus' comparison of the rich young man who cannot follow him. Jesus said in that parable that "it is impossible for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle." The two parables have a similar corollary, although today's parable inspires the second. The strength of Jesus' teaching lies with the last warning as it tells us that "everyone who treasures goods for himself" (Luke 12:21). Imagine what it would happen if the rich man sees the abundant harvest and his small barn decides to divide his goods among the poor and hungry. Hence, selfishness and greed are truly the opposite of God's will.

Most people tend to accumulate wealth and possessions. We arrive in this world empty, but from a very young age we become possessive of what is "mine." The Christian solidarity involves in sharing with the most deprived people can be a hard lesson to learn. While we accumulate material things it is more difficult for adults and children learning to share. In many cases we are

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

August 4: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

August 11: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 18:6-9
Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19



NEW MUSIC - We have been singing a beautiful music setting of the Mass parts (at the English Masses) entitled "Mass of Christ Our Savior" written by a Jesuit composer named Dan Schutte for over a year now. We don't want to wear it out so we will gradually be introducing some new music. (Don't worry ... "Christ Our Savior" will return down the road!)

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – Please join us for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is not only a Holy Day of Obligation, but it is also one of the most important Marian feasts. The masses for **Thursday, August 15th** are; 8am (English), 12:05pm (English), 7:30pm (Spanish). This feast day allows participants to reflect on the divine nature of the Virgin Mary and serves as a reminder that there is a place in heaven for God's truly faithful.

*This week we will be starting a new "Gloria". It is very chant-like, flowing and prayerful. The melody is very repetitive which should make it easy to learn. Please keep your minds and hearts open and give it a try.

AFRICAN FESTIVAL - Staten Island's 3rd African Festival with live musical performances on **Saturday, August 17th** and **Sunday, August 18th** from 12pm to 7pm at O.L. Mt. Carmel School parking lot (285 Clove road). Let's celebrate African arts and culture. Oh yes!! IT'S FREE! Vendor and sponsor opportunities available, application available online at www.africanfestnyc.com. For more information, please call 347-778-2871 or 201-844-8292. Email: africanfestnyc@gmail.com.

2019 CARDINAL'S APPEAL – This is your final week to contribute to this year's Annual Cardinal's Appeal Campaign. We have a short way to go to accomplish our set parish goal of \$35,000. Many parishioners have already received mail regarding the appeal and have responded generously. We have already **received \$33,185** in pledges! We only ask that you be as generous as your means will allow. If you have not yet responded, we ask that you consider supporting this year's campaign. The *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* serves our spiritual communities across our 10 counties. If you have not yet made your pledge to the Cardinal's Appeal, please make your commitment today. Remember, you can pledge your gift now and make payments in the coming months. Thank you to all who have already made your commitment. Our parish has consistently met its goal every year and we thank our parishioners for their immense sacrificial support.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS – REGISTER NOW for our 2019-2020 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM school year. If you have a child entering first grade in public school in September and you would like to register for our program, please do not delay registering your child.

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 this program, please call the rectory and leave your information for Mr. Vautrinot.

ALTAR SERVERS - We are always looking for boys and girls to become altar servers. If your son/daughter is in the **third 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 also is a great way to get involved in the parish.

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.

130th ANNUAL FEAST OF ST. ROCCO, NYC. - Most Precious Blood Church, 113 Baxter Street, NYC **Sunday, August 18th, 2019**, 12:00PM High Mass in honor of St. Rocco; 1:30PM Procession through the streets of Little Italy. Live Italian Entertainment & Refreshments. For more information, call 212-226-6427 or visit www.stroccosociety.com.

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION – The Moravian Churches of Staten Island invites you to their 16th Annual Clothing Distribution on **Friday, August 23rd** from 10am to 4pm and **Saturday, August 24th** from 10am to 1pm. Where: P.S. 18 (Broadway & Henderson Ave), SI, NY 10310. Come and get high quality gently used clothing for children, youth, women and men. Families will be served on a first come, first serve basis. Backpacks will be provided as supplies lasts.

COLLECTIONS: July 28: \$3,597; Second Collection: \$1,133. Thank you for your continued generosity to OUR Parish!