

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

TODAY: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

Next Sun: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28



ELECTRONIC GIVING – If you are interested in participating in Parish Pay, the electronic giving program, please complete the enclosed card (or take one from the vestibule of the church). Please place the completed card in an envelope and return it to the parish office or put it in the collection. Please speak to Fr. Hallinan if you have any questions. Thank you!

FOOD DRIVE – Catholic Charities of New York has asked that we have a food drive in support of the food pantry at St. Mary of the Assumption. They are most in need of rice, Parmalat milk, pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned tomatoes, dried beans, peanut butter and jelly (please bring both!), dry mashed potatoes. Please bring your donations to the church on Sunday or to the rectory during the week. Thank you!

GRAMMAR SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE – On Tuesday, January 27th, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., you can visit Our Lady of Mount Carmel + St. Benedicta grammar school in order to learn more about the school and what scholarships are available. Please consider the possibility of providing your child with an excellent education that is rooted in faith.

CHANGE IS COMING – The parishes of St. Mary of the Assumption and Our Lady of Mount Carmel + St. Benedicta are consolidating. The consolidation will occur in August of this year. You can expect: a new name for the new parish; the same schedule of English Masses but an expanded schedule of Spanish Masses; an increase in the number of groups and activities in the parish; expanded use of the rectory; changes to the interior of this church. Please pay attention to announcements that will be made concerning this process of change. Change is hard, but change is good! We expect to experience new life and vitality in this new parish.

BEGIN LENT WITH A DYNAMIC DAY OF PRAYER - On February 21st from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., we will offer a Lenten Day of Prayer under the leadership of Patricia McDonough, Ministry Coordinator for the Jesuit Collaborative. Ms. McDonough has thirty years of experience in pastoral ministry on both the parish and the diocesan level. She has an extensive history in offering programs designed to touch the hearts of ordinary Catholics through the rich tradition of prayer from St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits. With a Ph.D. in Psychology, an M.S. in Education, and an M.A. in theology, Ms. McDonough can weave together diverse strands of thought and reflection into a vibrant tapestry of prayer that should give you a great foundation for your Lenten journey. Please be sure to register in advance at the rectory. The program will be offered in the parish meeting room. A light breakfast and lunch will be served.

PRAYER for MIGRANTS - Merciful and loving Father, you provided for your people Israel in their exodus from slavery a promised land that you established for them, and in Jesus Christ you provide welcome refuge for all in need.

We ask for your divine protection for all migrants

who have left their homes in search of new opportunities in other lands.

For refugees, who are forced from their homes due to threats of violence, we beseech you to provide them a safe haven.

For migrants trafficked into slavery,

grant them rescue, healing, and the strength to start again.

For immigrants, who so often leave their family and friends behind, grant them a better life and greater opportunity elsewhere.

We pray in particular for your protection over migrant

children who are vulnerable to exploitation and abuse at the hands of others.

We implore you to grant all migrants your protection and lead them to a place of safety.

Be with all those in need of your power to save.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

VISIT OUR NEW WEB ADDRESS – www.olmcsi.org – Let us know what improvements we can make!

Weekly Offering: January 18: \$2127; Budget: \$2100. Thank you for your generosity!

*Ash
Wednesday*

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 18 - The ashes for that day come from the palms of last Palm Sunday which are collected and burned. If you still have last year's palms at home please bring them to the church and deposit them in the basket in the vestibule of the church no later than Monday, February 15. The palms will be burned to use for Ash Wednesday's ashes.



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 25, 2015

The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel. -Mark 1:15



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday January 24

8:00am- † Cesar Sanchez

5:00pm- † Miriam Luciano

Sunday January 25

8:30am- † Grace Hinton

10:00am- † Domenico & Giovanna Mezzacappa

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday January 26

8:00am- † Carabella D' Ambra

12:05pm- † Pasquale Loffreno

Tuesday January 27

8:00am- †

12:05pm- † Paul Pellecchia

Wednesday January 28

8:00am- † Vincent Esposito

12:05pm- † Robert & Virginia Hallinan

Thursday January 29

8:00am- †

12:05pm- † Vito Carbone

Friday January 30

8:00am- †

12:05pm- † Benjamin Salvione

Saturday January 31

8:00am-*Living*~ Special Intentions Sylvianne Mauriol

5:00pm- † Mary Louise Brown

Sunday February 1

8:30am- † Marie Micillo

10:00am- † Antonio & Lena Mezzacappa

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions



Mass Intentions

Offered By: Family

Offered By: Annette Esposito

Offered By: Bill Hinton

By: Lena & Jerry Mezzacappa

Offered By: Fr. Gil

By: wife, Antonietta & Family

Offered By:

By: mother, Anna Pellecchia

Offered By: Annette Esposito

Offered By: Linda Graves

Offered By:

By: wife, Rosina Carbone

Offered By:

Offered By: Friends & Family

Offered By: Mom

Offered By: Rosalia Patterson

Offered By: Alexis Crowdell

By: Lena & Jerry Mezzacappa



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Even though we are not in a penitential season in our Church right now, all three of our scripture readings call us to repentance, to a change of heart.

What is sin? Sin is simply to act in a way contrary to what we know God wills for us in our relationship with God and with other persons. All of us are sinners. Whether our sins are many and egregious, or few and minor, we are all sinners. All of us fail in some way to live in fidelity to what we know God expects of us in our relationship with God and with other persons. When we choose not to pray regularly to God, to open our hearts to God in conversation, we sin. When we choose not to attend Mass, but choose to do something else that we find more enjoyable, we sin. When we make a decision about an action we will take and fail to consider what God would want us to do in that situation, we sin. When we judge another person because of that person's race, religion or social class, we sin. When we fail to respect the dignity of all persons, we sin. In both of these sins, we sin against that person and we sin against God in whose image that person has been created. When we fail to be empathetic or compassionate toward those who are suffering, we sin. When we use harsh or demeaning words against another person, we sin. When we fail to be persons of honesty and integrity, we sin. Yes, we are all sinners! We all need to open ourselves to the grace of Jesus Christ so that our hearts are continuously open to the change that is necessary in order for us to grow in our faithfulness to what God expects of us in our relationship with God and in our relationship with other persons.

In today's reading from Corinthians, we are reminded that we are not permanent citizens of this world. Some day we will die. This is a certainty from which we cannot escape! Because we do not know when we will die, and so be held accountable for the lives we have led, we must have a sense of urgency in accepting our need for repentance, our need for a change of heart. We can't wait until tomorrow because tomorrow may never come!

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle
Memorial Candle



Lectors & E.M. ~ Schedule for February 2015~

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Lectors: Linda Graves & Tom Ventrudo (*carry Gospel Book*)

Substitute: Bill Hinton

Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy Velez, Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Substitute: Linford Smith

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lectors: Linda Torres & Delmeter Carey (*carry Gospel Book*)

Substitute: Joan Fortunato

Eucharistic Ministers: Theresa Contardo, Maria Oliveras & Samuel Torres

Substitute: Joseph (Joe) Fortunato

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Thelma Washington (*carry Gospel Book*)

Substitute.: Alexis Crowdell

Eucharistic Ministers: Emmanuel Fode, Beneverly Marryshow & Crescencia (Chris) Pascua

Substitute: Dianne Murphy