



**Weekly Mass Intentions**



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**Saturday – September 19**

8:00am~Special Intentions Duanna Kempton  
5:00pm-† John Latanzio, Sr.  
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Peg & Tom Ventrudo

**Sunday – September 20**

8:30am-† Thomas Fico  
10:00am-† Ana Santana Costa  
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions  
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions  
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Debra Mouton  
By: Friends at Mt. Carmel Church

**Monday – September 21**

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

Offered by: Francisca Lopez

**Tuesday – September 22**

12:05pm- † Regina & Paul Byrnes  
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intention

Offered by: Peg & Tom Ventrudo

**Wednesday – September 23**

8:00am~† Theresa Cintron  
12:05pm~† Murat Renazile  
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

By: daughters, Anna & Theresa  
Offered by: Elza Renazile

**Thursday – September 24**

12:05pm-† Ernest Robert Bryan  
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Church

**Friday – September 25**

8:00am~ For Healing & Wellbeing of Arielle Dumornay  
12:05pm-† Fernando (Fred) Vicoli  
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

By: mother, Elza Renazile  
Offered by: Mt. Carmel Church

**Saturday – September 26**

8:00am-† Pasquale Loffreno  
5:00pm-† Annemarie Brown

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Church  
Offered by: Linda Graves

**Sunday – September 27**

8:30am-† Carlos Amaya  
10:00am-† Ricardo More & Christian Moredas

By: daughter, Rocio Babilonia  
Offered by: Ana Marzal

**Weekly Memorials**

**Bread & Wine**

**Tabernacle Candle**

**Memorial Candle**

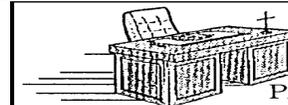


~ For all lives lost to CoVid-19  
~ For all sick members of our Parish  
~ For all Souls in Purgatory

live in generosity, in love and in mercy. That is why every time we may see Roberto, Pedro, Jordi or those workers on the road, we may pray and do something good for them. God's mercy and acceptance knows no limits.

**Fr. Hernán, S.J.**

*“Giving more than what is prescribed: this is charity. Giving myself even the one not on my "top" list: this is a big heart. To give all that I am and have for the sake of a mission greater than myself: these are the horizons that open to the Kingdom of Heaven. (Pope Francis)*



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**"So the last will be first, and the first will be last" (Matthew 20: 1-6)**

Many times we get used to looking at things, places and people without even reflecting on them. I like to make a difference sometimes and I hope that we all can make a difference. That is why every time I pass by Forest Ave, I start praying for the workers who are waiting to be hired as the day laborers of today's Gospel. It's bitter-sweet to see Roberto, a parishioner in the middle of the group. Looking at them, I pray for Roberto and all those who have not found a job to support their loved ones. This is a never ending task with the 40 million unemployed in the United States alone due to the pandemic. However, we are all called to follow Christ and to make disciples of all peoples. Some of us have been called as children, middle-aged or perhaps at old age, but every disciple is expected to fulfill Jesus' mission.

"It's not fair" are the words we say when we learn that day laborers who have worked all day do not get an extra dollar than those who have only worked a couple of hours. We even wonder what the difference of working all day long is if we are about to receive the same wage as those who are working only a couple of hours if the payment is the same. In the first reading we heard the Lord say to Isaiah **"my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways are not your ways."** Hence, for us and from the perspective of the farm owner, the salary arrangements and the consequences for the laborers who sweated all day are seen as an injustice. However let us not forget that our perspectives are limited and only God is the source of infinite mercy and infinite generosity who looks upon men and women with merciful eyes. For this reason, it is good to remember that our ways are not God's ways and that every time we do something for the poorest without judging them we resemble the One who always looks at us mercifully.

**"Because no one has hired us"** is the response of the day laborers when the day is almost over. Why haven't they hired them? Why do these people wait at Forest Avenue, nearby Home Depot, or were they late for work early in the morning? Are they lazy or crippled? Why have the other contractors rejected them? Beyond these and many other questions, today is the time to do something for them as did the owner of the vineyard who generously pays everyone the same amount of money. Jesus' teaching on this parable is that in the Kingdom of Heaven the doors are open for all. In God's Kingdom, even for those who have been rejected by others or have been stranded on the side of the road are welcomed. The community of disciples is called to

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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."

### **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

### **September 27: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ezekiel 18:25-28  
Psalms 25:4-9  
Philippians 2:1-11



**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 REGISTRATIONS FOR 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. 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.

**THE CHRISTIAN INITIATION RITE OF ADULTS** (better known as RCIA) - is the process in which non-Catholic adults learn about the Catholic faith and become members of the Church through BAPTISM. The RICA program is also designed for Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation and would like to know more about their faith. The RICA in our parish is directed by Colin Vautrinot. Please call the rectory if you would like more information about this program and how you may register for these classes that are starting soon.

**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 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.

### **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 Mass Schedule: 10:00am (English) & 11:30am (Spanish)**

### **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 your 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 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. Please contact the parish for more information about this process. 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 12/13: \$4,141. 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).