

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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TODAY: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Ephesians 5:21-32
John 6:60-69

Next Sun: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
James 1:17-18; 21-22,27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



UNACCEPTABLE POLITICAL DISCOURSE CONCERNING IMMIGRANTS- As Catholic Christians, we are called to welcome our brothers and sisters who have come to this country in pursuit of economic security and safety. The immigrants who fill our pews every Sunday are not drug dealers, rapists and criminals. They are good people who have worked hard to establish stable lives in this country in spite of overwhelming odds. Yes, they have blessed our faith community and our local community with children and those born here are citizens of the United States of America entitled to all rights and privileges of citizens. We should be clear in repudiating those who speak of deporting families, including children who are citizens of the United States, increasing fees for immigration services simply to burden those entering this country legally, and building a border wall as if the people of Mexico posed a threat to our nation. Catholic Christians should be particularly offended by the tone and substance of recent public pronouncements concerning immigrants given that they echo what was once said of the Catholics coming from Ireland and Italy. There is no room in our public discourse for rhetoric that dehumanizes any of our brothers and sisters.

PASTOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Monday, August 31st, at 5 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. All are welcome.

75th ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER – Save the date! Tuesday, October 13, 2015, will be our 75th Annual Spaghetti Dinner. It will be in the school cafeteria from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tickets for adults will be \$12 and children will be \$6. Tickets will be available soon! We can accept donations for gift baskets. Thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM – We are taking registrations for classes of religious education in the parish office during normal office hours (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday: 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.). Please register your child as soon as possible. Any registrations taken after August 31st will incur a late fee per child. If you have any questions regarding the classes for the Religious Education program, please contact the parish office. **NOTE: If your child was enrolled last year in 1st year preparation for the sacraments now is the time to re-enroll them for 2nd year preparation.** Please visit the office to pick up sacrament certificates, 1st Communion pictures, and confirmation pictures.

POPE FRANCIS' VISIT to THE USA - Pope Francis will be in New York City for one full day – Friday, September 25th. He has a very busy day. It begins with an address at the United Nations. The Pope will then join other religious leaders for a prayer service at the 9/11 Memorial. After a short pause in the afternoon, Pope Francis will visit a Catholic school in Harlem. His day will conclude with Mass at Madison Square Garden at 6:00 p.m. Tickets to the Mass are very limited. The Archdiocese has not said how many tickets each parish will receive. Prior to arriving in New York, Pope Francis will visit Cuba, then Washington, D.C. In Washington, the Pope will address a joint session of Congress and offer a Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception where the Pope will canonize Junipero Serra, a Franciscan Missionary in the 1700s who founded Catholic missions throughout the territory that is now California. After his New York visit, the Pope will travel to Philadelphia where he will spend two days. His visit coincides with the World Meeting of Families. Please pray for the Pope's good health and safety on an arduous journey!

ANNUAL MASS IN COMMEMORATION OF 9/11 – September 10, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Peter's Church (53 St. Mark's Place). Bishop John O'Hara will be the principal celebrant. There will be a candlelight procession and benediction.

LESS THAN ONE MONTH TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR! –There is still time for your children to read daily, to practice basic math skills, and to improve their spelling. Your children can enjoy the summer and still prepare for a new school year!

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PLEDGES to THE CARDINAL'S APPEAL!

WEEKLY OFFERING: August 17th: \$4,582. Thank you!

Community information - The Five Flags (five flags) company, is beginning a series of free workshops for financial education to the people of Staten Island. Learn how to take control of your money and have financial success. Join us on Thursday, August 27, 2015 at 6pm at the O.L. Mount Carmel – St. Benedicta school (285 Clove Rd). All are welcome!



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday August 22

8:00am- † Grace Coleman & Rosela Nazareno *By: Aurora Ocampo*

5:00pm- † William M. Frickenstein *Offered By: Family*

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday August 23

8:30am- † Joseph Fortunato *Offered By: MaryAnn Ugbo*

10:00am- † Dolores Elizabeth Zukowski *By: Victoria & Wilfredo Garay*

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday August 24

8:00am- † *Offered By:*

12:05pm- † *Offered By:*

Tuesday August 25

8:00am- † *Offered By:*

12:05pm- † *Offered By:*

Wednesday August 26

8:00am- -† *Offered By:*

12:05pm- † Zappone, Iannucci, Gagliardi, *Offered By: Pat, Sue, Maria & Zarelli & Sann Families Domenic*

Thursday August 27

8:00am- † *Offered By:*

12:05pm- † *Offered By:*

Friday August 28

8:00am ~ Special Intention of Christian Pepo *Offered By: Mom, Joyce*

12:05pm- † Philip DeLizia *Offered By: daughter, Diane*

Saturday August 29

8:00am- † Sister M. Angela *Offered By: Theresa Contardo*
(Schoenstatt Sister of Mary)

5:00pm- † Charles & Zoraida May *By: Barbara & Patricia May*
& Marie Whitebean

Sunday August 30

8:30am- † Joseph Fortunato *Offered By: Elizabeth Duffy*

10:00am~Special Intentions of Valeria Donvina *By: Victoria & Wilfredo Garay*

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle



~ † James Obermayer *By: Family*
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Liturgical Minister's Schedule AUGUST 2015

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Lectors: Linda Graves & Angelo Sabella (*carry Gospel Book*) *Substitute: Bill Hinton*

E. M.: Linford Smith, Angelo Sabella & Tom Ventrudo *Substitute: Bill Hinton*

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Linda Torres & Jonathan Codipilly (*carry Gospel Book*) *Sub: Maria Oliveras*

E.M.: Linda Torres, MaryAnn Ugbo & Cinderella Wonsewitz *Sub: Delmeter Carey*

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Valerie Cappucci (*carry Gospel Book*) *Substitute.: Victoria Garay*

E. M.: Dianne Murphy, Lydia Moran & Mariana Zukowski *Substitute: Emmanuel Fode*



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

In today's reading from the letter to the Ephesians, the author presents ideas that are controversial. How are we to understand what the author is saying and why?

“Brothers and sisters: Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of his wife just as Christ is head of the church...” How should we understand this admonition? In the Greco-Roman world of that time, the social order was very hierarchical, that is, every person had a place in an ascending order of importance from slave to ruler. Persons believed that the social order could only be maintained if everyone knew his or her place in the social hierarchy and did not challenge his or her place. The author ‘baptizes’ this understanding of hierarchy and social order by incorporating it into his teaching of how the Christian household should be organized.

With two thousand years of progress in our understanding of the nature of marriage, we would not say that a Christian household should be structured as a strict hierarchy in which the husband is the head and everyone else is subordinate to him, especially his wife. Instead, we focus on the love that a husband and wife must have for each other –as this author does – and how this love must reflect the love of Christ who loves each of us with a deep and faithful intimacy. It is this deep and faithful intimacy of Christ to us that every husband and wife must reflect in their marriage which they do when they are faithful to each other, love each other exclusively and give of themselves to each other totally. When a husband and wife experience such a deep intimacy in love, their marriage becomes what it should be; an equal partnership in love in which each respects the other and each seeks to serve the needs of the other.

Today's scripture text reminds us that we have to read the scriptures with care, and with the help of Church teaching, so as to distinguish between what is unchanging truth and what simply reflects the historical context in which the author was writing.

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.