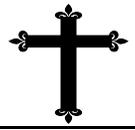


Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15, 2019



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday – September 14

8:00am-† Jeanne Iosue
 5:00pm-† Antoinette, Paul Jr.
 Mario Mayala & Gunson Zamora
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – September 15

8:30am-† Michael Curry
 10:00am-† Gloria Padilla ~2nd Anniv.~
 11:30am-† Parish Community Intentions
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – September 16

8:00am~ For Healing of Giovanna Mola
 12:05pm~Birthday BlessingsHector Garcia

Tuesday – September 17

8:00am-† Michael Annibale
 12:05pm-† Fidel Castro

Wednesday– September 18

8:00am-† Norma & John Baccichetti
 12:05pm-† Rose Fruciello

Thursday – September 19

8:00am-† Rose Carmelengo
 12:05pm-† Andrew Dolop

Friday – September 20

8:00am-† Diane B. Farrington
 12:05pm-† Dorothy Clark

Saturday – September 21

8:00am-† Gregory P. Zukowski
 5:00pm-† John Latanzio

Sunday – September 22

8:30am-† Michael Curry
 10:00am-†Wanda Saldaña ~2nd Anniv.~



Mass Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
 Offered by: Mireille Mayala

By: Nancy & Marcella Mikos
 Offered by: Family

By: Fr. Hernan & Jose Rossell

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
 Offered by: Bernard Campbell

Offered by: Annette Esposito
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 By: Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Offered by: Annette Esposito
 Offered by: Family

Weekly Memorials

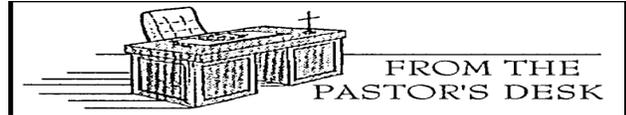
Bread & Wine
 Tabernacle Candle
 Memorial Candle
 Memorial Candle



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the eldest son feels offended. It is only at the end of the parable that Jesus puts in the mouth of the merciful father "your brother was dead and has come back to life." This is the wonderful experience of God's love that forgives his people and gives us a second chance. Let us celebrate that Saint Paul and the prodigal son stories of conversion help us to believe in the God of Life. Our God is ready to embrace us because He never leaves us alone and is always able to meet us even looking for us in the middle of the desert of our lives.

Fr. Hernán, SJ



"YOUR BROTHER WAS DEAD AND IS ALIVE AGAIN" (Luke 15:32)

We often have experiences of death, desolation and loneliness in our daily life. Not everything is joy or pleasure. We live our lives in the shadows of death and do not look at the positive and wonderful actions of God in our creation or in the lives of our brothers and sisters. As we reflect on today's readings, let us ask for the grace to remember the many times in which we have been separated from the love of the God of Life. It is today when we must thank God because he comes to meet us, to embrace us and to give us the opportunity to reconcile with Him.

The first reading tells us about the experience of death that the chosen people had in the middle of the desert that lead them to turn their backs on God. The sacred author paints an "anthropomorphic" God who becomes angry and loses his patience toward his people. The reason for the anger is that the people of Israel had replaced God with a golden calf. This idol instead of giving them life lead them to death. It is worth asking how many times we have been tempted to turn away from God and prostrate ourselves before idols that offer us everything and leave us with nothing. The wise intercession of Moses and the memory of the Covenant causes God to renounce his plan to exterminate his chosen people, and instead grant them life.

St. Paul before his conversion persecuted Christians. Instead of giving life he brought death to believers. That is why he later will say that he "worked in ignorance." It will be the contact with the mercy of the risen Christ that motivates Paul to be the agent of life. That is why the great apostle recognizes that Christ came to give us life and he acknowledges himself saved by the grace of God that works in our lives and is capable of transforming them. How nice it is to live in this ideal that leads us to be disciples as we reflected last week.

