



**Weekly Mass Intentions**

**Saturday – April 10**

8:00am- † Libby Guardiani  
5:00pm- † Margaret Latanzio  
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

**Sunday – April 11**

8:30am- † Stella & Joseph Chociemski  
10:00am- † Joseph Fortunato  
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions  
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions  
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

**Monday – April 12**

8:00am- † Gerda & Frank Peters  
12:05pm- † Edward Donovan

**Tuesday – April 13**

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

**Wednesday – April 14**

8:00am- † John DeSimone  
12:05pm- † Maria & Nicola Cocco  
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

**Thursday – April 15**

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

**Friday – April 16**

8:00am- † Grace & Andrew Frulio  
12:05pm- † Ciprian Ramos  
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

**Saturday – April 17**

8:00am- † Andrew & Ralph Frulio  
5:00pm- † Jim & Louise Obermayer  
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

**Sunday – April 18**

8:00am- † Rick Gannon  
10:00am- † Jack Field & Hannon Family  
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions  
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions  
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions



**Mass Intentions**

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

Offered by: Frank Peters  
By: wife, Joan Fortunato

Offered by: Frank Peters  
Offered by: Family

Offered by: Annette Esposito  
Offered by: Family

Offered by: Frulio Family  
Offered by: daughter, Sonia

Offered by: Frulio Family  
Offered by: Family

Offered by: Fr. Don  
By: Cinderella Wonszewitz



**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

**"Let us give thanks to the Lord because he is good"**  
(Acts 4: 32-35)

Several decades ago, Saint Pope **John Paul II** introduced the feast of Sunday for the second Sunday of **Divine Mercy**. However, as our pope, Pope Francis, tells us "God is Mercy" and his mercy is eternal. With the joy of the Risen Christ, let us allow ourselves to be embraced by the mercy of God that is stronger than our weaknesses, disappointments and sin. Divine Mercy always seeks to reconcile us with the Lord who gave us salvation through his death and resurrection.

**Saint Ignatius** wants that when we experience the Paschal of Jesus: **"we rejoice and enjoy intensely so much joy and happiness in the Risen Christ."** The Church does so throughout this Easter season in which She never ceases to repeat that Christ once risen no longer dies. The constant appearances of the Risen One want to be for the disciples a light that clears the darkness that his death on the cross produced. For Saint Ignatius, the Risen Jesus is a comforter since he allows himself to be touched by the Magdalene, walks with the disciples of Emmaus, and brings peace to the apostles.

Today's Gospel tells us that eight days after the resurrection and when the disciples were reunited with **"Doubtful" Thomas**, Jesus showed him the signs of his Passion. We already know that Thomas was a braggart and yet the mercy of Jesus pleases even the whims of Thomas who goes from being an unbeliever to a believer.

Tradition tells us that when he saw and touched the wounds of Jesus, he exclaimed **"My Lord and my God."** Today "let us thank the Lord because he is good" and with the joy of the Risen Christ let us also say **"my Lord and my God."**

No less important than the appearance to the disciples is the power of the **Holy Spirit** that the Risen Jesus gives to his Apostles. In effect, Jesus tells them **"whoever forgives their sins, they will be forgiven."** On this Sunday of Divine Mercy let us remember that we have received the Spirit of Jesus at the moment of our baptism and that therefore we are called to be the community of believers who perform gestures of mercy. Some of us will have to show mercy even to those who deserve to be punished. Let us ask for the strength of the Risen Jesus to bring mercy as did the loving father in the parable of the prodigal son, the mercy he lavished on the adulterous woman or the forgiveness he gave to repentant Peter. Perhaps our focus as believers in the Jesus of Mercy will lead us to empathize with those who have yet to give up hope of forgiving themselves. Let us remember that without mercy all will be lost. **Through your sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

**Fr. Hernán, SJ**

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**Weekly Memorials**

**Bread & Wine**

~ † **Mary Peters**  
Requested by: husband, Frank Peters

**Tabernacle Candle  
Memorial Candle  
Memorial Candle**



~ † **Jozefa & Frank Siuzdak**  
Requested by: Frank Peters  
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**COLLECTIONS**

**Easter / April 3 & 4: \$ 11,386.**  
Holy Land: \$ 3,106.

Thank you for your abundant generosity and continued support.

