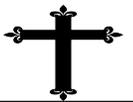


# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 9, 2020



## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Saturday – February 8

8:00am- † Anne E. Marano

5:00pm † John, Jim & Gene Obermayer

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Sunday – February 9

8:30am-† Louis Mammolito

10:00am-† Mary Ann Fair

11:30am-† Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Monday – February 10

8:00am-† Marie Theresa Dixon

12:05pm-† Thomas Dernback

### Tuesday – February 11

8:00am-† Vittoria DiGiovanni

12:05pm-† Anthony Mezzacappa

### Wednesday– February 12

8:00am-† Liza & Leon Bambard

12:05pm-† Miriam Cusick

### Thursday – February 13

8:00am-† Barbara Cucuzza

12:05pm-† John Bruno

### Friday – February 14

8:00am- † Elizabeth Decker

12:05pm- † Frank Batista

### Saturday – February 15

8:00am- † Francis Plescia

5:00pm- † Edwin Santiago

### Sunday – February 16

8:30am- † Concetta Pellecchia

10:00am-† Florencio Contreras, Jr.



## Mass Intentions

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*Offered by:* Annette Esposito

*Offered by:* Peter & Pat Schwimer

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish

*By:* daughters, Barbara & Mary

*Offered by:* Ross Decker

*Offered by:* Bernie Campbell

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish

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*Offered by:* Evette Contreras

## Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

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Tabernacle Candle

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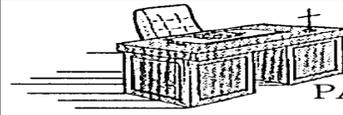
Memorial Candle

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Let us all shine and thus the darkness that produces injustice, the selfishness of the nations that produces forced immigration and the evil that harms the little ones will be destroyed. Let us make ours the words of Pope Francis who assures us that “(Jesus Christ) allows us to raise our heads and start again, with a tenderness that never disappoints us and that can always give us back the joy.” Let us pray again that everyone be involved in the creation of a new world full of flavors for everyone because if the salt becomes bland, who can salt the world ...

**Fr. Hernan, S.J.**



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## “You are the Salt of the Earth”

*(Matthew 5:13)*

I grew up listening to the songs of Cesáreo Gabaráin, a Spanish priest who, when reflecting on today's Gospel, said “if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored?” For Fr. Gabaráin, Jesus' message leads us to hope and to announce the Gospel with the same strength as Jesus. In the middle of winter, it seems a bit contradictory to talk about the rebirth of life and the greenery of trees. However, even when the sun shines little and nights are longer than days, every disciple is called to be that salt that gives the taste of life because if the salt becomes bland, who would be able to save our world...

Jesus invites every believer to be salt of the earth and light to the nations. It is not in vain that Pope Francis calls us to preach with the *joy of the Gospel*: “Those who let themselves be saved by (Jesus Christ) are freed from sin, from sadness, from inner emptiness and from isolation. With Jesus Christ joy is always born and reborn.” With the light of Christ that shines through us, we are always called to bring light to the world of darkness that produces injustice, violence, fear, poverty and even separation of families. That is why we renew our commitment, which is the commitment of the disciples of Jesus to bring their light and shine in every place we move.

The prophet Isaiah tells us that our acts of charity bring light and disperse darkness. Using that same image, the psalmist compares the righteous person with the light that shines in darkness. The wisdom of the Word of God wants to be a reminder that not everything is lost for those who have faith. Therefore, the best way to accept his Word is to be agents of mercy in a world that has forgotten to love. When our society motivates us to a selfish personal development, our faith must motivate us to share our light with those who walk in darkness or have lost their faith or walk without hope, “because no one is excluded from the joy reported by the Lord.” The prophet Isaiah proclaims a new time in which far from looking down and having compassion on our own miseries we are able to listen to and help the needs of the poor.

