



Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ April 17, 2016



Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." ~ Jn. 10: 27-28a

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday April 16

8:00am- †
5:00pm- † Jim & Lou Obermayer

Sunday April 17

8:30am- † Isabel Maria Quiñones
0:00am-~ In Thanksgiving for
Christina Paradiso ~100 years old-
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday April 18

8:00am- † Joseph Fortunato
12:05pm- ~For Stephanie Lee's Recovery

Tuesday April 19

8:00am- †
12:05pm- † Giovanna Ventrudo

Wednesday April 20

8:00am- †
12:05pm- †

Thursday April 21

8:00am- †
12:05pm- †

Friday April 22

8:00am- † Ann Troy
12:05pm- †

Saturday April 23

8:00am- †
5:00pm- † Patricia May

Sunday April 24

8:30am- † DiBlasi, Frabotta & Yaccarino Families Offered by: Family
10:00pm- † Gregorio Benavides & Jose Maria Posada Offered by: Family
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions



Mass Intentions

Offered by:
Offered by: Family
Offered by: daughter, Marta
Offered by: Valentina Perla

Offered by: Joan Knighton
Offered by: Kathleen Kliesch

Offered by:
Offered by: Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Offered by:
Offered by:

Offered by:
Offered by:

Offered by: Nancy & Marcella Mikos
Offered by:

Offered by:
Offered by: Liz & James

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle



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~ † Stanley & Marcella Mikos
Offered by: Family
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Liturgical Minister's Schedule APRIL 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: Joan Knighton & Linda Torres (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Ceferino Albarracin
E.M.: Maria Oliveras, Linda Torres & Samuel Torres Sub: Delmeter Carey

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Sharely Manuel (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Valerie Cappucci
E. M.: Alexis Crowdell, Emmanuel Fode & Beverly Marryshow Sub: Thelma Washington



The vision of heaven that is contained in our second reading for today from the Book of Revelation is one that all of us should read regularly. It is beautiful and beautifully challenging.

Notice that in the vision of the author, he saw a great multitude, "which no one could count, from every nation, race, people and tongue." The beauty of this portion of the vision is that it should give us all hope! The scriptures testify to the truth that God desires the salvation of all of God's children. God desires to include not exclude persons from the salvation won for us through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This means that all of us can live in the hope that one day we will be included in that countless multitude so long as we do our best to be faithful to the life and teaching of Jesus Christ. The challenge of this portion of the vision is that we humans want to make heaven an exclusive club and we want to serve as the bouncers who keep the riff-raff out. Can you imagine spending eternity with homosexual persons, with Muslims, with Jews, with former drug addicts, with former criminals, with divorced and re-married Catholics or whoever you don't think merits God's salvation? The Easter season is a good time to thank God for the gift of salvation, to seek the grace to want that salvation as much as God wants it for us, and to seek the grace to welcome all to share with us this precious gift.

In the final portion of this vision, you have the wonderful image of the Lamb (who is Christ) shepherding his people. Christ leads them to life-giving water and God wipes away every tear from their eyes. As Christians, we have an obligation to work for a more just, equitable world for the benefit of all. We have an obligation to diminish human suffering in our world. But we know that there will continue to be persons who suffer despite our efforts. What gives us all hope and consolation is that when this life ends, all who are now suffering will enjoy relief from their suffering. They will know an eternity of bliss, an eternity of peace. Good news for us all! Give thanks that our God desires a joyful salvation for all of God's people!

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: 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52
Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
John 10: 27-30

Next Sun: 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27
Revelation 21:1-5
John 13:31-33; 34-35



CARDINAL'S APPEAL – THE DIFFICULT PHASE – It is wonderful that we have reached our goal in donations and pledges. Thank you!! To meet our goal in terms of actual contributions, we will need persons to be faithful to the pledges they have made. The Campaign will send monthly reminders to those who have made a pledge. If you need to pay in cash, simply bring your monthly reminder card and your cash to the parish office. We will send a check. If you haven't made a gift or pledge, there are envelopes in the vestibule of the church. The church will receive a percentage of all the funds that we raise beyond our goal of \$25,500. Thank you!

PASTOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – This Monday, April 18, at 5 p.m. in the parish meeting room.

VENDORS GET READY! – On Sunday, May 22nd, we will offer persons in the parish, and outside the parish, the opportunity to sell hand-crafted items (knitting, crocheting, pottery, jewelry, paintings, etc.). The sale will be in our school gym from **9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** If you want to reserve a table, please visit the parish office. Each table requires a \$10 donation.

HAP 2016 – Our summer program for youth, Higher Achievement Program (HAP) is accepting applications for students in the 1st through 5th grades. This year the program will emphasize increasing the daily physical activity of the participants. The program will be from July 5th through August 5th from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please register in the parish office. We expect to have an academic enrichment program in the morning. More details to follow. HAP will have applications available for youth interested in working in the program this summer as teacher assistants or volunteers. You must apply in the parish office by April 29th.

PAPAL EXHORTATION on MARRIAGE – Pope Francis has issued an exhortation on married life and the pastoral response of the Church to those who are married and those living in relationships not blessed by the Church. Courtesy of Fr. James Martin, S.J., we will highlight significant portions of the Pope's work:

The church needs to understand families and individuals in all their complexity. The church needs to meet people where they are. So pastors are to "avoid judgements which do not take into account the complexity of various situations" (296). People should not be "pigeonholed or fit into overly rigid classifications leaving no room for personal and pastoral discernment" (298). In other words, one size does not fit all. People are encouraged to live by the Gospel, but should also be welcomed into a church that appreciates their particular struggles and treats them with mercy. "Thinking that everything is black and white" is to be avoided (305). And the church cannot apply moral laws as if they were "stones to throw at people's lives" (305). Overall, he calls for an approach of understanding, compassion and accompaniment. Fr. James Martin, S.J. via *America Magazine*.

COUPLES CELEBRATING 50 YEARS of MARRIAGE – Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2016 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 25th at 1:30 p.m. or Sunday, June 26th at 2:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Please register in the parish office. **The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 24th, 2016.** If you cannot attend either date but would like a certificate from the Archdiocese, you may also register in the parish office.

50/50 RAFFLE EVERY MONTH! – If you receive parish envelopes, you know that we have a 50/50 raffle at the end of every month. Parishioners with envelopes simply put \$5 in the 50/50 envelope, put it in the collection and hope that they win! In March, the winner won \$162.00! If you don't receive parish envelopes (please consider registering for them!!), there are 50/50 envelopes in the vestibule. Put your name and telephone number on the envelope, enclose \$5, and put it in the collection by the last Sunday of the month. *Good luck!*

MOORE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL GOLF OUTING – On May Thursday, May 5th, Moore Catholic High School will honor Msgr. Thomas Bergin with a golf outing and dinner at the Grand Oaks Country Club. For more information, please call Gela Mikalauskas at 718-606-7114 or gmikalauskas@moorechs.org.

WEEKLY OFFERING: April 10th: \$3,936; Companions in Christ: \$1,613; Archdiocese of the Military: \$582. Thank you for your generosity!

A Reflection for the Fourth Sunday of Easter - His sheep are given to him by his Father. His Father is greater than all. "No one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one" (Jn 10:29-30). Do you ever wonder about the hands of God? We sometimes encourage one another to "put it in God's hands." Many of us have sung, "He's got the whole world in his hands." We literally hold – we hold a baby, a young child, a small pet. We do a task with our hands. Some sew, knit, crochet, do needlepoint. We write. Some do art work such as painting, sculpting, and woodcarving. Some drive cars. Some serve, cook, shovel snow, water plants, plant gardens. But with our hands we also comfort, protect, provide. If our hands can do so much, what will God do? God loves, comforts, heals and protects us – if we are open to it, and maybe even if we are not. "No one can take them out of my hand"