*"Christ wants the Resurrection to break all the barriers that enclose us in our sterile pessimisms, in our calculated conceptual worlds that distance us from life, in our obsessed searches for security and in excessive ambitions capable of playing with the dignity of others"*  
(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."

### **April 11: Divine Mercy Sunday**

Acts 4:32-35  
Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
1 John 5:1-6

### **April 18: Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19  
Psalms 4:2, 4, 7-9  
1 John 2:1-5



**BIBLE STUDY** - Join our parish Bible Study, meeting next **Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00pm! Our meeting will take place in the Mt. Manresa Meeting Room of the Parish Office. Bring your Bible if you have one, but it is not required to participate!

**2021 MASS BOOK** - Our 2021 Mass Book is open and with plenty of masses available for your intentions for this year. Masses are a nice way to send a blessing to someone or remembering a loved one. Stop by or call the rectory or mail in a list with your requests.

**2021 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL** - The 2021 Annual Cardinal's Appeal is up and running. "Whatever you did for the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). Please prayerfully consider making a pledge/gift to the 2021 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. Your generous support promotes the health and vitality of the Archdiocese of New York through the various charitable, pastoral and outreach works assisted by the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. Many thanks to those who have already made their pledge/gift to this year's Cardinal's Appeal. Please make checks payable to The Cardinal's Appeal and include the Parish #340.

**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)**

**SPONSOR CERTIFICATES** - Certificates attesting to the fact that an OLMC parishioner is of practicing Catholic are often required when they are asked to sponsor someone at the time of Baptism or Confirmation. Registered and active parishioners (for a minimum of six months), may receive a sponsor certificate from the Rectory by calling ahead and making this request. This also applies for anyone requiring a letter for immigration. If you are not registered, please come into the parish office to do so and start using your offertory envelopes.

**SUPPORT OUR PARISH BY ONLINE GIVING** - Like other parishioners, you may wish to consider supporting our parish with on-line giving. It is safe, simple, and convenient. Go to our parish website [www.olmcsi.org](http://www.olmcsi.org); click on the Donate link; select the collection of your choice; set up your donation amount and form of payment.

**COVID-19 VACCINATION APPOINTMENT OPPORTUNITIES** - Appointments for your COVID-19 Vaccine can be made by scanning the QR code flyer at the Church entrance or at the Rectory office. Scan the code with your phone and follow the prompts to register and make your appointment with the City of New York.

**PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN** - To report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York may contact the victims assistance coordinator, Mrs. Eileen Mulcahy at 646-794-2949 or [victimsassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimsassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the archdiocesan website [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). In keeping with archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

**ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING MASS CELEBRATION** - at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in 2021 are invited to attend the Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick Cathedral on Sunday, June 6, 2021 at 2:30pm by May 10<sup>th</sup> to register. Pews will be reserved for the Golden Jubilee couple only. Up to two additional family and friends can sit in the pews outside of the reserved section. Couples who are unable to attend the Mass can register to receive a certificate.

**YEAR OF THE FAMILY** - On March 19, 2021, the Church celebrated the fifth anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis's apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, on the beauty and joy of love in the family. On this same day, Pope Francis announced the year 2021 to be "Amoris Laetitia Family," which will conclude on June 26, 2022.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** - This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. It is the wonderful feast highlighted by Pope John Paul II's canonization of Saint Faustina. It was formerly called "Low Sunday" or the first Sunday after Easter. Divine Mercy is a reminder to us of the mystery of Christ's love for us at Calvary and how even despite Doubting Thomas' absence, Jesus not only appears to the apostles and disciples in the Upper Room on Easter Sunday Evening but shows them that He is Risen, indeed He is alive and that He has forgiven us of all our sins. Jesus conquered sin, suffering and death. He now invites us to love one another by being merciful and spreading this good news.

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DePAUL GIVES BACK** - For each car, truck or van, running or not that is donated to the Society, they will in turn give back to our church \$75/\$200 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but maybe a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of, can call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 718 491-2525. Web page: [svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org](http://svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org)