The creation account tells us that God created the light to shine in the midst of darkness. Now when our world seems submerged in the valley of darkness, we are called to shine the light of Christ that was given to us at baptism.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

### **February 9: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah: 58:7-10  
Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
1 Corinthians 2:1-5

### **February 16: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sirach 15:15-20  
Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34  
1 Corinthians 2:6-10



**BIBLE STUDY** - Join us for our Parish Bible Study, meeting Sundays: **February 9 & 23**, March 8 & 22, April 26, May 10 & 31, June 14 & 28. All dates we will start at 1:00pm and run until 3:00pm. If you do not have a bible, one can be provided for you. The Holy Bible is a book that can help us live happier, more peaceful lives. But sometimes we need a little help to know where to start. Come and explore how God's word can help you in your life.

**PASTOR'S ADVISORY MEETING** - Our BI-MONTHLY Pastor's Advisory Meeting will be held on **Monday, February 10, 2020** at 5:00pm in the Fr. Miguel Meeting Room. All parishioners are welcome to attend, help propose suggestions and advise on parish related topics. We continue to work on enhancing communication and transparency.

**PARISH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE** - Admissions Applications are now being accepted for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - St. Benedicta School grades, Kindergarten thru 8<sup>th</sup>. Visit us on the next open house, **Tuesday, February 11, 2020** from 9 AM to 11 AM. For more information, call the school office 718-981-5131.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** - This year Ash Wednesday falls on **February 26, 2020**. The Mass schedule is as follows: 8:00am & 12:05pm (English Masses) OLMC School Students will attend the 12:05pm Mass; 6:00pm & 8:00pm (Spanish Masses). Ashes will be distributed ONLY during these masses. Who may receive Ashes? All Catholics who have received the Sacrament of Penance. Ashes are not intended for babies and young children who are not capable of personal sin.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - We will pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays During Lent after the 12:05pm mass. Beginning **Friday, February 28** join us for this very special Lenten devotion.

**CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL** - *TEACH + SERVE + SANCTIFY*. The success of the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal - helping those less fortunate, spiritually nurturing our youth, caring for our retired priests and religious, growing the many ministry programs that serve our communities - depends on us. Please join your fellow parishioners in stewardship and make your gift to the Cardinal's Appeal today. Thank you to all who have already made your commitment - your generosity is truly appreciated!

**TREE OF LIFE** - In the back of the church (by the choir area) we have placed **The Tree of Life** memorial for anyone who would like to remember one of their loved ones with a memorial plaque. The suggested donation for a leaf on the tree is \$250. Please call the rectory and request your form, if you would like to place a name on the tree.

**ATTENTION** - All parents that attend Sunday Masses with their children are asked to please not send them alone to the bathroom or leave them unattended in the vicinity of the Parish. They're your responsibility and it's your duty to protect them.

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DePAUL GIVES BACK** - Our parish could share in the profits. For each car, truck or van, running or not that is donated the Society will give back to our church \$75/\$200 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 718 491-2525. Web page: [svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org](http://svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org)

**HONORING BISHOP WHALEN** - On Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Bishop Edmund Whalen will be the guest of honor at Monsignor Farrell's first Annual Vir Fidelis Ball. This black tie event will be held at The Vanderbilt located in South Beach. The cost for admission is \$300 per person and the gala begins at 6 PM. You are invited to join them as they honor Bishop Whalen, a Farrell graduate, as well as a native Staten Islander. For more details please visit [www.monsignorfarrell.alumni.org](http://www.monsignorfarrell.alumni.org)

**ST. PETER'S BOYS HS CHINESE AUCTION** - Saint Peter's Boys High School will hold their Annual Chinese Auction on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. This is the school's major fundraiser and any support as always is greatly appreciated. The doors open at 6 PM and admission is \$10 per person, children under 12 are not permitted.

**MEALS ON WHEELS OF STATEN ISLAND** - (304 Port Richmond Ave, SI, NY 10302) [www.mealsonwheelsofsi.org](http://www.mealsonwheelsofsi.org). They are a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide two nutritious meals each day to the homebound elderly, delivered through the use of volunteers, who are unable to shop for or prepare their own meals. They are currently feeding over 1300 seniors every day, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP! As the demand for meals continues to increase, so does their need for volunteers. If you are available two hours, one morning a week, you can volunteer to deliver meals to your neighbors. Please call the Meals on Wheels of S.I. office at (718) 727- 4435 for further information.

**COLLECTIONS:** February 2: \$5,174; Second Collection: \$1,588. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of OUR Parish!