



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 2019



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday – August 17

8:00am~Special Intentions of Sean Gillespie
 5:00pm-†Elizabeth & Stephen Fedorcik
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions



Mass Intentions

Offered by: Mom
Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Sunday – August 18

8:30am~Special Intentions of Sean Gillespie
 10:00am-† Hazel Kuck
 11:30am-† Parish Community Intentions
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mom
Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Monday – August 19

8:00am-† Ralph Frulio
 12:05pm~Special Intentions Sean Gillespie

Offered by: Frulio Family
Offered by: Mom

Tuesday – August 20

8:00am- † Myrthe Roschbach
 12:05pm- † Terry Vander Werff

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

Wednesday– August 21

8:00am-† George S. Brito
 12:05pm~ In Thanksgiving

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Suzane Dorvily

Thursday – August 22

8:00am-† Raymond Perera
 12:05pm-† Catherine Dacey

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
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Friday – August 23

8:00am-† Frank Micciche
 12:05pm- † Alex Cordero

By: Donna, Joanne & Danny
Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Saturday – August 24

8:00am-† Henry A. Phyfer
 5:00pm-† Jim Obermayer

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Family

Sunday – August 25

8:30am-† Stanley & Marcella Mikos
 10:00am-† Alfonso D'Addio

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

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle
 Memorial Candle
 Memorial Candle

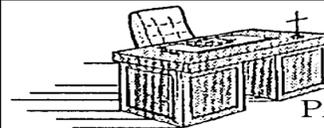


In Memory of Stanley & Marcella Mikos

~ *Offered by:* Family
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Following Jesus implies giving up evil, selfishness and choosing good, truth, justice, even when this requires sacrifice and renunciation of one's interests. And this does divide, we know. That is why it is well worth calling with the psalmist
 "My God come to my aid."

Fr. Hernán, SJ



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"My God come to My Aid" *(Psalm 40)*

With the beauties and infinite possibilities that good summer weather gives us, we can sometimes forget some difficulties that others experience because of the same summer. Extreme heat helps the fires to spread faster with the wind. Older people and children suffer from extreme heat, however we are called to be faithful beyond the weather and it will always be good to turn to the words of Psalm 40, "Lord, come to my aid."

In today's readings we see how the prophet Jeremiah faced the powerful of his time and almost cost him his life. Jesus admits that he has come to sow discord and was eventually crucified. Although we face difficulties and even death itself, there is always room for hope. Jeremiah was taken from the cistern and Jesus rose from the dead. God does not abandon us. The words of the Hebrews (second reading) invite us to hope in the midst of our internal struggles. Jesus himself faced such hard opposition so that we do not lose faith or fall into despair.

Pope Francis tells us "The word of the Lord, yesterday as today, always provokes a division: the Word of God divides, always! It causes a division between who receives it and who rejects it. Sometimes an inner contrast also turns on in our hearts; this happens when we notice the fascination, the beauty and the truth of Jesus' words, but at the same time we reject them because they question us, put us in difficulty and we find it too difficult to observe them." For Francisco, who reflects on today's Gospel, "Faith implies choosing God as the basis of life, and God is not empty, it is not neutral, God is always positive, God is love.

And love is (always) positive. After Jesus came into the world, it cannot be done as if we did not know God. As if it were an abstract, empty, purely nominal thing. No, God has a concrete face, he has a name: God is mercy, God is faithfulness, it is life that is donated to all of us. This is why Jesus says: I have come to bring division; it is not that Jesus wants to divide men among them, on the contrary: Jesus is our peace, it is reconciliation! ...

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

August 18: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

August 25: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isiah 66:18-21
Psalm 117:1, 2
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13



NEW MUSIC - We have been singing our new "Gloria" for 2 weekends now (at the English Masses) and there seems to be a very good response. Let's keep working on it and make it a truly joyous hymn of praise at the beginning of our Sunday Masses.

We will begin a new "Holy, Holy" this weekend. It is very simple, singable and beautiful ... the best part is the upward soaring "Hosannas! Please continue to keep an open mind and heart as we continue learning new music for the Mass. *Ad majorem Dei gloriam.* ("To the greater glory of God.")

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DONATIONS CAMPAIGN - Our Parish is having a School Supplies Donation Campaign for the children of our Parish. Your donation will help a needy child go to school. Bring any donation to our parish rectory by **August 25th**, you may also call with any questions. Examples of supplies needed: Notebooks, Pencils & Pens, Crayons, Glue, Erasers, folders, etc. The support we receive from strong parish community partners like you makes a huge difference on our ability to help our participants. Thank you in advance for your kind and generous support.

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.)

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.

BILINGUAL HEALING MASS - "JESUS HEALS" - Join us for a Bilingual Healing Mass on **Friday, September 6th, 2019** at 7:30pm. This Mass is a special opportunity to invite the Holy Spirit to touch you deeply and heal those emotional, physical, and spiritual places that are in need of God's healing graces. God is always with us to heal us and comfort us in our sufferings. All are invited to Join in on this healing mass and experience Jesus' healing touch for the body, mind and soul. Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Roy Varghese, CMI. Mass and Adoration.

ALZHEIMERS and YOU - "Things every family/caregiver should know." You are cordially invited to a free presentation on Alzheimer's disease and dementia. On **Saturday, September 4th, 2019** at The Historic Old Bermuda Inn (301 Veterans Rd. West, SI) from 9:30am to 1130am. Presented by the Vicariate of Staten Island; Msgr. Peter G. Finn (Moderator) & John Vincent Scalia, Sr. (President) with guest speaker; Della Frazier-Rios, RN, MS. Topics will include an explanation of Alzheimer's disease and dementia symptoms, stages and common behavior. RSVP to Event Coordinators Ivy Branding & Marketing Group by August 23rd at 718-356-2867.

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.

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.

COLUMBUS DAY MASS - At St. Patrick's Cathedral (NYC). Please join us on Monday, October 14th, 2019, at 9:30 AM, for the 42nd Annual Columbus Day Mass with our Italian brothers and sisters. If you would like to reserve free tickets, please click here to visit adnycolumbusday.eventbrite.com. The last day to request tickets is Monday, September 23rd. Celebrant: His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan (Archbishop of NY). Hope to see you there!

COLLECTIONS: August 11: \$4,102; Second Collection: \$440. *Thank you for your continued generosity to OUR Parish!*

***If a Mass is being said for a member of your family on a Saturday evening or a Sunday, it would be most fitting if someone from the family would bring up the Offertory gifts.
Please let our Hospitality Ministers know before Mass begins.***