



# Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## October 13, 2019



### Weekly Mass Intentions

#### Saturday – October 12

8:00am-† Helen McGuire  
 5:00pm-† Anthony Masterpalo  
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

#### Sunday – October 13

8:30am-† Christopher Styles  
 10:00am-† Michael Romano  
 11:30am-† Parish Community Intentions  
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions  
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

#### Monday – October 14

8:00am-† Helen Carter  
 12:05pm-NO MASS

#### Tuesday – October 15

8:00am-† Francis R. Smock  
 12:05pm-† Ciprian Ramos

#### Wednesday– October 16

8:00am-† Deceased members of the  
 Esposito Family  
 12:05pm-† Edna L. Singleton

#### Thursday – October 17

8:00am-† Mary Lane  
 12:05pm-† Virgilio Talaid

#### Friday – October 18

8:00am-† Margaret D. Jacobson  
 12:05pm- for the healing of  
 Edward Cosgrove

#### Saturday – October 19

8:00am-† Rocco Plescia  
 5:00pm-† Phillip Forelli

#### Sunday – October 20

8:30am-† Carmine Cornette  
 10:00am-† Lena Mezzacappa



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*Offered by:* Family

*Offered by:* Mikos Family  
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*Offered by:* Sonia Morales

*Offered by:* Annette Esposito

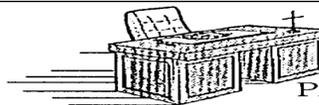
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*Offered by:* Christine LaBollita  
*Offered by:* Wife and Family

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish  
*Offered by:* Kathleen Kliesch

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish  
*Offered by:* Vivian Cutrona

*Offered by:* Marcella Mikos  
*Offered by:* Patricia Mezzacappa



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### "Your faith has made you well"

(Luke 17:19)

It is always good to remember that the word "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving." This Greek word is used to describe what Jesus did before sharing his Body and Blood at the Last Supper. Today, as always, we give thanks to God for all the blessings we have received and continue to receive, especially for Jesus Christ, God's only Son, whom we receive in a special way today at the Eucharist. In the first reading, Naaman is a foreigner who turns to the Prophet Elisha to promise that he will worship the God of Israel after being cured of his leprosy. Interestingly, in the Gospel is another leper foreigner, a Samaritan, and the only one of ten lepers who return to thank Jesus after being cured.

The Samaritans were considered foreigners because of a religious division. Those who considered themselves "true Israelites" even despised them and could not even speak to them. But it is only one of these lepers doubly marginalized because of his religion and disease who returns to glorify God and thank this man who healed him. One might ask how is it possible that only foreigners are able to respond by thanking those who have healed them? Is it because they were better able to wait for what seemed impossible? We do not believe that these characters were perfect; in fact, Naaman was reluctant to wash in the Jordan, believing the rivers of his native land would be better. The Samaritan must have been reluctant to show himself to the Jewish priests. In the logic of the Scriptures, each of us should feel foreign, leper or sinner but saved by a God who embraces us all beyond the limits in which we feel divided.

In this point, Pope Francis himself teaches us signs of humility when he recognizes himself as a "sinner."

In the Gospel, a Samaritan is one of the ten lepers. 2000 years ago all lepers were considered impure. Curiously enough in this story the dividing barrier between Jews and Gentiles is somehow

broken since a foreigner and nine Israelites are equally marginalized by their illness. The 10 lepers are excluded because they have the same skin disease. If it were not for this disease, the Samaritan would still be excluded from the group of the excluded. Ironically, the foreigner is included in the group of the excluded.

The last essential step in these healing stories is the expression of thanks. Even if we have never needed to be healed like a leper or welcomed like a foreigner, we have all received many blessings from God. We are all called to thank Jesus for his sacrifice on the cross for our salvation. We are all called every Sunday to "give thanks" for being part of the great family of believers that praises the living God.

In these weeks the bishops are meeting in Rome to celebrate the "Synod on the Amazon." Pope Francis considers that this Synod is "an opportunity to face the emergence of the "disappearance of biodiversity" and the "devastation of the nature that could lead to the death of humanity."

### Weekly Memorials

**Bread & Wine**  
**Tabernacle Candle**  
**Memorial Candle**  
**Memorial Candle**



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Feeling saved and as a grateful people for the gifts of creation, we humbly ask that we be able to take care of our common home and together build the kingdom of God. Let us pray with Pope Francis that "the bishops gathered in St. Peter's Basilica... (would) be receptive to the newness of the Spirit."

Fr. Hernán. SJ

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

### **October 13: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

2 Kings 5:14-17  
Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4  
2 Timothy 2:8-13

### **October 20: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Exodus 17:8-13  
Psalm 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8  
2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2



**SING TO THE LORD** - We have new hymn sheets for the month of October. The Opening Hymn, "All the Earth" is described on "Google" as one of the "Catholic Treasures!" It is one of many hymns written by Lucien Deiss, a French Catholic priest, biblical exegete and liturgical composer (1921-2007). It should be sung loud and strong! The Offertory Hymn is "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman" in observance of October's "Month of the Holy Rosary." The Communion Hymn is "The Prayer of St. Francis" (Feast Day October 4<sup>th</sup>). Closing hymns to be announced. Please keep trying to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord!"

**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; October 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 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: October 20**, November 3 and 17, December 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!**

**JESUIT FRIENDS & ALUMNI SUNDAY MASS** – **Sunday, October 20, 2019; 10:00am Mass**. This day is an opportunity for alumni and friends of Jesuit Schools to share our common bonds through the celebration of liturgy, highlighting opportunities for continuing spiritual growth and service to the local and global community. There will be a reception following the 10:00am Mass. Visit [www.JesuitEst.org/AlumniSunday2019](http://www.JesuitEst.org/AlumniSunday2019) for more information.

**27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DAY OF THE DEAD FESTIVAL** – One of Mexico's most important festivals since Pre-Hispanic times. It is time for families to gather and welcome the souls of the dead on their annual visit home. Cempasúchil (marigold) flower burning copal incense, fresh "pan de muertos" bread, candles, sugar skulls, photographs and mementos of the departed adorn special altars. In Mexico, Day of the Dead is celebrated over an entire week with the preparation of altars, food, dance, music and special offerings for people who have died. We will be hosting such Festival on **Sunday, October 20, 2019** from 11am-5pm in the school gym. This is a free event and open to the public.

**JOHN J. BRUNO BENEFIT BREAKFAST** - for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School on Saturday, **November 16, 2019** at the Staaten. Honoring people who make a difference in the lives of our children. Invitations are in! Call OLMC-SB School office to RSVP 718-981-5131 or the Parish Rectory. Invite a friend and join us for a yummy brunch, 50/50 and basket raffles and so much more.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2019/2020** – Participation in the weekly mass is the best way to grow in faith which is the reason each child in our program is required to attend mass regularly. We also encourage parents and relatives to attend along with the child. Every year, we use cards to confirm the students' attendance to the mass. Attendance cards have been given to each student. When you attend mass, you must put the card in your alms envelope and then place it in the offering basket at the time of collection.

**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.

**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 Services provided by Multi-Diagnostic Services. Appointments are necessary. For an appointment call the rectory or 877-628-909.

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**COLLECTIONS:** October 6: \$4,136; Second Collection: \$1,462. *Thank you for your continued generosity to OUR Parish!*