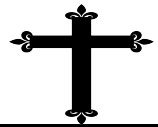


Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 11, 2019



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – August 10

8:00am- † John E. Uwangué
 5:00pm- † John Bruno
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
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Sunday – August 11

8:30am- † Rosario Alessandro
 10:00am- † Lawrence R. Costello, Sr.
 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
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Monday – August 12

8:00am~ For Jeanette Mandella's Health
 12:05pm~Special Intentions of Raul Alexander Torres

Offered by: Diane Carbonaro
Offered by: Claudia Rozon-Vega-Hurtado

Tuesday – August 13

8:00am- † Michael Curry
 12:05pm~Special Intentions of Sean Gillespie

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Mom

Wednesday – August 14

8:00am- † Margaret DeSimone
 12:05pm~Special Intentions of Sean Gillespie

Offered by: Annette Esposito
Offered by: Mom

Thursday – August 15

8:00am- † Mary Shannon
 12:05pm~Special Intentions of Sean Gillespie
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Mom

Friday – August 16

8:00am- † Salvatore Ucelli
 12:05pm~Special Intentions of Sean Gillespie

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Mom

Saturday – August 17

8:00am~Special Intentions of Sean Gillespie
 5:00pm- † Elizabeth & Stephen Fedorcik

Offered by: Mom
Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Sunday – August 18

8:30am~ Special Intentions Sean Gillespie
 10:00am- † Hazel Kuck

Offered by: Mom
Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

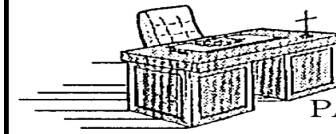
Memorial Candle



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The end of time can happen to each one sooner than we expect. That is why, and according to evangelical teaching, we can ask the Lord for the grace of faith that makes us be prepared as faithful servants who are given their reward when the master returns. Happy if we are full of faith and good works we are prepared.

Fr. Hernán, SJ



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Faith is the Assurance of Things Hoped For *(Hebrews 11:1)*

Who do we put our trust in? Abraham and Sara were an elderly couple without children living in foreign land. However, Abraham believed in the divine promise that one day he would have descendants "as numerous as the stars in the sky." How could he have had this faith so certain. The answer is given in the letter to the Hebrews as it tells us that "he believed in the one who made the promise." Saint Ignatius of Loyola, whose feast we recently celebrated, says that when there is a true call from God, the listener must answer "without hesitation or doubt." In a world that invites us to distrust, we ask for the grace of being able to trust God who presents himself as a loving father of whom we cannot doubt or hesitate.

All of today's readings teach us that we can always trust in God. The book of Wisdom reminds us that the courage and resistance of the chosen people came from their faith in the promises of God. Hebrews reminds us of Abraham's immovable faith in the promise God made to him. Jesus asks his disciples to have faith in things they cannot know as is the case of the return of the wedding pattern. As much as we strive we cannot know the future but we can know who we trust.

We might ask who is easier to believe: someone who tells us something plausible but is often dishonest or someone who is honest who tells us something that is apparently impossible? We know that Abraham was very sensitive to believe in God's promise. But as the Letter to the Hebrews tells us "Abraham put his faith in God," not so much because God told him something sensitive and that he directly touched his life but because he believed that he could trust God "without hesitation or doubt". The consequences of the faith that Abraham put in God led him to leave his own land, remain faithful to his barren wife and even almost sacrifice the son of the same promise. His faith and trust in God led him to learn that nothing, no matter how difficult it seems, was impossible for God.

Today's Gospel passage is similar to those we hear at the end of the liturgical year when we are reminded that we must be prepared for the coming of the Lord at the end of time. Jesus' lesson is that we always be prepared because we don't know the day or the time.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

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

August 18: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremy 38:4-6, 8-10
Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18
Hebrews 12:1-4



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!) We started a new "Gloria" last weekend. 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.

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.

AUGUST 15th HOLY DAY ONLINE MASS - for the Homebound; Is someone you love unable to join us at church for the August 15th Holy Day Mass in celebration of the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**? Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to experience the spiritual comfort of this joy-filled Catholic Mass. Online video will be available all day at **www.HeartoftheNation.org**. (For those who can get to church, the online liturgy will not fulfill the Holy Day Mass obligation.)

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS - REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN 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 in registering your child. Please visit the rectory today.

PARISH FOOD PANTRY - The next distribution date for our food pantry will be on **Thursday, August 22nd, 2019** from 9am to 11am and 4pm to 7pm. (In front of the church.) For more information, call the rectory. (Because I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, a stranger and you welcomed me. ~ Matthew 25:35.)

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.

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.

YOUNG ADULT NIGHT - Saturday, August 17th, 7:30-10:30pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish (5371 Amboy Road, 10312) Ever wonder about the meaning of life? Join us for a talk by Dr. Robert A. Delfino, Associate Professor of Philosophy, St. John's University, NY and author of Does God Exist? A Socratic Dialogue on the Five Ways of Thomas Aquinas (co-written by Matt Fradd). Dr. Delfino will discuss various aspects of the meaning of life by thinking philosophically about God's love for us and how we should respond. After the talk, there will be an opportunity for prayer in Eucharistic Adoration with live Praise & Worship music. Confessions will also be available. The night will end with a social!

COLLECTIONS: August 4: \$4,082; Second Collection: \$1,180. *Thank you for your continued generosity to OUR Parish!*