



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday – April 24

8:00am- † Bill Miller, Sr.
5:00pm- † James & Elizabeth Mooney
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – April 25

8:30am- † George Vincent



Mass Intentions

Offered by: Loyola School

Offered by: Linda Graves

Offered by: Nancy, Marilyn & Marcella Mikos

By: Filomena Manzano

By: daughter, Elza Renazile

Offered by: Mirielle Maitre

Offered by: OLMC Church

By: Janette & Edwin Johnson

Offered by: OLMC Church

Offered by: Family

By: mother, Elza Renazile

Offered by: Linda Graves

Offered by: Jeanette Mandella

Offered by: OLMC Church

10:00am- † Emil Wilson King

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – April 26

8:00am- † Murat Renazile

12:05pm- † Gloria, Theresa & Louise D'Angilillo

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Tuesday – April 27

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Wednesday – April 28

8:00am~ For our Parish Community

12:05pm- † Dorothy Czajkowski

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Thursday – April 29

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Friday – April 30

8:00am~ For our Parish Community

12:05pm- † Giancinta & Giambattista Martino

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Saturday – May 1

8:00am~ Special Intentions Arielle Dumornay

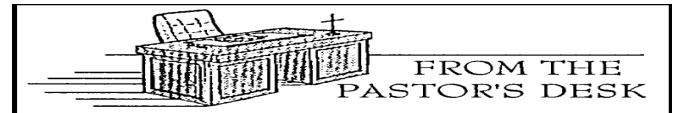
5:00pm- † Bryan Graves

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – May 2

8:30am- † Vincent Caporale, Jr.

10:00am~ For our Parish Community



"The Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep" (John 10: 11-18)

The Easter season is a continuous feast and fills us with the joys of the Risen Lord. What joy and what happiness! Today the Church celebrates **Good Shepherd Sunday**. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who taught us that you have to die to live. How many samples of love have we received throughout life that have made us feel that there is always someone who cares about us? At least for me as a priest, it has always filled me with hope to see so **many ordinary people who love God** and his Church give Him the best of themselves. Pope Francis is a shepherd who teaches us to be **shepherds at the service of the flock**.

Easter joy illuminates in a remarkable way the words of this parable of Jesus. With Pope Francis these words come to life as he invites us to be **shepherds who are called to give protection**, avoid dangers, rescue those who are stuck or lost, and lead the flock home at the end of the day. How much responsibility for ordinary men and women! However, we count on the strength of Jesus who invites us to imitate him and be like him. We count on the **prayer** that unites us to Jesus and gives us strength to proclaim him from the rooftops. I like to hear the **prayers of the people of God** in each Eucharist, at each Mass. I like to hear the people's voice pray! Yes, dear brothers and sisters, you are the voice of God to your pastors. And if those voices are silent, the stones will scream.

The readings refer to two metaphors that describe Jesus; the cornerstone and the good shepherd. The two metaphors help us to see **Jesus as the stone on which our salvation rests** and at the same time the voice that keeps us from getting lost on the way and takes us home. If a Christian does not feel at home when he is in church, it is because he has lost his way and has not heard the voice of Jesus. Today we are that voice that shouts with our good actions that Jesus has risen and that death has been conquered. Now is the time of salvation and of going to those who are lost on the way. Each of us is called to dream together of a better tomorrow. Parents are witnesses to the mission of Jesus the Good Shepherd every time they speak with their children, they reprimand them, they advise them, they give them their blessing and above all they make them feel that they belong to a home. The Church is the common home where we all feel the love and protection of Jesus. Although of our own free will, we stray from the paths that lead to salvation, we are left with the comfort and hope that if one day we hear the voice of Jesus, perhaps one day we will hear his voice again. Jesus will lead us to the pastures of salvation because He gave His life for us.

Fr. Hernán, SJ

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

**Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle
Memorial Candle**



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

~ † **Patricia Cahalin**
Requested by: Family

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

COLLECTIONS: April 10 & 11 - \$ 5,617.

Thank you for your abundant generosity and continued support.

*"Having to choose between his own life and the life of the sheep, the **Good Shepherd** chooses the life of the sheep. He does it because he **loves** the sheep, and because he loves the **Father** who has given him this command" (Pope Francis).*

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

April 25: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12
Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29
1 John 3:1-2

May 2: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31
Psalms 22:26-28, 30-32
1 John 3:18-24



CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA 2021 - Come with your family and neighbors to the biggest party of the year. In collaboration with Monte Carmelo, New World Prep and El Centro we have planned this free event for the community. Saturday, May 1, 2021 in the gym and parking lot of the School (285 Clove Rd.). There will be Mexican food, Mariachi, Dances, Videogames, sports, activities and information for the community.

MOTHERS' DAY REMEMBRANCE - Mothers' Day memorial envelopes may be found in your envelope packs or in the parish vestibule. You are invited to make use of these envelopes to have your mothers, living or deceased, remembered in our Masses on Mothers' Day. Once completed please place your envelope into the collection basket or take to the rectory. The envelopes will then be placed on the Altar and kept there during the remainder of the month of May.

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; 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.

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

PACKAGE THEFT PREVENTION - Package thefts are crimes of opportunity. The NYPD would like to remind citizens to take extra care when having mail and packages delivered. There are steps you can take to be proactive in keeping your package safe from theft. TIPS: -Encourage family members to pick up packages as soon as possible after they are delivered. -Track your packages. Many mail carriers allow you to track your shipment. -If you can't pick up your mail or packages ask a neighbor to do it for you. - Ask the U.S. Postal Service to hold your mail if you are traveling. 122 Precinct Crime Prevention Unit (718)667-2266.

RESPONDING TO THE CALL - Do we truly know the voice of Christ? Do we truly respond to the voice of our shepherd with our own distinctive voice? How often we attempt to imitate those around us, appropriating the response of another member of the flock to Christ. Perhaps we need to balance the image of being sheep of one flock with the image from the second reading, which tells us that we are all children of God. What child has precisely the same interaction with parents as his or her siblings? Instead, they frequently do and say things to distinguish themselves in the eyes of their parents. Whether we use the image of children or of sheep to understand our relationship with Christ, we believe that we are all known and called by name. With this great gift comes a responsibility: to respond to the call with our own distinctive voice, to take time to discern exactly what our call is, to determine precisely what the will of the Father is for each of us. *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*