



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 7, 2016



This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance:

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Of these I am the foremost. 1 Timothy 1:15

Weekly Mass Intentions



Saturday February 6

8:00am- †
5:00pm- † John, Gene & Jim Obermayer
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by:
Offered by: Family

Sunday February 7

8:30am- † Isabel Maria Quiñones
10:00am-†Antonia Guzman & Maria L. Quintana
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: son, daughter, Marta
Offered by: Family

Monday February 8

8:00am- † Liza & Leon Bombard
12:05pm- †

Offered by: Annette Esposito
Offered by:

Tuesday February 9

8:00am- † Patsy Juliano
12:05pm- † Thomas Pannino

Offered by: Parishioners
Offered by: Family

Wednesday February 10 ~Ash

Wednesday~

8:00am- † Giuseppe & Concetta Fortunato
12:05pm-†

Offered by: Joan Fortunato
Offered by:

Thursday February 11

8:00am- †
12:05pm - † Julia & Vincent Kliesch

Offered by:
Offered by: Kathleen Kliesch

Friday February 12

8:00am- †
12:05pm- †

Offered by:
Offered by:

Saturday February 13

8:00am- †
5:00pm- † Patricia May
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by:
Offered by: Rosanne Frickenstein

Sunday February 14

8:30am- † Joe Fortunato
10:00am-† Dolores Elizabeth Zukowski & Theodora Elizabeth Zukowski
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: wife, Joan Fortunato
Offered by: Zukowski Family

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candles



Liturgical Minister's Schedule FEBRUARY 2016

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

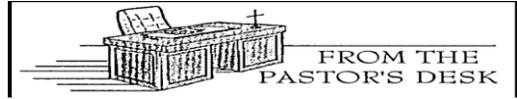
Lector: Linda Graves & Tom Ventrudo (*carry Gospel Book*)
E. M.: Linford Smith, Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Jonathan Codipilly & Samuel Torres (*carry Gospel Book*) *Sub:* Joan Fortunato
E.M.: Maria Oliveras, Linda Torres & Samuel Torres *Sub:* Delmeter Carey

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Thelma Washington (*carry Gospel Book*) *Sub:* Valerie Cappucci
E. M.: Alexis Crowdell, Crescensia Pascua & Mariana Zukowski *Sub:* Dianne Murphy



Lent begins this Wednesday which is Ash Wednesday. Keep Lent simple.

Our approach to Lent can reflect two extremes. One extreme is to do nothing different during Lent. We make no effort to embrace a season in which we are invited to look honestly at our lives to see what needs to change in order for us to grow in our confidence of the salvation that is the will of God for us. The other extreme is to want to do many things in order to change our style of life and to grow in our faithfulness to what we know God expects of us. Neither extreme is helpful. It is better to keep it simple so that real change can happen in your life.

Focus on two things that you will do this Lent. One of these should emphasize personal, interior change. The other should emphasize change in how you relate to the world around you. Personal change. What is one personal change that you could make in your life that would reflect a genuine desire to live in faithfulness to what God expects of you? Should you diminish the frequency of gossip in your life? Should you diminish your use of foul language? Should you diminish the frequency with which you judge others? Should you diminish the level of prejudice in your heart? Should you be more patient with yourself and with others? What is one thing that can be a point of focus for you during Lent that will make a real change in your personal life?

The world. St. John Paul II told us that "we are all really responsible for all." How do you manifest in your life your responsibility for the well-being of other persons? Can you volunteer once a week at a soup kitchen or food pantry? Can you save money each week that you will send to Catholic Relief Services at the end of Lent? Can you regularly call a person living alone? Can you prepare a meal each week for a neighbor who is alone? Can you tutor a young person? Can you help a homeless person that you encounter daily on your way to work? What is one thing that you can do this Lent to show that you want to manifest a genuine concern for others?

Keep Lent simple. If you do, it will yield greater and better rewards for you!

