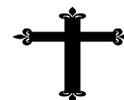




Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

June 28, 2020



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – June 27

8:00am- † Carlos Amaya
 5:00pm- † Msgr. Richard J. Guastella
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: daughter, Rocio Babilonia
Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Sunday – June 28

8:30am- † Rosendo Cintron
 10:00am- † Frank Fele
 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Anna & Theresa
Offered by: Fran & Susan Fele

Monday – June 29

8:00am- † Fr. James J. Curry, SJ
 12:05pm- † NO MASS

Offered by: Jesuits of Staten Island

Tuesday – June 30

8:00am- † Fr. Lawrence E. Corcoran, SJ
 12:05pm~ For Dane Shivers' Health

Offered by: Jesuits of Staten Island
Offered by: Steve Benedict

Wednesday – July 1

8:00am- † Fr. Wayne Tkel, SJ
 12:05pm- † Fr. William L. Mulligan, SJ

Offered by: Jesuits of Staten Island
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Thursday – July 2

8:00am- † Fr. Thomas L. Sheridan, SJ
 12:05pm- † Ashley Bayke

Offered by: Jesuits of Staten Island
By: mom, Carolina Beteta

Friday – July 3

8:00am- † Fr. Jeffrey P. Baerwald, SJ
 12:05pm- † Fr. Thomas V. O'Connor, SJ

Offered by: Jesuits of Staten Island
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Saturday – July 4

8:00am- † Fr. Daniel J. Lusch, SJ
 5:00pm- † Fr. G. Simon Harak

Offered by: Jesuits of Staten Island
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Sunday – July 5

8:30am- † Fr. Daniel J. Sullivan, SJ
 10:00am- † Msgr. Joseph Murphy

Offered by: Jesuits of Staten Island
Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle



~ For all sick members of our Parish

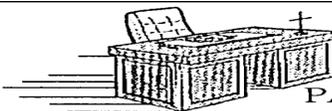
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of Jesus: his closeness to the poor, the outcast and other manifestations of his surrender to the will of God." Finally, when reading today's Gospel, let's not do it in a literal way since it may lend to more. Let us read with faith in Christ who asks each one of his disciples to love him above all things and above our own particular perspectives. Living under the banner of the cross makes us see everyone else as our brothers and sisters and build with them the Kingdom of God.

Fr. Hernán, S.J.



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

"Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me"
(Matthew 10: 37-42)

The contemplation on the Two Standards is paradigmatic in the Ignatian Spirituality. Indeed, Saint Ignatius wants the one who does the Spiritual Exercises to be situated in a battlefield where the standards of God and the "enemy of human nature" are displayed. Beyond a mere dualistic spirituality, meditating on the strength of one army over the other, Saint Ignatius wants us to take sides with the Jesus Standard, which is the Banner of the Cross, and be willing to fight for it.

In our current times that we have had to endure, nobody can say that we have not seen the pain that causes death and at the same time a hope in everlasting life. Let us comfort each other by listening to today's Gospel: "Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me." Let us remember that the pain produced by our own crosses helps us to endure with the intention of not separating ourselves from the one who gave his life to save us.

Now that we are starting to celebrate the Eucharist again in the church, let us all feel welcome and called to participate at the common table. The example of a woman and her husband who receive the prophet Elisha every time he comes to their town and provide him with a place to stay serves as a model for what our openness towards the stranger and needy should be. It is the openness or acceptance of God Himself that is manifested in them. Sometimes the sacrifices seem too much, but the rewards are greater. Thus, Elisha's benefactors have great promise for their generosity. The prophet who speaks in the name of God promises that the woman will conceive a child; God wants to prepare a woman's womb for a new life. God is greater in generosity.

