



# Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ April 24, 2016



The Lord is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and abounding in mercy. ~Psalm 145:8

## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Saturday April 23

8:00am- †  
5:00pm- † Patricia May

### Sunday April 24

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

### Monday April 25

8:00am- † Offered by:  
12:05pm- † Edward Simmonds Offered by: Theresa Simmonds

### Tuesday April 26

8:00am- † Offered by:  
12:05pm- † Offered by:

### Wednesday April 27

8:00am- † Offered by:  
12:05pm- † Offered by:

### Thursday April 28

8:00am- † Offered by:  
12:05pm- † Offered by:

### Friday April 29

8:00am- † Offered by:  
12:05pm- † Offered by:

### Saturday April 30

8:00am- † Offered by:  
5:00pm- † Patricia May Offered by: George & Gus

### Sunday May 1

8:30am- † Isabel Maria Quiñones Offered by: daughter, Marta  
10:00am- † Ann & Charles Urwin Offered by: Dorothy Lucero  
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions  
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions  
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions



## Mass Intentions



**“Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.** God will dwell with them and they will be God’s people and God...will always be with them.” How do we reconcile the beauty of this promise with the ugly reality of our world today?

The God in whom we place our faith is not a God who keeps a safe distance from us. Instead, our God is a God who has literally walked this world with us. In Jesus, God has experienced all that we as humans experience – joy, love, family life in all its complexity, friendship, celebrations, membership in a community of faith with all its challenges, sadness, sorrow, persecution, hardship, toil, abuse, violence, even death. The only thing that God did not share directly was sin, but God experienced sin indirectly through all that Jesus endured and suffered at the hands of sinful persons. God, therefore, knows the full reality of our human lives and wants to continue the transformation of this world that began when God entered this world in the person of Jesus. Here is where we, as disciples of Christ, face our toughest challenge.

Jesus no longer walks in this world. Instead, Jesus now has a vast multitude of disciples. As his disciples, we must continue the work of healing and transforming this world that Jesus began so as to testify to the world that God, indeed, dwells with us and is always with us. When you respond to the material needs of God’s people, you make God present in our world. When a husband and wife maintain a profound bond of inseparable love in their marriage, the love of God is present in our world through them. When young people choose to live a life free of a dependence on alcohol or drugs, choose to use the gift of their sexuality responsibly, and treat others with respect, they are instruments of God’s presence in our world. When you choose to forgive others, and foster a spirit of reconciliation, the mercy of God is present in our world. If it does not seem that God dwells in this world is the problem with God, or with us?

In this Easter season, may the world see in our lives that God, indeed, dwells with us!

**Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.**

## Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle



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## Liturgical Minster’s Schedule MAY 2016

### Saturday 5:00 p.m.

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

### Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Ceferino Albarracin & Delmeter Carey (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Ceferino Albarracin  
E.M.: Diane Carbonaro, Delmeter Carey & Cinderella Wonszewitz Sub: Linda Torres

### Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Victoria Garay (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Alexis Crowdell  
E.M.: Valerie Cappucci, Dianne Murphy & Thelma Washington Sub: Crescencia Pascua

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

**TODAY: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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

**Next Sun: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts of the Apostles:15:1-2,22-29  
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23  
John 14:23-29



**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDARS** – **Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**, 6 p.m. in the Church– **Blessing of Children for the Day of the Child** followed by a fiesta in the back cafeteria of the grammar school.

Sunday – **May 1<sup>st</sup> – 1 p.m. – Cinco de Mayo** – Music, Traditional Dances and Wonderful Food – School Gym

Monday – **May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. – Distribution of Food.** Volunteers needed at 4 p.m.

Sunday – **May 8<sup>th</sup> – 1 p.m. – Día de las Madres** – Mother's Day – Dances, Music and Food – Flowers will be sold after all the Masses that weekend.

**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!

**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. 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 who are entering the 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup> grade next year. This year the program will emphasize increasing the daily physical activity of the participants. The program will be from July 5<sup>th</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>.

**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 role of conscience is paramount in moral decision making.** "Individual conscience needs to be better incorporated into the church's practice in certain situations which do not objectively embody our understanding of marriage" (303). That is, the traditional belief that individual conscience is the final arbiter of the moral life has been forgotten here. The church has been "called to form consciences, not to replace them" (37). Yes, it is true, the Pope says, that a conscience needs to be formed by church teaching. But conscience does more than to judge what does or does not agree with church teaching. Conscience can also recognize with "a certain moral security" what God is asking (303). Pastors, therefore, need to help people not simply follow rules, but to practice "discernment," a word that implies prayerful decision making (304). Fr. James Martin, S.J. via *America Magazine*.

**APPARITION HILL – MARIAN APPARITIONS in MEDJUGORJE – A NEW FILM** – Monday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m. This film examines the Marian apparitions at Medjugorje. The film will be at Stadium 16 UA Theater at 2754 Forest Avenue **but you must register in advance.** To reserve your tickets (\$20), contact: Margaret Moschetto – 718-727-2672. Make checks payable to St. Peter-Assumption-St. Paul.

**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!

**WEEKLY OFFERING:** April 17<sup>th</sup>: \$5,417. Thank you for your generosity!

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**Year of Mercy: December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016:** In the Gospels we often see Jesus deeply moved in the face of human misery and suffering. How, for example, can we forget Jesus' compassion at the weeping of the widow of Nain for the loss of her only son? Luke the Evangelist said: "And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion (splanchnizomai) on her and said to her, 'Do not weep.'" (Lk 7:13) He felt the same sentiment when he met the two blind men sitting by the roadside (Mt 20: 34), the outcast leper (Mk 1:41), and when He saw the harassed, hungry and helpless crowds, who in his eyes, were like sheep without a shepherd. (Mt 9:36, 14: 14, 15: 32; Mk 6: 34; 8:2)... When offered His mercy, the sick recovered dignity, health, life, joy and hope. Seen in this manner, mercy is presented as "a founding experience of a new creation." - Pope Francis