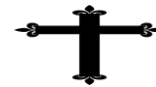




Second Sunday of Advent ~ Decemeber 6, 2015

God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low. ~Baruch 5:7



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday December 5

8:00am- † Philip & Rosendo Cintron

5:00pm- † Perez & Cabot Family

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday December 6

8:30am- † Carol Pogostin

10:00am- † Frederick & Elaine Bienz

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday December 7

8:00am-~Special Intentions of Dr. Daniel J. Paulo

12:05pm- †

Tuesday December 8

8:00am- † Joseph Fortunato

12:05pm --~Special Intentions of Christian Pepo

Wednesday December 9

8:00am- †

12:05pm-† Msgr. Augustin J. DiBlasi & Pat

Thursday December 10

8:00am- †

12:05pm - † Pedro A. Mercado, Jr.

Friday December 11

8:00am- †

12:05pm- † John Bruno

Saturday December 12

8:00am- † Marie & Saverio Micillo

5:00pm- † James & Elizabeth Mooney

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday December 13

8:30am-~Special Intentions to O.L. Guadalupe

10:00am- † Edward & Irene Bienz

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions



Mass Intentions

Offered by: their sister

Offered by: Family

Offered by: Theresa Contardo

Offered by: Cappucci Family

By: Nancy & Marcella Mikos

Offered by:

Offered by: Steve Benedict

Offered by: mom, Joyce Pepo

Offered by:

Offered by: Family

Offered by:

Offered by: sister, Wanda Ortiz

Offered by:

By: daughters, Barbara & Mary

Offered by: daughter, Theresa

Offered by: Linda Graves

Offered by: Gabriel Jesus Ortega

Offered by: Cappucci Family

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candles

Memorial Candles



Liturgical Minster's Schedule DECEMBER 2015

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Lectors: Linda Graves & Angelo Sabella (carry Gospel Book)

E. M.: Linford Smith, Nancy Velez & Angelo Sabella

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

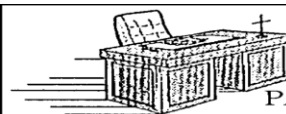
Lectors: Ceferino Albarracin & Maria Oliveras (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Joan Knighton

E.M.: Delmeter Carey, Maria Oliveras & Samuel Torres Sub: Cinderella Wonsewitz

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Sharley Manuel (carry Gospel Book) Substitute.: Victoria Garay

E. M.: Emmanuel Fode, Beverly Marryshaw & Dianne Murphy Sub: Mariana Zukowski



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

We celebrate two feasts this week that are intimately linked and important to our parish community – the Feasts of St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin and Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Mexico had been conquered by Catholic Spain in the early 16th Century and the Spaniards were zealous in converting the indigenous persons to Catholicism. Juan Diego (whose original name was Cuauhtlatoatzin) was believed to be one of the first persons to embrace the Catholic faith along with his wife. When Mary appeared to him in December of 1531, Mary did not appear to him as a Spaniard. Instead, she appeared as an indigenous “campesina”- a woman of brown skin who spoke to Juan Diego in his native tongue. The local bishop was very skeptical of this alleged appearance by Mary, but when Juan Diego returned to the bishop a second time he came armed with a miracle provided through Mary’s intercession. From his cloak fell an abundance of roses (which ought not to have been in season) and on his cloak the Virgin had impressed her image. A copy of this famous image is featured prominently in our church.

In choosing to appear to an indigenous person as an indigenous person speaking the indigenous language, Mary reminds us that our God has a profound concern for the poor, the powerless and the oppressed. Recently, Mexican immigrants have been the target of unspeakable vitriol that should offend us all. Our Mexican brothers and sisters have come to this country and worked hard to establish stable lives here. They have contributed to our economy, to our communities and to our Church. As they celebrate these feasts in our church, they can experience the consolation that their God is powerfully present with them through the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary. These feasts invite all of us to reflect on our own solidarity with the poor and the oppressed. How do we work to create a society and a world that is more just, that is, a society in which we recognize our responsibility for the well-being of all of our brothers and sisters in God?