The second reading refers to death to sin and the new life in Christ. In other words, we take sides and leave one way to serve another. Saint Paul makes use of the immersion baptism ceremony that was practiced in his time to demonstrate that when we are baptized, we literally die (we cannot breathe) to sin and born to a new life that is given to us in Christ. The challenge for each of the baptized is to live in holiness. **Pope Francis** in his exhortation: "*Gaudete et Exultate*" invited us to "*live the mysteries of the life of Christ, and play in our diverse existence aspects of earthly life*

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

June 28: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16A
Psalm 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

July 5: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zechariah 9:9-10
Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14
Romans 8:9, 11-13



WELCOME BACK EVERYONE! Our parish re-opened on June 22, 2020 following the guidelines of the Archdiocese and the requirements of the State of New York, with 25% capacity. There is **no change** in our Mass schedule (Sunday/Weekday). Our Church is open for Baptism, Confessions, Weddings, and Funerals. We are able to use the church from 9:00AM to 4:00PM for private prayer. We are all required to follow the guidelines:

1. Wear a mask at all times in the Church, including the confessional.
2. Observe the 6 feet distance.
3. Sit in designated areas and follow the signs posted around the the church.
4. Receive Holy Communion only in the hand.
5. Ministers and priests sanitize their hands before distributing Holy Communion.

We continue praying for all who are affected by CoVid-19, their families and all who provide the very best care. May the good Lord help us find prevention and cure for the coronavirus.

As we reopen, please make sure to follow all the precautions that we outlined. Thank You for continuing to support the parish and for the cooperation as we are planning for a safe return!

MUSIC NOTES FROM B.V.M. - "O what the joy and the gladness must be ..." (from the hymn "O Quanta qualia") I do hope you all feel this sentiment as strongly as I do - as we finally re-open our church for the public celebration of the Mass! *Deo Gratias!* This weekend, June 27th & 28th and next weekend, July 4th & 5th will start off fairly simply, but I hope the following weekend, July 11th & 12th will feel like a *Grand Fiesta!!* We will have special music, choir singers & guest instrumentalists at the Saturday evening and Sunday morning English Masses, hopefully making it feel like official "Festival Masses" in thanksgiving for the Re-Opening. All of us, and our whole world, have been changed over these past 3 months. As we return to church, let us make our celebration of the Liturgy be changed as well ... lifting up our hearts, minds and voices with new energy, joy and gladness! *"O come, let us sing joyfully unto the Lord; Let us Shout to the Rock of our salvation!" (Psalm 95)*

LIVE STREAMING / VIRTUAL MASSES WILL CONTINUE – Keeping you connected with our parish through our FaceBook page. Connect and follow us to see these transmissions in your homes. Search "olmcsi" and send a friend request. You may access these masses from your smart phone or computer.

THANK YOU! for the continued sacrifices you are making at this economically difficult time for all of us to financially support the parish. You are so faithful and generous. We encourage those who have not already done so to consider making your weekly donation on line by using the We Share program.

HOW TO REGISTER for ONLINE GIVING - WeShare allows our parish to receive online gifts and give our 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 or weshare@4lpi.com.

- Visit our church website and click Give Online. (Parish Website: olmcsi.org)
- Select the collection or event of your choice.
- Setup your donation or payment.
- If you wish you may choose Click Recurring Donation, then enter your donation amount and frequency.

Once you've added your account information, donations will automatically deduct from your account. It's that easy!

GENERAL PRINCIPLES (ARCHDIOCESE OF NY) FOR CHURCH ATTENDANCE

1. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is suspended until further notice.
2. Those who are at a higher risk for COVID-19 (i.e., those who are older than 65 or who have underlying health conditions) are urged **NOT** to come to church for Mass. Those who cannot attend Mass may be encouraged to spend time daily reading the Scriptures, praying with their families, watching a broadcast or live-streamed Mass, and making an act of spiritual communion.
3. Those who feel in any way sick (e.g., oral temperature higher than 99.5 degrees Fahrenheit, cough, chills, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell) or who are worried about attendance should not enter the church.
4. In accord with current state policy, the faithful (over 2 years old) must wear cloth face coverings when in public, including when they come to church.
5. Attendees must sanitize their hands before entering the church.
6. All present at Mass should sit 6 feet or more away from other. Families may sit together.

NEW TEMPORARY RECTORY HOURS – Our rectory has new hours beginning on Monday, June 22. The Rectory will be open Monday-Friday 9 AM - 4 PM (no evening or weekend hours). It would be best to call ahead, we might be able to help you over the phone. **The rectory will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day.**