In the parable of the "prodigal son" we see how the youngest son abandoned his loving father just to go find death in a foreign land. It is the experience of loneliness, sadness and death that makes him change and return to his father's house where he hopes to recover his life. Interestingly, far from meeting a resentful and angry father the prodigal son meets a father who lovingly opens his arms, dresses him in fine clothes and even throws a party. But since not everyone is able to rejoice over the gestures of reconciliation and mercy,

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

September 15: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
1 Timothy 1:12-17

September 22: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8: 4-7
Psalm 113: 1-2, 4-6, 7-8
1 Timothy 2: 1-8



SING TO THE LORD - At the Pastor's Advisory Meeting this past week a suggestion was made that more repetition of the hymns, instead of changing them every week, might encourage more singing. Let's try this different approach and repeat the same hymns for one month at a time. Let's keep striving to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord!" (Psalm 98)

EARLY CHURCH HISTORY; PART II - Fr. Roselli is offering and inviting everyone to a continuation of his mini-course on Early Church History. When: **Thursday's September 19** & 26, October 3, 10, 17, 27 & 31. Time: 10:30am-11:30am. Place: Fr. Miquel Meeting Room. Join us as we seek answers by exploring the origin, history, and development of the Bible. Registration at the rectory is appreciated, in for us to prepare your materials for this exciting and unique course! All are welcome to attend.

BIBLY STUDY - Join us for our parish Bible Study meetings on **Sundays: September 22**, October 6 and 20, November 3 and 17, December 8 and 22. All meetings will take place in the one of the meeting rooms at the parish office. All dates will start at 1:00pm and run until 3:00pm. If you do not have a bible, one can be provided for you. **Come join us!**

SAVE THE DATE - JOHN J. BRUNO BENEFIT BREAKFAST for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School - Saturday, November 16th, 2019 at the Staaten. Honoring people who make a difference in the lives of our children. Invitations to follow. Call OLMC-SB School office to RSVP 718-981-5131.

SAVE THE DATE - for JESUIT FRIENDS & ALUMNI SUNDAY MASSES, an opportunity for alumni and friends of Jesuit Schools to share our common bonds through the celebration of liturgy, followed by a reception highlighting opportunities for continuing spiritual growth and service to the local and global community. **Sunday, October 20, 2019**. Visit www.JesuitEst.org/AlumniSunday2019 for more information.

IMPORTANT PARISH INFORMATION - Starting **September of 2019**, when the school has their monthly mass (which is normally the first Friday of the month), the 8:00am mass will be changed to 9:00am to accommodate the children/school mass and to lessen the burden for our overworked priests. We will announce the change with ample time for everyone to be informed and attend the mass at 9am instead of 8:00am. Thank you for your patience and for helping us meet our pastoral needs.

OUR LADY of MT. CARMEL / ST. BENEDICTA SCHOOL - Registration for O.L. Mt. Carmel School is on-going for grades Kindergarten to 8th grade. Our school are faith-filled environments in which Catholic values are infused in all subject areas. Students receive religious instruction and sacramental preparation and participate regularly in mass. It's a safe, nurturing place that builds on a long history of academic and personal success. Call the school office for more information.

WELCOME to ONLINE GIVING - ParishPay.com/WeShare allows parishes to receive online gifts and give their parishioners a safe and easy way to do so. You are able to set up recurring donations and manage your online giving accounts. If you've never donated online before, signing up is easy! Customer service number 1-800-950-9952.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2019/2020 - Classes have begun. We still have room for some levels and will continue accepting registrations while there is still space available. Please pray for the children as well as the dedicated catechists. We offer your children the most complete, balanced, faith-based education, strong academics and a passion for Christian service. Let's help children become spiritual, respectful, compassionate, motivated, future leaders of our community and our church. They offer a fantastic curriculum and deeply biblical and Catholic formation.

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.

MAMMOGRAM BUS - Early detection of breast cancer saves lives! The Mammogram bus will HERE, at Mt. Carmel Parish, on Sunday, November 10th from 9:30am to 4:30pm. Women age 40-79 can come in for a NO-COST Mammogram a clinical Breast Exam. No co-pays required and deductibles are waived. Uninsured patients also welcomed. Medical Services provided by Multi-Diagnostic Services. Appointments are necessary. For an appointment call the parish office or 877-628-9090.

COLLECTIONS: September 8: \$3,585; Second Collection: \$1,524. *Thank you for your continued generosity to OUR Parish!*