



# Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 24, 2016

For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. ~ Matthew 7:8



## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Saturday July 23

8:00am- ~Unborn babies in wombs & their families

5:00pm- † Alvine Reed

### Sunday July 24

8:30am- † Patricia Kelly

10:00am- † Ronald Torre

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Monday July 25

8:00am- † Lisa Herman

12:05pm- † Pedro Julio Hilerio, Jr.

### Tuesday July 26

8:00am- † Adell Pendergrass Simpson  
~*Birthday Anniversary in Heaven*~

12:05pm- † Alice & Abraham Glassgold

### Wednesday July 27

8:00am- †

12:05pm- † David Hallinan

### Thursday July 28

8:00am- †

12:05pm- † Pedro Julio Hilerio, Jr.

### Friday July 29

8:00am- ~ Joseph Velez's Health

12:05pm- ~ Liz Faulkner's Health

### Saturday July 30

8:00am- † Aldorah Williams ~*3<sup>rd</sup> Anni. in Heaven*~

5:00pm- † David Hallinan

### Sunday July 31

8:30am- † Msgr. Augustine DiBlasi & Sal

10:00am- †Giovanna & Domenico Mezzacappa

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions



## Mass Intentions

By: Deacon James Stahlnecker

Offered by: Bunch Family

By: Grinnen & Garay Families

3y: Lina & Jerry Mezzacappa

Offered by: Michael Vano

Offered by: Theresa Contardo

Offered by: daughter, Cinderella

Offered by: Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Offered by:

By: Mary & Libby Guardiani

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By: Delmeter & Louis Carey

By: Mary & Libby Guardiani

By: children & grandchildren

Offered by: Bunch Family

Offered by: Family

By: Lina & Jerry Mezzacappa



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

It is both ironic and tragic that due to the fact that most of us were baptized as infants, very few Catholic Christians reflect on the significance and importance of this sacrament for us.

It is very important to remember a central truth of the baptismal ritual that is obscured by the fact that we rarely baptize a person, adult or infant, by full immersion, that is, by placing the person completely under water. The purpose of full immersion is to remind the person being baptized, and those participating in the celebration of the sacrament, that in baptism we die with Jesus Christ and then rise with him to newness of life. If you have ever found yourself suddenly plunged into water and are unable to breathe, you know the great relief you feel when you emerge from that water and can breathe again. This is what the baptismal experience is intended to evoke – a temporary death that yields to an experience of new life. The challenge for us as Christians is to embrace the new life we have received in baptism and not lose that life through patterns of behavior that are contrary to the life of Christ in which we now share.

This is why the sacrament of reconciliation is so important and why it is sad that it is so neglected! Through the sacrament of reconciliation (confession), we have the opportunity to look at our lives and see where we are living in a way that is not faithful to the life of Christ. It is particularly important in confession to focus on recurring sins- patterns of behavior where we struggle to bring our lives into conformity with what Christ expects of us. These are the sins that most merit our attention because these are the sins that impede our ability to grow in our participation in the life of Christ. It is by the grace of the sacrament of reconciliation that we are continually renewed in the life that we first received in baptism so that we can be confident of one day enjoying the fullness of that life forever.

Don't forget the importance of your baptism! Remind yourself of its importance through a habit of frequently seeking the grace of the sacrament of reconciliation (confession).

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

## Weekly Memorials

### Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle



Henry McLaren

Offered by: mom, Angie McLaren

## Liturgical Minster's Schedule JULY 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: Joan Knoghton & Delmeter Carey (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Ceferino Albarracin

E.M.: Diane Carbonaro, Delmeter Carey & Cinderella Wonsewitz Sub: Linda Torres

### Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Victoria Garay (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Alexis Crowdell

E.M.: Valerie Cappucci, Thelma Washington & Dianne Murphy Sub: Crescencia Pascua

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

### **TODAY: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Genesis 18:20-32  
Colossians 2:12-14  
Luke 11:1-13

### **Next Sun: 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23  
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11  
Luke 12:13-21



**NEXT SUNDAY IS OUR PARISH FESTIVAL:** Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at our grammar school. Food, music, dancing, games and prizes. Please come with your family! We need volunteers to help with the set-up, to work during the event and to help with the closing of the event. Please leave your information in the parish office. *Thank you!*

**PASTOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING:** - Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, at 5pm in the Father Flynn Room – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.

**KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE** – Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon or religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P., at 212-371-1000, extension 2949, or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, [www.archny.org](http://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.

**PRAYER BEFORE OUR NATIONAL ELECTION** – Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city, state, and nation and how your Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask you for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of their race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and follow the way of your truth so that our nation might fulfill its promise of liberty and justice for all. This we ask in the name of the One who is our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. *Amen.*

**YOUR FAITHFULNESS TO THE CARDINAL'S APPEAL IS A GREAT BLESSING!!** – We have reached our goal in actual funds received. Our goal was \$25,500 and the Campaign has received \$25,900. Thank you!! But the Campaign is not over!! Our parish pledged \$35,000 to the Campaign. The fulfillment of your pledge is crucial! The Archdiocese gives back a significant percentage of funds received beyond our goal. It is vital for us and the Archdiocese that you fulfill the pledges that you have made. Thank you for your extraordinarily generous support of the Cardinal's Campaign!

**IS YOUR CHILD READING DAILY THIS SUMMER??** – It is very important that your child read regularly during the summer months. Your child should be encouraged to read and to practice his or her spelling and writing. Children who do not do this will often struggle when school resumes in September. Every child needs to exercise his or her mind and body during the summer months!

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS of THE AMERICAS COMEDY FUNDRAISER** – Thursday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the CDA of St. Clare's is hosting an evening of laughter, food, baskets and fun with a nationally known comedian, Rob Magnotti. The \$55 pp Comedy Night Dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Clare Auditorium in Great Kills. Tickets are on sale now. For more information, email: [joannlambert@yahoo.com](mailto:joannlambert@yahoo.com) or call Joann Lambert at 718-966-1425.

**EXHORTATION OF POPE FRANCIS** - Situations can change; people can change. Be the first to seek the good. Do not grow accustomed to evil, but defeat it with good.

**WEEKLY OFFERING:** July 17<sup>th</sup>: \$4,287. Thank you for your support of our parish!

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**Watch Your Posture** – *Scripture Reflections:* St. Monica, whose feast we celebrate in August, is often known as "the persistent mother." She watched her oldest son, Augustine, turn his back on his Christian faith. Monica was exasperated. For years she gave up talking directly to her son on the advice of a local bishop, who told her that it was better to talk to God about Augustine than to Augustine about God. The mother never gave up praying for her son. Eventually Augustine gave up his wild ways, was baptized, and later ordained and named bishop of Hippo. St. Augustine went on to become one of the Church's greatest scholars. Today's readings address the importance of persistent prayer. Abraham, in spite of trepidation that he is bothering the Lord, continues to ask about the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. Jesus, in Luke's Gospel, tells his disciples to "ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" (*Luke 11:9*). This is our charge: keep praying. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.