



**Weekly Mass Intentions**



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**Saturday – September 12**

8:00am-† Angela Mezzcappa  
5:00pm-† Louis Bunch  
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

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

**Sunday – September 13**

8:30am-† Thomas Trigo  
10:00am-† John E. Zukowski  
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions  
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions  
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

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

**Monday – September 14**

8:00am~ For health and wellbeing of Graciela Mendoza & Catalina Lopez  
12:05pm~Special Intentions Duanna Kempton  
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*Offered by:* Francisca Lopez

**Tuesday – September 15**

12:05pm- † Gloria Padilla  
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intention

*Offered by:* Family

**Wednesday – September 16**

8:00am~† Norma & John Baccichetti  
12:05pm~Birthday Blessings Hector Garcia  
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*Offered by:* Annette Esposito

**Thursday – September 17**

12:05pm-† Felisa Beltran  
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*Offered by:* daughter, Gloria

**Friday – September 18**

8:00am~ For healing and wellbeing of Arielle Dumornay  
12:05pm~ For health and wellbeing of Fidencio & Ricardo Lopez  
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*Offered by:* mother, Elza Renazile

*Offered by:* Francisca Lopez

**Saturday – September 19**

8:00am~Special Intentions Duanna Kempton  
5:00pm-† John Latanzio, Sr.

*Offered by:* Peg & Tom Ventrudo

**Sunday – September 20**

8:30am-† Thomas Fico  
10:00am-† James K. Crowdell

*Offered by:* Debra Mouton

*Offered by:* Alexis Crowdell

**Weekly Memorials**

**Bread & Wine**

**Tabernacle Candle**

**Memorial Candle**

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~ For all lives lost to CoVid-19  
~ For all sick members of our Parish  
~ For all Souls in Purgatory  
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**LIVE STREAMING / VIRTUAL MASSES**

Keeps you connected with our parish through our Facebook page. Connect and follow us to see these transmissions from the comfort of your homes each Sunday.

Just search "olmc si" and send a friend request.

You may access these masses from your smart phone or computer.

**Sunday Streamed Masses: 10:00am (English)**

**11:30am (Spanish)**



**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

**"How often should I forgive?"  
(Matthew 18: 21-35)**

After the pandemic we have realized the importance of coming together as family and friends who worship the

God of life, the God of mercy and the God who is always ready to forgive. However, what we affirm of God we are called to recreate in our lives. Therefore, let us ask the God of Life for the strength to forgive our brothers and sisters not seven times seven but always

Peter asked Jesus how many times he should forgive, as many as seven times? Jesus surprised Peter with his answer. He taught a parable that dramatically explains the importance of forgiveness. In the first reading, the author of the Book of Ecclesiasticus teaches us the difference between revenge and forgiveness. That is why today more than ever we are called to be prophets of reconciliation and not to be a divided nation or a church that ignores others who may have done us wrong in the past. Today is God's present that encourages us to forgive and always be merciful.

Anger is a basic human emotion, its welling up within us perfectly naturally in many situations. However, if left to fester, or expressed as wrath or vengeance, it can become poisonous. I do believe that sometimes it is necessary to express that anger or rage as the beginning of a therapeutic process that leads us to reconciliation. That is why it must be remembered that even Jesus was angry at the vendors in the Temple area. It is fair and necessary to express our anger when any abuse is committed, whether in or out of church, home, or the workplace. That is why the author of the Book of Sirach tells us to "stop hating." In a similar way, Jesus' proposal will be the one that leads us to total healing. Jesus' response is expressed in the so-called "**golden rule**." That is to forgive our enemies as we want to be forgiven. Forgiveness will always open the doors of reconciliation in any community.

Let us pray to the Lord of Mercy to remind us that our task as believers is to always forgive. Forgiving is an attitude of life that implies living in the grace of a God who always forgives. That like Peter, the forgiven sinner, we may live our mission in a world that needs reconciliation.

**Fr. Hernán, S.J.**

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"What from a human point of view seems impossible, unrealizable and perhaps even unacceptable, Jesus does possible and fruitful through the infinite power of his cross." (Pope Francis)

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

### **September 13: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sirach 27:30 – 28:9  
Psalms 103:1-4, 9-12  
Romans 14:7-9

### **September 20: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 55:6-9  
Psalms 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18  
Philippians 1:20-24, 27



**TREE OF LIFE** – serves as a wonderful way to celebrate those you love and is located in the back of the church (by the choir area). Consider gifting a leaf to commemorate a special life event, memorialize a loved one who has passed or simply list your family name – showing your support of our parish and community. The suggested donation for a leaf on the tree is \$300. Please call the rectory and request your form, if you would like to place a name on the tree.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR NEW/RETURNING CHILDREN 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. We will also offer 100% remote learning from home. 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. Your 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.

**CELEBRATING MASSES SAFELY** - 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 and Confessions. We are **ALL** required to follow the following guidelines:

1. Wear a mask at all times in the Church, including the confessional. **NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED IN WITHOUT A MASK.**
2. Observe the 6 feet distance. (SOCIAL DISTANCING)
3. Sit in designated areas and follow the signs posted around 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.
5. Use hand sanitizers positioned at the rear of the Church and 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.

**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.

**ARCHDIOCESE ANNUAL GOLDEN JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY MASS** - Unfortunately, due to the uncertainty of large group gatherings in New York City, the Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass is now cancelled. To ensure all eligible couples are recognized for their faith, commitment and 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, the office of special projects will issue wedding certificates to commemorate this blessed sacrament of marriage. If you celebrated or will celebrate your 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2020, please contact the rectory by Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> so we can register you to receive your commemorative certificate.

**WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU BECOME A REGISTERED PARISH MEMBER** - Registering in a Parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of Incarnation Parish. Being a registered parishioner makes the process much easier when you wish to participate in a Parish ministry, or when it is time for infant baptism, school or religious education registration, weddings, when asked to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor, and even funerals. A registered parishioner will receive weekly envelopes to assist with day to day operations of the parish. Once you are registered, please notify the parish office of any changes in address or phone number.

**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. Signing up is easy! Customer service number 1-800-950-9952 or [weshare@4lpi.com](mailto:weshare@4lpi.com) or you may visit our church website and click Give Online. (Parish Website: [olmcsi.org](http://olmcsi.org)).

**COLLECTIONS:** September 5/6: \$4,988. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of OUR Parish!

**SEPTEMBER YOUNG ADULT NIGHT** - Saturday, September 26, 7:30 pm. St. Michael's Church (211 Harbor Road, SI). **Spend an hour with Jesus!** Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to a night of prayer in Eucharistic Adoration, with live praise and worship music. Confessions will be available. A face mask is required to attend and social distancing will be in place. For more information search "Catholic Staten Island" on Facebook or email [Kaitlyn.Colgan@archny.org](mailto:Kaitlyn.Colgan@archny.org).

**"YOUR INVITED"** - to a 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Open" Tent Event. Join Harmon Funeral Home (571 Forest Ave S.I.) for a PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR with complimentary lunch on Tues. Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> at 12pm. Making funeral arrangements unprepared or uninformed can make an already stressful situation, even more difficult. Being informed on what to expect after a loved one passes and realizing there is a gentler approach to this inevitable life experience, empowers you to make smart decisions that offers you and your loved ones significant emotional, financial and long-term benefits. "RSVP a MUST." Kristen 718-442-5056.