



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – January 16

8:00am-† Carmela Giunta

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

5:00pm- † Justina Ortolaza

Offered by: Gonzalez Family

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – January 17

8:30am-† Frances & Edward Baker

Offered by: Frank Peters

10:00am-† Lawrence Carulla

Offered by: Family

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday– January 18

8:00am-† Barry Lopez

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

12:05pm-† **NO MASS**

7:00pm- † **NO MASS**

Tuesday – January 19

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Wednesday – January 20

8:00am-† Vincent Esposito

Offered by: Annette Esposito

12:05pm- † Anthony Marcigliano

Offered by: wife, Josephine

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Thursday – January 21

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Friday – January 22

8:00am-† William Jarema

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

12:05pm-† Frederic Gannon

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Saturday – January 23

8:00am-† Walter K. Adam III

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

5:00pm-† Fausto Rodriguez

Offered by: Estela Hernandez

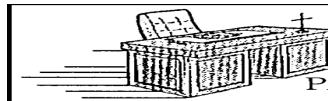
Sunday – January 24

8:30am-† Patricia Ellen Lane

By: Nancy & Marcella Mikos

10:00am-† Edith & Junior Carunungan

Offered by: Fely Manzano



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

“Speak Lord, for your servant is listening”

(1 Samuel 3:3-10)

Every story has a beginning and an end. With the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord, we ended the Christmas season and we have begun Ordinary Time. The Liturgy gives us the Gospel of Mary although on some special Sundays we have the word from the Gospel of John. Today we are presented with the beginnings of evangelization by Jesus who begins by calling his disciples. He invites them without giving them specific plans but that wakes them up to the call to follow: “Come and see.” You and I also are called to meet the Lord who calls us so that we may be with Him.

God called men and women concretely in the past and continues calling us today. God called the boy Samuel in the middle of the night. Already you can imagine the small boy Samuel confused with this unusual call, but when he realizes that it is not a dream he answers, “Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.” The disciples of John hear him when he points to Jesus as the Lamb of God. The reaction to that encounter is to follow Jesus. Let us let God speak to us through his Word or through meeting the needs of our brothers and sisters in order to respond with the commitment of a disciple.

When the Scriptures tell us that God called the prophet in the middle of the night, what it really means is that God calls us in the routineness of our own lives. Many times, we live through life without thinking that maybe God wants to wake us up from our drowsiness or our numbness to open our eyes and show us that another way of living is possible. Have you asked yourself if God is calling you to the priesthood, to the religious life, or to selfless service in the midst of the community? Now is the time to wake up and to see what God can do in our lives.

At the political level, we are beginning a new age that our bishops want to be a “moment in American history, [where] Catholics have a special duty to be peacemakers, to promote fraternity and mutual trust, and to pray for renewed spirit of true patriotism in our country.” In the political arena where there are no victors or losers but brothers and sisters who work for the common good, we have the opportunity to hear God’s call.

Finally, we may reflect with Saint Paul who calls believers to be conscious of our baptismal calling that makes us “temples of the Holy Spirit.” In other words, each one of us has received the graces to live out the mission to be disciples who are active in the community and in the service of the poorest among us. Like Samuel, Peter, and Paul, we can stay with Christ and bring him wherever we go.

Fr. Hernán, S.J.

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle
Memorial Candle



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COLLECTIONS – January 9/10: \$ 5,000.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

No one can mature or find fulfilment by withdrawing from others. By its very nature, love calls for growth in openness and the ability to accept others as part of a continuing adventure that makes every periphery converge in a greater sense of mutual belonging.

(Fratelli Tutti 95, Pope Francis).

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

January 17: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19
Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-10
1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

January 24: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalms 25:4-9
1 Corinthians 7:29-31



RECTORY CLOSED – Please note that this **Monday, January 18th**, the Parish Office will be closed in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The **ONLY MASS** offered that day will be at **8:00am**. We will resume normal hours on the following day.

MAGNIFICAT MAGAZINE - This magazine offers a special Lenten edition each year. In it, the parishioners are invited to meet Christ again and to help them live a Lent full of God's grace. This simple tool plants the seed to keep us all connected to Jesus and his Church this season. In this edition you can find the readings of the Mass and new and original reflections to live Lent. If you want a copy of Magnificat this Lenten Season; sign up at the parish office and deposit \$5 so we can buy them in bulk. The deadline is February 1st. Thank you all!

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE - Blessing of throats will take place after all daily Masses on **Wednesday, February 3rd, 2021**. St. Blaise is given special recognition not only with a feast day, but with a unique ceremony that parallels the practice of anointing the sick. The timing for his feast is perfect as we're in the midst of cold/flu season and a pandemic, so take advantage of his intercession and receive a blessing for protection against illness. Mass times: 8:00am & 12:05pm (English) and 7:00pm (Spanish).

MONTHLY 50/50 RAFFLE - Congratulations to Peg & Tom Ventrudo, the lucky winners of \$272.50 (50/50 December drawing). We remind everyone to get their envelopes in for the January drawing and maybe you will join the ranks of our 50/50 club winners. Good luck to all!

LIVE STREAMING / VIRTUAL MASSES - Keeps you connected with our parish through our Facebook page. Connect and follow us on FB 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)

WESHARE - If you have already signed up to give a recurring gift online, thank you. If not, please sign up today. Your participation in supporting our ministries matters! 1) Visit **olmcsi.churhgiving.com**. 2) Select the collection of your choice. 3) Set up your donation amount, payment type, and frequency. Once your account information is added, donations will automatically deduct from your account. It's that easy! Please Contact WeShare Donor Support at 1-800-950-9952. Please continue using your offertory envelopes, to the best of your ability, for your financial support of our parish. Your offering envelopes may be placed in the collection baskets at mass, dropped off at the rectory office, or mailed to us.

2021 MASS BOOK - Our 2021 mass book is open and with plenty of masses available for your family intentions. Masses are a nice way to send a blessing to someone or remember a loved one. Please call the rectory or mail-in your schedule with your mass list for 2021.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES - Certificates attesting to the fact that an OLMC parishioner is a practicing Catholic are often required when they are asked to sponsor someone at the time of Baptism or Confirmation. Registered parishioners can receive a sponsor certificate from the Rectory by calling ahead and making this request. Please have your parish envelope number available.

ST. PAUL'S USA BOOKSTORE - St. Paul's USA Bookstore is happy to re-open their doors to warmly welcome parishioners and friends. Visit and check out their entire collection of Bibles, prayer books, prayers for healing and religious articles for gift giving during Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion, Matrimony, Ordination, and special occasions. Be one of the first to see their new titles for 2021 annuals, for praying for the Sick and the Homebound and more. Take advantage of discounts. Visit ST. PAUL'S at 2187 Victory Blvd., Staten Island, New York 10314. They are open Tuesday to Saturday 9:30am - 11:45am and 1:30pm -4:00pm. Visit their website: www.stpaulsusa.com

PRAYER FOR BLESSING OF THE NEW YEAR

O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope,
our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us.

Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee.

Amen.