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: 5th Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1-2, 3-8
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

Next Sun: 1st Lent

Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13



THANK YOU FROM THE PASTOR – Thank you to the many parishioners who attended the Fordham luncheon at which I was blessed to receive an award. I very much appreciate your kind wishes and support!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) – We offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) every Saturday from 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. and from 6:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. You may also call the office for an appointment.

LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY– Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10th. Ashes will be offered only during the Masses which will be offered at the usual times of 8am and 12:05pm Fr. Roselli will offer a program of spiritual reflections every Thursday after the 12:05pm Mass in the Parish meeting room. Every Friday after the 12:05pm Mass, we will offer Stations of the Cross. There will be no Eucharistic adoration during Lent. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence and fast. You should only eat one full meal and you should not eat meat. Fridays in Lent are simply days of abstinence from meat. (Fasting is only obligatory for those under 60 years of age.)

WANT TO BE A LIFEGUARD THIS SUMMER? - If you are between 15 and 17 years of age and know how to swim, you can receive training to be a lifeguard and receive a job for the summer. If you are interested, please leave a message for Fr. Hallinan in the parish office.

CATHOLIC COUPLE CHECKUP – The Couple Checkup is an online tool designed to identify the areas of strength and areas of continued growth for couples who are dating, engaged or married. Research has shown that this process improves relationships by stimulating honest dialogue, increasing understanding, and empowering couples. It is an easy, enjoyable way to assess your relationship and have some meaningful conversations. The Archdiocese is offering 100 free codes on its website to encourage couples to participate. Visit www.nyfamilylife.org. If you have questions, please contact Izabella Nagle at 646-794-3190 or izabell.nagle@archny.org.

PROTECT OUR CHILDREN – Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P., at 212-371-1000, ext 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the website of the Archdiocese – www.archny.org. In keeping with the archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

St. JOHN VILLA ACADEMY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER – BINGO! Friday, February 19th, in the high school cafeteria located at 25 Landis Avenue. Doors open at 7 p.m. Total cost is \$20 (\$10 admission free and \$10 gift certificate in a gift bag) which includes bingo boards, coffee and cake. You can also bring your own food and snacks. There will also be raffles and a 50/50. Reservations are encouraged. Please contact Carolyn Canino at fireant_rn@yahoo.com. [*fireant underscore rn@yahoo.com*]

St. PETER'S BOYS HIGH SCHOOL CHINESE AUCTION – St. Peter's Boys High School Parents' Club will sponsor its Annual Chinese Auction on Friday, March 4, 2016 in the school gym – 200 Clinton Avenue. Doors open at 6 p.m. Raffles, refreshments and prizes. Admission is \$5.00 Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. No children under 12 years of age.

NAVIGATING YOUR NEW WORLD AFTER A DIVORCE: - Tuesdays – 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. from February 23 through May 10th at St. Ann's rectory basement – 101 Cromwell Avenue. How do you work through the emotions of separation and divorce? How do you heal from the divorce and renew a sense of hope? How do you forgive and how do you navigate the new family dynamics? Is a Church annulment a possibility for you? You will have the opportunity to learn about all these issues and more through the expert facilitation of Anne-Louise DePalo. The cost is \$25 which includes the cost of course materials that you purchase on-line. You also register online at: <http://divorced.nyfamilylife.org>. If you are having problem with navigating the website, please call: Denise or Marcia at 646-794-3185.

WEEKLY OFFERING: January 31st: \$6,255 – Thank you for your generosity!

But we have Baptism, which reconciles us with God; why then do we need a special sacrament of Reconciliation? Baptism does snatch us from the power of sin and death and brings us into the new life of the children of God, but it does not free us from human weakness and the inclination to sin. That is why we need a place where we can be reconciled with God again and again. That place is confession. It does not seem like a modern thing to go to confession; it can be difficult and may cost a great deal of effort at first. But it is one of the greatest graces that we can receive again and again in our life it truly renews the soul, completely unburdens it, leaving it without the debts of the past, accepted in love, and equipped with new strength. God is merciful, and he desires nothing more earnestly than for us, too, to lay claim to his mercy. Someone who has gone to confession turns a clean, new page in the book of his life. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.