



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2020



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – July 25

8:00am- † Pasquale Loffreno
 5:00pm- † D'Angelo & Patterson Family
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
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Sunday – July 26

8:30am- † Antonio Bruno
 10:00am- Special Intentions Duanna Kempton
 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Monday – July 27

8:00am- † Carlos Amaya
 12:05pm- † Alice & Abraham Glassgold
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

By: daughter, Rocio Babilonia
By: Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Tuesday – July 28

8:00am- † Kathleen McDonald
 12:05pm- † Anna Marie Vega
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Kathleen Delaney

Wednesday – July 29

8:00am- † Herman Kaestel
 12:05pm- Special Intentions Duanna Kempton
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Thursday – July 30

8:00am- † Lena DiMauro
 12:05pm- † Robert Simmonds, Jr.
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Kathleen Delaney

Friday – July 31

8:00am- † Ronald & Drew Francis
 12:05pm- † Gerald Cocozello
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Mom & Dad

Saturday – August 1

8:00am- † Bianco Family
 5:00pm- † Camille Vitaliano

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

Sunday – August 2

8:30am- † Lawrence & Mary Iannucci
 10:00am- † Gerald Cocozello

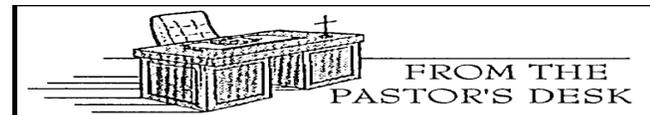
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Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
 Tabernacle Candle
 Memorial Candle
 Memorial Candle



~ For all sick members of our Parish
 ~ For all lives lost to CoVid-19
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure buried in the field" (Matthew 13: 44-52)

Today's readings present us with a number of people to whom fortune seems to smile. Solomon, heir to the throne of David, is visited by God who promises to grant him everything he wishes. In the Gospel a person in the crowd discovers a hidden treasure and a merchant in search of fine pearls finds one of great value. How do those people respond? How will we respond? These are just a few questions that indicate our adherence to Kingdom values.

Young Solomon humbly asks God for wisdom and understanding in order to distinguish good from evil and judge with kindness and compassion. Thousands of years later, he continues to be the model of those who live facing God and not their selfish interests. Pope Francis somehow alerts us to be like the young and wise king since he does not want us to walk in life as "the righteous of God;" that is, as those who are ready to judge and condemn on their behalf without having the mercy and compassion of the right judge. At the end of Solomon's beautiful and dramatic story that he judges between two mothers who dispute the motherhood of a child, the young king is seen imploring a heart capable of understanding. Sometimes the problem is that we don't want to understand each other's attitudes and hearts and we just condemn. With Solomon's humility let us ask God for a heart capable of understanding others and loving them beyond our natural limitations. Let us ask our loving God for the wisdom to distinguish between good and evil, right and wrong.

Jesus explains to his disciples the values of the Kingdom with his parables. However, buying land where you just have buried a treasure again would seem crazy, a possible fraud or at least something very strange. But hiding a treasure was a common practice in those days. The teaching of the parable is that the one who finds a treasure gives everything to get it. Thus, we 2000 years later should ask ourselves if we are willing to leave everything behind to win everything new and thus find the treasures of heaven.

It is curious that in none of these parables we have recently heard, Jesus does speak of wisdom. However, wisdom is essential to reach the right conclusions. Wisdom teaches us to recognize the true treasure that can be unnoticed by many who look at it superficially. It is the wisdom of God that will make us judge others with compassion. Let us pray that we can emulate the young King Solomon and thus also receive the wisdom of God. Let us ask to receive his compassion that is eternal and more valuable than costly pearls buried in the field.

Fr. Hernán, S.J.

"In the Bible it is said that Solomon, at the time of his coronation as King of Israel, asked for the gift of wisdom (cf. 1 Kings 3, 9). And wisdom is precisely this: it is the grace to be able to see everything with the eyes of God. It is simply this: it is to see the world, to see situations, occasions, problems, everything, with the eyes of God." (Pope Francis).

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

July 26: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 12-130
Romans 8:26-27

August 2: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:1-3
Psalm 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18
Romans 8:35, 37-39



NEW MASS SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS – Effective August, 2020, there will **NOT** be an 8:00AM mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The 8:00AM mass will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday. We also have an additional mass in the evening in Spanish; Monday through Fridays at 7:00PM. We want let you know how much we appreciate your support, prayers, and patience during this unprecedented time and appreciate your understanding.

MUSIC NOTES FROM B.V.M. - You may have read in the Parish's Online Bulletin that we have been planning a weekend of "Festival Masses" in celebration of the Church's Re-Opening. After 2 prior cancellations the last hope was for this weekend July 25th & 26th. However, because of "Corona Virus Concerns" we are cancelling again. Even without a special celebration let's keep coming back to Mass with some new energy and inspiration after our long "hiatus." Are we at least TRYING to increase our "full, conscious, active participation" as mandated by the "Bishop's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy?" We can not let our Masses at Mt. Carmel be "sotto voce", "plain-vanilla" or lethargic - especially on Sundays,,, "the great day of rejoicing!" (Liturgy of the Hours.) Maybe Bette Midler's pop song from the '80's will encourage you... "GOD IS WATCHING US!"

SCHOOL CLOSURE - Unfortunately we recently learned that OUR Catholic school, along with 2 other Staten Island Catholic schools, will not be reopening in the fall. It is a very sad day when a catholic school is forced to close especially ones that have been around for many years. We ask that you pray for the students of these schools and their families as this is surely a difficult time and hurtful transition for them.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR NEW/RETURNING STUDENTS 2020-21: In order to create smaller than usual classes for the 20-21 Religious Education school year, we are asking parents to (re)register your children as soon as possible. All classes will continue to be offered on the same days and we are preparing for blended learning with a staggered schedule in order to be in compliance with social distancing. Once your child is registered, the schedules will be communicated to the parents. In order for your children to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation, they must attend two years of consecutive preparation in any religious education program. You can register your child/children by filling out the enrollment form on our website (olmcsi.org), uploading any required documentation and paying the required fees. You may call or email us with any additional questions. Enrolling your children in our program every year helps secure them a solid, joyful foundation in the faith and helps qualify them to receive their sacraments on time with their peers.

BACK TO MASS! Our parish re-opened following the guidelines of the Archdiocese and the requirements of the State of New York, with 25% capacity. Our Church is open for Baptism, Confessions, Weddings, and Funerals and 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. (SOCIAL DISTANCING)
 - 3.** Sit in designated areas and follow the signs posted around the the church.
 - 4.** Receive Holy Communion only in the hand. (Ministers & 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.

Please make sure to follow all the precautions that we outlined and thank you for continuing to support the parish during these unprecedented times.

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.

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.

1) Visit our church website and click Give Online. (Parish Website: olmcsi.org). **2)** Select the collection or event of your choice. **3)** Setup your donation or payment. **4)** 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!

NEW TEMPORARY RECTORY HOURS – Our rectory has new hours for the time being; Monday-Friday 9 AM - 4 PM (no evening or weekend hours). We will be social distancing with a number of people allowed in the office at one time. It would be best to call ahead, we might be able to help you over the phone. We pray that you are all healthy during these unprecedented times.