



# Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## August 9, 2020



### Weekly Mass Intentions



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#### Saturday – August 8

8:00am- † Ralph Frulio ~*Birthday Anniv.*~  
 5:00pm- † Louis Bunch  
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*Offered by:* Family  
*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish

#### Sunday – August 9

8:30am- † Mary Louise Brown  
 10:00am- † Angela & Nicholas Guarino  
 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions  
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions  
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish  
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#### Monday – August 10

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

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish

#### Tuesday – August 11

12:05pm- † Theresa Torchio  
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intention

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish

#### Wednesday – August 12

8:00am- † Margaret DeSimone  
 12:05pm- † James Martin  
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*Offered by:* Annette Esposito  
*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish

#### Thursday – August 13

12:05pm- † Charles Kaufmann  
 7:00pm- † In Honor of St. Mary of Assumption

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish

#### Friday – August 14

8:00am- † Joseph Fortunato  
 12:05pm- For the health of MaryLou Lyons, CND  
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish  
*Offered by:* CND SISTERS

#### Saturday – August 15

8:00am- † Anna Urwin  
 5:00pm- † Patricia May

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

#### Sunday – August 16

8:30am- † Theodore H. Spicer  
 10:00am- † Vincent Conti

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish  
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### Weekly Memorials

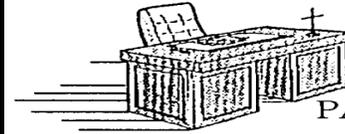
**Bread & Wine**  
**Tabernacle Candle**  
**Memorial Candle**



~ For all sick members of our Parish  
 ~ For all lives lost to CoVid-19  
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May the God of all bounty and who walked on the sea remove our fears and give us peace. **Fr. Hernán, S.J.**

*"The Fisherman," caught by Jesus, cast the nets here too, and we give thanks today for having been the object of this "miraculous fishing", which has lasted for two thousand years, a fishing that, as Saint Peter writes precisely, "has called us out of darkness into his admirable light (from God)" (Pope Benedict XVI).*



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

#### "Jesus walks on the Sea" (Matthew 14: 22-33)

Both the prophet Elijah and the apostle Peter have their encounter with God in an unusual way in today's readings. Elijah expected the Lord to come in the strong wind, in an earthquake, or in a blazing fire, but instead it was in a tiny whispering sound. The Lord appeared like a ghost to the disciples in the middle of the storm and Peter dared to walk across the raging sea. And when and how have you encountered or found the Lord? May this Eucharist serve us to reflect and thank God for the many times that God has made a presence in our lives.

If we look at the figure of the apostle Saint Peter, we can see that this is not the only disciple who dares to speak to the ghost who could be Jesus, but also the only one of the group to dare to walk in water as he did during a violent storm. The detail is that in the moment that Peter doubts, he begins to sink in the attempt. It is only the loving hand of Jesus, his divine teacher, that rescues him. Many times in life we launch ourselves into the adventure of God but somehow we lose the notion that the force behind it is in God who calls us, attracts us and if necessary rescues us.

This episode of Jesus who finds and rescues Peter reminds me of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI who, aware that his strength was decreasing, did not hesitate to affirm that "he did not have the strength to drive Peter's boat." Benedict did not hesitate but was confident that the Good Teacher would not only reach out and rescue his people but also calm the waters. Today, with seven years of perspective, we can rejoice and proclaim the mercy of God towards his Church, which has raised up Pope Francis, a great shepherd who leads the Church towards the encounter with Jesus Christ. Pope Francis has taught us by the example of his firm and simple faith to cry out to God in these times of the pandemic and to trust in God who does not leave us orphans. These special times that we have had to endure are not so much to question God as to question ourselves. Our faith is like that seed that sprouts in rocky or perhaps fertile lands, but it is our faith in a God who will not abandon us to our fate.

It's no accident that when an angel appears in scriptures, the first thing the angel says is "Do not be afraid." Angels appear much as Jesus did in today's Gospel- like ghosts, like otherworldly presences. The way to react to the men and women who received the visit of the angels was to go from an initial fear to a confession or testimony of faith.

Today the pandemic has sharpened our fears: fears that our family will become ill, financial fears, and an uncertain future. For this reason, rather than turning fears away, the faith in the God of Life appears to us as the alternative even in the midst of the storm.

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

### **August 9: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Kings 19:9A, 11-13A  
Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14  
Romans 9:1-5

### **August 16: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7  
Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8  
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32



**MASS SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS/CHANGES** – Effective August, 2020, there will **NOT** be an 8:00AM morning mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The 8:00AM mass will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. 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.

**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 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](http://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.

**ROSARY AND MASS IN HONOR OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION** - On Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, the Spanish community will have a rosary in the church parking lot at 6:30 pm, followed by a solemn Mass in Spanish in honor of our Blessed Virgin at 7:00pm. Let us unite ourselves, with the heart that unites the Church, that unites heaven and earth, that unites our history with the eternity towards which we walk.

**BACK TO MASS!** - Following the guidelines of the Archdiocese and the requirements of the State of New York, with 25% capacity. Our Church is open for Baptism, Weddings, Funerals, Confessions (Saturdays 4:00pm-4:45pm), and private prayer in the church (9:00am - 4:00pm). We are **ALL** required to follow the following guidelines:

- 1.** Wear a mask at all times in the Church, including the confessional. **NO MASK MEANS NO ENTRY.**
- 2.** Observe the 6 feet distance. (SOCIAL DISTANCING)
- 3.** Sit in designated areas and follow the signs posted around the the church.
- 4.** If you think you may have been exposed to the virus or if at any time you feel like you might have **ANY** virus related symptoms, we ask you to definitely stay at home and seek medical attention.

**CHANGES IN THE LITURGY** - To limit the possibility of contagion, presentation of gifts, shaking hands at sign of peace, receiving on the tongue, and sharing the communion cup will be temporarily omitted. For the same reason, missalettes and hymn books have all been removed. Ushers will direct the communion procession one section at a time so that communicants can maintain a six-foot distance from one another. Holy Communion will be distributed in the hand only, in order to limit the transfer of saliva.

**CLEANLINESS** - Hand Sanitizers will be positioned at the rear of the Church for you to disinfect your hands as often as needed. You may also wish to bring hand sanitizer with you. The pews and other areas will be disinfected after each Mass. *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.*

**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](mailto:weshare@4lpi.com).

**1)** Visit our church website and click Give Online. (Parish Website: [olmcsi.org](http://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!

**RECTORY HOURS** – Our rectory has partially resumed normal office hours with the necessary precautions. (Monday-Friday 9am-8pm & Sundays 10am-3:30pm) 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.

**COLLECTIONS:** August 2: \$3,227. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of OUR Parish!