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

TODAY: 2nd Sunday Advent

Baruch 5:1-9
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Luke 3:1-6

Next Sun: 3rd Sunday Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-18
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY – Tuesday, December 8th. Normal Mass schedule: 8:00 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR – A Children's Choir will be forming that will sing at the 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass in English. Please visit the parish office for information and permission slips. Rehearsals begin on Saturday, December 5th at 2:30 p.m. in the Padre Miguel room in the rectory.

ADVENT PRAYER with FR. ROSELLI – Fr. Roselli will be offering a weekly Advent Prayer series on Wednesdays at 11am starting on December 2nd and continuing until December 23rd. Persons can choose to stay for the 12:05 Mass.

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE – Parish Reconciliation Service with individual confessions, Saturday, December 12th at 10 a.m.

BIBLE STUDY – Want to learn more about the foundational source of our faith – the bible? We have classes on select Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon under the direction of Mr. Colin Voutrinot, our Director of RCIA. Upcoming classes: December 26, January 2 and 23, February 6 and 13. Classes are in the rectory on the first floor.

RUN FOR THE FEAST of OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE – Every year, there is a run on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12th. The run starts at the ferry terminal at 5:00 p.m. and concludes at the Church. Mass in Spanish follows at 7:30 p.m. All participants receive a certificate and a medal. If you would like to participate, please register in the parish office.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE – Please feel free to join our Hispanic community in their celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Friday, December 11th, and Saturday, December 12th. On December 11th, there will be a procession from Veterans Park to the Church at 7 p.m. In the Church, the rosary will be prayed, Mariachis will offer hymns to the Virgen and the community will spend the night in prayer. At 5 a.m. on December 12th, there will be morning prayers to the Virgin followed by coffee and sweet bread. At 5:00 p.m., the Torch Run will begin at the ferry terminal and make its way to the Church. After an awards ceremony, the Feast Day Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 p.m. After the Mass, there will be a grand "convivio" in the gymnasium of our school. Come to all or any part!

YOUNG ADULT MASS with CARDINAL DOLAN – On Wednesday, December 9th, at 7:30 p.m., Cardinal Dolan will celebrate a Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral for young adults. Confessions and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with music by Matt Maher and Audrey Assad will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please arrive early. To learn more, please go to: www.CatholicNYC.com.

TACKLING YOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE – TYSA has a Youth Council that meets every Wednesday from 5 pm to 7 pm at the Jewish Community Center (JCC) – 1466 Manor Road on Staten Island. The meeting covers all issues of substance abuse and alcohol use, fosters best decision making skills, and provides opportunities for leadership and community engagement. Any young person 12-25 is welcomed and encouraged to join – a light dinner is always provided! Staten Island Partnership for Community Wellness. www.sipcw.org

CELEBRATION of the FEAST of St. LUCY – On Sunday, December 13th, Cardinal Dolan will lead the Xavier Society for the Blind in celebrating the Feast of St. Lucy at the 10:15 a.m. Mass. Seats will be reserved for the visually impaired. Please call the Xavier Society for the Blind to reserve a seat – 800-637-9193 or 212-473-7800. The order of the Mass and the words to the hymns will be provided in both braille and large print.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: December 24 – 5 p.m. Family Mass, 7:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish, Midnight Mass at Midnight. Yes, we returned Midnight Mass to Midnight! December 25 – 10 a.m. in English and 11:30 a.m. in Spanish.

WEEKLY OFFERING: November 29: \$4,227; Thanksgiving: \$659. Thank you for your support of our parish!

PUT ON JOY - Today, Baruch speaks of the splendor that lies ahead for the city of Jerusalem and for all of us, regardless of where home is for us. Throw off strife, he tells us, and put on joy. Like a favorite old sweatshirt, joy fits, and how warm it keeps us, even when the winds blow cold. Paul knows of this joy as he pens his letter to the Philippians, praying that they may grow in their ability to discern what is righteous and good. And Luke speaks to us of John, who was foretold by Isaiah and who sings a similar song—"Prepare the way of the Lord," for salvation is at hand. A man ahead of his time, Baruch spent his days joy-fully awaiting a distant glory. On this Second Sunday of Advent, Paul and John know that this glory is upon us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.