



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – May 1

8:00am~ Special Intentions Arielle Dumornay
5:00pm- † Bryan Graves
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

By: mother, Elza Renazile
Offered by: Linda Graves

Sunday – May 2

8:30am- † Vincent Caporale, Jr.
10:00am~ For our Parish Community
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Jeanette Mandella
Offered by: OLMC Church

Monday – May 3

8:00am~Deacon James Stahlnecker's Health
12:05pm- † Clayton Seeber
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: OLMC Church
By: Theresa Simmonds

Tuesday – May 4

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Wednesday – May 5

8:00am- † Julie Pizzo
12:05pm- † Clayton Seeber
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Joan Fortunato
By: Kathleen Delaney

Thursday – May 6

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Friday – May 7

8:00am- † Julia & George Krieg
12:05pm- † Giovanna & Antonio Coccaro
4:00pm~ In Thanksgiving for all FHC students
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Frank Peters
Offered by: Family

Saturday – May 8 ~F.H.C. Masses~

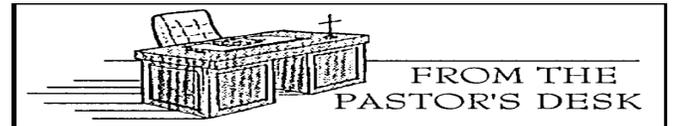
9:00am- † Grace Frulio
1:00pm~In Thanksgiving for all FHC students
5:00pm~In Thanksgiving for all FHC students
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Frulio Family

Sunday – May 9 ~Mother's Day~

8:30am- † Mary Peters
10:00am- † Joseph Martino

By: husband, Frank Peters
Offered by: Family



**"I am the vine and you are the branches"
(John 15: 1-8)**

"Love is not loved," said Saint Francis of Assisi, with pain in his heart and tears in his eyes. "Love is not loved." This phrase of the humble saint of Assisi is present in our world that invites us to self-sufficiency and independence from God. On the contrary, Jesus who died and rose again for our salvation tells us "**I am the vine and you are the branches.**" Far from restricting our independence, the Risen Jesus wants to stay in us and fill us with his Life.

In order to have life, we have to be **united to the One** who can give us Eternal Life. Today's Gospel passage takes place at the Last Supper. Moments before Jesus speaks these words, Judas has left the group and the poison of betrayal is already in his heart. Jesus has also announced that Peter will betray him three times before dawn. The other disciples will also abandon him and leave him alone in his tribulations. For this reason, with the pain in his heart and perhaps even with tears in his eyes, he asks the disciples to remain with him (John 15:4). Jesus knows that they will abandon him, but he also knows that the bonds they have created between their lives are stronger than the actions of those unfortunate days. In some way, we can say that just like the disciples of yesterday, we too **are called to abide in Jesus to bear the fruits of life.** The Easter season is a bet in the hope that life remains, that **love conquers hatred** and that by the grace of the Risen Jesus we have the Spirit that fills us with peace and makes us go out to meet our brothers and sisters who are the face of God.

Jesus is like the vine since he wants to reach all those who are united to him with his life sap. For this reason, the key to living our faith is to be "**community.**" In other words, to bear fruit we must be united to Jesus and if we are united to him, we must also be united to our brothers and sisters. We cannot live the faith in a solitary, selfish and uncompromising way. Today is when we have to open our eyes and look in a different way and not from the distance of our separate spaces away from others and their experiences. Paul's conversion is an example that our lives can change course since we have the "grace" and "spirit" of the Risen One. The miracle of the Risen Jesus does not end on Easter Sunday but multiplies throughout history as we believers remain united to Jesus and to the poorest and most vulnerable brothers and sisters of ours.

Fr. Hernán, SJ

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Weekly Memorials

- Bread & Wine ~ †
- Tabernacle Candle ~ †
- Memorial Candle ~ †
- Memorial Candle ~ †



COLLECTIONS: April 24 & 25 - \$ 5,023.

Thank you for your abundant generosity and continued support.

*"It is about **remaining in the Lord** to find the courage to leave ourselves, our spaces restricted and protected, to enter the open sea of the needs of others. This courage to go outside of ourselves and to go into the needs of others, is born from faith in the **Risen Lord** and from the certainty that his **Spirit** accompanies our history" (Pope Francis).*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

May 2: Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

May 9: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Psalms 98:1-4
1 John 4:7-10



UPCOMING MASS TIME CHANGE & SACRAMENT CELEBRATION - Please note there will **NOT** be an 8:00am Mass next Saturday, May 8th but an 9:00am Mass has been added for this day **ONLY**. Children in our religious education program will be celebrating First Holy Communion at this mass and **ALL** other masses on this day, including 5:00pm Mass. Thank you for allowing us to serve our children at this holiest of sacraments as they receive the Body of Christ for the first time.

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.

50/50 WINNER - Congratulations to Lucy DePeppo on being the winner of our 50/50 raffle for the month of April; winning \$209.00. You can be part of next month's 50/50 raffle and possibly be our next winner, simply by using your collection envelope or any envelope marked **50/50** and returning it with your \$5.00 donation.

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.

BEARING FRUIT - Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God "prunes" us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, in deed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in our parish, and so on. But even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. Today Saul, freshly "pruned" by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. But even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials "pruned" him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it. *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

FEAST OF FAITH - The Homily - the ambo, or pulpit, is a special place—it is the place for God's word. That is why it is not used for all the spoken words of the Mass, even important words like the collects and the blessing. The ambo is only used for the scripture readings, and for the homily and the prayer of the faithful. The homily is part of the Liturgy of the Word. It flows from the readings we have just heard, and helps us to understand the way in which God is speaking to us today. The homily is not a lecture, a catechism lesson, or a speech. It is more like an exhortation; it has an urgency about it, for it calls us to find ourselves in the scripture, to live the faith we profess, to see our world by the light of the Gospel. The homily, in itself a response to God's word, demands a response from us. There are many styles of preaching and many ways to respond to the scriptures. But whether the homily is weak or strong, an open ear and an open heart can find in it an abundance of spiritual nourishment. —*Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*