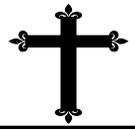


Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 2019



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday – September 21

8:00am-† Gregory P. Zukowski
 5:00pm-† John Latanzio
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – September 22

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

Monday – September 23

8:00am-† John Tobin
 12:05pm-† Theresa Cintron (mom)

Tuesday – September 24

8:00am-† Hilda Vasquez
 12:05pm-† Stanley Kwasnicki

Wednesday– September 25

8:00am~ For Hazra Sookdeo's Health
 12:05pm~In Thanksgiving 25th Wedding
 Anniversary of Higinio & Lydia Palafox

Thursday – September 26

8:00am-† Maria DiMarzio
 12:05pm-† George DeGroat

Friday – September 20

8:00am-† Ortelia Vasquez
 12:05pm-† Mary DePeppo

Saturday – September 21

8:00am-† William T. Morgan
 5:00pm-† Josephine Auditore

Sunday – September 22

8:30am-† Mary Ellen Corbett
 10:00am-† Chris Styles



Mass Intentions

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

Offered by: Annette Esposito
Offered by: Family

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Theresa & Annie

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

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Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
 Tabernacle Candle
 Memorial Candle
 Memorial Candle

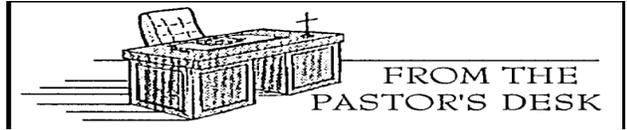


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Let us ask Jesus for the grace to share our earthly goods so that we may be considered worthy of treasuring the values that make us worthy of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Fr. Hernán, SJ

"We all have the fragility of putting our hopes on ourselves or in friends or in human possibilities only and we forget God. And this brings us to the path of unhappiness." Pone Francis



"No one Can Serve Two Masters" (Luke 16:13)

Now that the fall season leaves behind the summer heat, the liturgy proposes that we read about the final judgment. It is important for the Church that believers reflect on whether we are worthy to enter into the Kingdom of God. To this end, she proposes that we look at the works of mercy and invites us to question ourselves about the very way in which we use our possessions. Let us ask the Lord to encourage us to use our gifts and possessions for the benefit of others so that we can be considered fit for the Kingdom of Heaven.

The first reading main character is Amos. The Prophet Amos is one of my favorite Old Testament characters because of his clear and direct way of preaching the message on God's behalf. Today, like the Israelites of his time, we can feel the fury and rage with which Amos condemns the greedy and powerful merchants who cheated and stripped the poor and marginalized. In the Gospel Jesus curiously admires the dishonest steward who manages his master's wealth to favor his own debtors. One can put wealth for good use, but one cannot serve God and money. Therefore, it is worth asking, how does God want us to use our possessions?

There is no doubt that sometimes we are tempted to take something that is big and pay for the small. Some even wear clothes and then return it as if they had not worn it. However, Jesus tells us that "the person who is honest in small things is also honest in big things and the person who is dishonest in small things is also dishonest in big things (Luke 16; 10)." Therefore, where are the limits of our good possessions? Once we know how to behave well with something that is small, we can know how to do it with big things.

Jesus, after praising the prudence of the dishonest steward, teaches us the practical reason for honesty. For Jesus, good work is the measure of being worthy of receiving true wealth; that is, the Kingdom of Heaven. But what is true wealth? It is certainly not the accumulation of goods but in being considered worthy to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. We already know from the mouth of Jesus himself that only when we give and distribute our wealth to the poor, can we enter to enjoy the goods of God's Kingdom (Luke 12:33).

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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 22: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

September 29: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 6: 1A, 4-7
Psalm 146: 7, 8-9, 9-10
1 Timothy 6: 11-16



SING TO THE LORD - Are we all still doing our part to improve our "full, conscious, active participation" (Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy) with the music-making at Mass? If a new parishioner or guest were to attend to Mass at Mt. Carmel would they hear "a joyful noise" (*Psalm 98*) being sung to the Lord? Are we repudiating the line "I can't (won't) sing" and at least trying to join in a little bit? Now that we are doing the "repetition thing" with the Mass music it should be a little bit easier to "go with the flow."

Remember the words of St. Francis ... "Those who sing, pray twice!" (And maybe we should keep "Let There Be Peace On Earth" as our standard Closing Hymn. Its a prayer we can never repeat too much!)

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 26**, October 3, 10, 17, 27 & 31. Time: 10:30am-11:30am. Place Fr. Miguel 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.

BIBLE 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!**

PARISH FOOD PANTRY - The next distribution date for our food pantry will be on **Thursday, September 26, 2019** from 9am to 11am and 4pm to 7pm. (In front of the church.) For more information, please 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.)

SAVE THE DATES

1) 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.

2) JOHN J. BRUNO BENEFIT BREAKFAST for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School - Saturday, **November 16, 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.

OUR LADY of MT. CARMEL / ST. BENEDICTA SCHOOL - Registrations for O.L. Mt. Carmel School is on-going for grade 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2019/2020 - Classes for our children have begun. We still have room for some level 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.

FOR ADULTS - Registrations for our adult religious program are still ongoing and will close soon. RCIA is the process in which non-Catholic adults learn about the Catholic faith and become members of the Church through BAPTISM. It 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. For more information about this program, please contact for Mr. Colin Vautrinot at the rectory

MAMMOGRAM BUS - Early detection of breast cancer saves lives! The Mammogram bus will be HERE, at Mt. Carmel Parish on **Sunday, November 10, 2019** from 9:30am to 4:30pm. Women age 40-79 can come in for a NO-COST Mammogram and a clinical Breast Exam. No co-pays required and deductibles are waived. Uninsured patients also welcomed. Medical Service provided by Multi-Diagnostic Services. Appointments are necessary. For an appointment call the rectory or 877-628-9090

COLLECTIONS: September 15: \$3,467; Second Collection: \$1,511. *Thank you for your continued generosity to OUR Parish*

HEALING AFTER ABORTION - Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not endure a lifetime. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. Upcoming dates in the NYC area are: October 5th & 19th (Spanish), November 9th, and more dates in 2020. For more dates, locations and confidential registration, or to talk to a Sister, please call the Sister of Life at (866) 575-0075 (toll free) or reach them by email at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.